

## The Liberty Exhibit



On June 8, 1967, the *Liberty*, a ship of the Naval Security Group, found itself in the middle of the 1967 Arab-Israeli Six-Day War. Cruising 25 miles off the Gaza coast, it was attacked by Israeli fighters and torpedo boats at 2 o'clock on a clear and sunny afternoon. There was no apparent provocation, and the reason for the attack has never been fully resolved, although Israel described it as an identification error and sent restitution for the damage and loss of life. The U.S. government accepted the explanation of the Israeli government concerning the identification error. The loss of thirty-four men was the largest loss of life in a single event in American cryptologic history. It occurred, ironically, during a war in which the United States was not a participant.

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**REPORT TO THE  
DIRECTOR  
NSA**

**USS LIBERTY  
(AGTR-5)**

**23 MAY - 8 JUNE 1967**

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INTRODUCTION

On 23 May 1967, NSA requested that the JCS authorize diversion of the USS LIBERTY from ABIDJAN to an operational area off PORT SAID to provide vital SIGINT coverage in the Middle East crisis area. NSA requested JCS approval of specified operational areas in the southeast Mediterranean and proposed that the actual operating areas and the closest point of approach (CPA) should be adjusted as necessary for operational and safety reasons. NSA and US Navy linguists and technical support materials were provided to the USS LIBERTY at ROTA.

The LIBERTY departed ROTA at 1230Z on 2 June. In her last reported position prior to the incident ( $33^{\circ}06'N$  by  $28^{\circ}54'E$  at 070800Z), she was underway and destined to arrive at 2300Z and remain stationary at a position within 60 nautical miles of  $31^{\circ}45'N$  by  $33^{\circ}30'E$ . This position would be within the previously defined NSA OP area 3 ( $32^{\circ}00'N$  -  $33^{\circ}00'$  to  $34^{\circ}00'E$ )

Several JCS actions were taken to restrict progressively the closest point of approach (CPA) of the USS LIBERTY away from the UAR-Israeli coastal area; the last delimiting operations to positions no closer than 100 nautical miles from the UAR and Israel and

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25 nautical miles from Cyprus.

Personnel losses are known. Losses of classified cryptologic materials and equipments will not be known until an inventory is made of materials remaining aboard the LIBERTY.

The following report will demonstrate on the basis of evidence now available that the USS LIBERTY was an essential augmentation to the Middle East SIGINT posture; that SIGINT command, operational and technical control responsibilities were fulfilled according to existing instructions; and that the position of the USS LIBERTY was operationally and technically proper from a SIGINT standpoint except in the hindsight of the rash Israeli act.

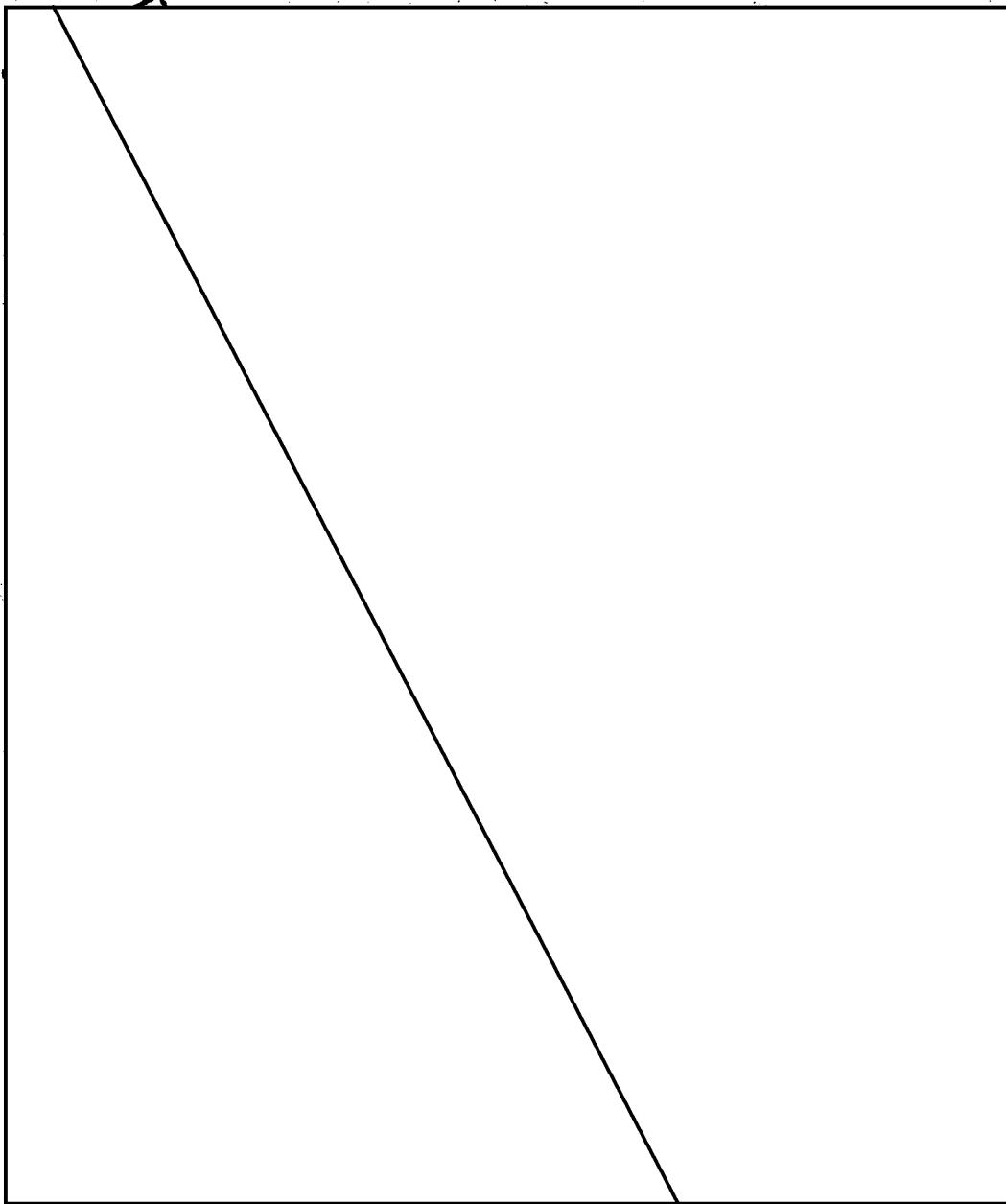
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of communications related to United Arab Republic (UAR)

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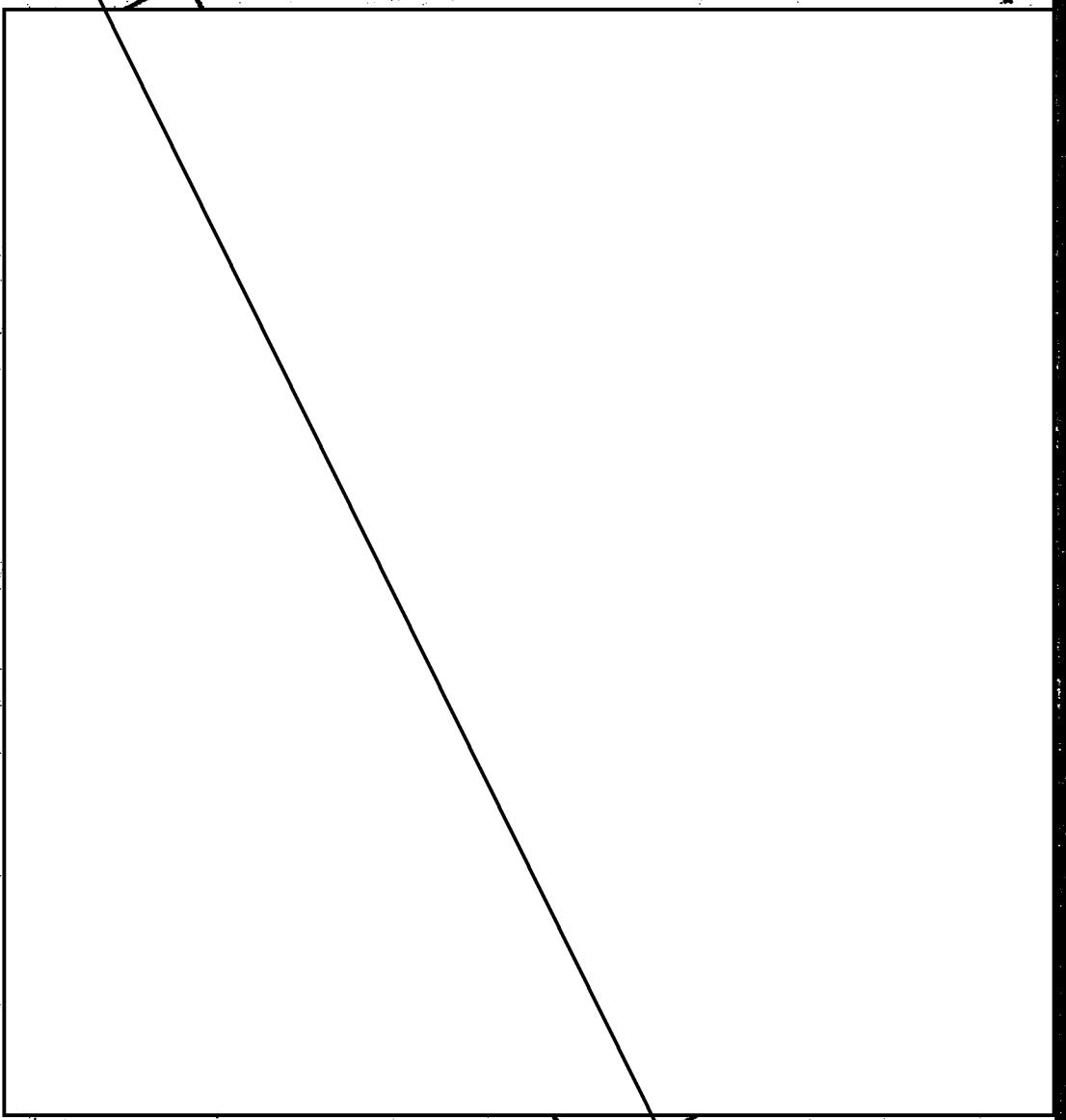
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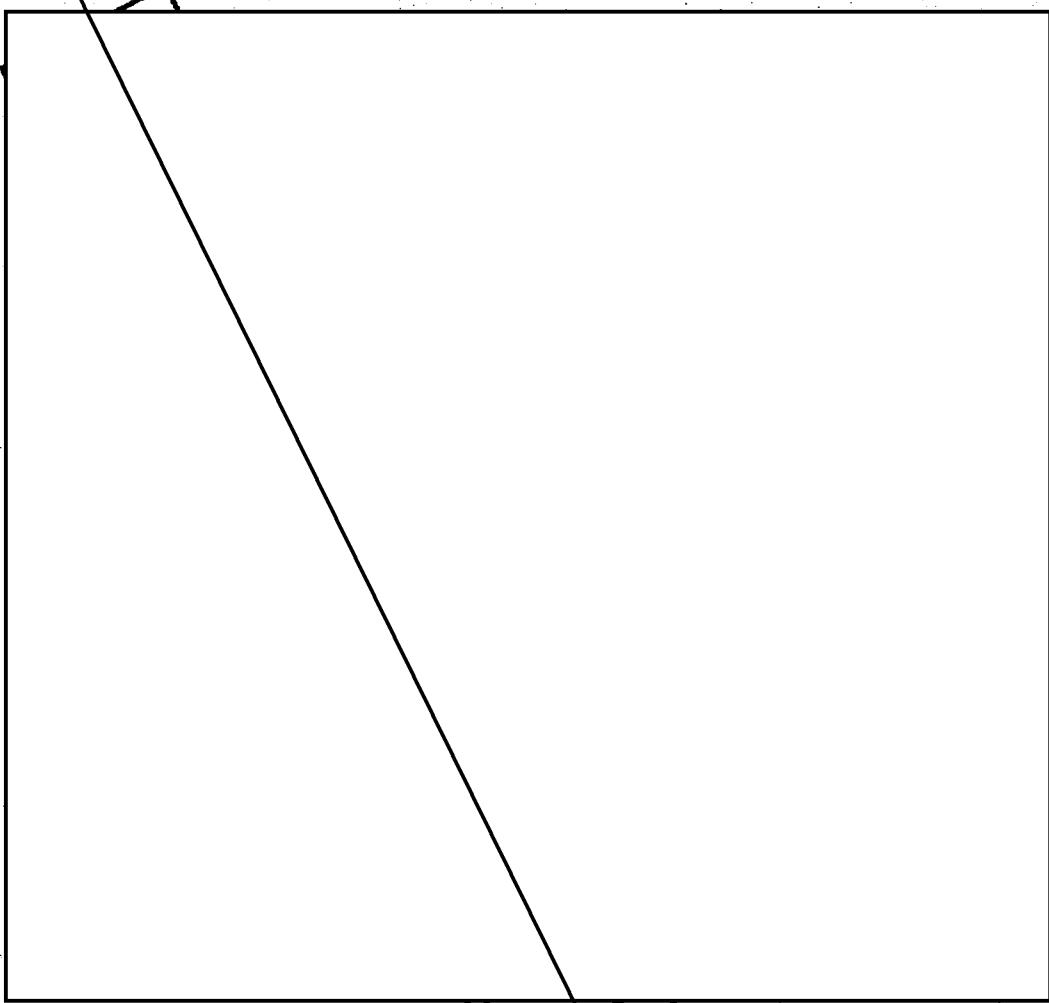
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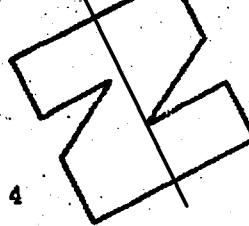
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~~DEPLOYMENT OF THE TECHNICAL RESEARCH  
SHIP, USS LIBERTY (USN-855)~~

The ~~USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5)~~ is a converted Victory Ship previously known as the ~~SIMMONS VICTORY~~. (TAB D)

The conversion to an AGTR (Technical Research Ship) was made by the Willamette Iron and Steel Works, Portland,

Oregon. The ~~USS LIBERTY~~ was commissioned on 30 December 1964.

The principal characteristics of the ship are as follows:

Length, overall 455' - 0"

Beam 62' - 0"

Full Load Draft (estimated) 24' - 0"

Displacement, light 7,190 tons

Displacement, full load 10,680 tons

Maximum Speed 18 knots

Personnel

General Service Allowed

9 Officers  
151 Enlisted Men

Navy Security Group Allowed

6 Officers  
128 Enlisted Men

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The collection and reporting effort assigned to the  
USS LIBERTY was directed primarily against UAR [redacted]  
targets in the high frequency, very high frequency and ultra  
high frequency ranges. The normal personnel complement  
of the USS LIBERTY was augmented by six Arabic Linguists  
for this specialized effort.

[redacted]  
The proposal to deploy the USS LIBERTY to the  
Eastern Mediterranean was the result of consumer  
requirements, the anticipated loss of fixed intercept  
capability, and technical requirements to develop  
optimum data for SIGINT units providing direct support  
to U.S. forces which might have become involved in the  
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The rationale for requesting the positioning of the USS LIBERTY  
in operation area 3 for initial operations was based upon  
the following factors:

- The major requirement was for coverage of UAR  
targets in the VHF/UHF ranges; therefore, the platform was

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~~requested to operate in an area affording the maximum possibility of collection success.~~

~~- Wave propagation analysis indicated that operational area 3 would allow for the collection of the greatest number of signals as contrasted with the other specific, approved operating areas.~~

~~Communications known to be used by the USS LIBERTY are~~

~~as follows:~~

~~2 High Frequency Morse circuits~~

~~2 High Frequency Radio Telephone-Radio Printer circuits~~

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1 secure Moon Relay system, one channel capability,  
100 words per minute

4 secure High Frequency circuits plus two spares  
(total of 3 full duplex and 3 half duplex)

2 offline encryption/decryption devices.

The ship had the capability of using any combinations of  
the above but not all simultaneously.

The SIGINT collection was to be processed and reported  
within on board capabilities.

The LIBERTY was tasked to provide daily electrical technical  
summaries to other collectors and NSA. These summaries would  
provide the latest technical information for use by other  
collectors and would provide to NSA a means of staying abreast  
of the LIBERTY's SIGINT activities.

All plaintext international shipping activity was to be  
forwarded electrically to NSA for exploitation.

Upon completion of the deployment, the ship was requested  
to provide all on board collection, including unprocessed  
tapes, to NSA

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OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Command and control of a seaborne SIGINT collection platform is exercised in military command channels. Control is delegated from the JCS to the Unified or Specified Commander and thence to the Naval component Fleet or Force Commander. Command control of a technical research ship includes the final determination by military operational commanders that the operation required by NSA is compatible with the safety of the ship.

Operational and technical control of the SIGINT activities on board the platform is exercised by the Director, NSA.

Documentation outlining the responsibilities of NSA, JCS and others is contained in Tabs E., through N., and is summarized as follows:

The Introduction to the Manual of U. S. SIGINT Operations (MUSO), dated 1 March 1966, outlines the means by which the Director, NSA, exercises operational and technical control of the National SIGINT effort in accordance with the authority and provisions of National Security Council Intelligence Directive (NSCID 6) and

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Implementing DOD Directives (S3115.2 and S3115.4). This document describes operating instructions (OPINS) as "Orders and directives assigning missions, tasks or functions to SIGINT organizations." (TAB E)

OPINS 2855 provides the specific operating instructions for the SIGINT component aboard the Technical Research Ship USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5). It outlines the command relationships, mission, functions, liaison, communications and special instructions for this component. (TAB F)

A JCS Memorandum of 4 May 1966 outlined the responsibilities of NSA and command elements with regard to the specific procedures for the planning and approval of Technical Research Ship schedules. NSA employs this document as the basis for scheduling actions for TRS platforms. (TAB G)

A JCS Message of 6 June 1967, provides the NSA and command responsibilities for the USS LIBERTY while operating in the USCINCEUR area of responsibility. (TAB H)

On 5 November 1965, the JCS outlined contingency planning for TRS operations to be used in general planning.

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for SIGINT support of contingency operations. This message was a result of correspondence relevant to command control of SIGINT platforms. Although the message is not specifically related to procedures employed by NSA, it is a JCS statement of command and control responsibilities. (TAB I) Amplification of this statement is provided below.

As a result of experience

[REDACTED] involving the Technical Research Ship (TRS) USS BELMONT, DIRNSA determined the need for guidance to operational commanders regarding the employment of the TRS. On 27 May and 4 June 1965 NSA requested JCS To issue general guidance to inform appropriate commanders of the purpose, nature and concept of TRS operations since the USS OXFORD was being deployed to Southeast Asian waters. The message recommended that such guidance include the following statement:  
"Operational and technical control of the SIGINT activities on board the OXFORD is exercised by the Director, NSA."

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In accordance with the NSA request of 26 May 1965,  
the Joint Chiefs of Staff issued guidance on TRS operations  
in Southeast Asia on 7 June (JCS 2085-65 071404Z June 1965.)

