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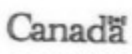
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

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AD HOC CLASSIFIED BRIEFINGS

(For Information)

SUMMARY

- o [redacted] Intelligence details alleged foreign interference activities in Canada [redacted] directed at *opposition parties*. The intelligence reports are enclosed at **Tab A** and **B**.
- o Given the serious nature of the allegations, the Privy Council Office (PCO) is working with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) to develop TOP SECRET level briefings *for opposition parties* [redacted] on the intelligence.
- o In May 2023, you had offered to initiate security clearances for the Leaders of the major federal parties (Bloc Québécois (BQ), CPC, Green Party and NDP) to enable the Party Leaders to view the classified annex of the first report of the Independent Special Rapporteur. The Leaders of the Green Party and the NDP accepted the offer, while the other Leaders publicly stated that they would refuse the offer.
- o [redacted]
- o Separately, PCO will share with you a protocol to govern the provision of regular classified briefings to recognized parties in the House of Commons (i.e., BQ, CPC and NDP) as well as the Green Party (as an exception).

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TOP SECRET// //CEO**Background**

- During the 26 April 2024 meeting of the Deputy Minister Committee for Intelligence Response (DMCIR), deputy heads recommended that classified briefings be provided *to the leaders of opposition parties*

- The intelligence indicates that:

a foreign state is interested in influencing political processes

- And that:

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- Tailored products will be developed to support briefing the Leaders. however CSIS will develop briefings at the TOP SECRET level, which will allow the briefed parties to identify and, if appropriate, take action. PCO will share the details of the briefing packages with your office.
