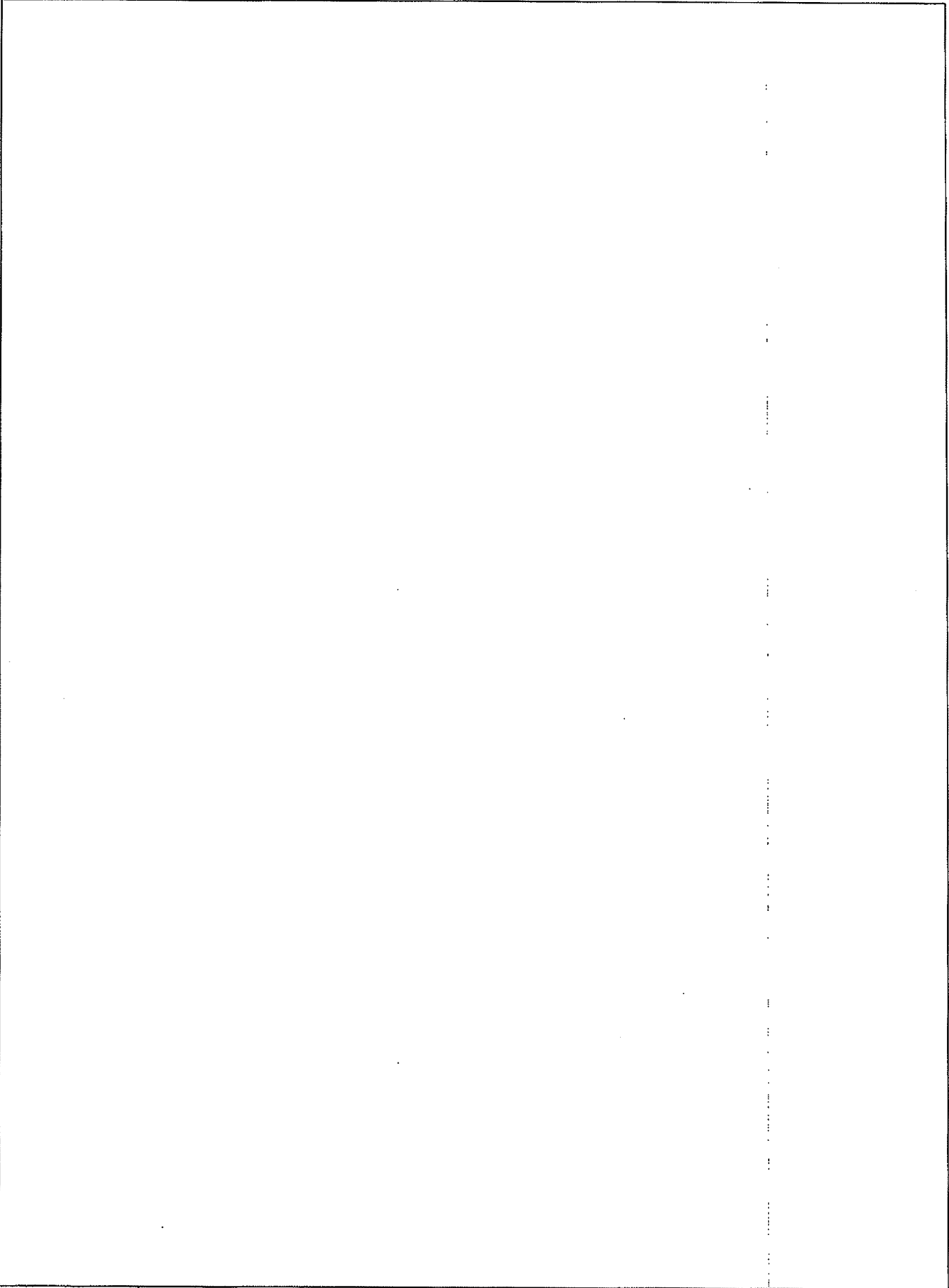
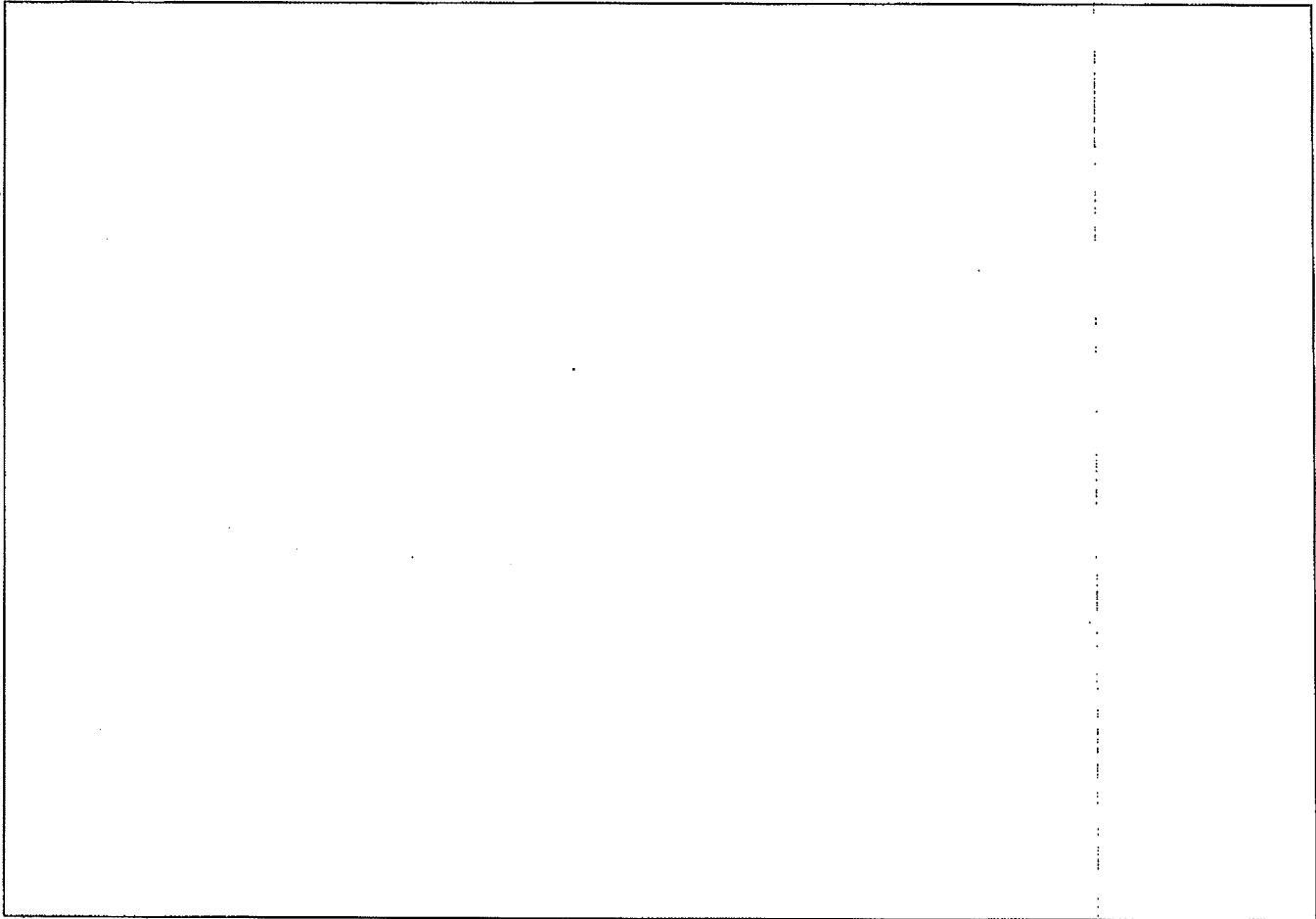


