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 SUBJECT: (U) INR INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS AND ASSESSMENTS

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 STATE. REASON: 1.5(C)(D).

1. (U) THE FOLLOWING INR INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS AND
 ASSESSMENTS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND COMMENT.

I. BRIEFS

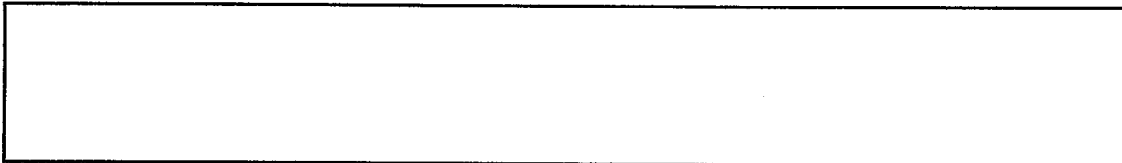
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(U) PERU: FUJIMORI MAKES NICE

2. (U) PERUVIAN PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS PROMISED TO IMPLEMENT MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FAIR APRIL 9 ELECTIONS MADE BY A NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NDI)/CARTER CENTER TEAM, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE BROAD RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE CALLS FOR INCREASED PRESS FREEDOM, AN END TO HARASSMENT, AND UNHINDERED OBSERVER MISSIONS.



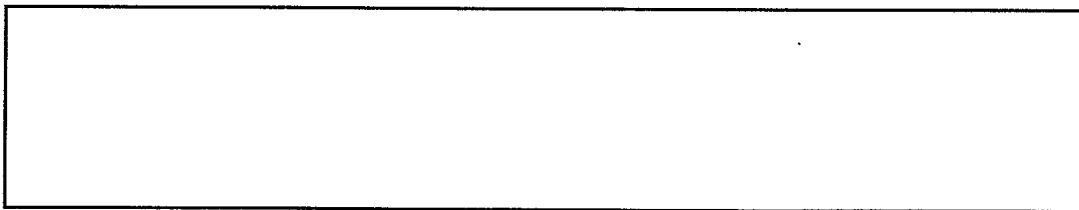
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4. (C) COMMENT: FUJIMORI'S SEEMING WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS IS UNCHARACTERISTIC; HIS PRICKLY REACTION TO CRITICISM FROM ABROAD IS A TRADEMARK.

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BUT HE HAS BEEN UNDER INTENSE FOREIGN SCRUTINY SINCE ANNOUNCING A CONSTITUTIONALLY QUESTIONABLE BID FOR A THIRD TERM AND HAS RECENTLY STEPPED UP EFFORTS TO INCREASE PERU'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION IN WORLD AFFAIRS. NONETHELESS, MANIPULATION OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE UNTIL IT IS CLEAR THAT FUJIMORI HAS THE SIMPLE MAJORITY NEEDED TO WIN IN THE FIRST ROUND; RECENT POLLS GIVE HIM 40 PERCENT. AFTER STABILIZING THE ECONOMY AND ESSENTIALLY WIPING OUT THE GUERRILLA THREAT IN HIS FIRST TWO TERMS, HE IS LIKELY TO FOCUS ON EXPANDING PERU'S PRESENCE IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS IN A PROBABLE THIRD TERM.

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(U) PANAMA: ONE BAD APPLE...