(TAB L) This message substituted the statement,

"Technical control and signal tasking of SIGINT collection  
activities aboard the OXFORD will be as directed by DIRNSA  
through DIRNAVSECGRU for the desired wording in the DIRNSA  
suggested guidance; i.e., "Operational and technical  
control of the SIGINT activities on board the OXFORD is  
exercised by the Director, NSA."

Subsequently, on 17 June 1965, DIRNSA in commenting on  
JCS 2085-65, advised the JCS that "these activities include  
processing and reporting as well as collection." (TAB M)

On 1 September 1965, NSA requested that JCS consider  
issuing general guidance similar to JCS 2085-65 071404Z June 1965  
to inform the other unified commanders of the purpose, nature and  
concept of TRS operations. (TAB N)

In accordance with the NSA request of 1 September 1965, the  
JCS issued the guidance on TRS operations on 5 November 1965.  
This message was sent to all unified commanders and the CNO.  
The message outlined the purpose, nature and concept of TRS

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operations and was made applicable to all TRSs. The message provides for exercise of "operational and technical control of all SIGINT activities (collection, processing, reporting) on board the ship, by the Director, NSA (via direct communications to ship or through the Director, NSG)." The message further states: "operational control of ship. Military operational control of these ships will be effected by the cognizant unified or specified commander through the Naval component commander to a specific fleet or force commander ... Basis for collection area assignments ... Determination by military operational commanders that the operation required by NSA is compatible with the safety of the ship." (TAB I)

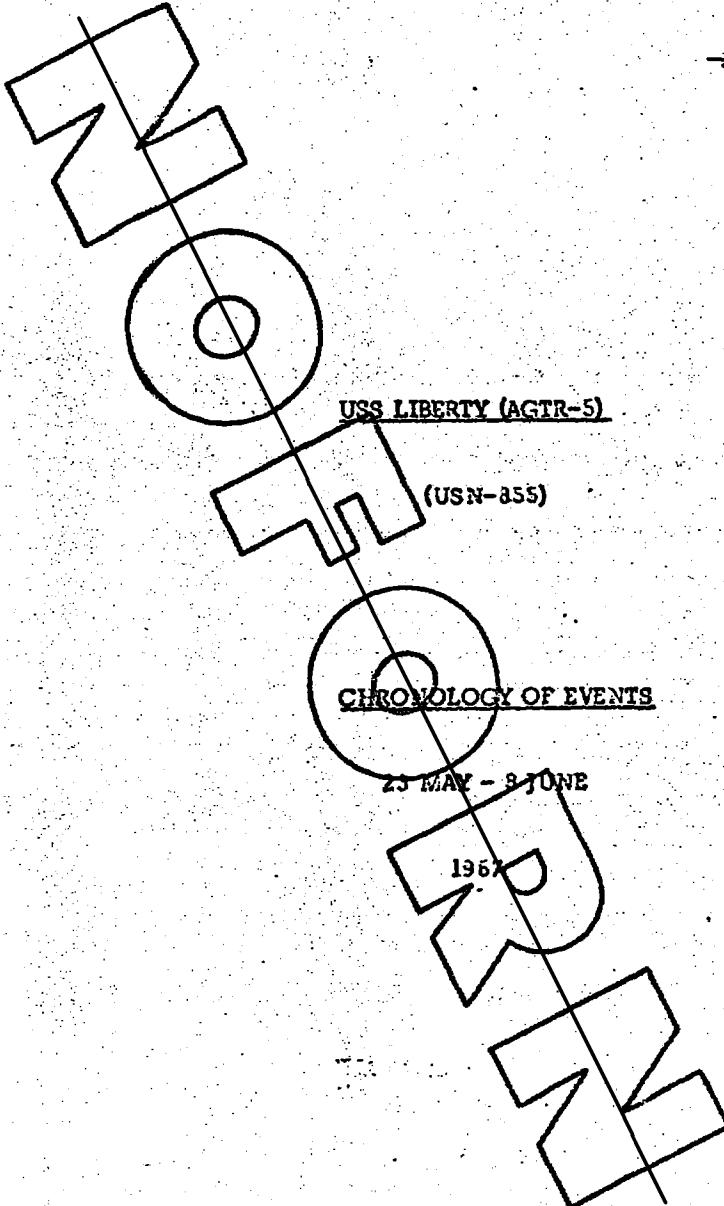
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The situation in the Middle East resulted in NSA declaring a SIGINT Readiness BRAVO. In order to augment coverage in the area, NSA requested JCS/JRC to authorize diversion of the USS LIBERTY from Abidjan, Ivory Coast to Rota, Spain, in preparation for deployment to the Eastern Mediterranean (TAB O) (DIRNSA ADP/224-57 231729Z May). Since the LIBERTY possessed an excellent capability for collection, processing and reporting of SIGINT, she was considered a superior platform to the USNS VALDEZ which was scheduled to return to New York.

~~25 May~~

The following action was initiated:

- provision to the LIBERTY of additional linguist capability in Arabic including three NSA civilians:

Mr. Allen M. Blue, GG-7

Mr. Donald L. Blalock, GG-7

Mr. Robert L. Wilson, GG-7

(No Hebrew linguists were available)

- Tasking for both the transit to the operating area and the period while on-station was developed, coordinated and supplied to USN-855 (TAB P) (DIRNSA K12/585 292201Z, DIRNSA K12/606 022333Z, K12/611 022335Z)

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JCS approved the NSA request for diversion of the LIBERTY and requested that CINCLANT change OPCON of the LIBERTY from CINCLANT to CINCEUR upon the ship's arrival at Rota, Spain, on or about 31 May.

Additionally, JCS informed CINCEUR to make the necessary preparations for extended employment of the LIBERTY to the Eastern Mediterranean (TAB Q) (JCS 6499 291802Z).

DIRNSA requested JCS approval of the operational areas for the LIBERTY and proposed Area 3 (TAB A) as the initial area subject to "adjustment as necessary for operational or safety reasons." (TAB R) (DIRNSA ADP/242-67)

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1 June

JCS requested CINCEUR to deploy the LIBERTY on 2 June from Rota, Spain, to Area 3 and stipulated a closest point of approach (CPA) to Algeria, Libya, and the UAR of 13 nautical miles during the transit. Upon arrival in Area 3 on or about 9 June, the CPA stipulated by JCS was to be 12.5 nautical miles to the UAR and 6.5 nautical miles to Israel (TAB S) (JCS 6724 011549Z).

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2 June

The LIBERTY deployed from Rota, Spain, at 021230Z through the Straits of Gibraltar following a coastal route to Area 3.

5 June

In view of the outbreak of hostilities, representatives of the tasking elements of NSA telephoned JCS/JRC and asked whether or not a change in the employment of the LIBERTY was contemplated. Recollection of the repositioning of the OXFORD during the Cuban crisis in 1962 prompted the telephone call. JRC advised that no action was contemplated at that time.

6 June

CINCUSNAVEUR directed Commander, Sixth Fleet (COMSIXTHFLT) to take OPCON of the LIBERTY in order to "facilitate command and control and possible requirement for protection during Mid-East hostilities" and additionally directed LIBERTY to change operational control to COMSIXTHFLT at 070000Z. The message also authorized modification of the initial JCS plan of operations (TAB S) should safety reasons so dictate. (TAB T) CINCUSNAVEUR #13572). Subsequently COMSIXTHFLT issued his OPCON change message to the LIBERTY (TAB U) COMSIXTHFLT #62349Z).

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7 June

Since the UAR target entities were moving westerly, DIRNSA requested JCS for immediate action to change the operating area of the LIBERTY from Area 3 to Area 2 in order to satisfy tasking requirements (TAB V) (DIRNSA K12/631 072104Z).

The LIBERTY reported her position at 070800Z and stated she would remain stationary within 30 nautical miles of a point (31-45N, 33-30E) approximately 63 nautical miles northeast of Port Said upon arrival in Area 3 (TAB W) (USS LIBERTY 070900Z).

On the afternoon of 7 June, the NSA representative at JRC telephoned the NSA tasking representatives to advise of discussions underway between Navy and JCS/JRC concerning the possibility of changing the LIBERTY's CPA.

There was concern within JRC since the LIBERTY was 350-400 miles from the closest Sixth Fleet ships. The NSA representative at JRC relayed the concern expressed by a member of JRC that a change in the CPA might have an adverse effect on the ship's SIGINT mission. The NSA tasking representatives pointed out that the effect of any

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however, they

declined to make any statement regarding any specific repositioning of the LIBERTY since changes in the CPA for operational or safety reasons were considered a military command decision, and they felt that any specific statement on their part could be interpreted as a defense for retaining the 12.5 mile CPA.

Prior to close of business 7 June, the NSA representative at JRC saw a message originated by JCS/JRC ordering a change in the LIBERTY's CPA to 20 nautical miles to the CHANGING UAR and 15 nautical miles to Israel and in the LIBERTY's OP area to Area 2, as requested by DIRNSA on 5 June.

However, the message as transmitted by JRC (TAB X) (JCS 6724 072230Z) did not contain the latter change.

The JRC member concerned stated that he had decided to do one thing at a time. It later turned out that JRC was overtaken by events in changing the OP area.

Later in the evening the NSA representative at JRC received a call from JRC requesting his concurrence in a

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JCS message changing the CPA to 100 nautical miles.

The reasons for the change were expressed as being, at the outset, primarily political in origin: Since the United States Ambassador to the United Nations had stated to that body that there were no U. S. Navy ships within 350-400 nautical miles of the UAR/Israel area, JCS and Navy felt that they must lend support to that position. During the night a message was received by JCS from the Commander, Sixth Fleet (TAB Y) (COMSIXTHFLT 071503Z) stating that "no operations, either surface or air, were permitted within 100 miles of Israel, Syria, or Egypt or within 25 miles of Cyprus." The message provided a status report on Sixth Fleet operations as of 5 June - at which time the LIBERTY was under the operational control of CINCEUR; transfer of operational control to COMSIXTHFLT was effected at 070001Z. The status report was apparently prompted by the allegation by the Arabs, at the UN, that the U. S. and the British had participated in the Israeli air strikes against the UAR. JCS reacted by sending a message to CINCEUR, info LIBERTY, cancelling the 20 nautical mile

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message (TAB X) and defining the new CPA as "no closer than 100 nautical miles from Israel, Syria, Egypt and 25 nautical miles to Cyprus." (TAB Z) (JCS 7347 030110Z).

Since the attack on the LIBERTY occurred at 031205Z, it

is extremely unlikely that the LIBERTY could have received and taken action on the message in time. Additionally, CINCEUR would be required to send a message implementing the JCS decision.

8 June

COMSIXTHFLT reported that at 1252Z the LIBERTY reported she was under attack at 31-23N, 33-25E - hit by torpedo and listing badly. (TAB AA) (COMSIXTHFLT 031320Z).

A message originated by the LIBERTY was intercepted by

USM-4 [redacted] reporting the incident and

informing CNO that she was clearing the area. (TAB BB)  
(USM-4 031812Z).