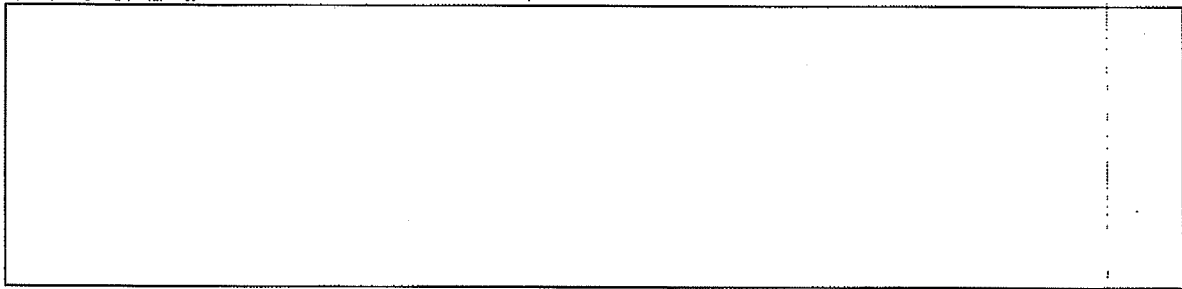
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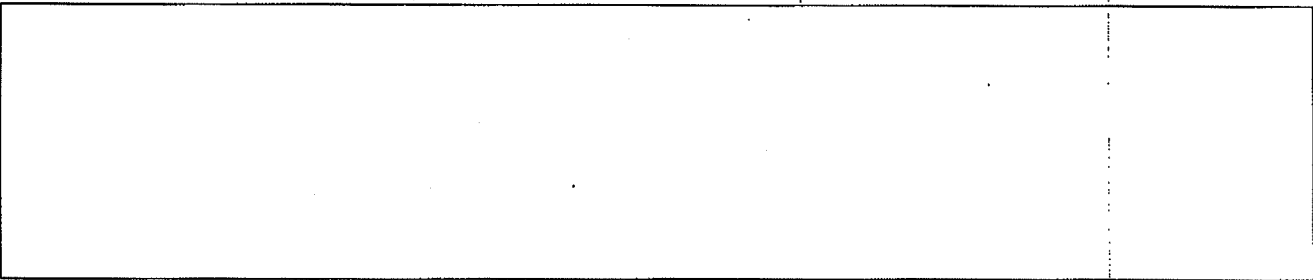
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REF: NONE

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[REDACTED]

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF CURRENT PLANS AND PREPARATIONS TO PROVIDE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUPPORT FOR INTERROGATION OF ((ABU ZUBAYDAH)) (AZ).