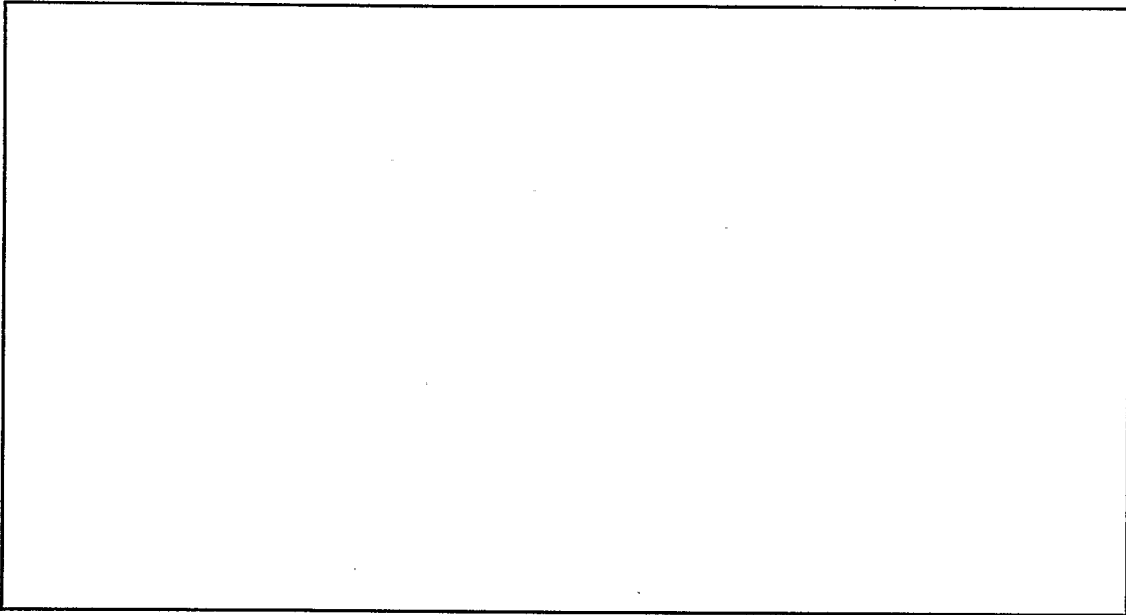


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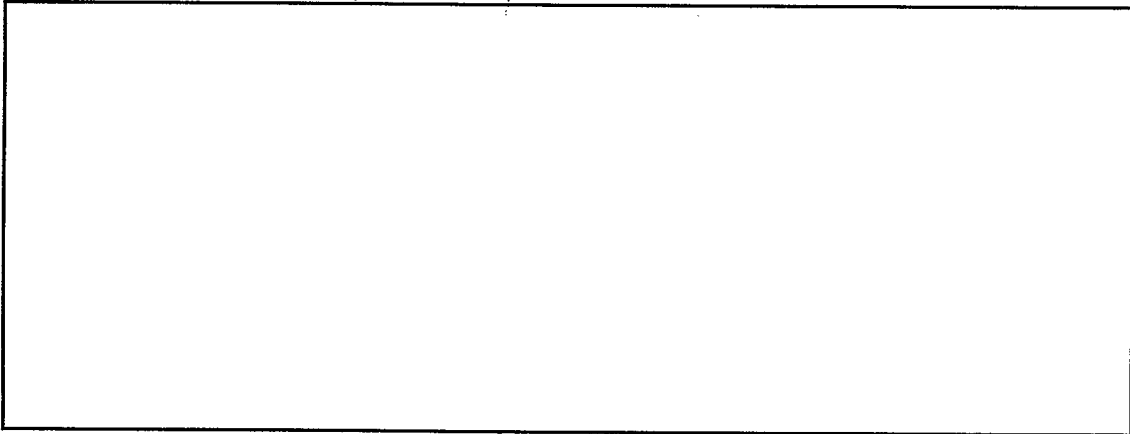
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8. (U) A PARTI QUEBECOIS OFFICIAL CONFIRMED BOUCHARD WOULD REPLACE SOME HIGH-PROFILE MINISTERS BEFORE THE MARCH 14 QUEBEC NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION AS A SHOW OF HIS INTENTION TO RUN FOR A THIRD TERM AND AS AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE DISAPPROVAL RATING OF HIS PARTY--58 PERCENT,
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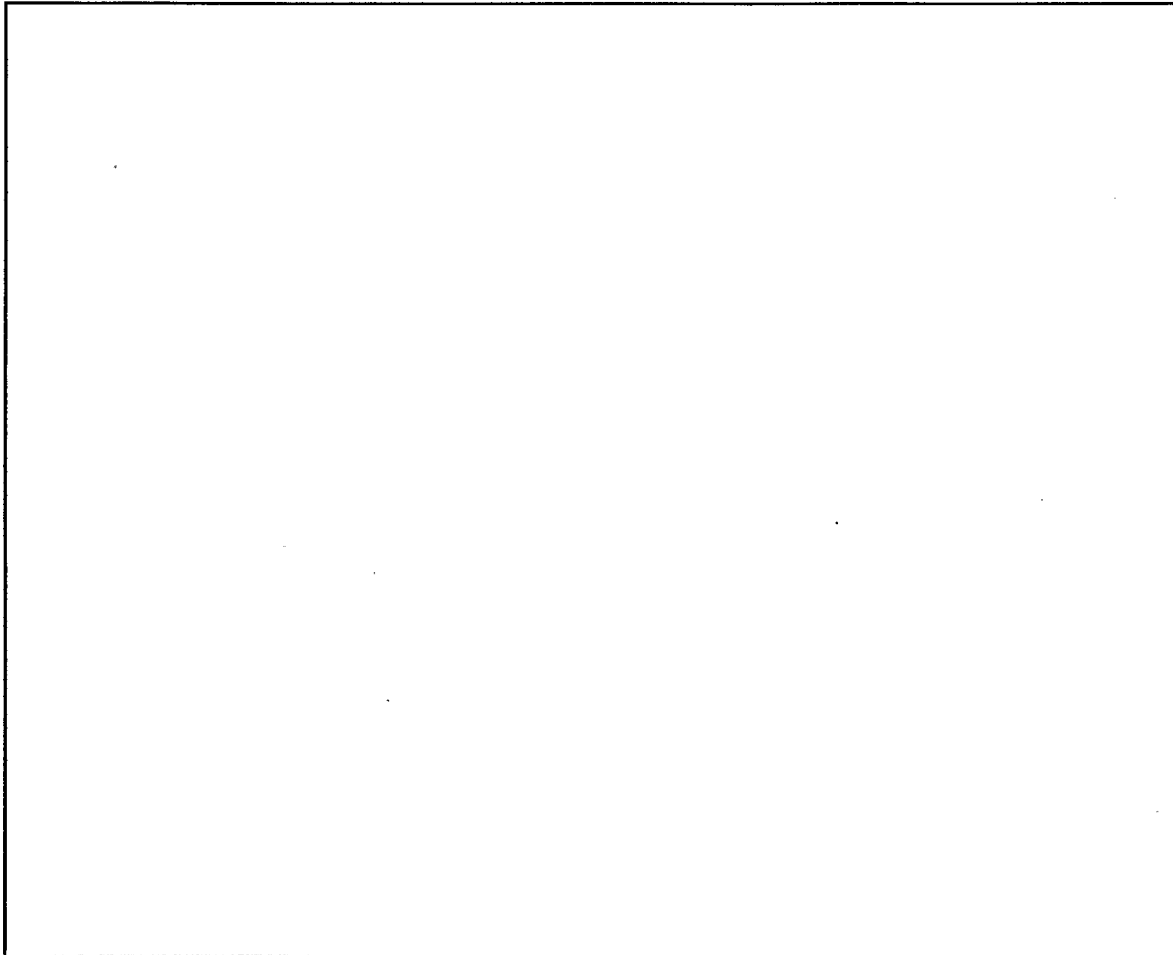
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ACCORDING TO A JANUARY POLL.