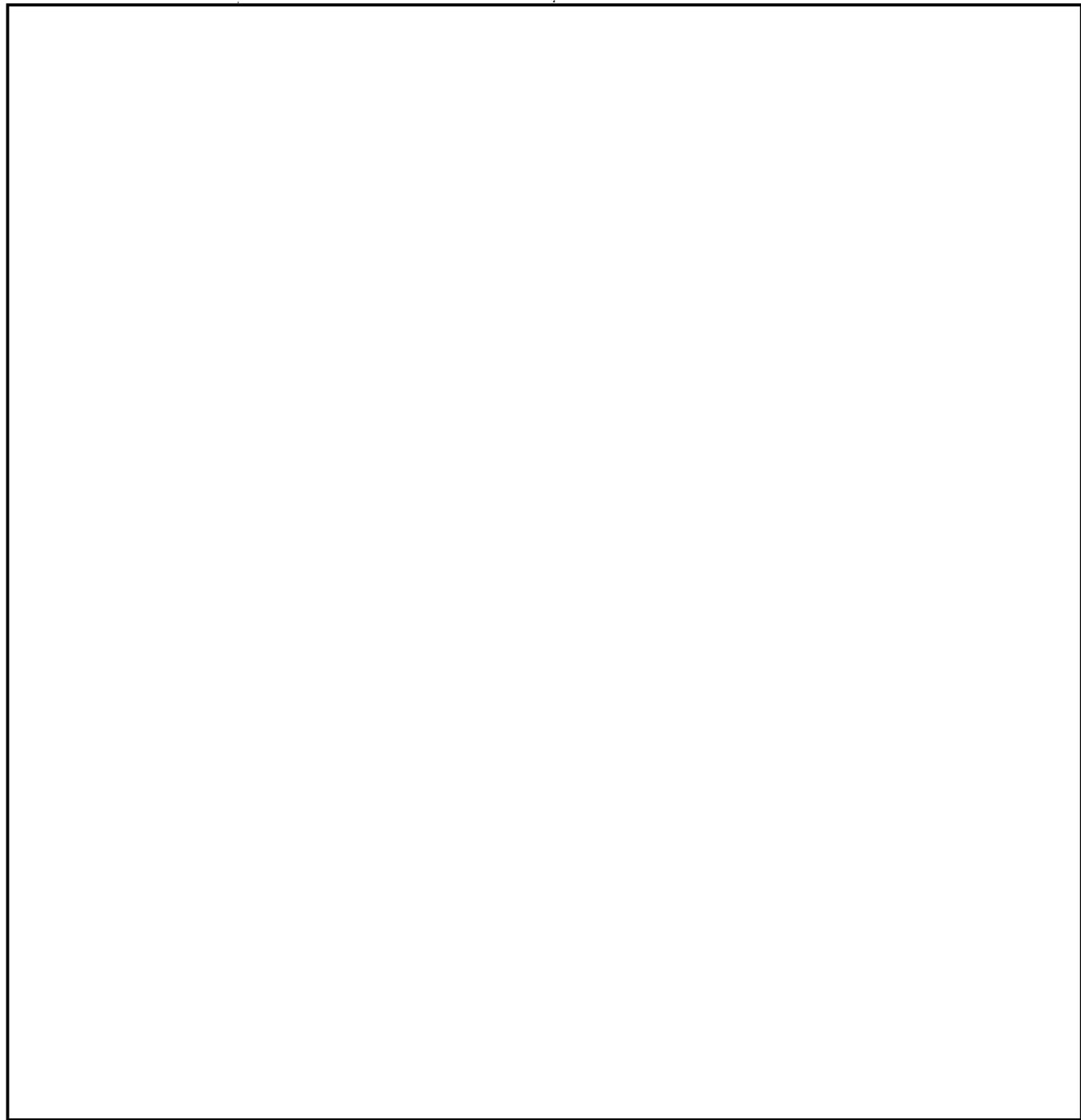
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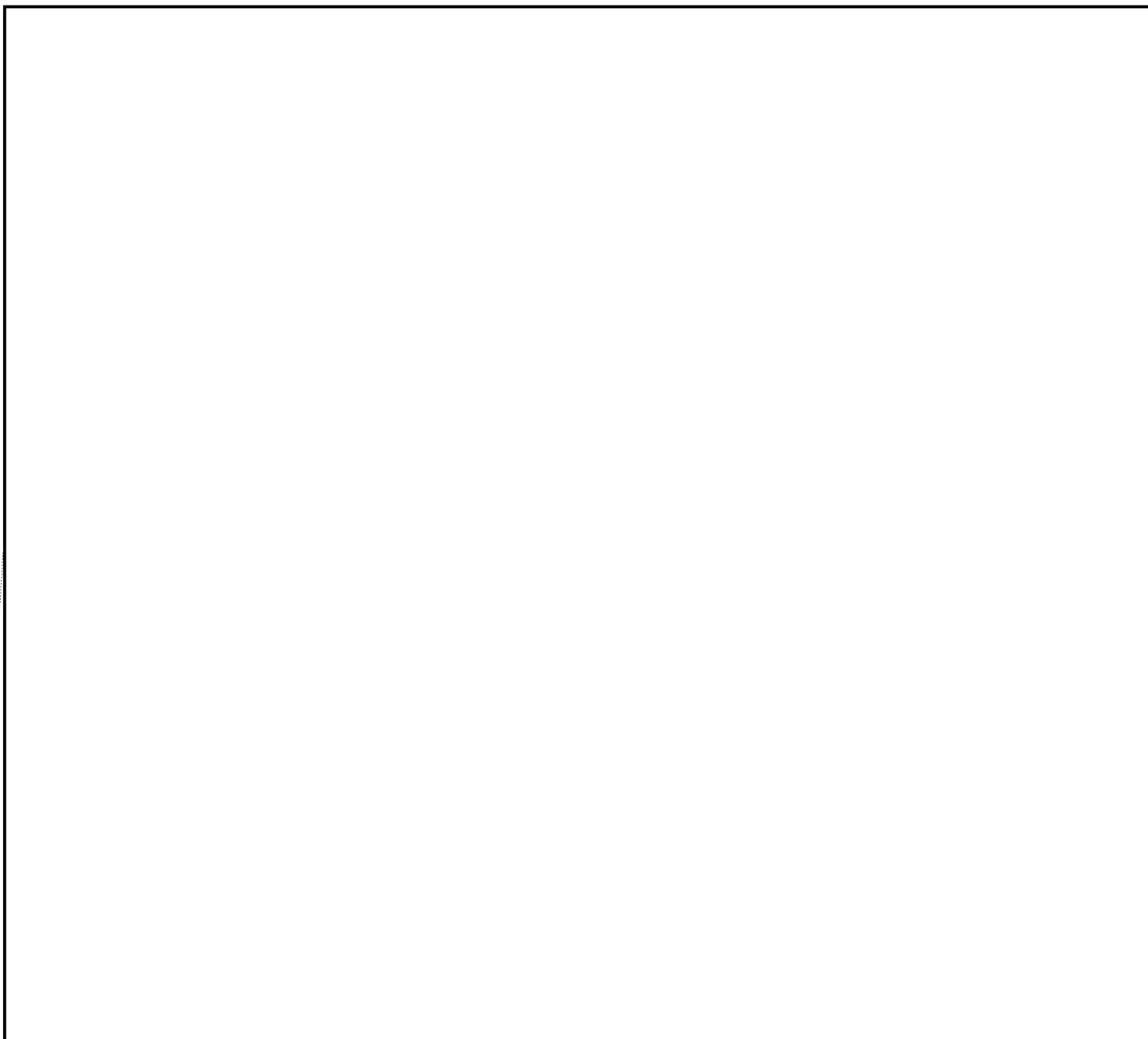
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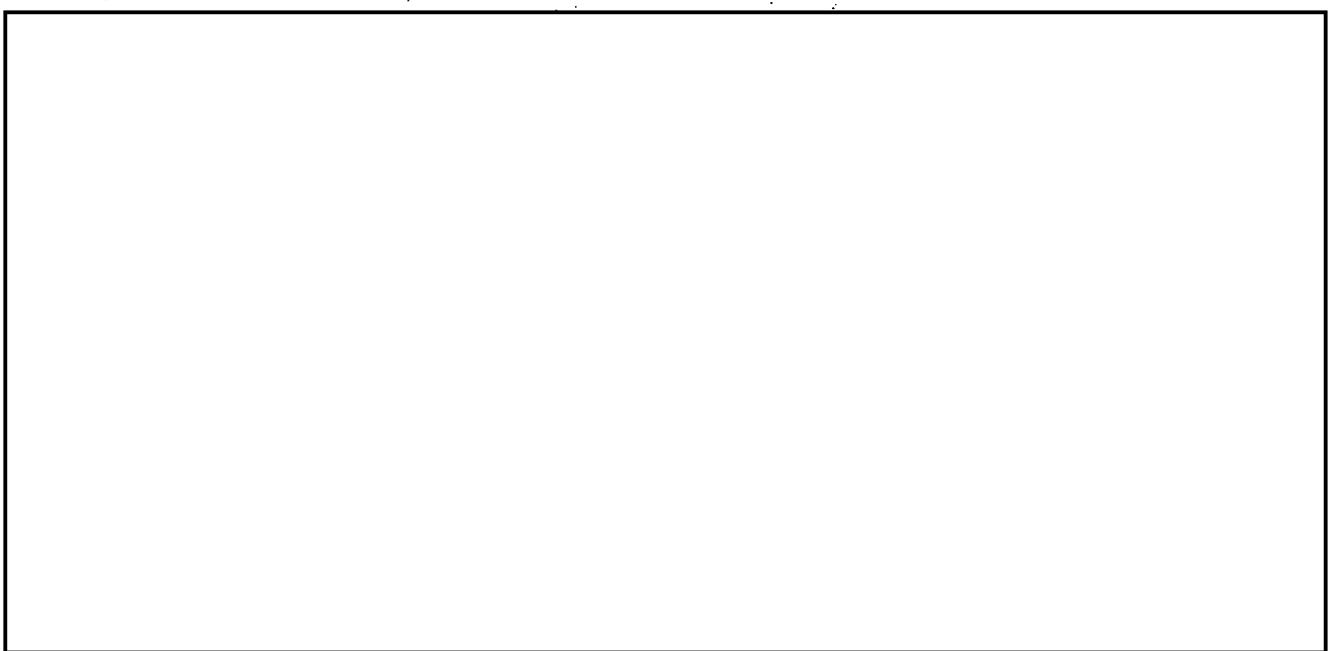
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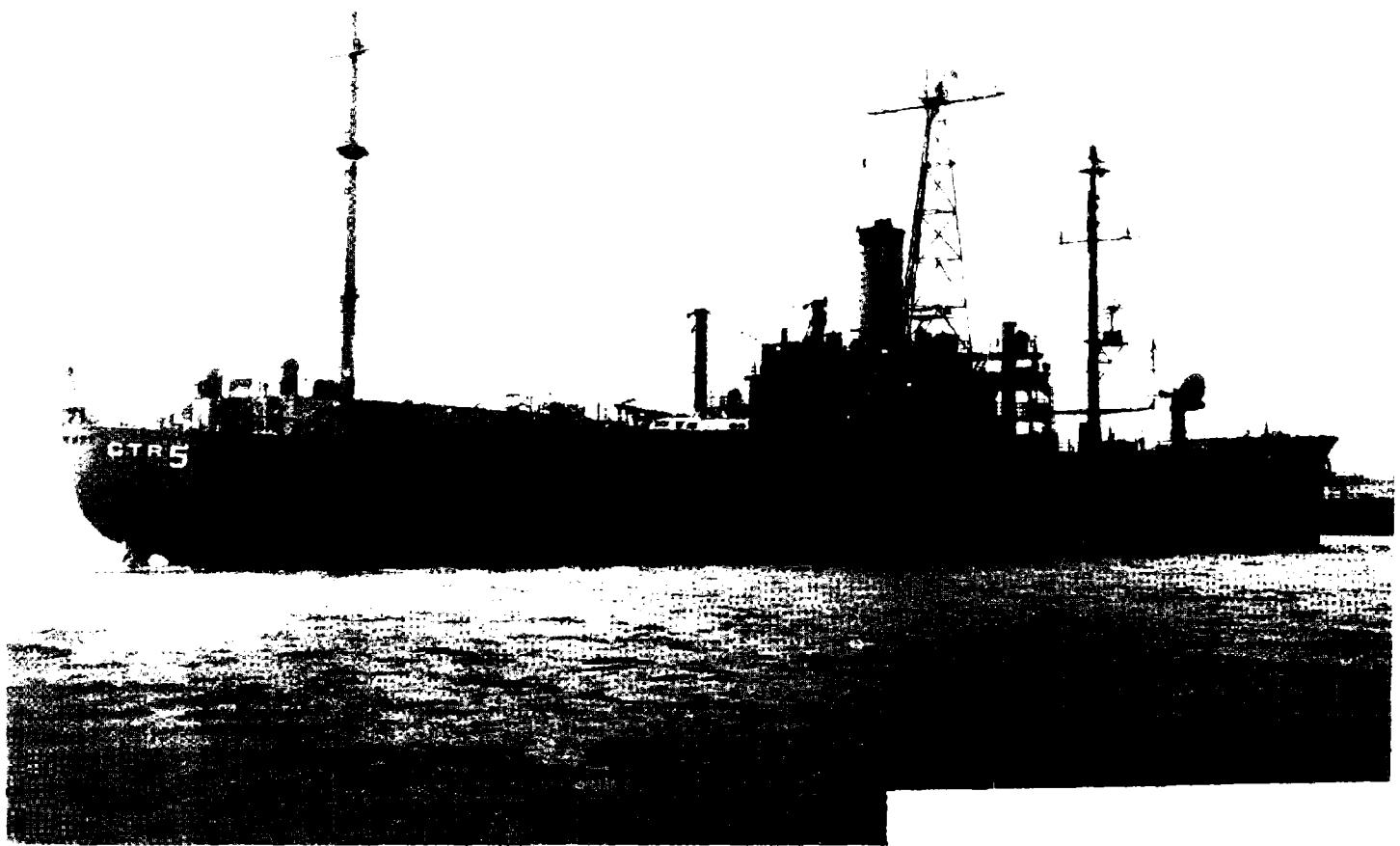
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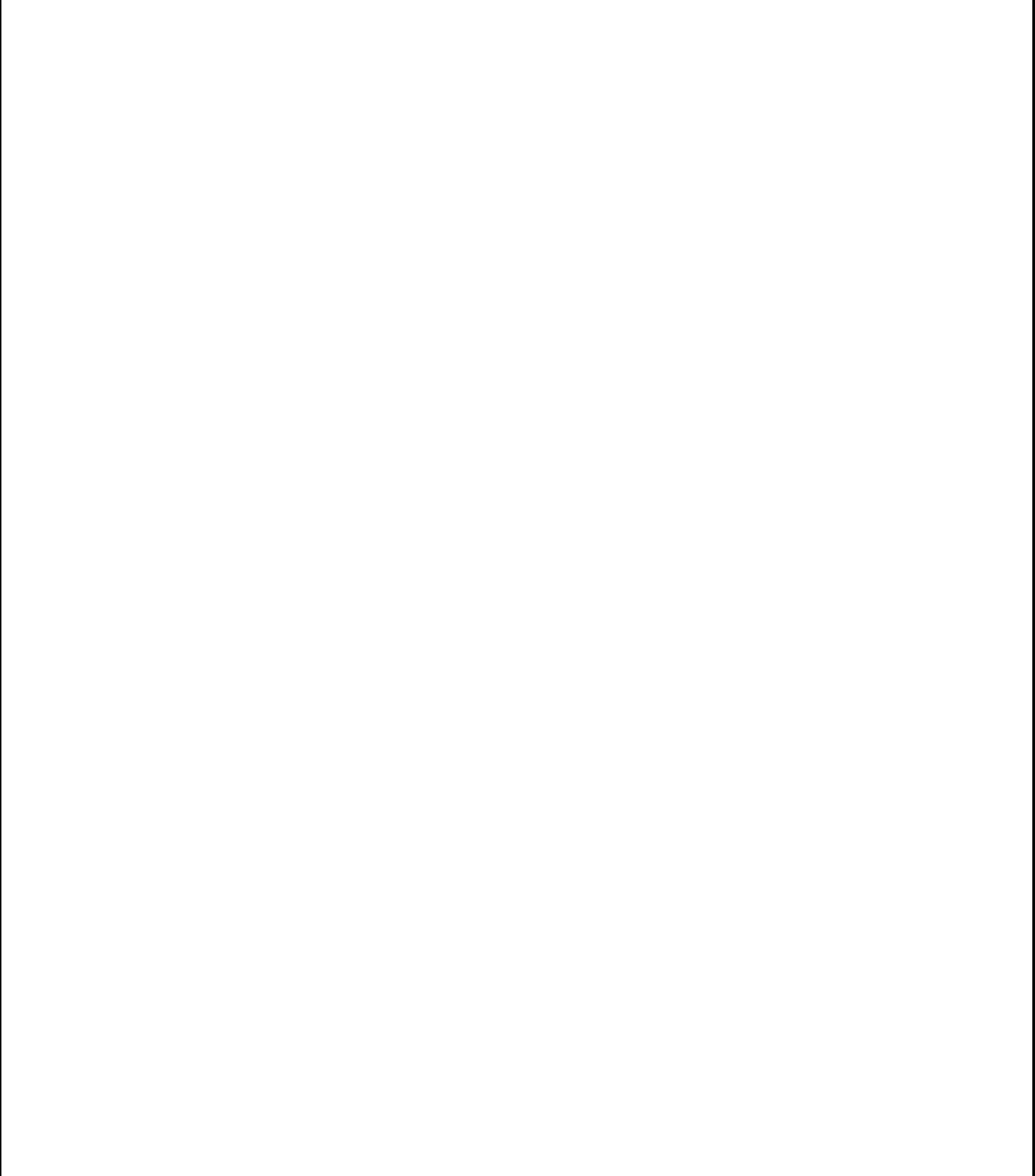


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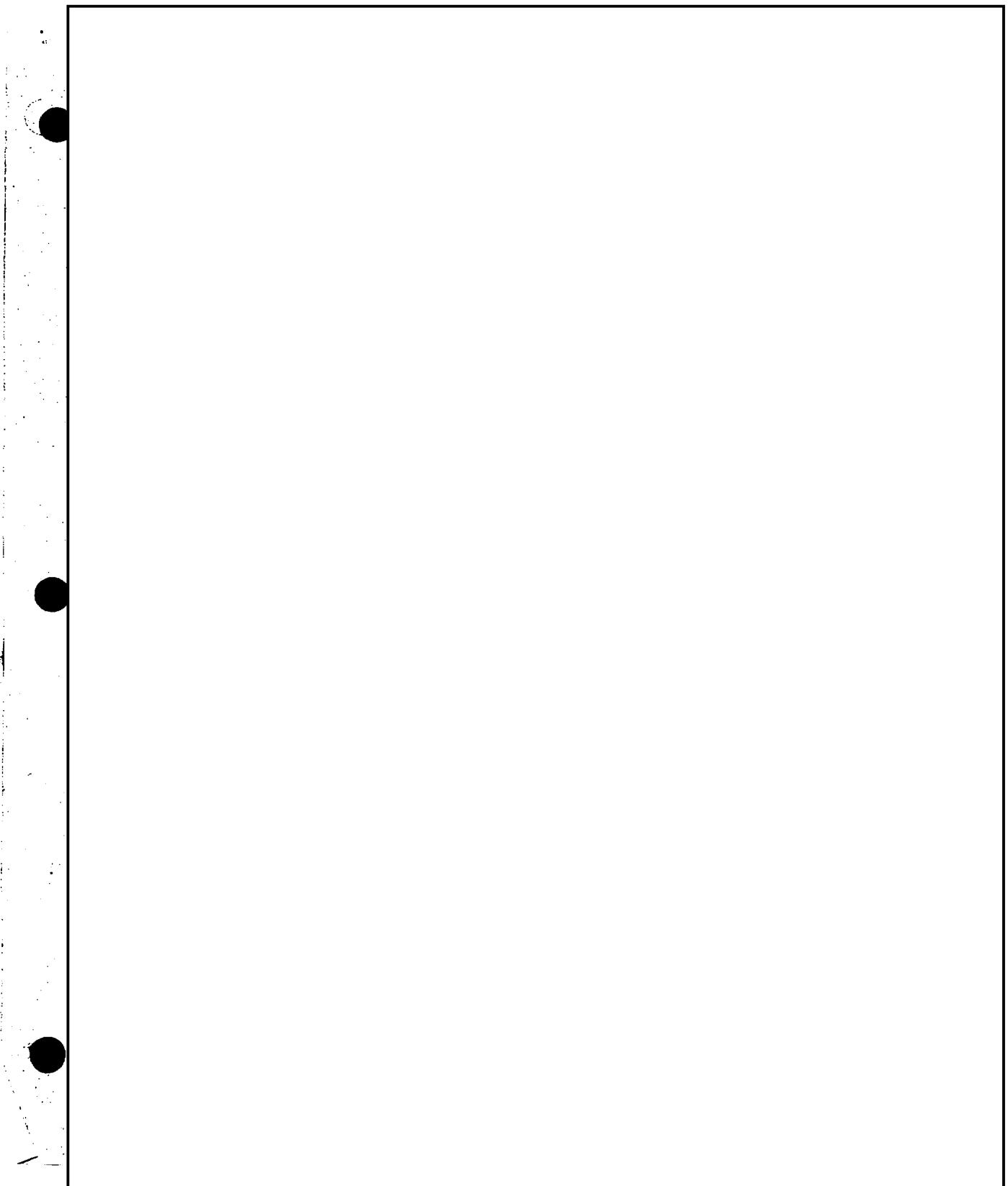