[REDACTED]

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE RECENT DOWNTURN IN AZ'S HEALTH, THIS PLAN MAY BE DELAYED OR CHANGED.

3. HEADQUARTERS IS ASSEMBLING [REDACTED] PERSONNEL TO INCLUDE SUBSTANTIVE EXPERT, LINGUIST, INTERROGATION SPECIALISTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY PERSONNEL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. SUBSTANTIVE EXPERTS: CTC/UBL [REDACTED] OFFICER

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CTC [REDACTED] OFFICER [REDACTED] WILL PROVIDE LINGUISTIC SUPPORT.

5. INTERROGATION SPECIALISTS: [REDACTED] OFFICE OF SECURITY AND [REDACTED] OTS [REDACTED] OFFICERS WHO HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN INTERROGATION [REDACTED]. EACH HAS EMPLOYED ESTABLISHED INTERROGATION METHODOLOGIES WITH SUCCESS. IDEA IS TO SEND BOTH AS WELL AS A PSYCHOLOGIST OR PSYCHIATRIST TO DEVELOP THE BEST STRATEGY POSSIBLE WITH [REDACTED]. SEPARATE CABLE FOLLOWS.

[REDACTED]

7. SECURITY: IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT AZ BE CONFINED AND RESTRAINED APPROPRIATELY TO ENSURE THAT HE DOES NOT POSE A THREAT TO HIMSELF OR TO ANYONE ELSE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

THESE OFFICERS WILL CONTROL THE "DETAINEE" DURING ANY MOVEMENT INTERNAL TO THE BUILDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8. AUDIO/VIDEO COVERAGE: INTENT IS TO CONFIGURE AZ'S

[REDACTED]

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HOLDING ROOM/CELL WITH AUDIO/VIDEO COVERAGE TO MONITOR HIM WHEN ALONE TO INCLUDE DURING DARKNESS; TO SUPPORT/MONITOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERROGATIONS; TO RECORD INTERROGATIONS; AND TO ENSURE PHYSICAL SECURITY AT ALL TIMES.

[REDACTED]

11. COMMAND AND CONTROL: STATION [REDACTED] REPRESENTATIVE IS OVERALL RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES AT [REDACTED] CTC PRIMARY INTERROGATOR [REDACTED] IS IN CHARGE OF AND RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE INTERROGATION OF AZ. HQS EXPECTS THAT ALL [REDACTED] PERSONNEL TO FOLLOW [REDACTED] DIRECTION. REALIZE THERE IS A LOT OF EXPERTISE ON THE GROUND, BUT FOR THIS MISSION TO SUCCEED, [REDACTED] NEEDS TO SUPPORT [REDACTED] AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY.

12. OPSEC: AS STATION IS AWARE, MEDIA HAS REPORTED [REDACTED] CAPTURE OF AZ. WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW INTENSE MEDIA COVERAGE/PRESSURE MIGHT BECOME. AT A CERTAIN POINT, USG MAY FEEL COMPELLED TO ISSUE A PUBLIC RESPONSE TO MEDIA/OTHER QUERIES.

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031227Z DIRECTOR [Redacted]

TO: [Redacted]

FROM: [Redacted]

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - COS: INTERROGATION STRATEGY FOR ABU ZUBAYDAH

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: FYI - CURRENT PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR THE INTERROGATION OF ABU ZUBAYDAH.

2. CTC HAD A MEETING THIS MORNING WITH SEVERAL SENIOR OPERATIONAL AND SECURITY INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP AN INTERROGATION STRATEGY FOR ABU ZUBAYDAH THAT WILL BE SPELLED OUT IN THIS CABLE.

A [Redacted] TEAM COMPRISED OF [Redacted] OPERATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST; [Redacted] OFFICE OF SECURITY [Redacted] [Redacted] AND AN OTS [Redacted] RESEARCH CONTRACT PSYCHOLOGIST [Redacted] WHO HAS EXTENSIVE MILITARY BACKGROUND IN INTERROGATION [Redacted] [Redacted] TO ASSIST STATION AND [Redacted]