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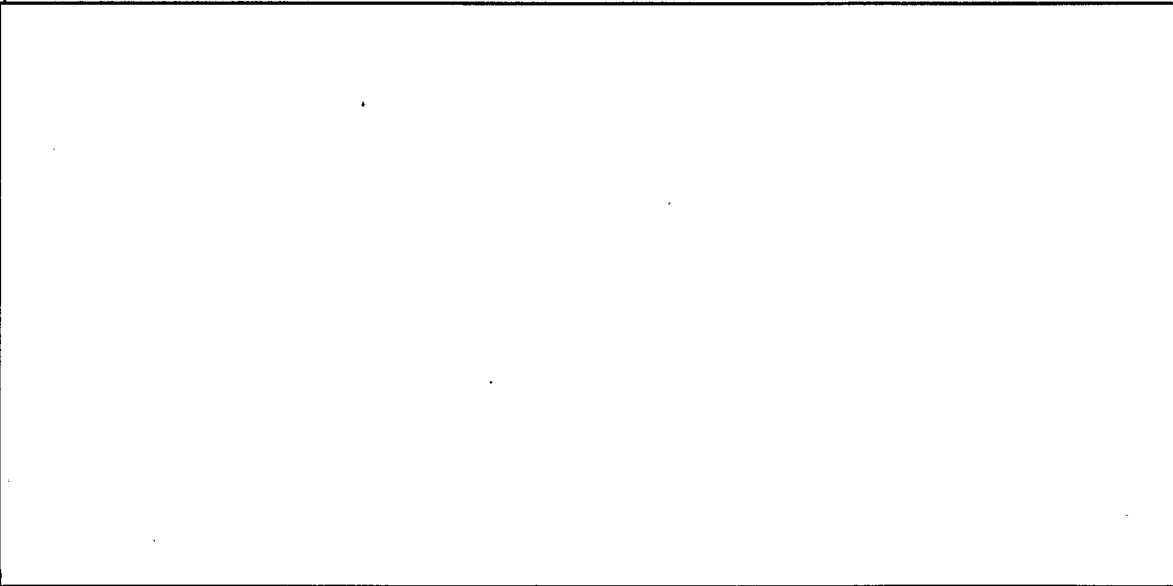