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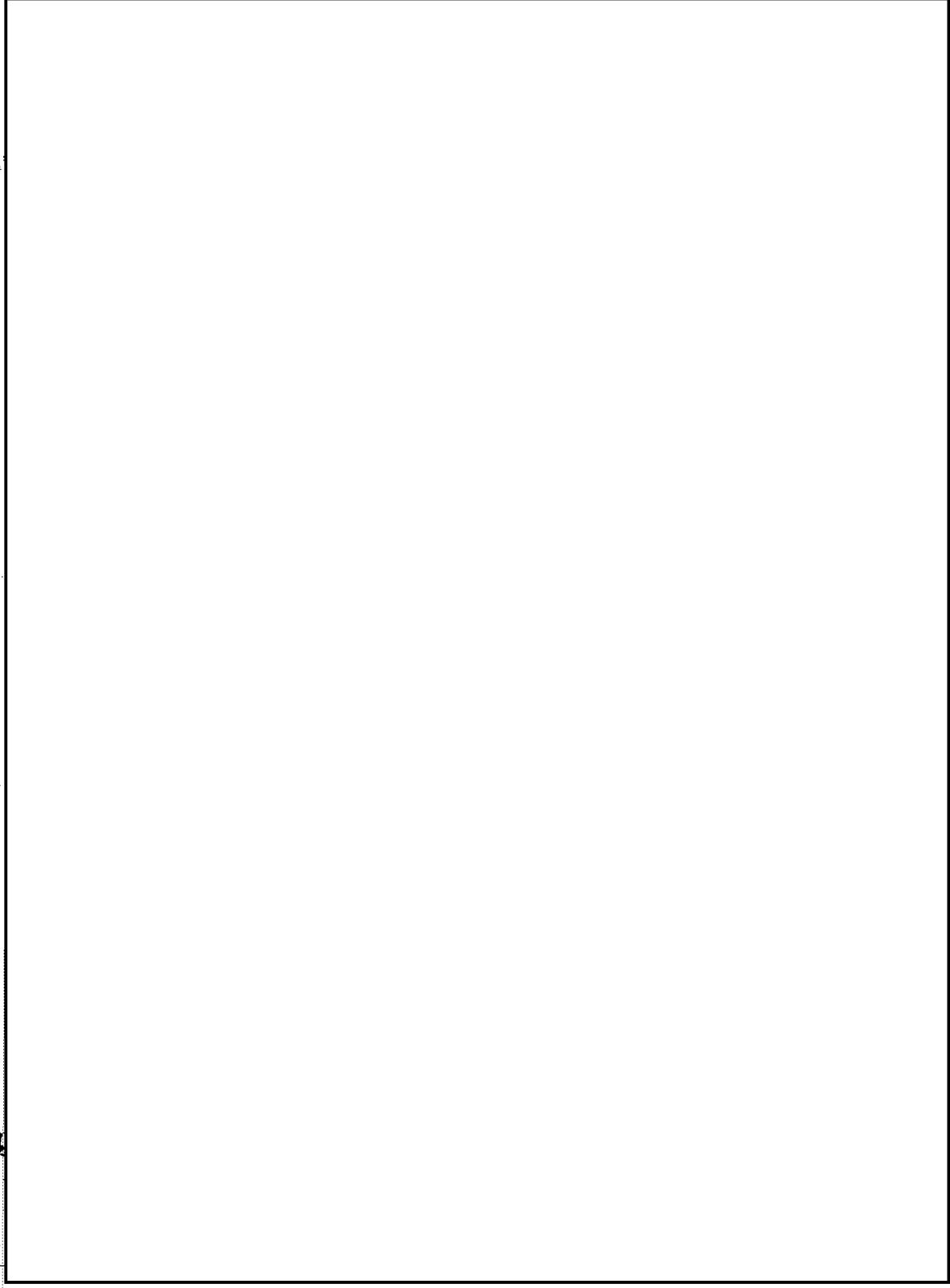
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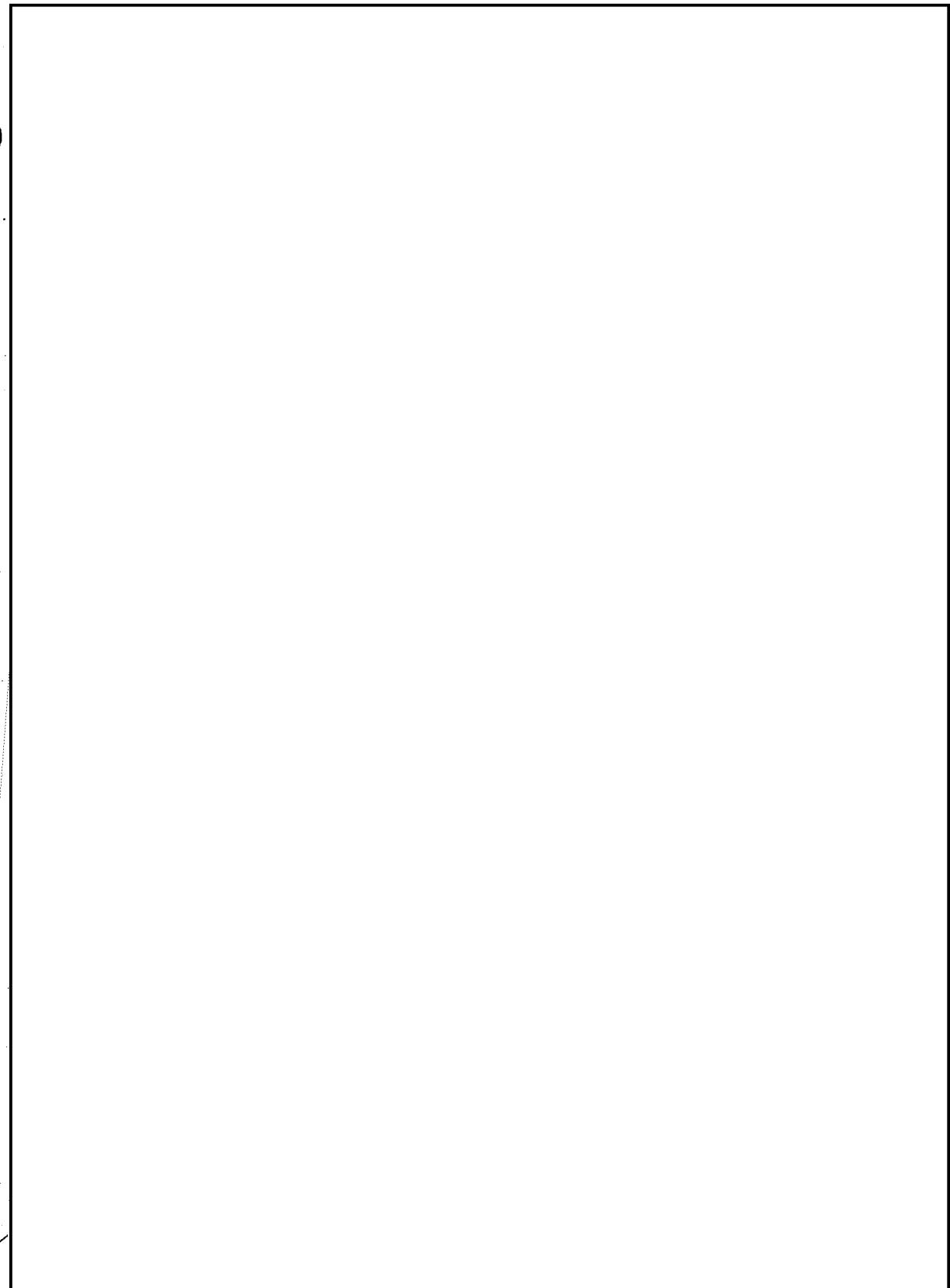
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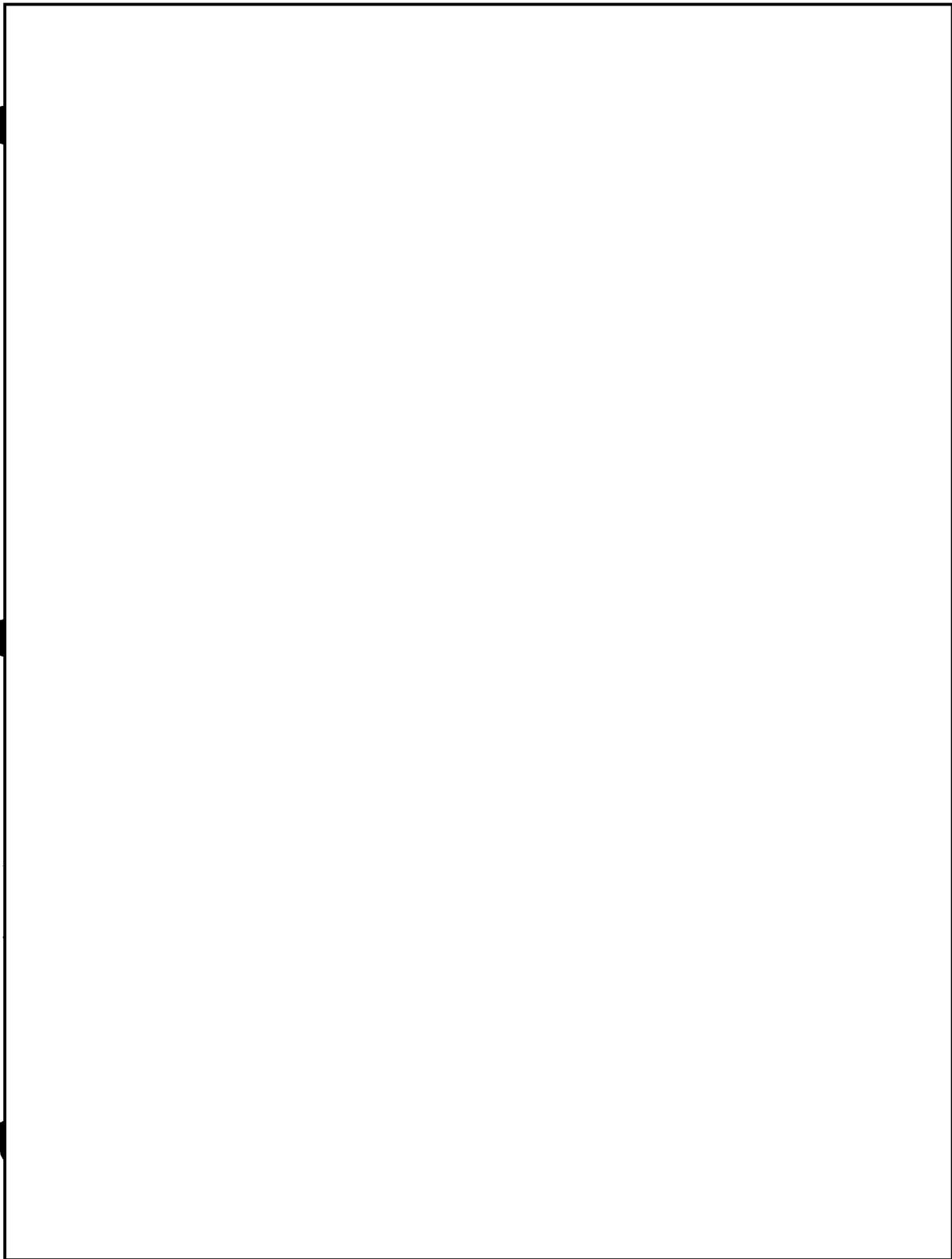
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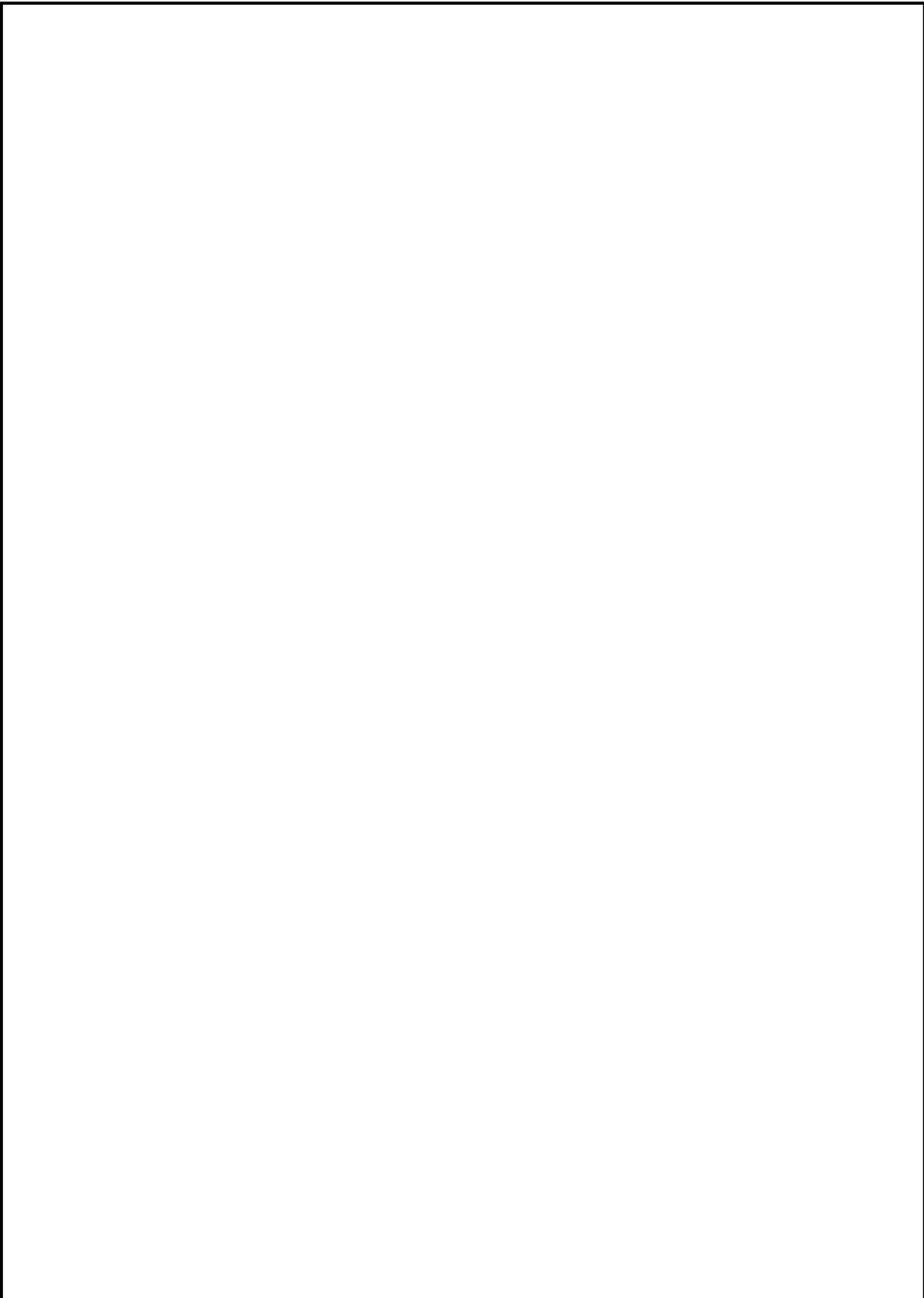


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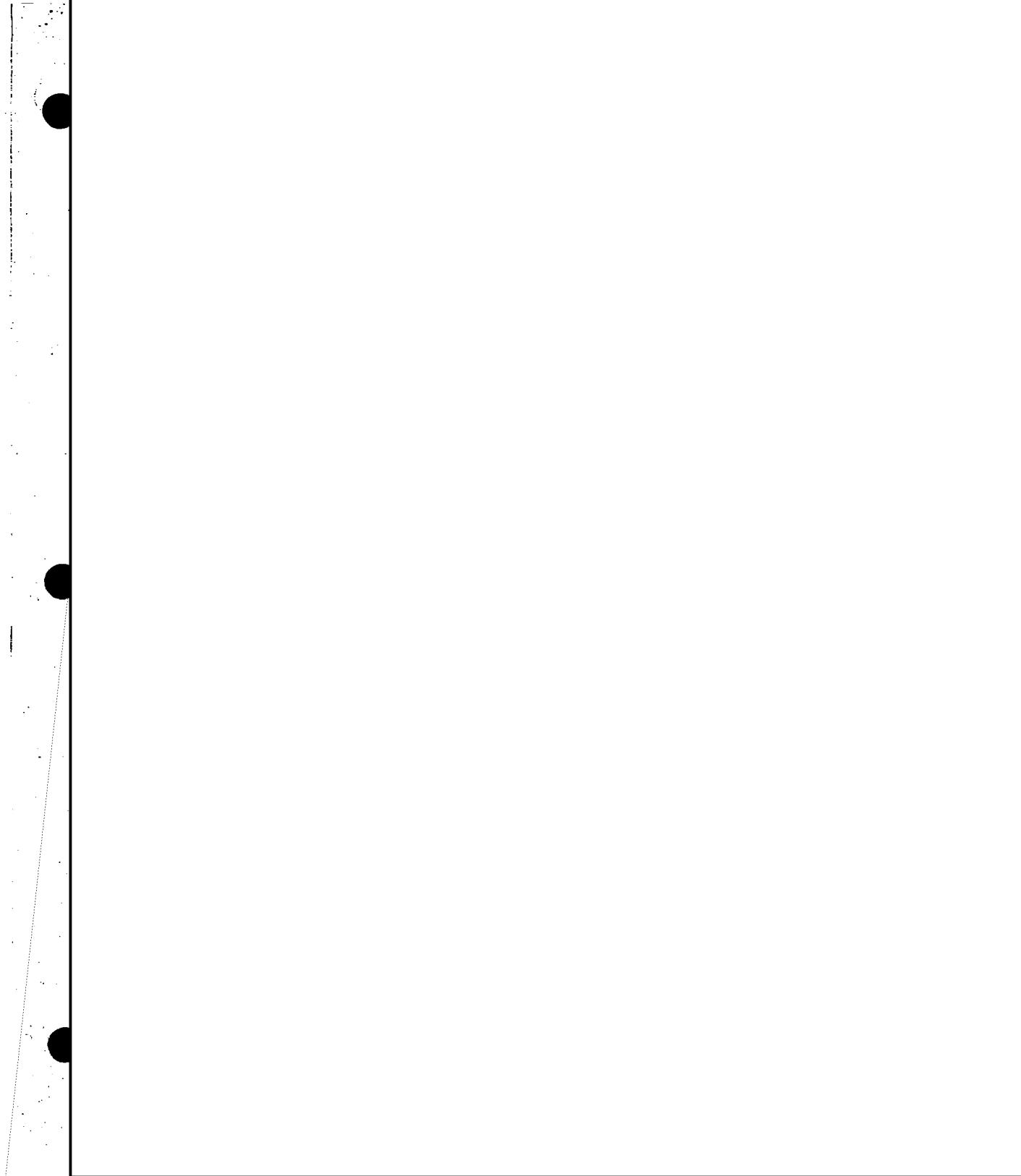
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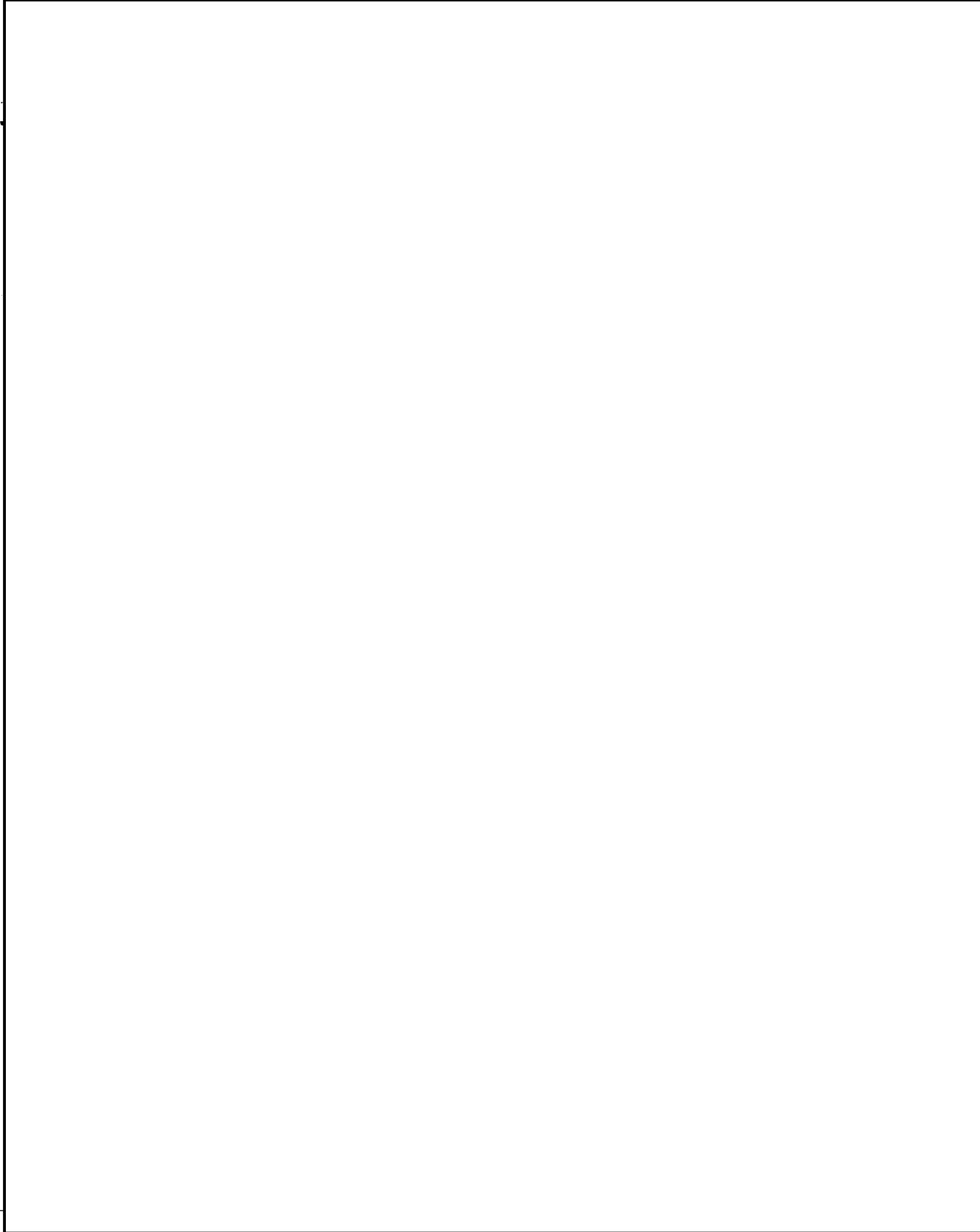