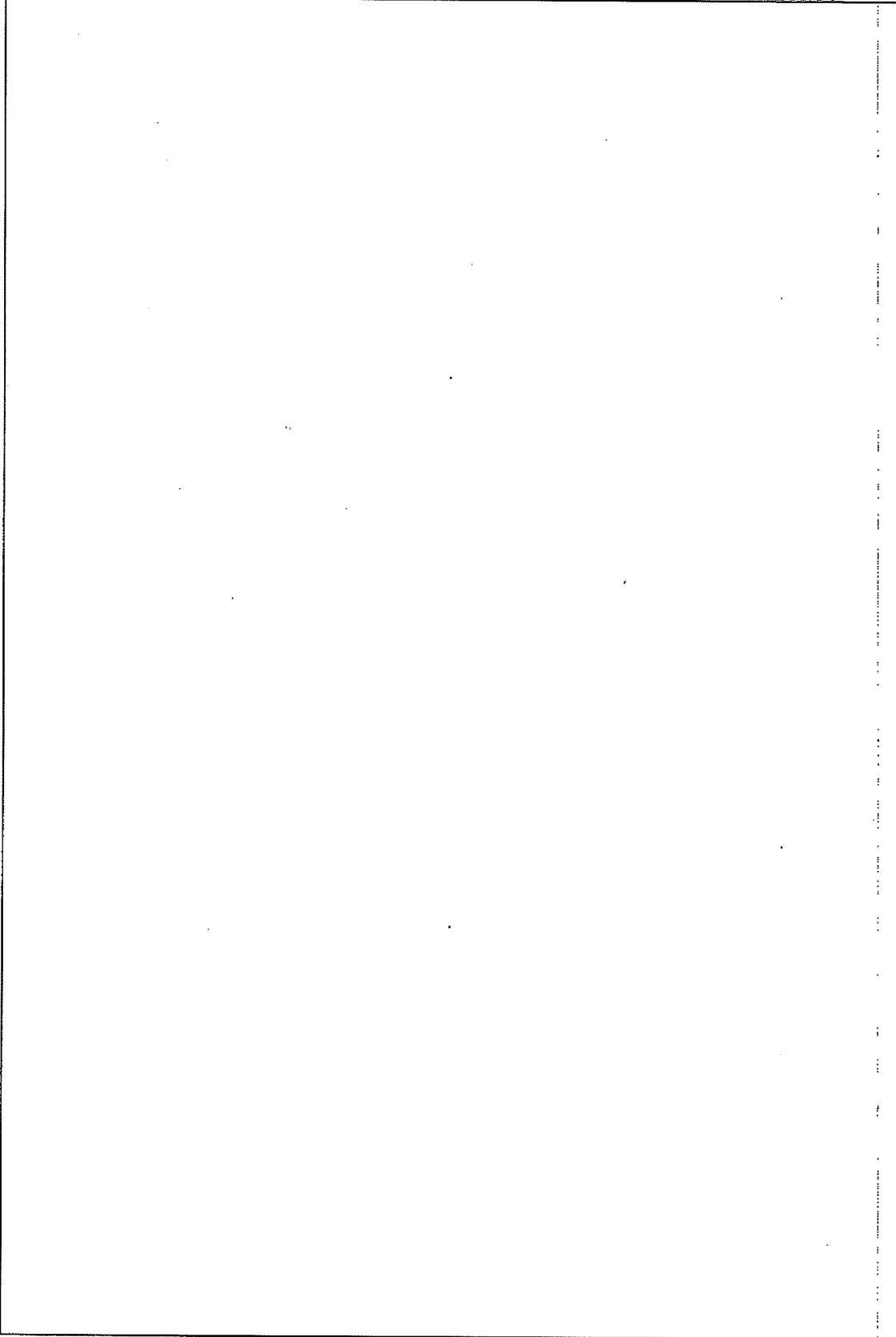
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[Redacted] IN THE PLANNING OF THE UPCOMING INTERROGATION. BEING THAT ZUBAYDAH IS A SENIOR AL-QA'IDA MEMBER WHO HAS A LONG HISTORY OF COMMITMENT TO AL-QA'IDA AND HAS LIKELY RECEIVED SOME OR A LOT OF COUNTER-INTERROGATION TRAINING, THE PROPOSAL PUT FORTH TAKES THE LIKELY PREMISES THAT THE COMPLETE INTERROGATION OF ZUBAYDAH COULD TAKE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND RESOURCE. MORE THAN LIKELY ZUBAYDAH WILL DIVULGE RELEVANT INFORMATION IN SPURTS FOLLOWED BY PERIODS OF SLOW PROGRESS UNTIL ANOTHER LEVEL OF DISCLOSURE IS OBTAINED. ZUBAYDAH WILL LIKELY ASSUME THAT WE WILL TRY TO BUILD A LEGAL CASE AGAINST HIM SO THAT HE CAN BE TRIED IN A COURT OF LAW