- Given that classified information will not be sharable by the Leaders to others within their party, PCO and CSIS will work with the Leaders to identify what information can be shared and how the parties might address any identified issues in a way that does not jeopardize intelligence sources.
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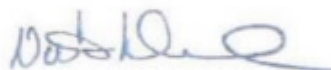
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TOP SECRET////CEO**PCO Comment**

- o PCO notes that the intelligence that will be briefed
 briefing party Leaders on these issues could allow the parties themselves to identify the issues and take any necessary action to address them.
- o PCO further notes that an ad hoc approach to sharing intelligence, may not provide the most effective mechanism to counter national security threats. In parallel with developing a process for regular classified briefings to the major federal party Leaders, PCO will work with Public Safety Canada and the Security and Intelligence community to identify the most appropriate mechanisms of sharing similar intelligence in future cases.



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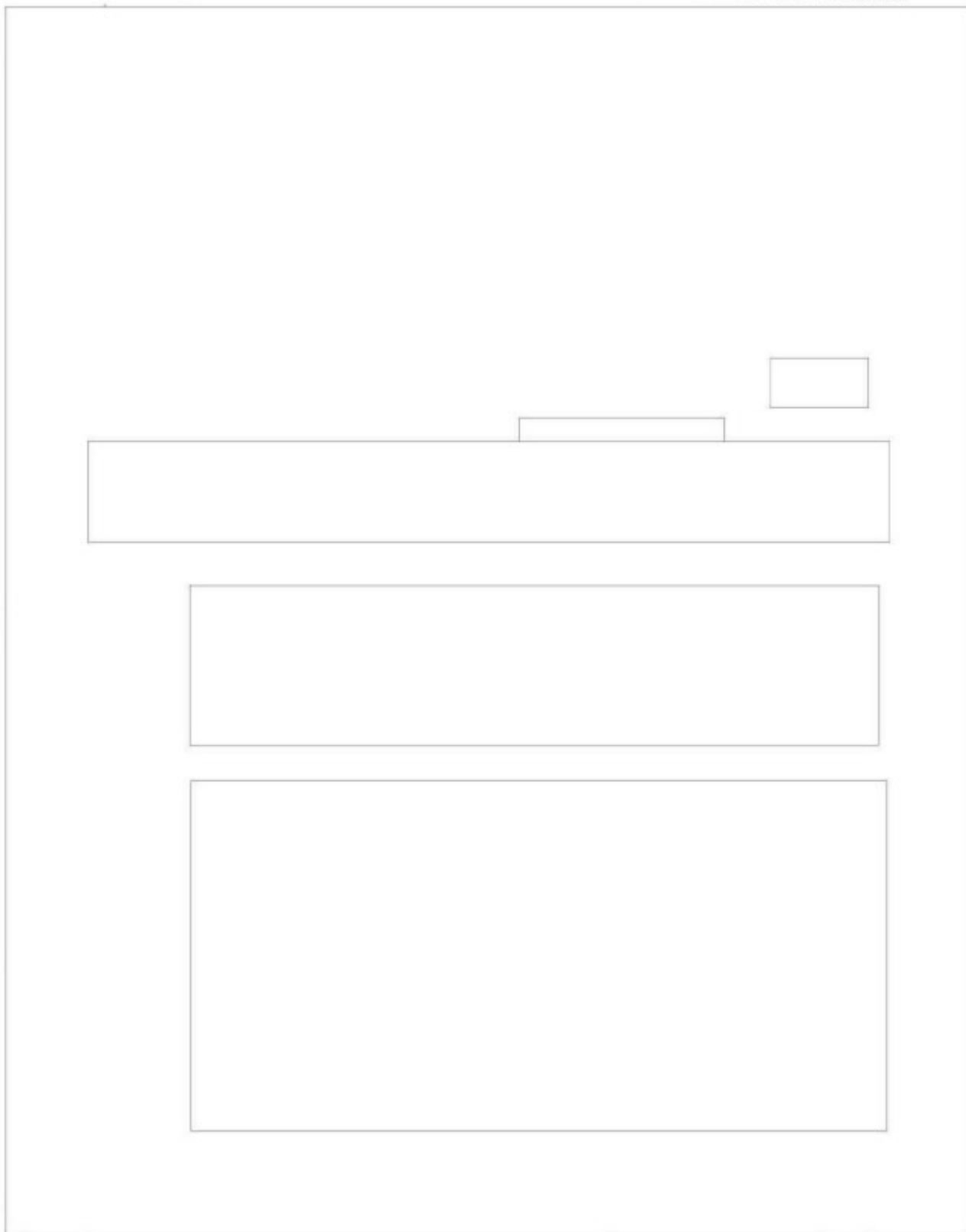
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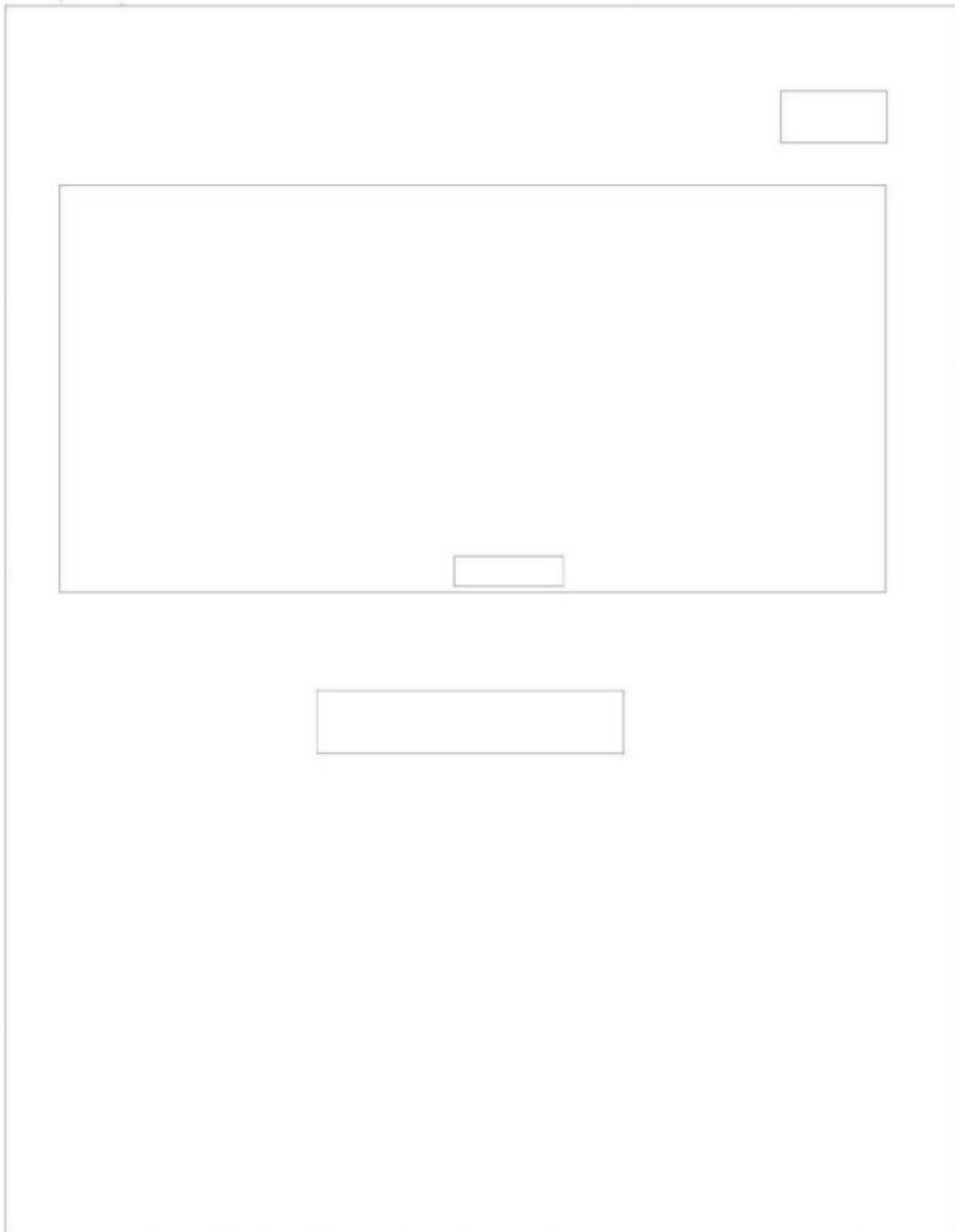
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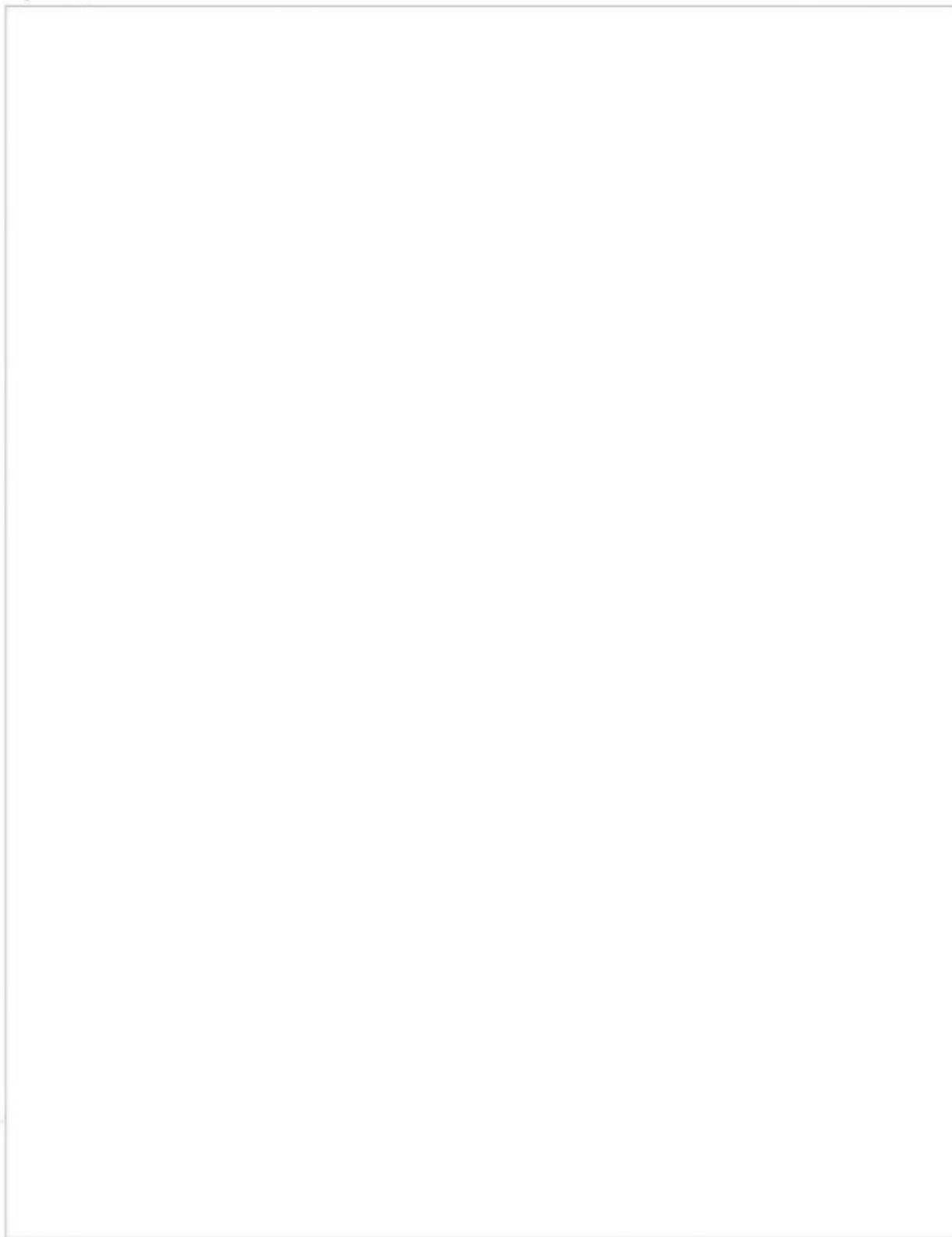
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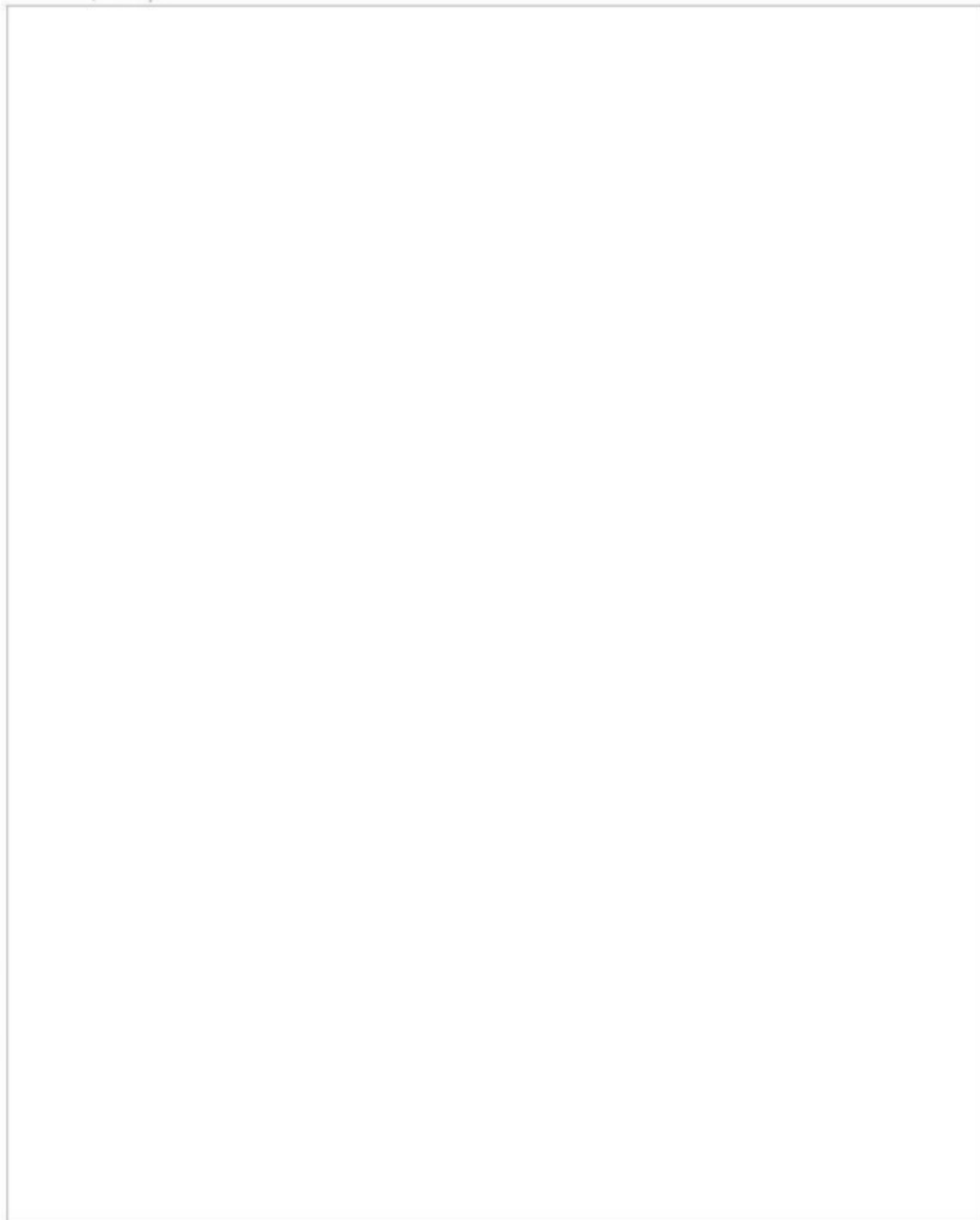
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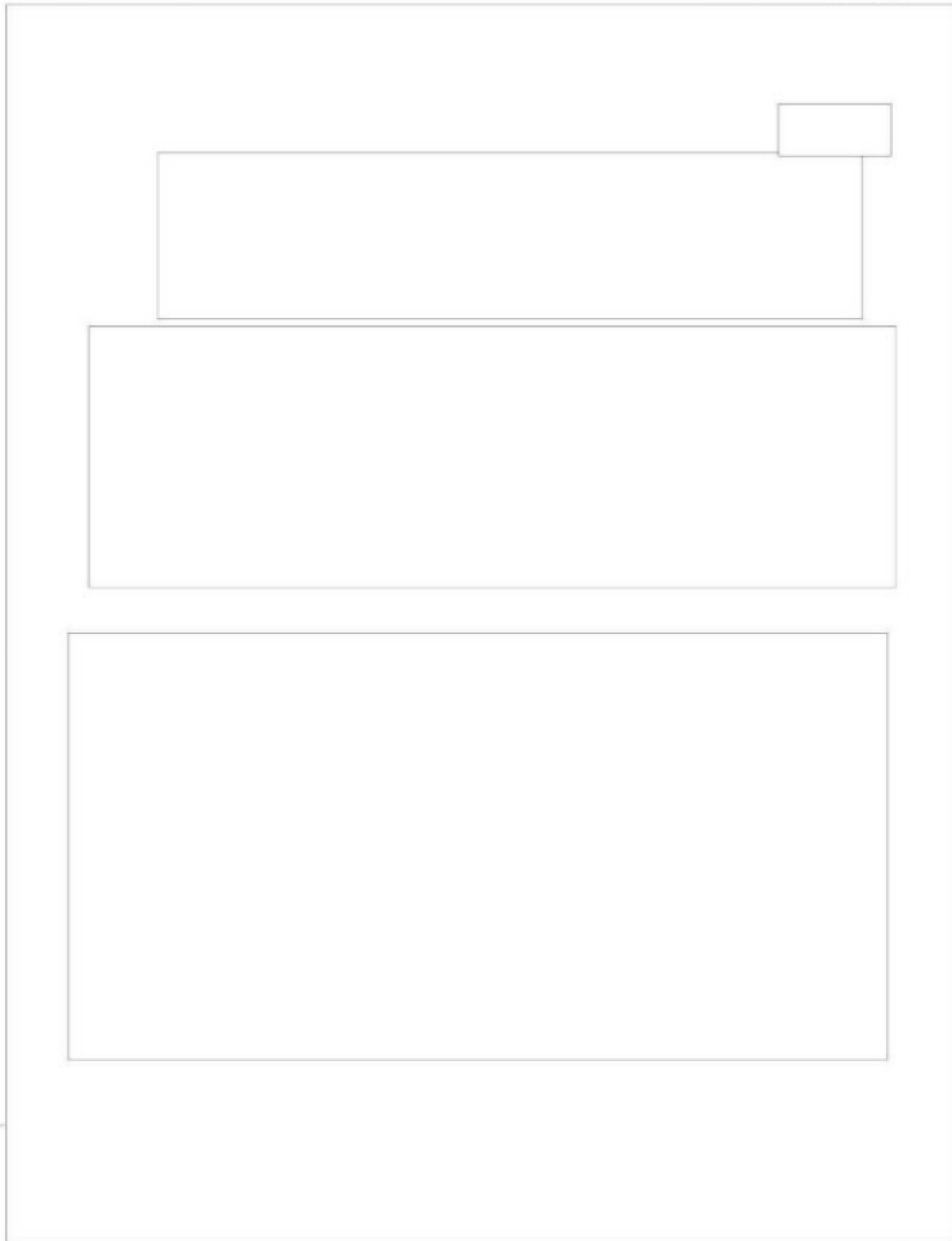
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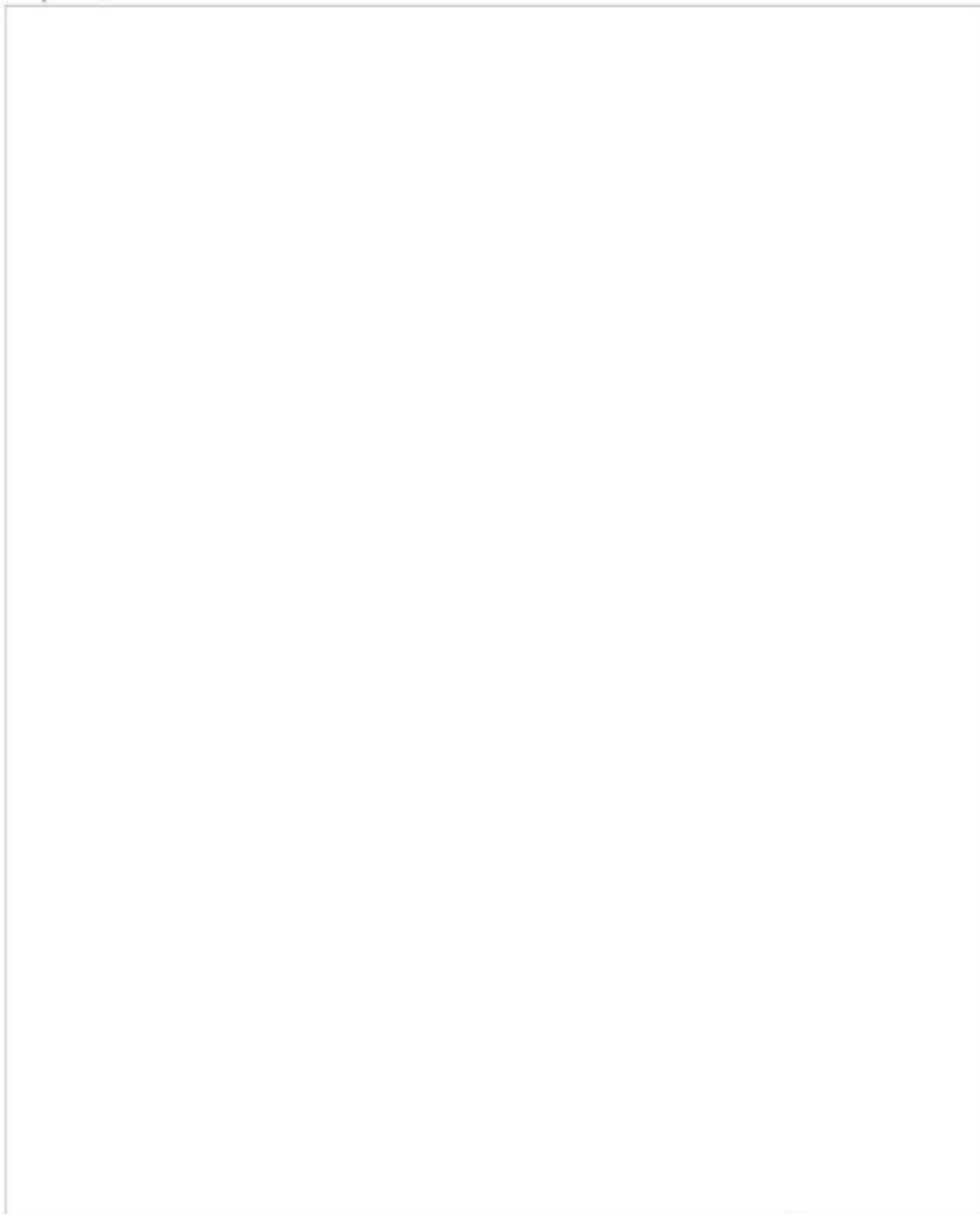