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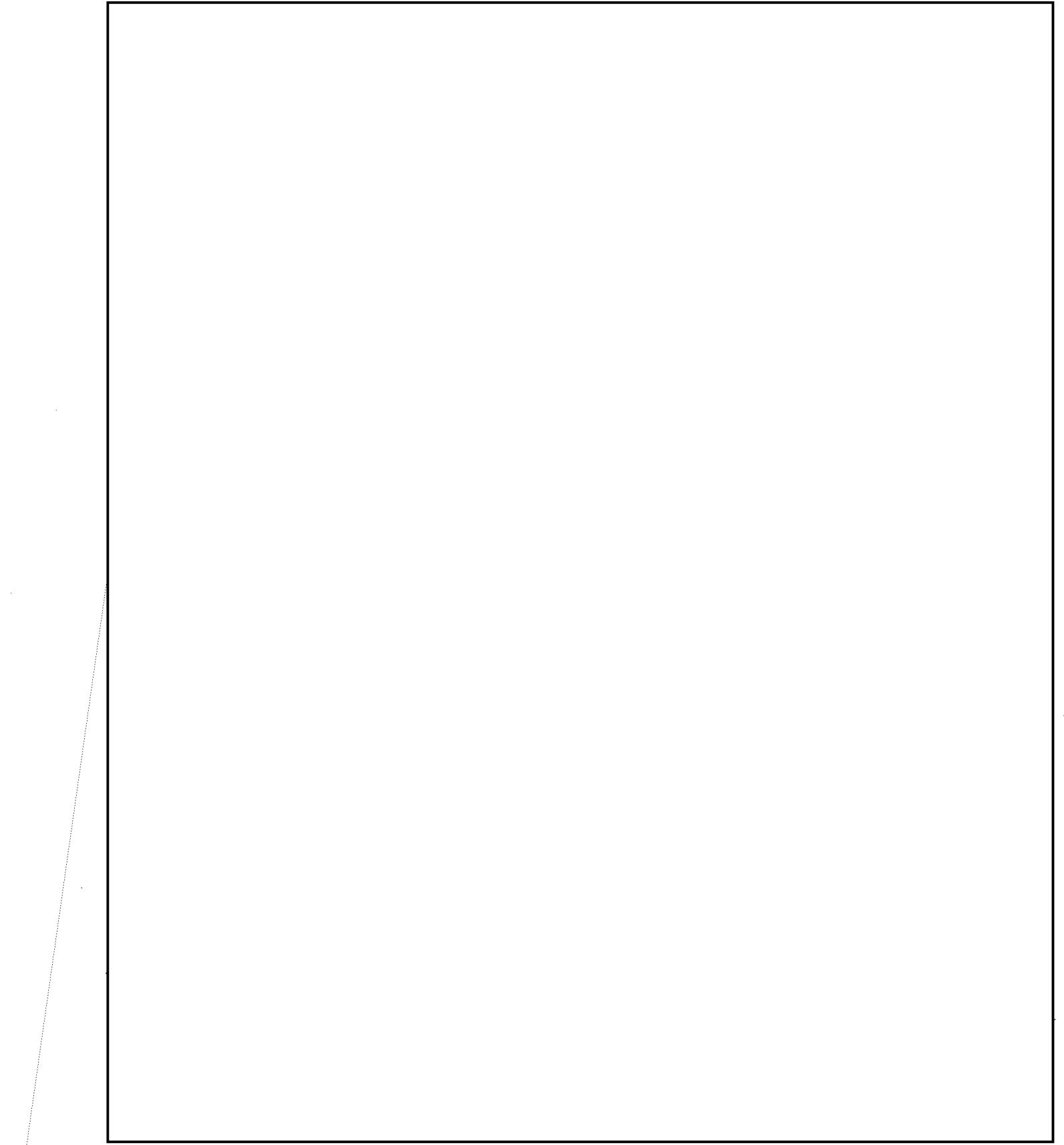
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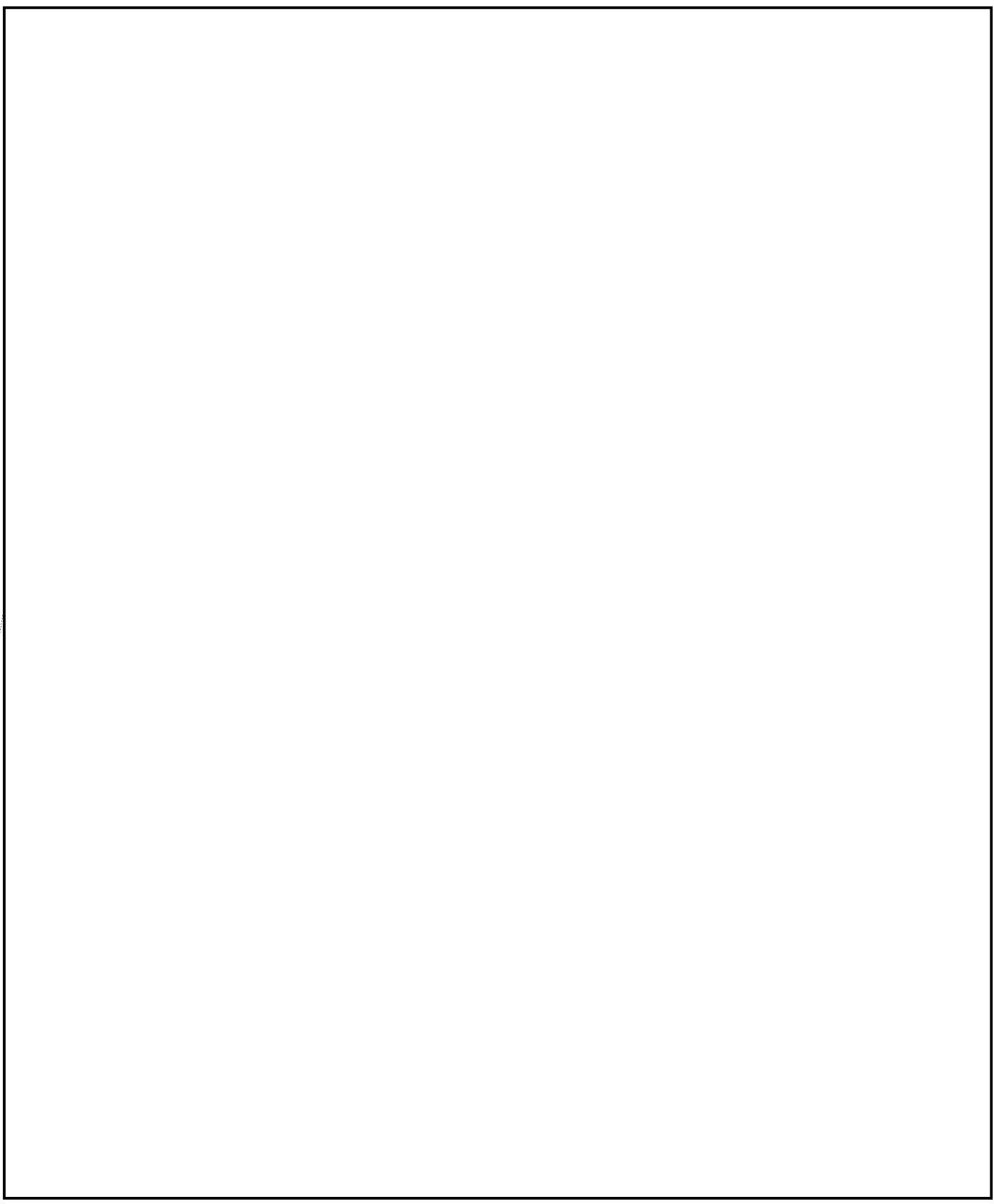
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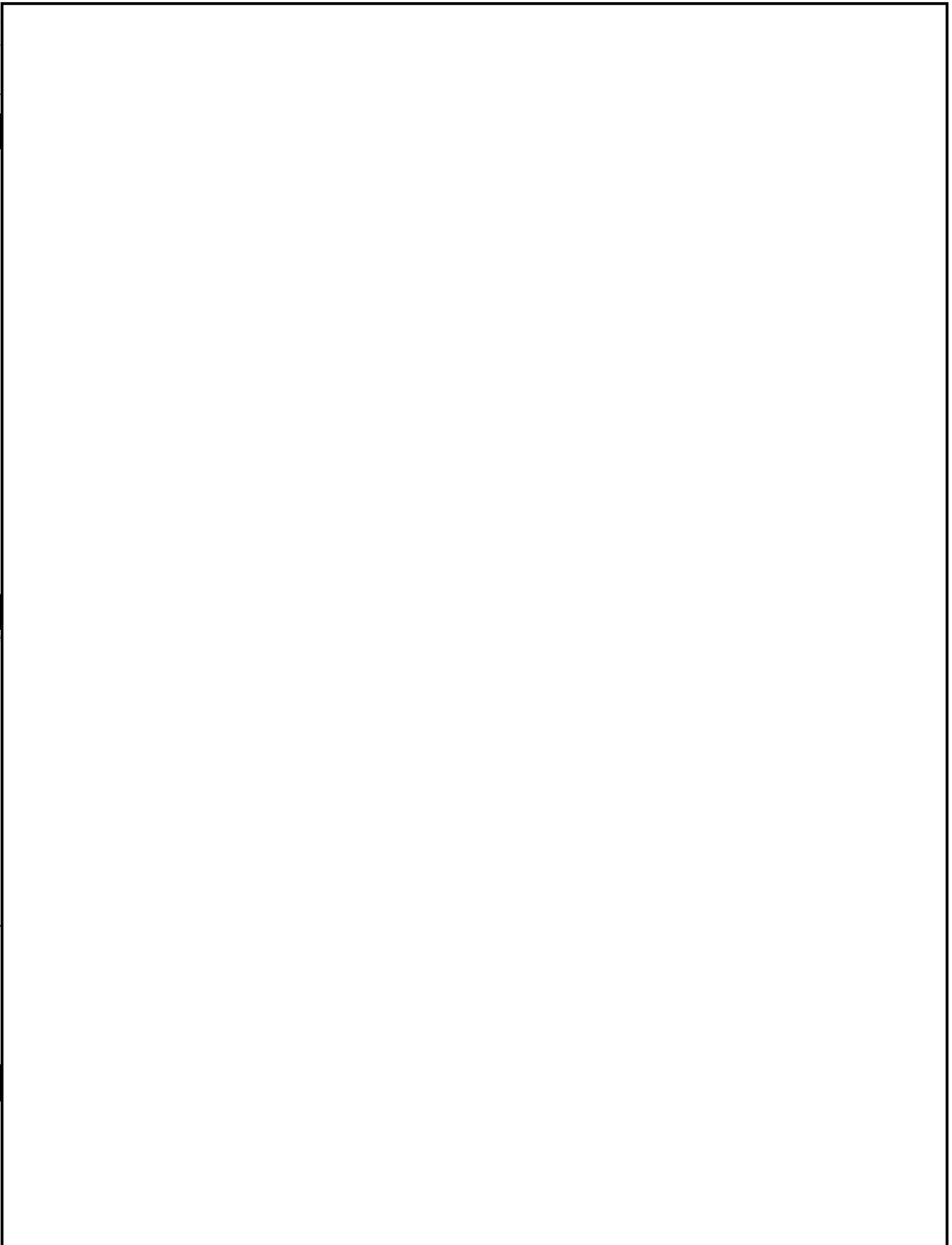
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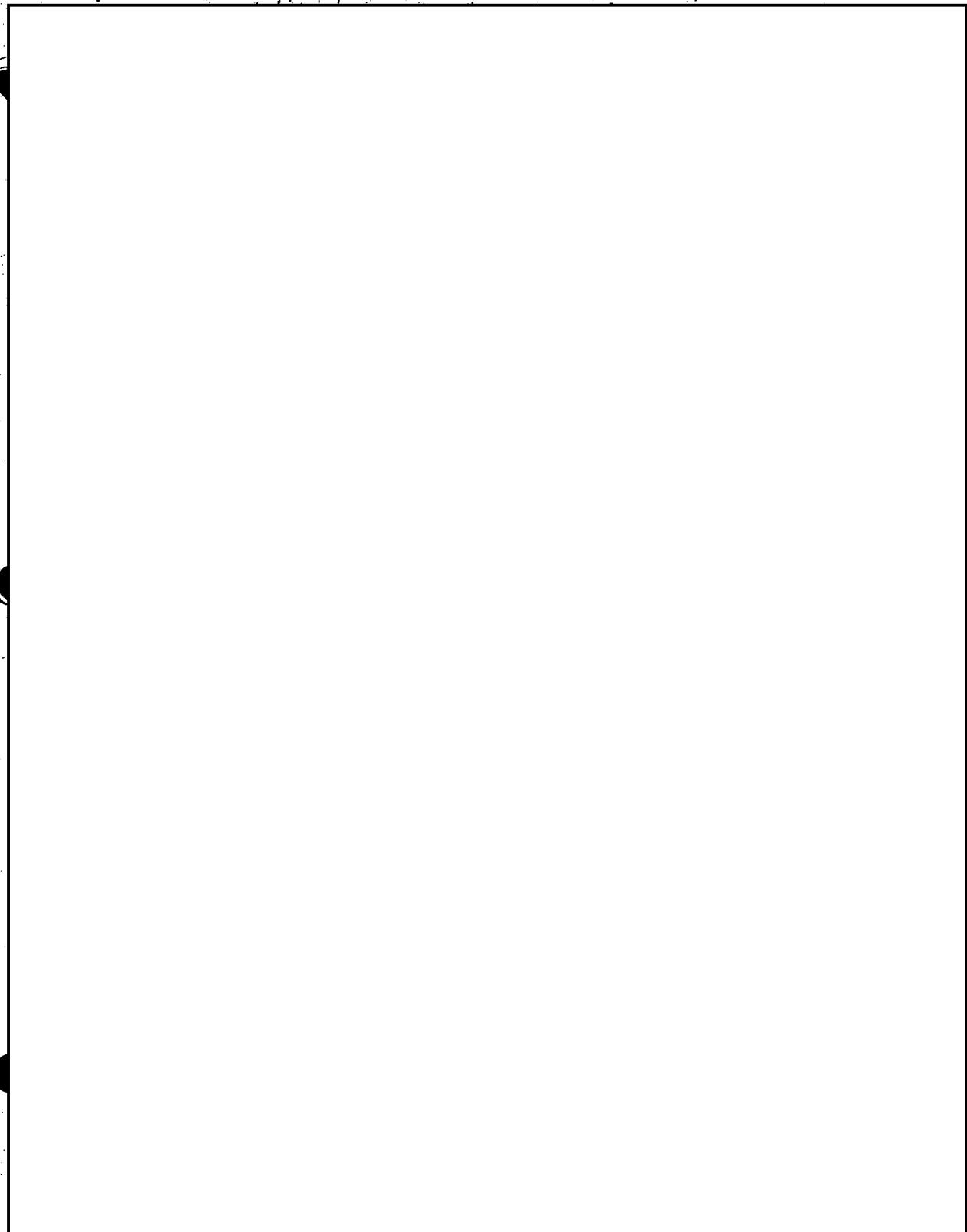
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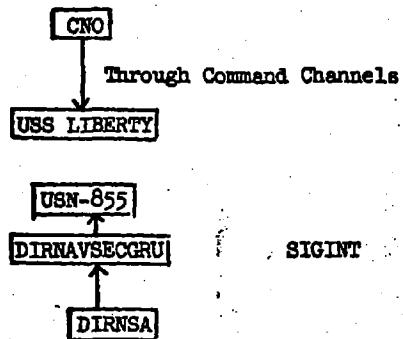
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COMMAND AND CONTROL RESPONSIBILITY

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## MANUAL OF U. S. SIGINT OPERATIONS

OPINS No. 2855

12 March 1965

### USN 855 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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#### SECTION I - TASK ELEMENT

U. S. Naval Security Group component (USN 855), aboard the technical research ship USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5).

#### SECTION II - COMMAND RELATIONSHIP

1. Naval Command and Control Relationships follow:
  - a. The Chief of Naval Operations will exercise operational control of the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) through normal naval command channels. The ship's operations will be based on tasks expressed by the Director, National Security Agency (DIRNSA) to the Director, Naval Security Group (DIRNAVSECGRU).
  - b. The Naval Security Group component aboard the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) will be organized within the Operations Department with a separately authorized personnel allowance.

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Management control of this component will be exercised by DIRNAVSECGRU. Military command will be exercised by the Commanding Officer, USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5).

2. SIGINT control relationships follow: (1)

Operational and technical control of the SIGINT mission will be exercised by DIRNSA in accordance with appropriate MUSSO directives.

SECTION III - MISSION

Conduct SIGINT operations as directed in general support of the national SIGINT effort and, as authorized, in direct support of designated U. S. Military Commanders.

SECTION IV - FUNCTIONS

1. Collection.



2. Processing.



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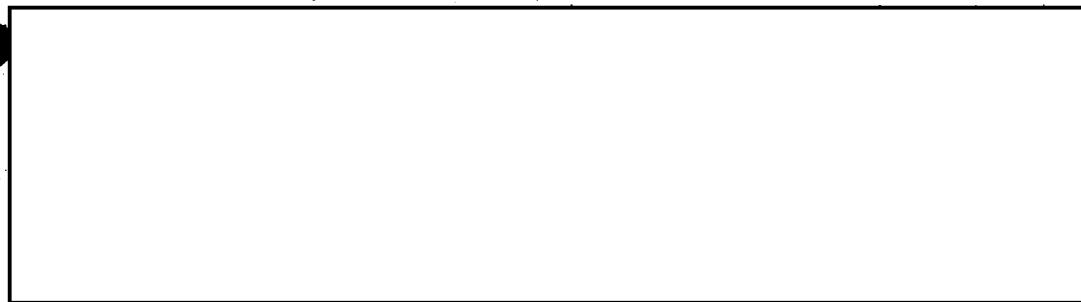
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3. Reporting.



4. Distribution.

Distribution of technical and SIGINT product reports will be accomplished in accordance with pertinent TECHINS and current instructions.(10)

5. Technical Support.



b. Continuing technical support will be provided by Director, National Security Agency and on occasion by Director, Naval Security Group.

6. Research and Development (R&D).



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SECTION V - LIAISON

SECTION VI - COMMUNICATIONS

1. Maintain and operate SIGINT communications facilities in order to provide timely SIGINT support to designated SIGINT consumers.
2. Conduct SIGINT communications operations in accordance with established procedures.
3. Use on-line cryptographic communications circuits when possible and appropriate using circuits prescribed in communications plans prepared by the Director, Naval Security Group.

SECTION VII - SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Conduct SIGINT operations in accordance with operational and technical directives provided. Such directives include pertinent MUSSO Documents, NSA Circulars, OPNAV Instructions, DNC Instructions, NAVSECGRU Instructions, and Standing Operating Procedures. Conflicting instructions or directives will be immediately brought to the attention of the Director, National Security Agency and/or Director, Naval Security Group.

Enclosure:

Appendix - References

Distribution:

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REFERENCES

(1) Statement of General Operating Policy.

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Note: References have been provided to ensure familiarity with documents of particular concern.

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THE JOINT STAFF

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

J3M 764 68  
4 MAY 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency  
Attention: P212  
Commander, Military Sea Transport Service  
Attention: M-35  
Commander in Chief, Pacific  
Attention: J382  
Commander in Chief, Atlantic  
Attention: JRC  
Assistant for JCS Matters, OP60B1

Subject: Recommended Actions Resulting from the  
Technical Research Ship Conference (U)

1. (U) A conference was held by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Joint Reconnaissance Center) on 28 April 1966 to discuss scheduling and operational control of Technical Research Ships.
2. (U) As a result of the discussions the conferees recommended that certain actions be taken which are summarized in the attachment.
3. (U) In the interest of improving Technical Research Ship operations, addees are encouraged to carry out the recommendations of the conferees.

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4. (S) This memorandum and attachment is classified  
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with seaborne SIGINT platforms.

Attachment  
a/s

*Ralph D. Steakley*

Copy to:  
CNO (OP-333D)  
COMSTSLANT (L-36), Mr. Kyle  
COMSEVRON 8 (Cdr Jordan)  
CINCLANTFLT (Lcdr Olson)  
NAVSECGRU HQS (Lt Bragoner)

RALPH D STEAKLEY  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy Director  
for Reconnaissance  
Operations Directorate

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ATTACHMENT

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR PLANNING AND  
APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIP SCHEDULES

1. (S) USNS ships (VALDEZ and MULLER) operating in  
CINCLANT's area of responsibility:

a. The following procedures should be used in the  
planning and approval of routine schedules:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>TO</u>
DIRNSA	States requirements	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Passes for planning action	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Passes for planning action	COMSTSLANT
COMSTSLANT	Prepares plan to fulfill re- quirement including dates/ areas of operations, CPA's in transit and passes for approval	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Requests approval	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Requests approval	JCS/JRC
JCS/JRC	Obtains CNO concurrence and approves proposal	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Directs action	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Passes for action	COMSTSLANT
COMSTSLANT	Issues sailing orders	USNS ships

b. The following procedures should be used in making  
changes to approved schedules:

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<u>FROM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>TO</u>
DIRNSA	States requirement	JCS/JRC
JCS/JRC	Obtains CNO concurrence, approves change and re- quests action	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Directs action	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Passes for action	COMSTSLANT
COMSTSLANT	Issues sailing orders	USNS ships

c. The following commands should be addees on all messages pertaining to schedules or schedule changes:

JCS/JRC  
CNO  
CINCLANT  
COMSTS  
CINCLANTFLT  
COMSTSLANT  
DIRNSA  
DIRNAVSECGRU  
ADIRNAVSECGRU  
DIRNAVSEGRULANT

NOTE: The ship involved is not an addee on these messages

d. COMSTSLANT reserves the sole right to issue movement/sailing orders to the ship.