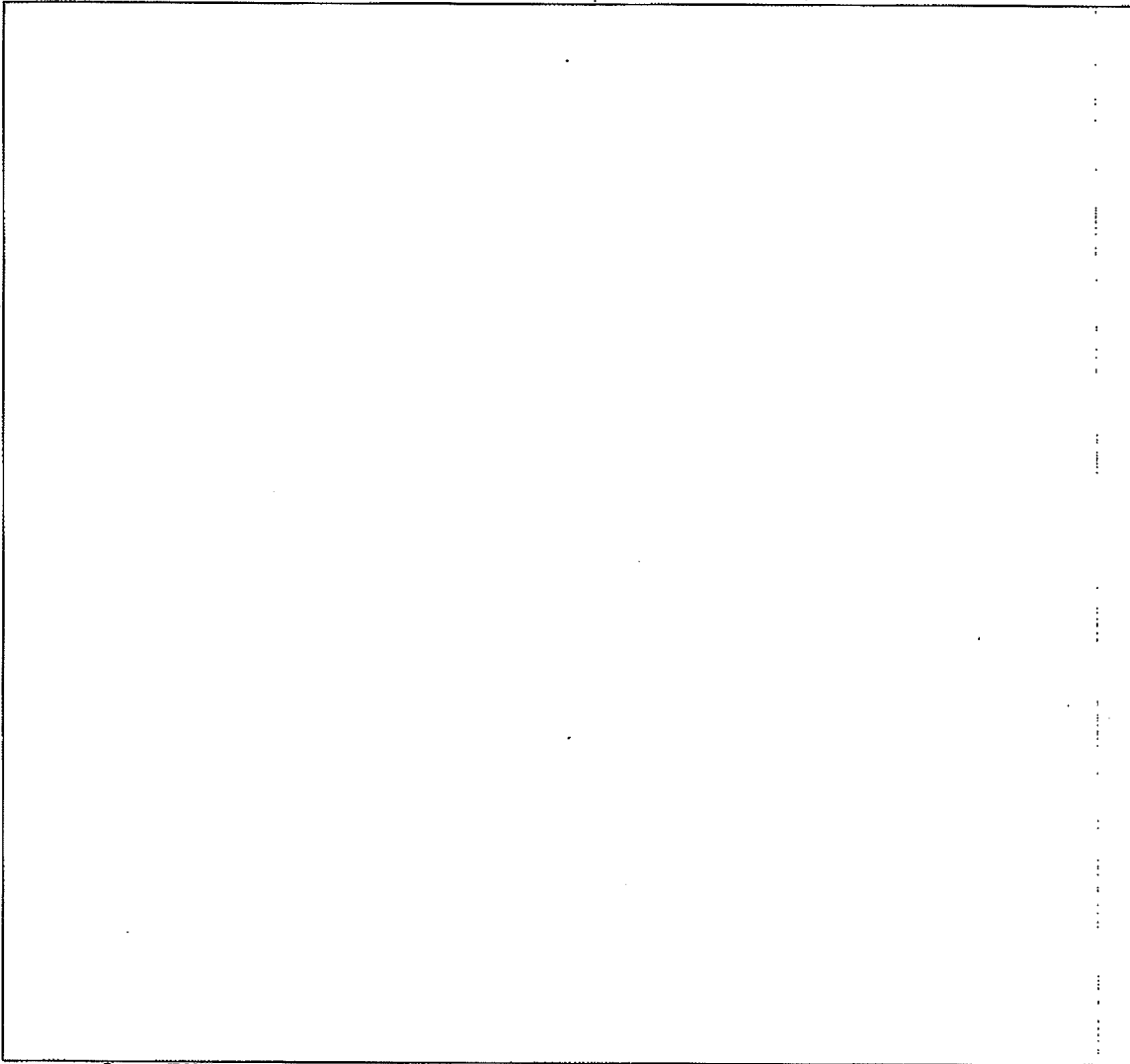
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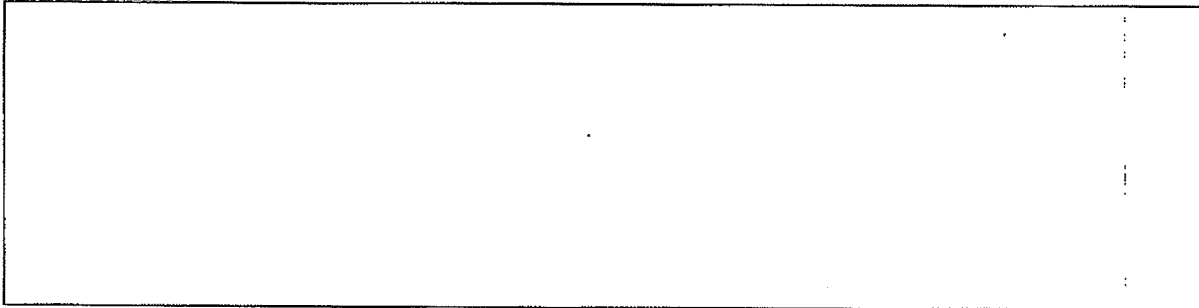
AND THAT WE MAY RESORT TO PHYSICAL TORTURE TO GET REVELATIONS.