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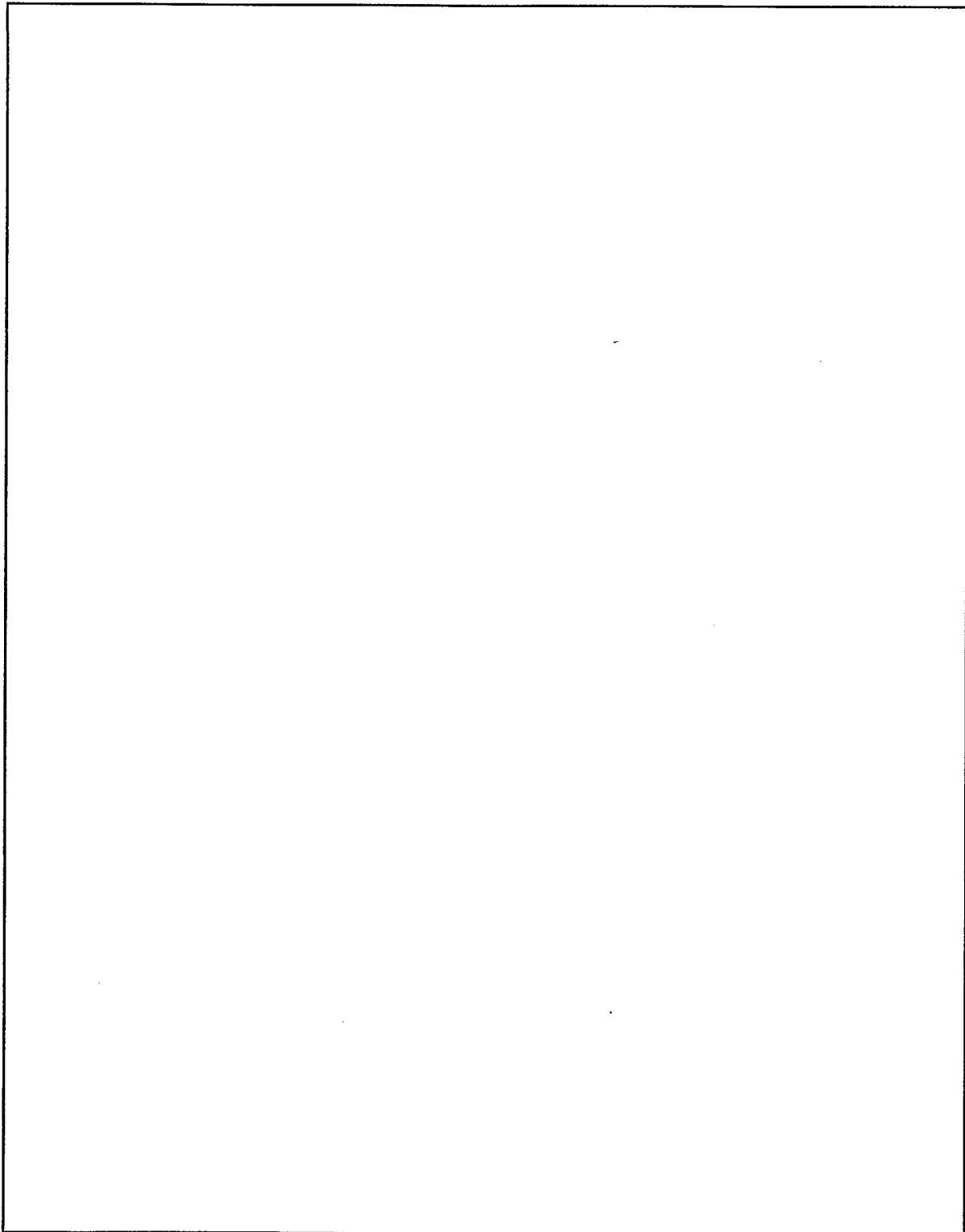