2. (S) USS ships operating in CINCLANT's area of responsibility:

a. The following procedures should be used in the planning and approval of routine schedules:

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<u>FROM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>TO</u>
DIRNSA	States requirement	CINCIANT
COMSERVRON 8	Prepares plan to fulfill requirement including dates/areas of operations, CFA's in transit and passes for approval	COMSERVLANT
COMSERVLANT	Requests approval	CINCIANTFLT
CINCIANTFLT	Requests approval	CINCIANT
CINCIANT	Requests approval	JCS/JRC
JCS/JRC	Obtains CNO concurrence and approves proposal	CINCIANT
CINCIANT	Directs action	CINCIANTFLT
CINCIANTFLT	Passes for action	COMSERVLANT
COMSERVLANT	Passes for action	COMSERVRON 8
COMSERVRON 8	Issues sailing orders	USS ships

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DIRNSA	States requirement	JCS/JRC
JCS/JRC	Obtains CNO concurrence, approves change and re- quests action	CINCIANT
CINCIANT	Directs action	CINCIANTFLT
CINCIANTFLT	Passes for action	COMSERVLANT
COMSERVLANT	Passes for action	COMSERVRON 8
COMSERVRON 8	Issues sailing orders	USS ships

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c. The following commands should be addees on all messages pertaining to schedules or schedule changes:

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CINCLANT

CINCLANTFLT

COMSERVLANT

COMSEVRON 8

DIRNSA

DIRNAVSECGRU

ADIRNAVSECGRU

DIRNAVSECGRULANT

NOTE: The ship involved is not an addee on these messages.

3. (S) The Director, National Security Agency should state requirements a minimum of 60 days prior to ship sailing.

4. (U) The Joint Reconnaissance Center, Joint Chiefs of Staff, requires that schedules be received on or before the 20th day of the month preceding the month for which the schedule is submitted for approval.

5. (U) Ships operating in CINCPAC's area of responsibility will continue to be scheduled using procedures in effect.

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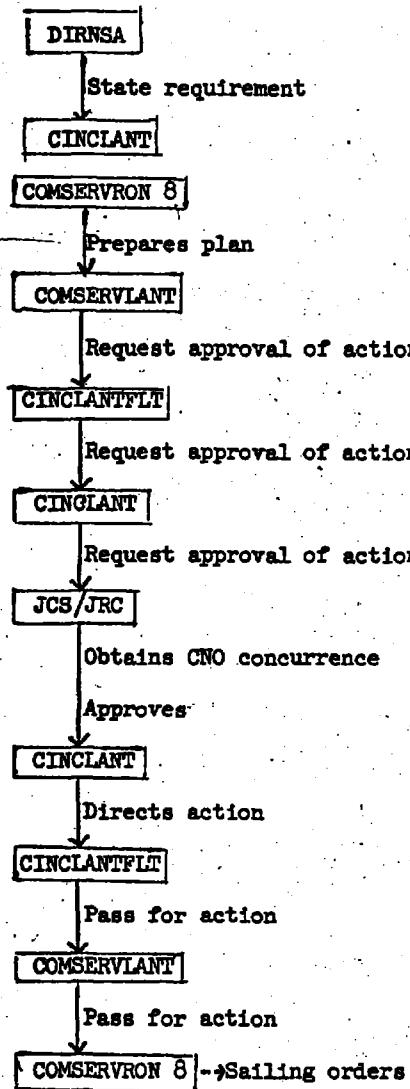
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APPROVAL PROCEDURES FOR USS SHIPS IN ATLANTIC

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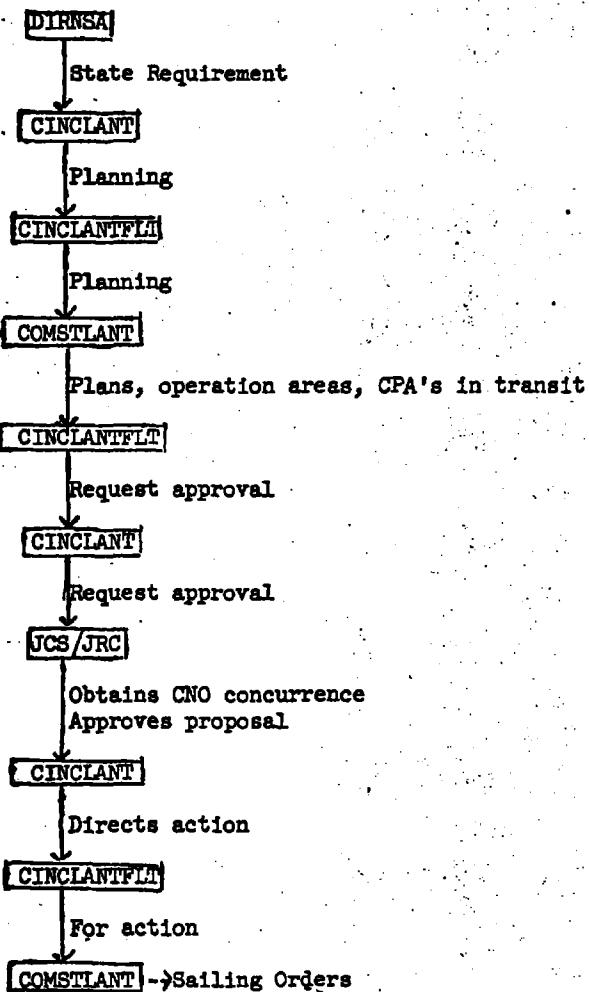
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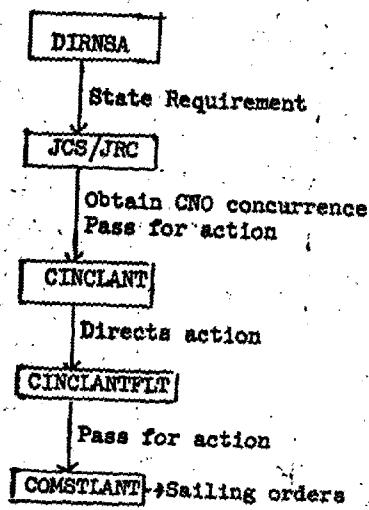
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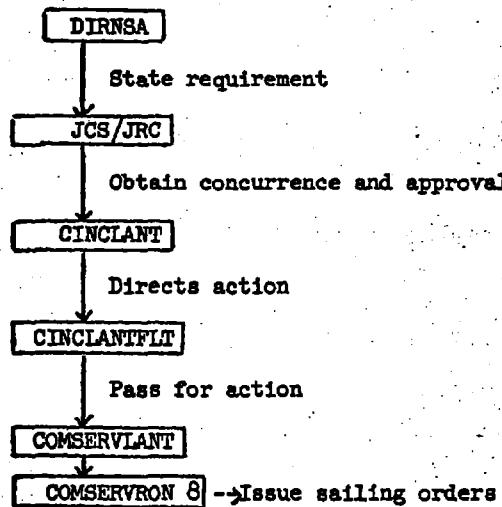
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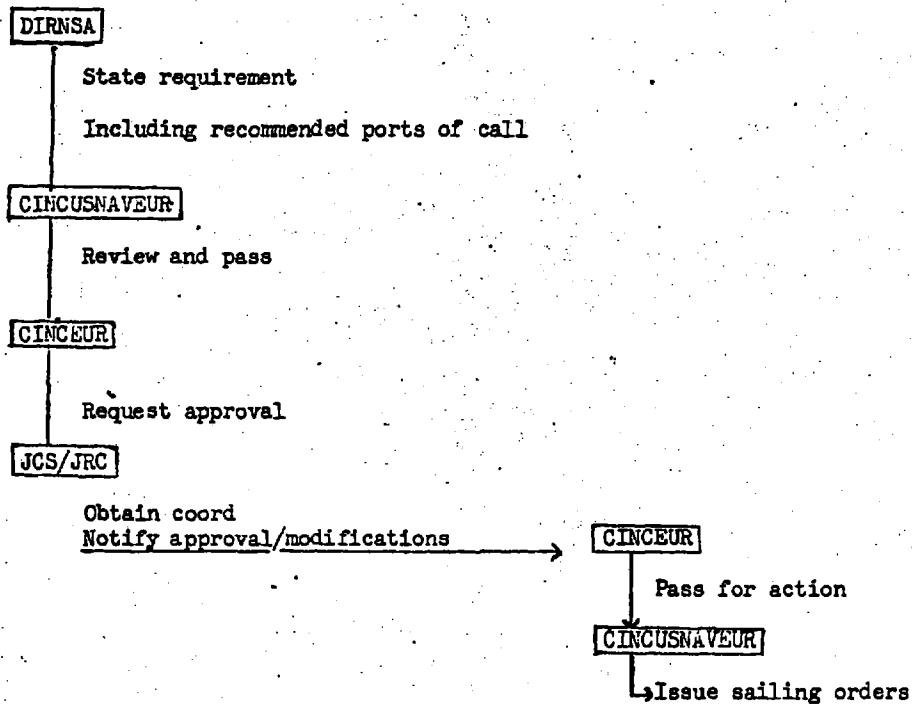


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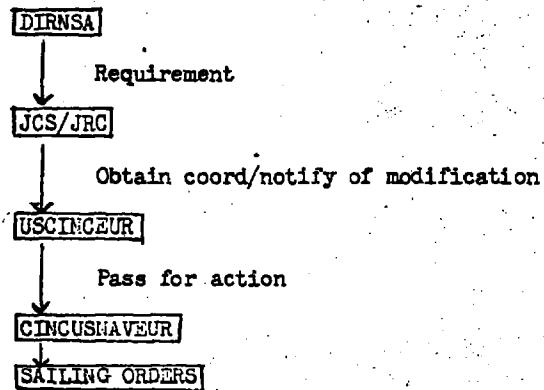
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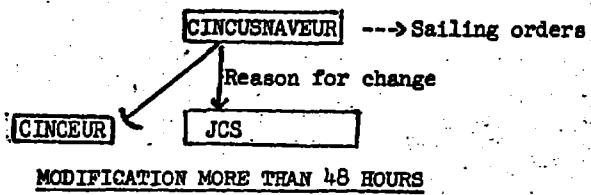
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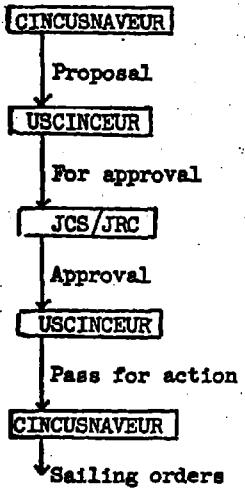
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B. JCS 5838/052235Z NOV 65 (NOTAL)			
I. (S) REQUEST PROCEDURES OUTLINED HEREIN BE FOLLOWED IN DEVELOPING SCHEDULES FOR LIBERTY WHILE OPERATING IN USCINCEUR'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:			
A. PLANNING-APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MONTHLY SKED:			
(1) DIRNSA STATE REQUIREMENTS TO CINCUSNAVEUR INCLUDING RECOMMENDED PORT OF CALL.			
(2) CINCUSNAVEUR PREPARE SKED TO FULFILL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING DATES/AREAS OF OPS, CPA'S, PORTS OF CALL FOR LOGISTICS AND PASS PLAN TO USCINCEUR.			
(3) USCINCEUR REVIEW AND PASS SKED TO JCS (JRC)			
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FOR APPROVAL. PROPOSED SKEDS ARE REQUIRED BY JCS NLT  
20TH OF THE MONTH PRECEEDING THE MONTH FOR WHICH THE  
SKED IS SUBMITTED.

(4) JCS(JRC) OBTAIN NECESSARY COORDINATION  
AND NOTIFY USCINCEUR OF APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS.

(5) USCINCEUR PASS FOR ACTION.

(6) CINCUSNAVEUR ISSUE SAILING ORDERS.

B. MODIFICATION OF APPROVED SKED DUE TO CHANGES  
IN TECHNICAL TASKING:

(1) DIRNSA STATE REQUIREMENT TO JCS(JRC).

(2) JCS(JRC) OBTAIN NECESSARY COORDINATION  
AND NOTIFY USCINCEUR OF MODIFICATION.

(3) USCINCEUR PASS FOR ACTION.

(4) CINCUSNAVEUR ISSUE SAILING ORDERS.

C. MODIFICATION OF APPROVED SKED INVOLVING A  
CHANGE OF 48 HOURS OR LESS FOR OPSRATIONAL REASONS:

(1) CINCUSNAVEUR ISSUS SAILING ORDERS AND  
INFORM JCS(JRC) AND USCINCEUR OF REASON FOR THE CHANGE.

D. MODIFICATION OF APPROVED SKED INVOLVING A CHANGE  
OF MORE THAN 48 HOURS FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS:

(1) CINCUSNAVEUR PASS PROPOSED MODIFICATION  
TO USCINCEUR.

(2) USCINCEUR REVIEW AND PASS TO JCS (JRC) FOR

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APPROVAL.

(3) JCS (JRC) OBTAIN NECESSARY COORDINATION AND  
NOTIFY USCINCEUR OF APPROVAL.

(4) USCINCEUR PASS FOR ACTION.

(5) CINCUSNAVEUR ISSUE SAILING ORDERS.

2. (U) REF A IS THE EXSITING APPROVSD SKED FOR  
JUNE 1967.

3. ~~TO~~ THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE ADDRESSEES ON ALL  
MESSAGES PERTAINING TO SKDS OR SKED CHANGES:

JCS (JRC)

CNO

USCINCEUR

CINCUSNAVEUR

DIRNSA

DIR NAV SECGRU

HQNSAEUR

DIRNAVSECGRUEUR

NSAEUR OFF FRANKFURT GERMANY

AD DIRNAVSECGRU

NOTE: USS LIBERTY IS NOT AN ADDEE ON THESE MSGS.

4. (U) REF B PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON CONTINGENCY  
PLANNING FOR IRS OPS.

5. (U) FOR NSA: REQUEST YOU PROVIDE CINCUSNAVEUR  
YOUR RECOMMENDED JULY SKED ASAP.

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SUBJ: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR TRS OPERATIONS (U)

REFS: A. DIRNSA DIR/115, DTG 012307Z SEP (NOTAL)

B. CNO MEMO OP-922YE/RH 00030P92, 27 OCT (NOTAL)

1. THIS SUGGESTED GUIDANCE WAS PROVIDED BY THE REFERENCES

TO CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS OF TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS.

THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE

REF AND IS ISSUED FOR USE IN GENERAL PLANNING FOR

SIGINT SUPPORT OF CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS WHEN REQUIRED:

A. DESCRIPTION. SPECIAL MODIFIED FORMER  
MERCHANT SHIPS CONFIGURED TO CARRY OUT THEIR ELECTRONIC  
MISSION.

B. MISSION. TO COLLECT COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONIC SIGNALS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES, UNDER TASK-  
KING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA), IN SATISFACTION

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OF HIGH PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS.

(1) CLASSIFICATION OF MISSION, AND ANY ASSOCIATION WITH NSA OR THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP (NSG):  
CONFIDENTIAL.

(2) CLASSIFICATION OF DETAILS OF SPECIFIC NATURE OF MISSION: REQUIRES HANDLING THROUGH SPECIAL CHANNELS AND WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE SIGINT SUPPORT PLAN.

(3) DIVERSION FROM MISSION. THE TRS IS TO BE EMPLOYED FOR SIGINT PURPOSES ONLY. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY WILL BE MADE ONLY DURING AN EMERGENCY IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF JCS PUB 2 (UNIFIED ACTION ARMED FORCES), PARAGRAPHS 30229 AND 30248 APPLY.

C. [REDACTED] THE MISSION OF THE TRS IS TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL RESEARCH OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF US NAVY ELECTRONIC RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PROPAGATION STUDIES AND ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, SUCH AS MOON RELAY AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS.

## D. CONTROL OF TRS.

(1) OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SHIP. MILITARY OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THESE SHIPS WILL BE EFFECTED BY THE COGNIZANT UNIFIED OR SPECIFIED COMMANDER THROUGH THE NAVAL COMPONENT COMMANDER TO A SPECIFIC FLEET OR FORCE COMMANDER.

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(2) OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL SIGINT ACTIVITIES (COLLECTION, PROCESSING, REPORTING) ON BOARD SHIP. BY DIRECTOR, NSA (VIA DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS TO SHIP OR THROUGH THE DIRECTOR, NSG).

(3) BASIS FOR COLLECTION AREA ASSIGNMENTS:

(A) SIGNAL AUDIBILITY AND OTHER TECHNICAL FACTORS DETERMINED BY NSA TO BE NECESSARY TO MEET STATED REQUIREMENTS, AND

(B) DETERMINATION BY MILITARY OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS THAT THE OPERATION REQUIRED BY NSA IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SAFETY OF THE SHIP.

(C) CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE MILITARY COMMANDER INVOLVED AND THE SIGINT TASKING AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED TO INSURE MAXIMUM RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM SECURITY OF THE SHIP.

**E. SIGINT SUPPORT OF COMMANDERS.**

(1) COMMAND CONTINGENCY AND LIMITED WAR PLANS:

(A) TRS MAY BE UTILIZED BY DIRNSA TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE MILITARY COMMANDER, IN ADDITION TO PRIMARY MISSIONS.

B) COMMANDER MAY LEVY IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES TO BE ESTABLISHED.

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(C) DIRNSA, OR HIS FIELD REPRESENTATIVES WHEN SO AUTHORIZED, WILL:

1. ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO RECEIVE AND ACT LOCALLY ON COMMAND REQUIREMENTS.
2. EFFECT PROMPT TASKING OF SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS, WHICH MAY BE ASSIGNED TO AN AREA TO SUPPORT A GIVEN CONTINGENCY SITUATION.

(D) CONTROL OF TRS:

1. OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SHIP: SAME AS IN ROUTINE OPERATIONS (SEE PARAGRAPH D(1) ABOVE).

2. OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL SIGINT ACTIVITIES: SAME AS IN ROUTINE OPERATIONS (SEE PARAGRAPH D(2) ABOVE).

F. COMMAND OPLANS:

(1) NSA REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED TO COMMANDS: WORK WITH COMMAND PLANNERS IN DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE SIGINT APPENDIX TO THE INTELLIGENCE ANNEX OF COMMAND OPLANS IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE NSA DETERMINES THE TRS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

(2) NSA: INFORM USCINCSOUTH (NO NSA REPRESENTATIVE ACCREDITED) OF INSTANCES WHERE TRS WILL BE EMPLOYED. GP-3

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DATE: 26 MAY 1965

TO: JCS

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SUBJ: TRS OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN WATERS

A. DIRNSA DIR 43-65 DTG 031440Z APR

B. CNO DTG 052300Z APR (NOTAL)

C. CNO DTG 011524Z APR (NOTAL)

D. DIRNAVSECCGRU DTG 142300 (NOTAL)

1. REF A CONCURRED IN THE PROPOSAL TO DIVERT ONE TRS TO SOUTHEAST

ASIA.