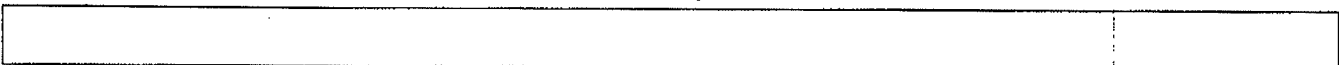
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8. THE FULL STRATEGIC INTERROGATION PROCESS WILL BE FURTHER LAID OUT IN THE COMING DAYS. GIVEN THAT ZUBAYDAH IS A STRONG BELIEVER IN AL-QA'IDA, THE PROCESS MAY TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT MONTHS ARE IN THE OFFING THAN WEEKS. SINCE SUICIDE IS ALWAYS A CONCERN IN ANY TYPE OF DETAINMENT, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT 24 HOUR [REDACTED] VIDEO TAPING AND MONITORING BE CONDUCTED.

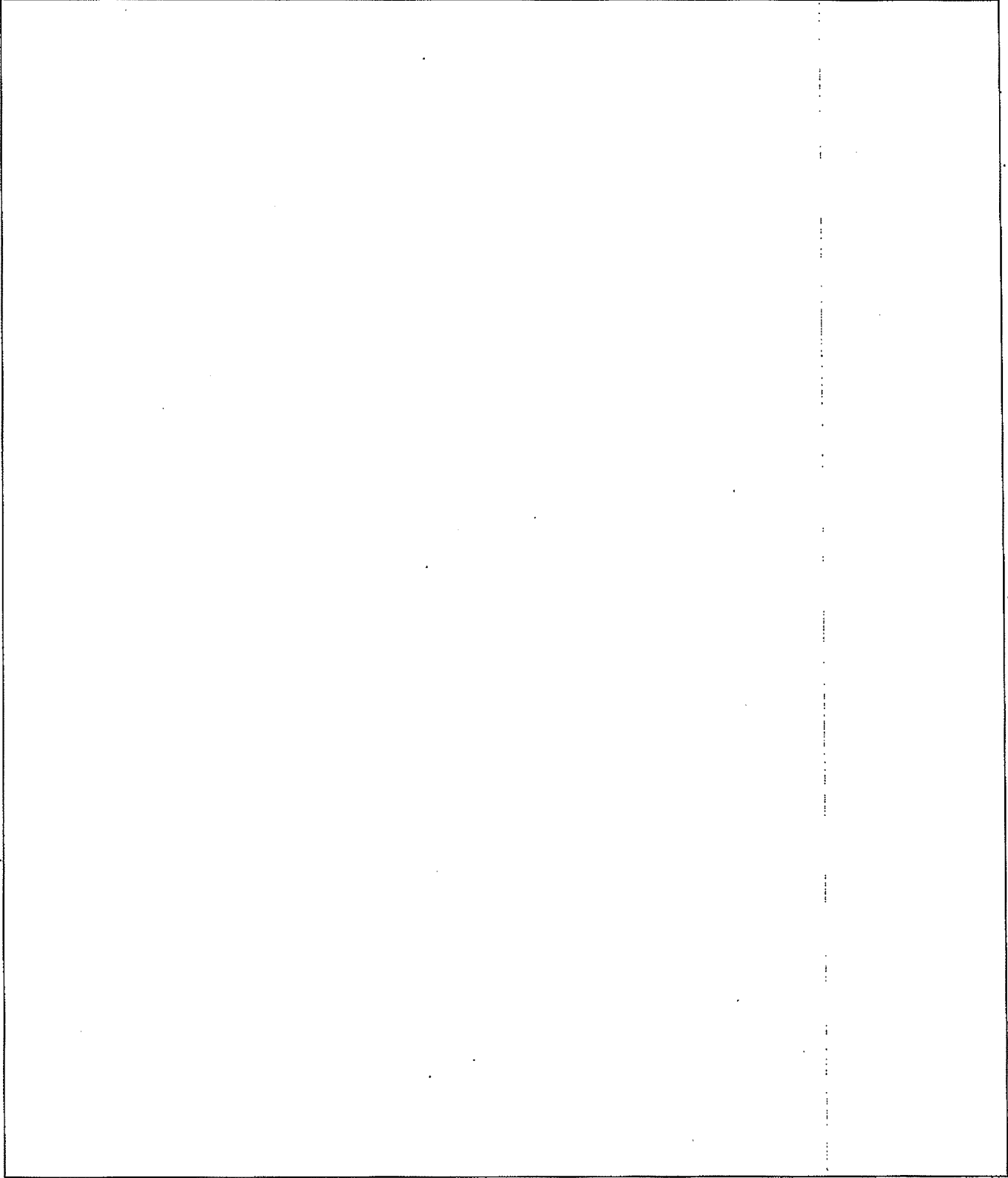


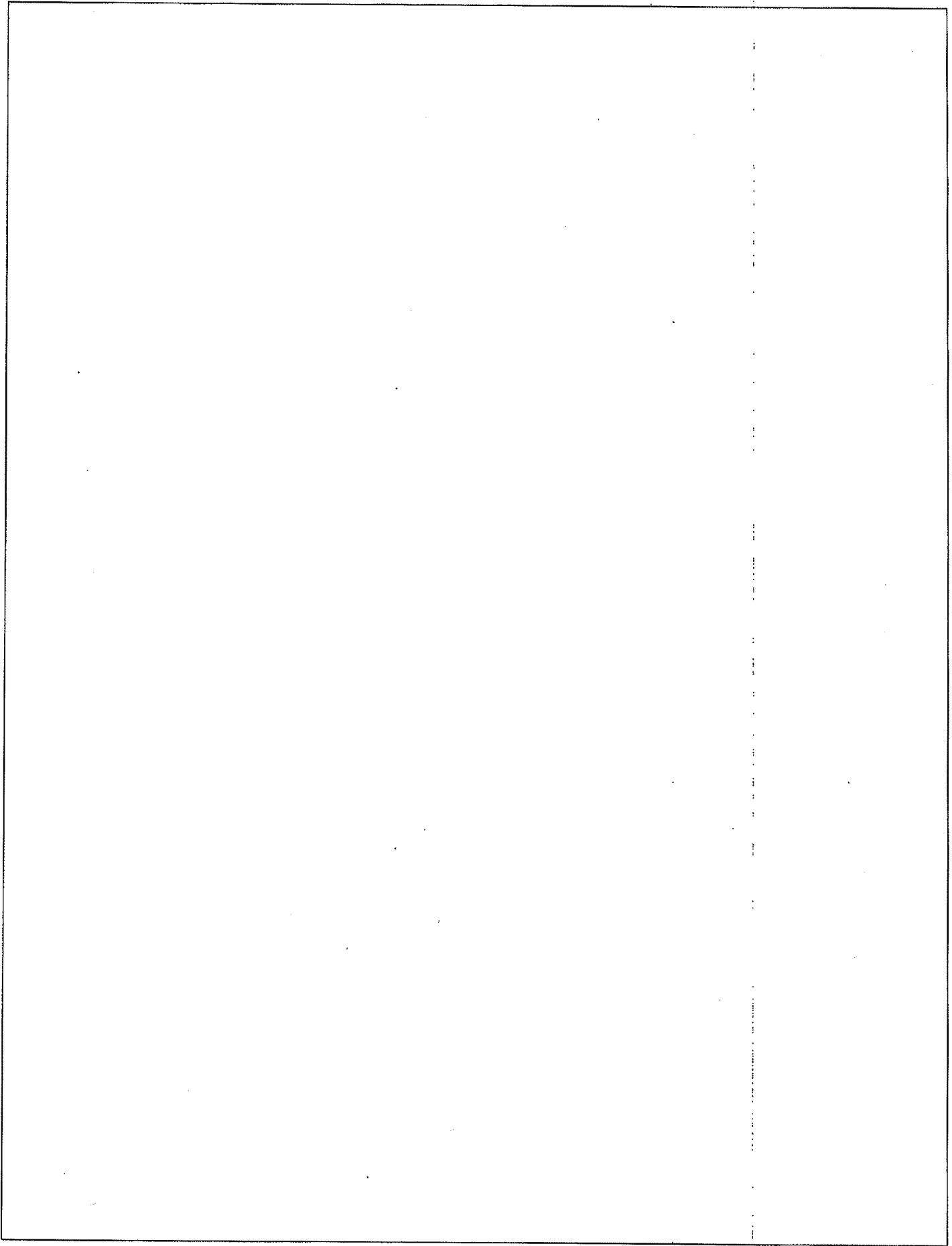
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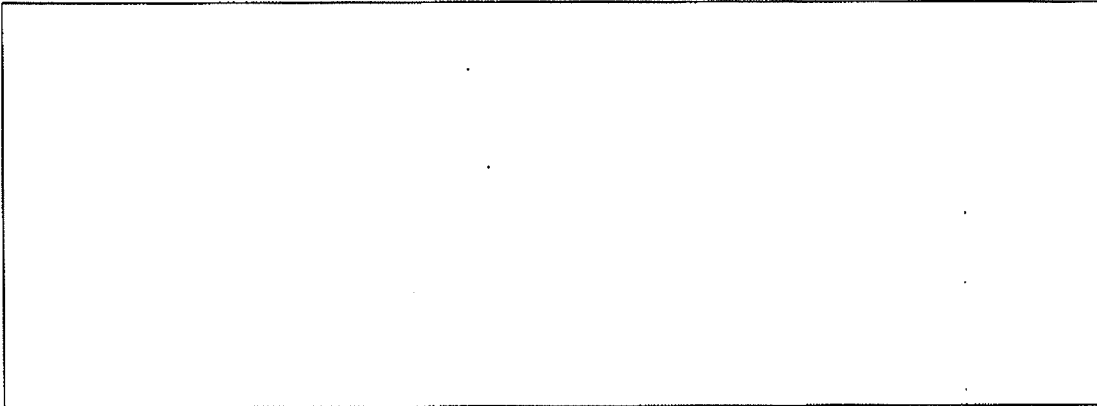