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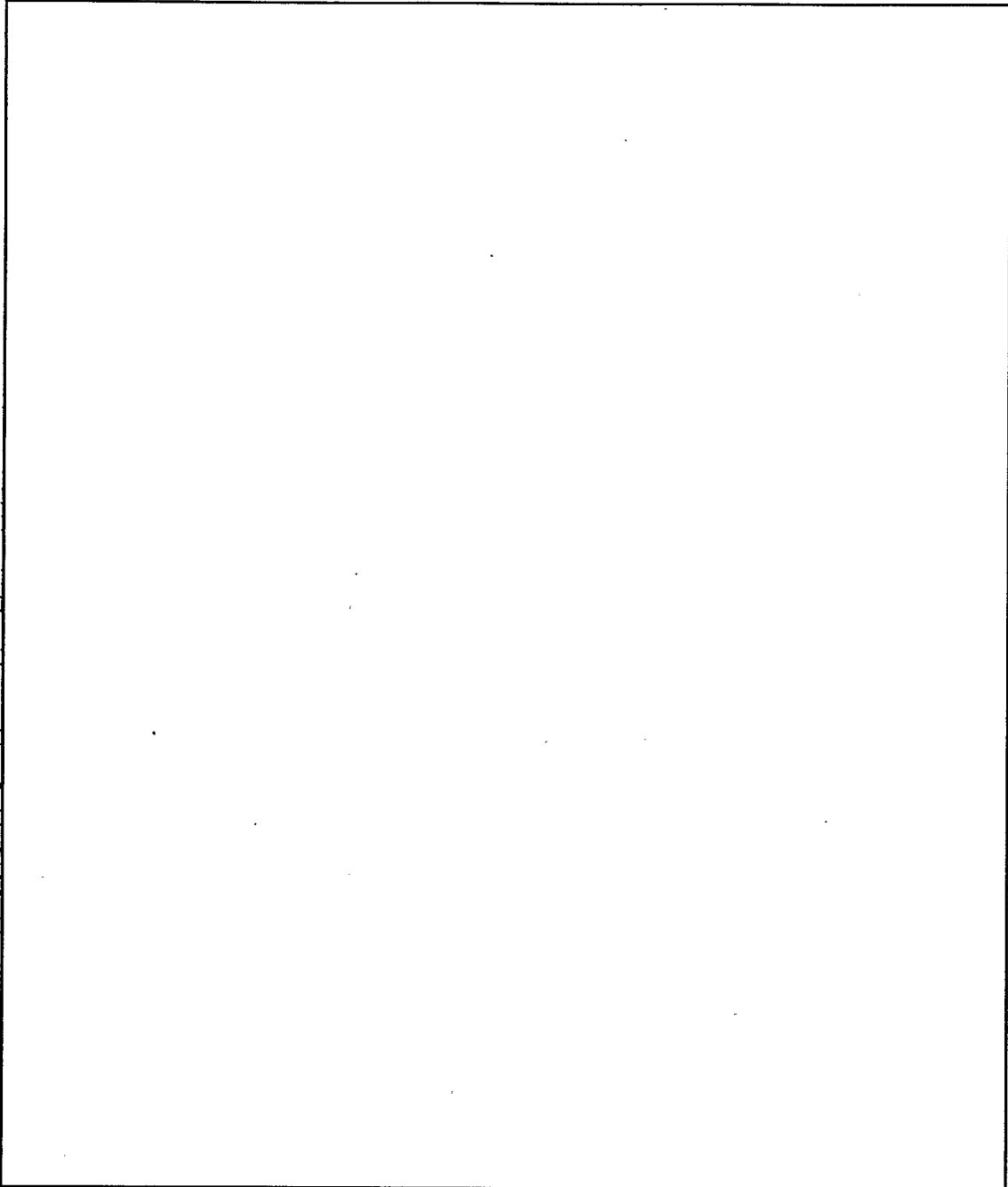
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