2. REF B DESIGNATED THE USS OXFORD FOR SUBJ DEPLOYMENT.

3. SINCE THE OXFORD WHICH WILL ARRIVE IN SUBIC BAY O/A 3 JUNE IS  
THE FIRST TRS TO OPERATE IN THE CINCPAC AREA, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT  
THE JCS CONSIDER ISSUING GENERAL GUIDANCE TO INFORM APPROPRIATE  
COMMANDERS OF THE PURPOSE, NATURE AND CONCEPT OF TRS OPERATIONS.

4. DIRNSA RECOMMENDS THIS GUIDANCE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: A. THE  
USS OXFORD (AGTR-1) IS ONE OF SEVERAL TECH RESEARCH SHIPS (TRS)

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WHICH ARE ~~EMBEDDED~~ BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY TO COLLECT  
~~COMMUNICATIONS AND~~  
ELECTRONIC SIGNALS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. THE TRS ARE UNARMED,

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MODIFIED MERCHANT SHIPS ESPECIALLY CONFIGURED FOR THEIR ELECTRONIC MISSION.

B. THE OXFORD IS THE FIRST TRS TO OPERATE IN THE PACIFIC. IT IS BEING REDEPLOYED TO SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD, TO SATISFY CERTAIN HIGH PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CONTINUING VALIDATED REQUIREMENTS OF THEATER MILITARY COMMANDERS. AN ADDITIONAL TRS WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO THE PACIFIC AT A LATER DATE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

C. OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE OXFORD WILL BE EXERCISED THROUGH NORMAL COMMAND CHANNELS EXCEPT AS INDICATED HEREINAFTER. OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF THE SIGINT ACTIVITIES ON BOARD THE OXFORD IS EXERCISED BY THE DIRECTOR, NSA. COMSEVENTHFLT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT IN THE PACIFIC AREA; DEPLOYMENT WILL BE BASED ON SIGNAL COLLECTION TASKS (WITH DUE CONSIDERATION FOR THE

MATERIAL SAFETY OF THE SHIP) WHICH WILL BE ASSIGNED BY DIRNSA THROUGH THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP TO THE NSG COMPONENT ABOARD THE SHIP. AT THE SAME TIME, NSA WILL INFORM ITS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON (NSAPAC REP VIETNAM(S)) OF THE DESIRED TASKING. NSAPAC REP VIETNAM WILL THEN RECOMMEND THAT COMUSMACV INITIATE A REQUEST TO COMSEVENTHFLT FOR NECESSARY MOVEMENT ORDERS.

D. THE OPERATIONS AREA BLOCK SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY CNO WILL BE EMPLOYED IN OXFORD SIGINT OPERATIONS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE OXFORD WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A

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SPECIFIC BLOCK FOR A SPECIFIC TIME, SUCH ASSIGNMENT TO BE BASED UPON:

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BEFORE, THE OXFORD IS TO BE DEPLOYED FOR SIGINT PURPOSES ONLY.

E. THE FACT THAT THE OXFORD HAS AN INTELLIGENCE MISSION IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO THE MOST LIMITED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIONAL NECESSITY. ANY ASSOCIATION OF THE OXFORD WITH NSA OR NSG IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. DETAILS OF THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE INTELLIGENCE MISSION ARE CLASSIFIED AS HIGH AS TOP SECRET AND REQUIRE HANDLING THROUGH SPECIAL CHANNELS. THE FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED MISSION STATEMENT, WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE ELECTRONIC CONFIGURATION OF THE SHIP, MAY BE USED BY APPROPRIATE COMMANDERS

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COMMANDING OFFICERS, AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS AS NECESSARY, TO SATISFY VALID INTERESTS OF PORT AUTHORITIES, LOCAL PRESS, LOCAL NATIONALS, ETC: QUOTE THE MISSION OF THE USS OXFORD IS TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL RESEARCH OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF U.S. NAVY ELECTRONIC RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PROPAGATION STUDIES AND ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS MOON RELAY AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. UNQUOTE.			
F. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMAND REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGINT SUPPORT WHICH THE PRESENCE OF THE OXFORD IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN WATERS MIGHT SUGGEST SHOULD NOT BE LEVIED DIRECTLY ON THE OXFORD, BUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED EXISTING PROCEDURES TO JCS/DIA FOR VALIDATION AND PRESENTATION TO NSA. HOWEVER, NSAPAC REP VIETNAM IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND ACT ON IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF MACV/AND EFFECT APPROPRIATE TASKING OF APPROPRIATE SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS. IF REDEPLOYMENT IS DETERMINED TO BE REQUIRED, NSAPAC REP VIETNAM WILL REQUEST MACV TO INFORM COMSEVENTEENTHFLT. — OP-1			
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M/R; This msg is based on proposals in Para 2c of DIRNAVSECGRU Ref D and is designed to have JCS issue general guidance to Pac commands concerning the operations of TRS in that area. This msg prepared jointly by D32 [redacted] and D31 in response to ADN Memo 65-36 dtd 18 May 65 which requested "take action to have ground rules for TRS operations in a SIGINT Support to Military Operations role incorporated in appropriate Command Operations Plans and NSA and Naval Security Group SIGINT Support Plans."

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SUJ: TRS OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN WATERS

REF: MY DIR 87 272029Z

REQUEST SECOND SENTENCE PARA 4 FOXTROT OF REF BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS QUOTE HOWEVER, NSAPAC REP VIETNAM IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND ACT ON IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF MACV AND COMMANDS SUPPORTING SOUTHEAST ASIAN OPERATIONS AND EFFECT APPROPRIATE TASKING OF APPROPRIATE SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS UNQUOTE. GROUP-1

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M/R: The change proposed is designed to provide for emergency servicing of SIGINT requirements of commanders who are supporting SE Asian operations but who are not subordinate to COMUSMACV. This message has also been discussed with Mr. Connell, NSA REP at JRC who advises JCS JRC now has action of DIR 87 and is waiting for NSA reply to CINCPACFLT msg to NSA 629316Z before acting on DIR 87. The CINCPACFLT message requested Para 4F of Ref be modified to give COMSEVENTHFLT authority similar to MACV for emergency requirements.	
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REFERENCE: A. DIRNSA DIR/87 DTG 272029 MAY 65 (NOTAL)

IN CONSONANCE WITH REFERENCE MSG THE FOLLOWING  
GUIDANCE IS PROMULGATED FOR TRS OPERATION IN SOUTHEAST  
ASIA:

A. THE USS OXFORD (T-AGTR-1) IS ONE OF SEVERAL  
TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS (TRS) WHICH ARE TASKED BY THE  
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY TO COLLECT COMMUNICATION AND  
ELECTRONIC SIGNALS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. THE  
OXFORD IS AN UNARMED, MODIFIED MERCHANT SHIP ESPECIALLY  
CONFIGURED FOR ELECTRONIC COLLECTION MISSIONS.

B. THE OXFORD WAS DEPLOYED TO SOUTHEAST ASIA TO  
SATISFY CERTAIN HIGH PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

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REQUIREMENTS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SUPPLEMENTAL COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF THEATER COMMANDERS' VALID REQUIREMENTS. IT IS PLANNED TO DEPLOY AN ADDITIONAL TRS TO THE PACIFIC AT A LATER DATE.

C. TECHNICAL CONTROL AND SIGNAL TASKING OF SIGINT COLLECTION ACTIVITIES ABOARD THE OXFORD WILL BE AS DIRECTED BY DIRNSA THROUGH DIRNAVSECCGRU TO THE NAVSECCGRU SHIP COMPONENT.

D. OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE SHIP SHALL BE THROUGH NORMAL COMMAND CHANNELS. TO ASSURE A CAPABILITY FOR QUICK RESPONSE TO COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS INVOLVING CHANGES IN AREA OF OPERATION, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT

~~T~~ NSAPACREP VIETNAM ~~(S)~~ ADVISE COMUSMACV OF REQUIREMENTS AND NECESSARY SHIP RELOCATIONS FOR FORWARDING TO YOUR DESIGNATED COMPONENT COMMANDER. NSAPAC REP VIETNAM HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND ACT ON IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF USMACV AND COMMANDS SUPPORTING SEA OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO EFFECT APPROPRIATE TASKING OF SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS.

E. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMAND REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGINT SUPPORT WHICH THE PRESENCE OF THE OXFORD IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WATERS MIGHT SUGGEST, SHOULD NOT BE LEVIED DIRECTLY

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ON THE OXFORD, BUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED PIAW EXISTING PROCEDURES TO JCS/DIA FOR VALIDATION AND PRESENTATION TO NSA.

F. COLLECTION AREA ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE BASED UPON:

(1) SIGNAL AUDIBILITY AND OTHER TECHNICAL FACTORS DETERMINED BY NSA TO BE NECESSARY TO MEET STATED REQUIREMENTS, AND

(2) DETERMINATION BY THEATER AND OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS, WHEN APPROPRIATE, THAT THE OPERATION REQUIRED BY NSA TASKING IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SAFETY OF THE SHIP. CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE OPERATIONAL COMMANDER AND THE SIGINT TASKING AUTHORITY WILL BE NECESSARY TO INSURE MAXIMUM RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM SECURITY OF THE SHIP. ANY DIVERSION OF THE TRS WHICH DETRACTS FROM ITS SIGINT MISSION RISKS LOSS OF SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE; THEREFORE, THE OXFORD IS TO BE EMPLOYED FOR SIGINT PURPOSES ONLY.

G. THE FACT THAT THE OXFORD HAS AN INTELLIGENCE MISSION IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO THE MOST LIMITED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIONAL NECESSITY. ANY DETAILS OF THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS

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SUBJ: TRS OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN WATERS

A. BY DIR 87-65 DTG 272029Z MAY

B. CS 2405-65 DTG 071404Z JUNE

1. REF PARAGRAPH 1C REFERENCE B. AS STATED IN REFERENCE A OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL THE SIGINT ACTIVITIES ON BOARD OXFORD IS EXERCISED BY DIRM3A. THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PROCESSING AND REPORTING AS WELL AS COLLECTION. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR MACAFREP VIETNAM TO ACT ON IMMEDIATE LOCAL AREA REQUIREMENTS IS OF COURSE A NECESSARY FEATURE AND IS PROVIDED FOR IN PARA 1D OF REF B.

2. PURPOSE OF FOREGOING IS TO ACHIEVE GREATER CLARITY OF UNDERSTANDING AT WASHINGTON LEVEL IN EVENT ANY QUESTION ARISES AS OPERATIONS PROCEED. ALSO AS A RELATED MATTER IT APPEARS THAT SOME SIMILAR CHOSEN RULES FOR TRS PARTICIPATION IN CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS COMBAT OPS NEED TO BE INCORPORATED IN CONTINGENCY AND CONCOMITANT SIGINT SUPPORT PLANNING. THIS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE

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SUBJECT: TRS OPERATIONS

REF: (A) JCS 2085-65 071404Z JUN (NOTAL)  
(B) DIR 93 172122Z JUN (NOTAL)

1. REF A PROMULGATED GUIDANCE FOR TRS OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

REF B STATED QUOTE IT APPEARS THAT SOME SIMILAR GROUND RULES FOR TRS PARTICIPATION IN CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS [REDACTED] NEED BE INCORPORATED IN CONTINGENCY PLANS AND CONCOMITANT SIGINT SUPPORT PLANNING UNQUOTE.

2. IN FURTHERANCE OF REF B, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT JCS CONSIDER ISSUING GENERAL GUIDANCE TO INFORM THE OTHER UNIFIED COMMANDERS OF THE PURPOSE, NATURE AND CONCEPT OF TRS OPERATIONS.

3. DIRNSA RECOMMENDS THIS GUIDANCE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. AVAILABLE SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES INCLUDE TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS (TRS) WHICH ARE TASKED BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY TO COLLECT

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COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNALS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES.

THEY ARE UNARMED, SPECIALLY-MODIFIED FORMER MERCHANT SHIPS CONFIGURED  
TO CARRY OUT THEIR ELECTRONIC MISSION.

B. UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, DIRNSA MAY UTILIZE THESE SHIPS IN  
PROVIDING SIGINT IN SUPPORT OF COMMAND CONTINGENCY AND LIMITED WAR  
PLANS IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING TO SATISFY HIGH PRIORITY NATIONAL IN-  
TELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS. IN THESE INSTANCES, OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF  
THESE SHIPS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THROUGH NORMAL COMMAND CHANNELS <sup>and</sup> OP-  
ERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ~~THE~~ SIGINT ~~ACTIVITIES~~ ACTIVITIES  
(COLLECTION, PROCESSING, REPORTING) ON BOARD ~~THE~~  
SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (VIA  
DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SHIP OR THROUGH THE DIRECTOR NAVAL  
SECURITY GROUP).

C. THE DIRECTOR NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, OR HIS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE(S) WHEN SO AUTHORIZED, WILL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO RECEIVE  
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AND ACT ON IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMAND IN  
ORDER TO EFFECT ~~PROMPT~~ TASKING OF SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING  
THE TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS, WHICH MAY BE ASSIGNED TO AN AREA TO  
SUPPORT A GIVEN CONTINGENCY SITUATION. ANY NON-CONTINGENCY COMMAND  
REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGINT WHICH THE PRESENCE OF TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS  
MIGHT SUGGEST SHOULD NOT BE LEVIED DIRECTLY, BUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING PROCEDURES TO THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF/  
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FOR VALIDATION AND PRESENTATION TO THE  
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY.

D. COLLECTION AREA ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE BASED UPON:

(1) SIGNAL AUDIBILITY AND OTHER TECHNICAL FACTORS DETERMINED  
BY NSA TO BE NECESSARY TO MEET STATED REQUIREMENTS, AND  
(2) DETERMINATION BY ██████████ OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS, WHEN  
APPROPRIATE, THAT THE OPERATION REQUIRED BY NSA TASKING IS COMPATIBLE  
WITH THE SAFETY OF THE SHIP. CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE OPERA-  
TIONAL COMMANDER INVOLVED AND THE SIGINT TASKING AUTHORITY WILL BE  
NECESSARY TO INSURE MAXIMUM RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS AND  
MAXIMUM SECURITY OF THE SHIP. ANY DIVERSION OF THE TRS WHICH DETRACTS  
FROM ITS SIGINT MISSION RISKS LOSS OF SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE; THERE-  
FORE THE TRS IS TO BE EMPLOYED FOR SIGINT PURPOSES ONLY. EXCEPTIONS  
TO THIS POLICY WILL BE MADE ONLY WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE JCS.

E. THE FACT THAT TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS HAVE AN INTELLIGENCE  
MISSION IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL, AS IS ANY ASSOCIATION WITH THE  
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY OR THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP.

F. THE NSA REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED TO COMMANDS WILL WORK WITH  
COMMAND PLANNERS IN DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN  
THE SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE APPENDIX TO THE INTELLIGENCE ANNEX OF COMMAND

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NSA WILL PROVIDE THIS INFO DIRECTLY TO USCINCSOUTH [redacted] SINCE THERE IS <i>end</i> NO NSA REPRESENTATIVE AT THAT COMMAND. <i>GP-1</i> .			
M/R: This message prepared by D31 in response to ADW Memo 65-36 dtd 18 May 65 which directed "take action to have ground rules for TRS operations in a SIGINT support to Military Operations Role incorporated in appropriate Command Operations Plans and NSA and Naval Security Group SIGINT Support Plans." This msg required to have JCS promulgate guidance to the other unified commands (CINCPAC, CINCSOUTH). Upon issuance by the JCS of a message similar to reference (a), D31 will initiate action with NSA planning representatives in these areas to amend the non-codeword format for the SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE appendix to the Intelligence Annex to the Command OPLANS and the amending of the SSPs in which the TRSs are cited as means of providing support to the command. Negotiations with CINCPAC (thru NSAPAC) based on ref (a) are being handled via separate message.			
CONCUR: P2, E. Scheck P02, Mr. [redacted] B, [redacted] G1, [redacted] A, Col Keller P04, [redacted] D31, [redacted] D32, [redacted] ADP, Mr. Mitchell		SHOWN TO: ADIRNSG, CDR Adkisson	P.I. 86-36
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DIRNSA

23 MAY 1967

TO: JCS/JRC

INFO: CNO  
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COMSEVRON EIGHT

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ADP/224-67

SUBJ: DIVERSION OF USS LIBERTY

DUE TO PRESENT MIDDLE EAST CRISIS REQUEST USS LIBERTY BE DIRECTED  
TO DEPART ABIDJAN IMMEDIATELY AND PROCEED AT BEST POSS SOA TO ROTA  
SPAIN TO PICK UP TECH SUPPORT MATERIAL/PERSONNEL, THENCE PROCEED TO  
OP AREA OFF PORT SAID. TASKING AND SPECIFIC AREAS WILL BE FWD ASAP

CONCUR: G MR Raven  
P04 [redacted]

SHOWN TO: ADNSG *[Signature]*

M/R: THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS RESULTED IN NSA  
DECLARING A SIGHT READINESS BRAVO. IN ORDER TO AUGMENT COVERAGE  
IN THE AREA, THE DIVERSION OF THE USS LIBERTY (USN-855) IS CON-  
SIDERED A NECESSARY COURSE OF ACTION IN VIEW OF THE LIBERTY'S EX-  
CELLENT COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND REPORTING CAPABILITIES AND HER  
ABILITY TO REMAIN ON STATION FOR EXTENDED PERIODS. USNS VALDEZ  
WILL BE DIRECTED TO LEAVE ALL AVAILABLE ME TECH SUPPORT AT ROTA,  
SPAIN [redacted] WHEN SHE MAKES A SCHEDULED CALL O/A 24/25 MAY.

THE DIVERSION OF THE LIBERTY WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF [redacted]  
[redacted] COVERAGE FOR THE REAMINDER OF THE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED  
CRUISE DUE TO TERMINATE 25 AUG 67. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE POTEN-  
TIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE MEX THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED AN ACCEPTABLE LOSS.