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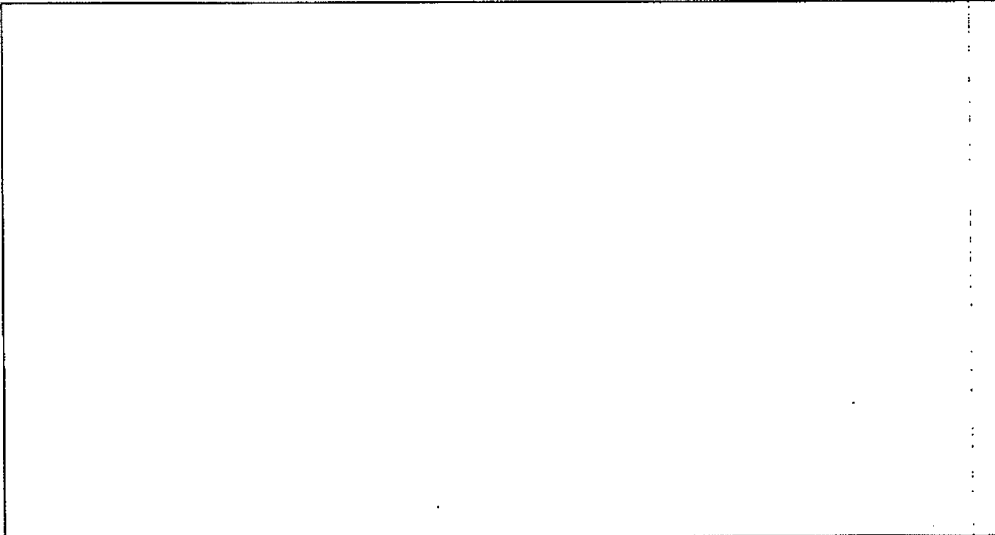
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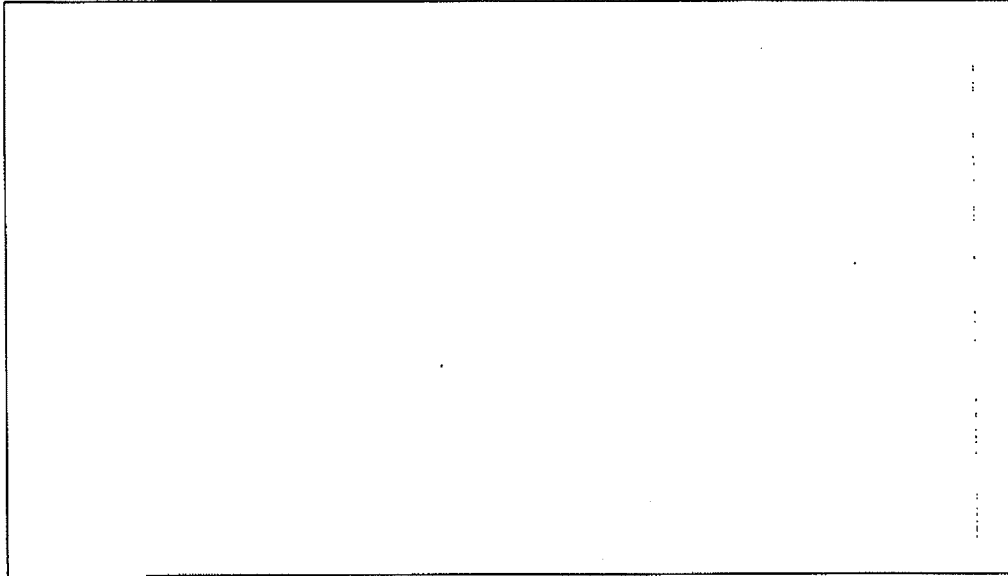
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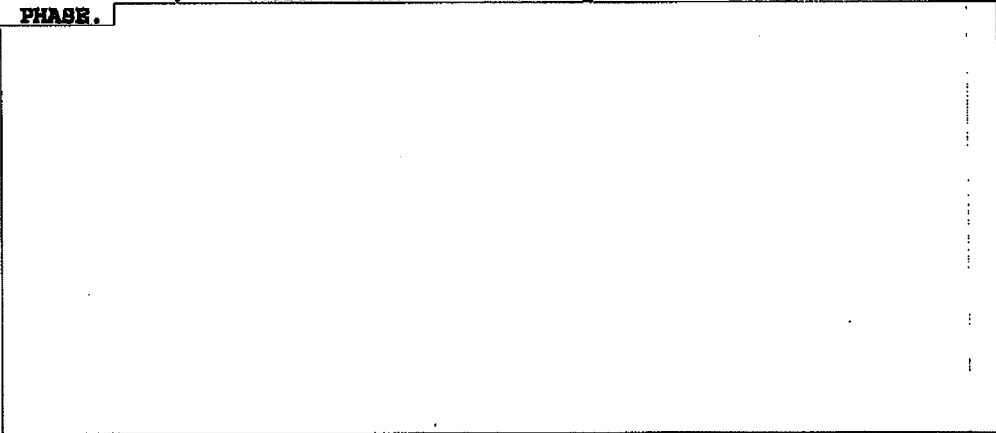


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