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S E C R E T S A V I N			
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COMINT COMMSG NR 20			
INTERIM TASKING FOR USN-855			
<p>I. GENERAL GUIDANCE: THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES TASKING FOR USN-855 UPON DEPARTURE ROTA, SPAIN, ON OR ABOUT 01 JUNE 1967. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS DEPLOYMENT, ALL PREVIOUS TASKING ASSIGNMENTS ARE SUSPENDED. THIS ASSIGNMENT IS AN INTERIM TASK AND WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED WHEN PLATFORM IS WITHIN HEARABILITY RANGE OF UAR TARGETS.</p> <p>DESIRE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS INTERIM TASKING ONLY AND IS NOT TO DELAY OR DIVERT THE PLATFORM FROM ARRIVING ON STATION IN EASTERN MED. DUE TO SOA OF PLATFORM NO ATTEMPT IS MADE TO REGULATE EMPHASIS OF TARGET COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, THE DELEGATED TASKS ARE LISTED IN GEOGRAPHICAL SEQUENCE AND EMPHASIS SHOULD BE BLENDED FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER AS HEARABILITY DICTATES.</p> <p>II. RECAP OF <del>DELEGATED</del> TASKS TASKED DURING THIS CRUISE:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TAB P</p>			
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SHOWN TO ADNSG: CTGS SCHAEFER

M/R: ROUTINE TASKING FOR USN-855 TRANSIT FROM POTA TO PORT SAID OP AREA. SUBMITTED BY G694

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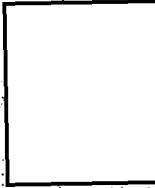
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2 JUNE 67

TO: USN-855

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DATE: 29 MAY 67 INFO:

TO: CINCLANT  
USCINCEUR

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CINCUSNAVEUR  
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COMSIXTHFLT  
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USS LIBERTY  
DIRNSA  
DIRNAVSECGRU  
ASSTDIRNAVSECGRU  
DIRNAVSECGRULANT  
DIRNAVSECGRUEUR

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JCS 6499 J3 SENDS.

SUBJECT: USS LIBERTY (U)

1. -(C) FOR CINCLANT: UPON PASSING SEA BUOY INBOUND ROTA O/A 31 MAY REQUEST CHOP LIBERTY OPCON USCINCEUR.
2. -(C) FOR USCINCEUR: UOPN ASSUMING OPCON REQUEST.. MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR EXTENDED DEPLOYMENT EASTERN MED.

WILL PASS SKED ASAP. -SP#

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ADP/242-67

REF MY 231729Z ADP/224/67 (NOTAL)

1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL AREAS FOR THE USS LIBERTY OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AS FOLLOWS (COORDINATES ARE OUTER LIMITS OF OPERATIONAL AREA):

OP AREA NR 1	32:00N - 29:00 TO 31:00 E
OP AREA NR 2	32:00N - 31:00 TO 33:00E
OP AREA NR 3	32:00N - 33:00 TO 34:00E
OP AREA NR 4	32:00N - 34:00E TO A POINT 33:00N - 34:30E
OP AREA NR 5	33:00N - 34:30E TO A POINT 36:00N - 35:00E

2. REQUEST USS LIBERTY OPERATE IN PROPOSED OPERATIONAL AREA NR 3 UNTIL FURTHER NOTIFIED. POINTS ABOVE AND ACTUAL OPERATING AREAS, INCLUDING CPA SHOULD BE ADJUSTED AS NECESSARY FOR OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY REASONS

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86-36M/R: REF REQUESTED JCS/JRC TO DIVERT U33 LIBERTY FROM ABIDJAN  
AFRICA TO EASTERN MED. MESSAGE INFORMED JCS/JRC SPEIFIC OP AREA  
WILL BE FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL WHEN DETERMINED BY AN OPTICAL ELE-  
MENTS (G GROUP).

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 CTF 64 DIRNAVSECGRULANT  
 USS LIBERTY DIRNAVSECGRUEUR

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JCS 6724 J-3 SENDS

SUBJ: USS LIBERTY SKED (U)

REF DIRNSA G/104/311906Z MAY (NOTAL-BOM)

1. (S) WHEN RFS REQUEST SAIL LIBERTY IAW FOLLOWING

SKED:

- A. JUN DEPART ROTA.
- B. 2-8 JUN. ENTRROUTE VIA GIBRALTAR STRAIT CPA AS  
SAFE NAV PERMITS. THAN VIA NORTHERN AFRICA COASTAL  
ROUTE TO POSIT 32-00N 33-00E. CPA MOROCCO MALTA  
3 NM CLAIMED DIST 3 NM. CPA SPAIN TUNISIA SARDINIA  
SICILY CRETE 7 NM CLAIMED DIST 6 NM. CPA ALGERIA  
LIBYA UAR 13 NM CLAIMED DIST 12 NM.
- C. 9-30 JUN. CONDUCT OPS SOUTH OF 32-00N AND  
BETWEEN 33-00E AND 34-00E. WHILE CONDUCTING OPS CPA UAR  
12.5 NM CPA ISRAEL 6.5 NM

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2. (U) REQUEST JCS (JRC) CNO CINLANT (JRC)  
CINCLANTFLT BE INCLUDED AS INKO ADDRESSES ON ALL MOVREPS,  
DAILY SITREPS AND INCIDENT REPORTS.
3. (U) ENROUTE TECH TASKING IAW REF.
4. (U) PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING JULY AKED FOLLOW.

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 USS LIBERTY  
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USS LIBERTY OPERATIONAL CONTROL (U)

USCINCEUR FOR JRC, JCS FOR JRC, CINCLANT FOR JRC

A. MY 311750Z MAY 67 (LIBERTY MOVORD 7-67, WITH CH-1)

B. MY 031016Z JUN 67

C. USS LIBERTY 021330Z JUN 67 (MOVREP)

D. JCS 011545Z JUN 67 (USS LIBERTY SKED)

E. USS LIBERTY 022108Z JUN 67

I. FOR COMSIXTHFLT. TO FACILITATE AREA COMMAND AND

CONTROL AND ANY POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT FOR PROTECTION DURING

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<p>MIDEAST HOSTILITIES, USS LIBERTY WILL BE CHOPPED TO COMSIXTHFLT          AT 070001Z JUN 67. OPERATE LIBERTY IAW REF D TO DERIVE MAXIMUM          BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL CAPABILITIES. REF D MAY BE MODIFIED FOR          SAFETY REASONS AS DICTATED BY THE LOCAL SITUATION.</p> <p>A. REQUEST CHANGE PIM REPORTS (REFS A AND B) TO AS          OF 1800Z, CHANGE PRECEDENCE TO IMMEDIATE AND CHANGE          ADDEE FOR USCIUSCINCEUR TO USCINCEUR FOR JRC.</p> <p>2. FOR USS LIBERTY, CHOP TO COMSIXTHFLT AT 070001Z          BY MESSAGE.</p> <p>A. PIM REPORT NOT RECEIVED SINCE REF E.</p> <p><del>GP-3</del></p> <p>L23 NOTE: REF "C" IS AGI 41075          REF "D" - UNABLE TO LOCATE L23          REF "E" IS AGI 40957</p>			
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USS LIBERTY OPERATIONAL CONTROL

- A. CINCUSNAVEUR 061357Z JUN 67 NOTAL
- B. JCS 011545Z JUN 67 NOTALB
- C. SLINCUSNAVEUR 311750Z MAY 67 (MOVORD 7-67) NOTAL
- D. CINCUSNAVEUR 011305Z JUN 67 NOTAL
- E. COMSIXTHFLT OPORD 1-66 NOTAL
- F. CINCUSNAVEURINST P03120.5B NOTAL
- 1. UPON CHOP TO COMSIXTHFLT AT 070001Z, CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW REF B, C AND D.
- 2. IN VIEW PRESENT ARAB/ISRAELI SITUATION AND UNPREDICTABILITY OF WAR ACTIONS, MAINTAIN A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE AGAINST ATTACK OR THREAT OF ATTACK. REPORT BY FLASH PRECEDENCE ANY THREATENING OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST YOU OR ANY

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VERSION FROM SCHEDULE NECESSITATED BY EXTERNAL THREAT.			
IF LOCAL SITUATION DICTATES CHANGE IN AREA OF OPS ASSIGNED BY REF B.			
3. KEEP COMSIXTHFLT AND CTF 63 INFORMED OF LOGISTIC NEEDS	SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE TO ENABLE ORDERLY LOGSUP PLANNING.	MAIL DELIVERY	
WILL BE ARRANGED IF FEASIBLE.			
4. INCLUDE COMSIXTHFLT AS INFO ADDEE ON REPORTS REQUIRED	BY PARA		
2 REF B AS MODIFIED BY REF C AND D.			
5. SUBMIT REPORTS OF CONTACT WITH SHIPS, AIRCRAFT AND SUBMARINES	WHICH ARE UNIDENT.	HOSTILE,	OF INTELL INTEREST OR ENGAGE IN
HARASSMENT, IAW REF F.			EMERGENCY PLAN CHARLIE NOW IN EFFECT IN
SIXTHFLT			
6. COMSIXTHFLT OPERATIONAL DOCUMENTS ON ALERTS, EMERG ACTIONS AND	NUCLEAR RELEASE	WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.	THEREFORE, ACTION IS NOT
REQUIRED ON NATIONAL EXERCISE AND DRILL MSGS IDENTIFIED BY FLAG			
WORD WHITE OR BLUE DELTA.			NO ACTION REQUIRED NATO EXERCISE MSGS.
IN EVENT OF ACTUAL ALERT OR OTHER EMERGENCY, COMSIXTHFLT WILL			
SEPARATELY DIRECT LIBERTY BY CLASSIFIED MSG.			
7. COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX CHARLIE REF E.			
A. COPY KR BROADCAST.	ADVISE IF CARDS AVAILABLE TO COPY	KRA BCST.	
B. IF PERMANENT TERMINATION REQUIRED WITH MED COMM STA			SUBMIT REQUEST IAW APPENDIX XVI TO ANNEX CHARLIE TO REF E.
C. ALTHOUGH NOT ASSIGNED TO TF 60 UTILIZE TF 60 TACTICAL			
CIRCUITS AS REQUIRED			
D. AUTHGRA TO ENTER SIXES ALFA AS REQUIRED.			

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**USS LIBERTY OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE CHANGES**

REF: A UR 011545Z (NOTAL)

B. MY 292013Z MAY, ADP/242 (NOTAL)

REQUEST INITIATE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO AMEND REF BRAVO TO REFLECT OPERATIONS IN OP AREA 2 AS DEFINED IN REF ALFA TO SATISFY TECH REQUIREMENTS

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CONCUR: GO4 LT. MCTIGHE  
PO4

SHOWN TO ADNSG: CTC MYHRVOLE

M/R G GROUP REQUESTED USS LIBERTY'S OPERATING AREA BE CHANGED FROM OP AREA 3 TO OP AREA 2 TO SATISFY TASKING REQUIREMENTS.

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TO: COMSIXTHFLT

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SITREP/POSIT

A. USCINCEUR 0614-0Z JUN 67 (NOTAL)

1. 070800Z POSIT 33-06N2 28-54E9. PIM 109/16.5 UNTIL 072300Z. THENCE STATIONARY WITHIN 30NM OF 31-45N3 33-30E9.
2. SUBSEQUENT PIM/SITREP WILL BE SUBMITTED AS OF 0800Z.

IN REF A. ~~GP 4~~

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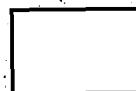
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SUBJ: USS LIBERTY (U)

FROM: JCS 6724/011545Z JUN 67

1. IN VIEW PRESENT SITUATION EAST MED, OPERATING AREA SPECIFIED REF FOR GUIDANCE ONLY AND MAY BE VARIED AS LOCAL CONDITIONS DICTATE.

2. CHANGE CPA UA TO 20 NM, ISRAEL 15 NM.

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TO: JCS

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A. COMSIXTHFLT 070626Z JUN 67

1. THIS AMPLIFIES REF A.

2. PRIOR TO 052015Z JUN 67 SIXTHFLT AIRCRAFT WERE ENGAGED IN NORMAL TRAINING OPERATIONS IN THE SEA OF CRETE AND SOUTH OF THE WESTERN END OF CRETE. NO AIR OPERATIONS WERE AUTHORIZED EAST OF LAT 30°E OR WITHIN 100 MILES OF THE EGYPTIAN COAST. THESE RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED A MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE FOR AIRCRAFT TO THE COASTS OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA OF NO LESS THAN 240 MILES AND TO THE COAST OF EGYPT FROM ALEXANDRIA WEST OF NO LESS THAN 100 MILES. AT 052015Z JUN 67 THE OPERATING AREA FOR SIXTHFLT UNITS WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE EASTERN MED EXCEPT THAT NO OPERATIONS, EITHER SURFACE OR AIR, WERE PERMITTED WITHIN 10 MILES OF ISRAEL, SYRIA, OR EGYPT OR WITHIN 25 MILES OF CYPRUS.

3. ON 5 MAY BOTH CARRIERS WERE OPERATING IN POSITIONS WHICH WERE IN EXCESS OF 400 MILES FROM ISRAEL OR SINAI. FLIGHT OPERATIONS

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ON AMERICA WERE CONDUCTED FROM 0915Z UNTIL 1235Z AND ON SARATOGA FROM 0828Z UNTIL 1313Z. FLIGHT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AND WERE ROUTINE IN ALL ASPECTS. ON 6 JUN LIMITED UR OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE DAY FOR ROUTINE PURPOSES. NO NIGHT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY EITHER CARRIER.

4. ALL SIXTHFLT CVA PILOTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN AIR OPERATIONS ON 5 AND 6 JUN HAVE BEEN QUERIED CONCERNING THEIR TRACK LINES AND ANY VOICE COMMUNICATIONS EITHER TRANSMITTED OR RECEIVED. AT NO REPEAT NO TIME WERE THE AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN PARA 1. ABOVE VIOLATED, I.E., ON 5 JUN NO SIXTHFLT CVA AIRCRAFT APPROACHED THE ISRAEL OR SINAI COASTLINE CLOSER THAN 240 MILES AND ON 6 JUN NO SIXTHFLT CVA AIRCRAFT APPROACHED THE ISRAEL, SYRIA OR EGYPT COASTLINES CLOSER THAN 100 MILES. TRACKS FLOWN WERE ACTUALLY FARTHER FROM ISRAEL/SYRIA/EGYPT THAN THE ABOVE LIMITING FIGURES. DURING THESE FLIGHTS NO REPEAT NO SIXTHFLT PILOT EITHER TRANSMITTED OR RECEIVED ANY RADIO TRANSMISSIONS FROM STATIONS EITHER IN OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANY COUNTRY IN THE MIDEAST ENGAGED IN THE CURRENT CONFLICT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY RELAY. IN SHORT, ON 5 AND 6 JUN NO SIXTHFLT AIRCRAFT OVERLEW ISRAEL, SYRIA, OR EGYPT AND NO COMMUNICATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED BY SIXTHFLT PILOTS WITH ANY RADIO STATIONS CONTROLLED OR UTILIZED BY ANY OF THESE COUNTRIES.

5. NO FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 7 JUN FOR EITHER

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SARATOGA OR AMERICA. THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN PARA 1  
ABOVE CONTINUE IN EFFECT.

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JCS 7347 J3 SENDS.

SUBJ: USS LIBERTY (U)

REFS: A. JCS 7337/072230Z JUN 67

B. COMSIXTHFLT 071503Z JUN 67 (NOTAL)

1. (U) CANCEL REF A.

2. ~~(TQ)~~ REQ LIBERTY COMPLY NEW OP AREAS DEFINED RAST

SENTENCE PARA 2 REF B, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, I.E., NOT  
CLOSER THAN 100NM TO ISRAEL, SYRIA EGYPT AND 25NM TO CYPRUS.

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UNCLAS FLASH SITREP/06001/COMSIXTHFLT 081315Z JUN 67.			
ATTACK ON LIBERTY			
SITREP ONE			
1. AT 081252Z USS LIBERTY REPORTED UNDER ATTACK AT POSIT 31.23N 33.25E, WAS HIT BY TORPEDO AND WAS LISTING BADLY. ATTACK FORCES HEREBY DECLARED HOSTILE BY COMSIXTHFLT IAW CINCUSNAVEURINST P03120.5B. LIBERTY MESSAGE AUTHENTICATED.			
2. HAVE DIRECTED TF 60 TO PROCEED TOWARD SCENE. TASK FORCE 60 PRESENT POSIT 34.22N 24.28E.			
3. HAVE DIRECTED AMERICA TO LAUNCH FOUR ARMED A4'S AND SARATOGA TO LAUNCH FOUR ARMED A1'S WITH FIGHTER COVER TO DEFEND USS LIBERTY. PILOTS DIRECTED TO REMAIN CLEAR OF LAND. TANKERS ALSO WILL LAUNCH, WILL RELIEVED ON STATION.			
4. ETA FIRST ACFT ON SCENE ONE HOUR AND 30 MINS. AFTER LAUNCH. ESTIMATE LAUNCH AT 1345Z.			
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FOLLOWING MSG PASSED BY USS LIBERTY. "TO CNO INFO US CINCUSNAVEUR, JCS(JRC), CINCLANTFLT, COM SIXTH FLT, COMSERVLANT: QUOTE UNCLAS SIT FOL AIR ATTACK 1. AT 081205Z, WHILE SHIP ON COURSE 283 DEGREES, SPEED FIVE KNOTS POSITION 31 DEGREES, 8535.5 MINS NORTH, 33 DEGREES 29 MINS EAST SHIP ATTACKED BY UNIDENIFIED JET FIGHTERS, BELIEVED TO BE ISRAELI. APPROXIMATELY SIX STRAFFING RUNS MADE ON SHIP APPROX 081225Z THREE TORPEDO BOATS, ONE IDENT AS ISRAELI APPROACHED SHIP ON STARBOARD QUARTER AT HIGH SPEED. HULL NUMBER OF ONE BOAT 206-17. AT APPROX 081427Z TOOK TORPEDO BOAT UNDER FIRE BY 50 CAL MACHINE GUNS AT RANGE OF APPROX 2000 YARDS TORPEDO BOAT LAUNCHED TORPEDOS IN STRAFFING ATTACK. ONE TORPEDO PASSED APPROX 75 YARDS ASTERN. APPROX ONE MIN LATER SHIP SUSTAINED TORPEDO HIT STARBOARD SIDE. SHIP HAS TEN DEGREE STARBOARD LIST. WATER TIGHT BOUNDRIES ESTABLISHED AND HOLDING. AFTER ATTACK TORPEDO BOATS CLEARED TO EAST ABOUT FIVE MILES. CLEARING AREA AT TEN KNOTS.			
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PHOTOS OF AIRCRAFT AND BOATS TAKEN. AFTER  
ATTACK COMPLETED TWO ISRAELI HELICOPTERS ORBITTED SHIP.  
AT ABOUT 081255Z RANGE 500 YARDS. ISRAELI INSIGNIA  
CLEARLY VISIBLE, PHOTOS TAKEN. SEVERAL PROJECTILES HAVE  
BEEN RECOVERED FROM TOPSIDE AREAS. NUMBER DEAD EST TEN,  
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED EST ONE FIVE, TOTAL WOUNDED SEVEN FIVE,  
UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF MISSING.  
3. SHIP UNABLE TO CARRY OUT MISSION. WILL SUBMIT  
PERSONNEL CASREPS ASAP SEPARATELY.  
4. EXTENSIVE SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE TOPSIDE, LOWER DECK  
SPACES, FORWARD DESTROYED.  
5. COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES LIMITED. WILL PROVIDE FILM AND  
PROJECTILES RECOVERED AS DIRECTED.  
6. SHIP WILL REQUIRE DRY DOCKING AND EXTENSIVE  
REFITTING. UNQUOTE. THIS STATION MONITORING SIXTH FLEET COMMO.

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