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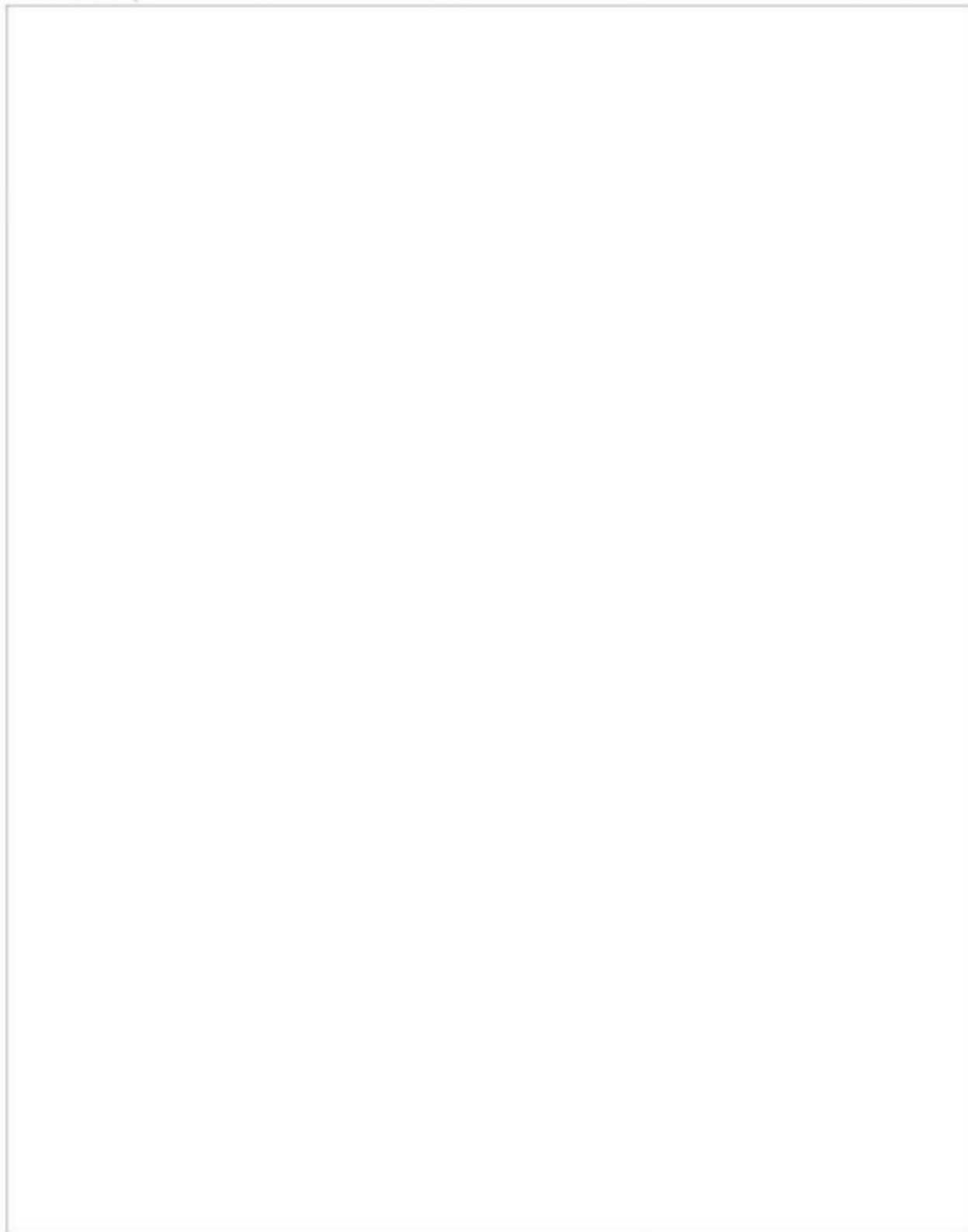
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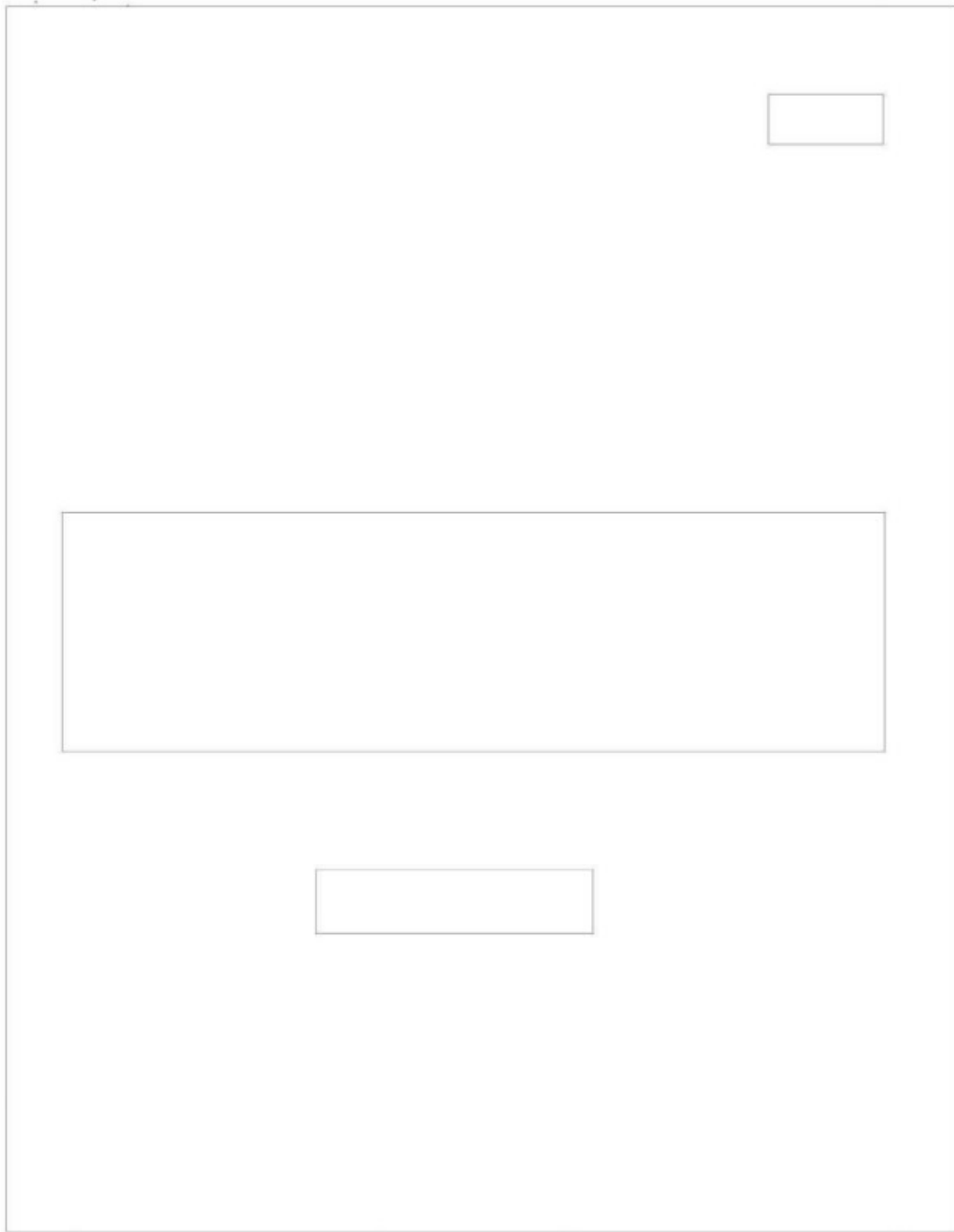
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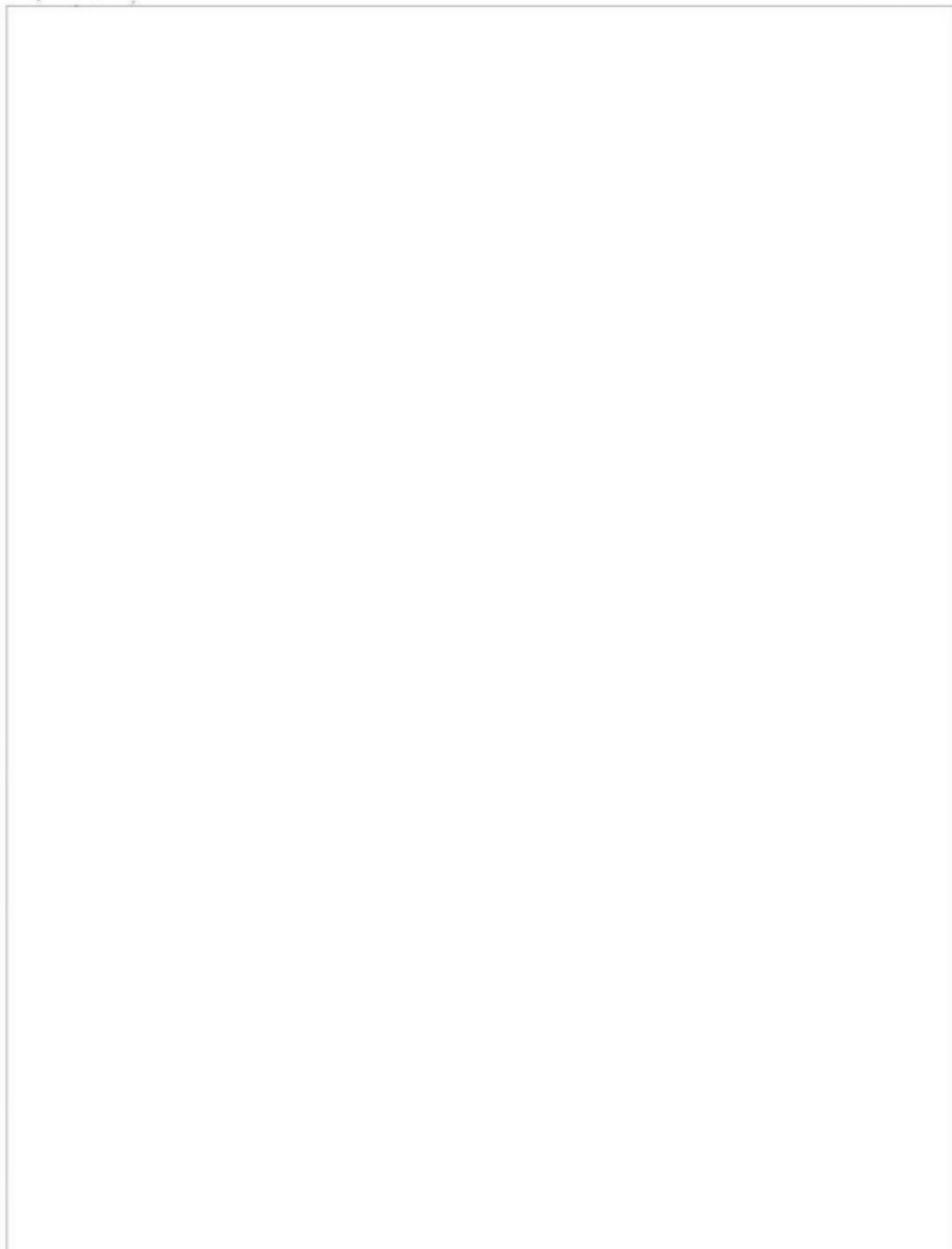
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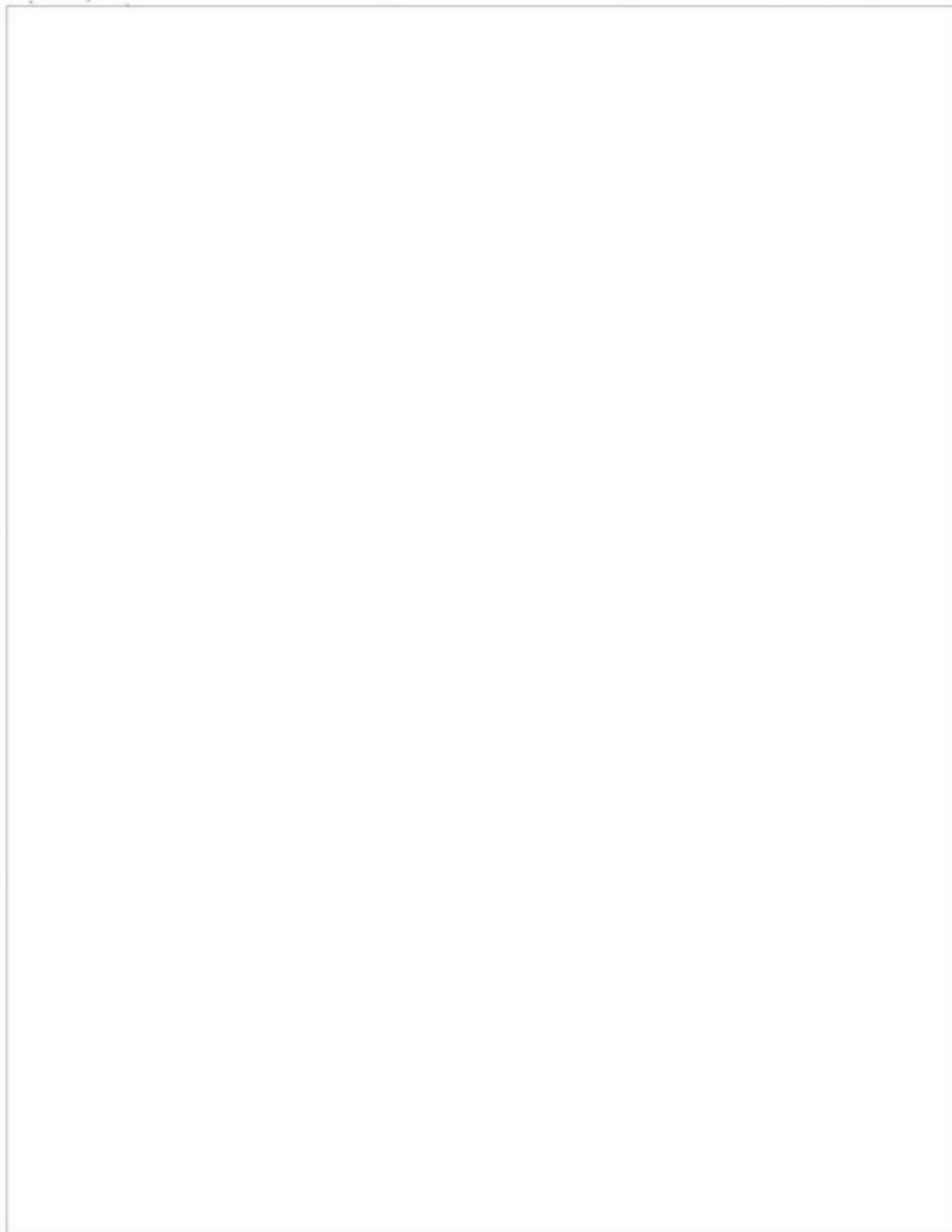


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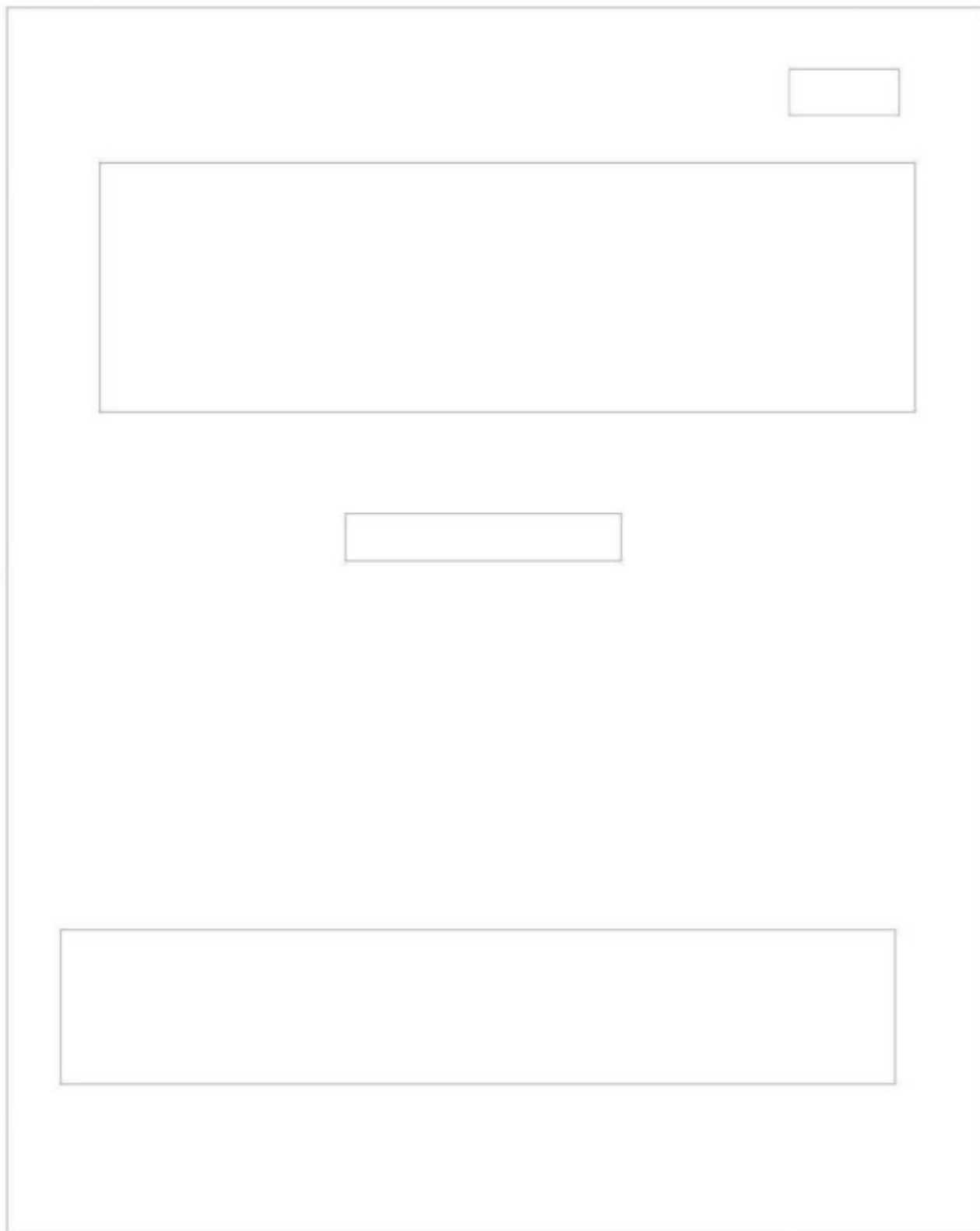
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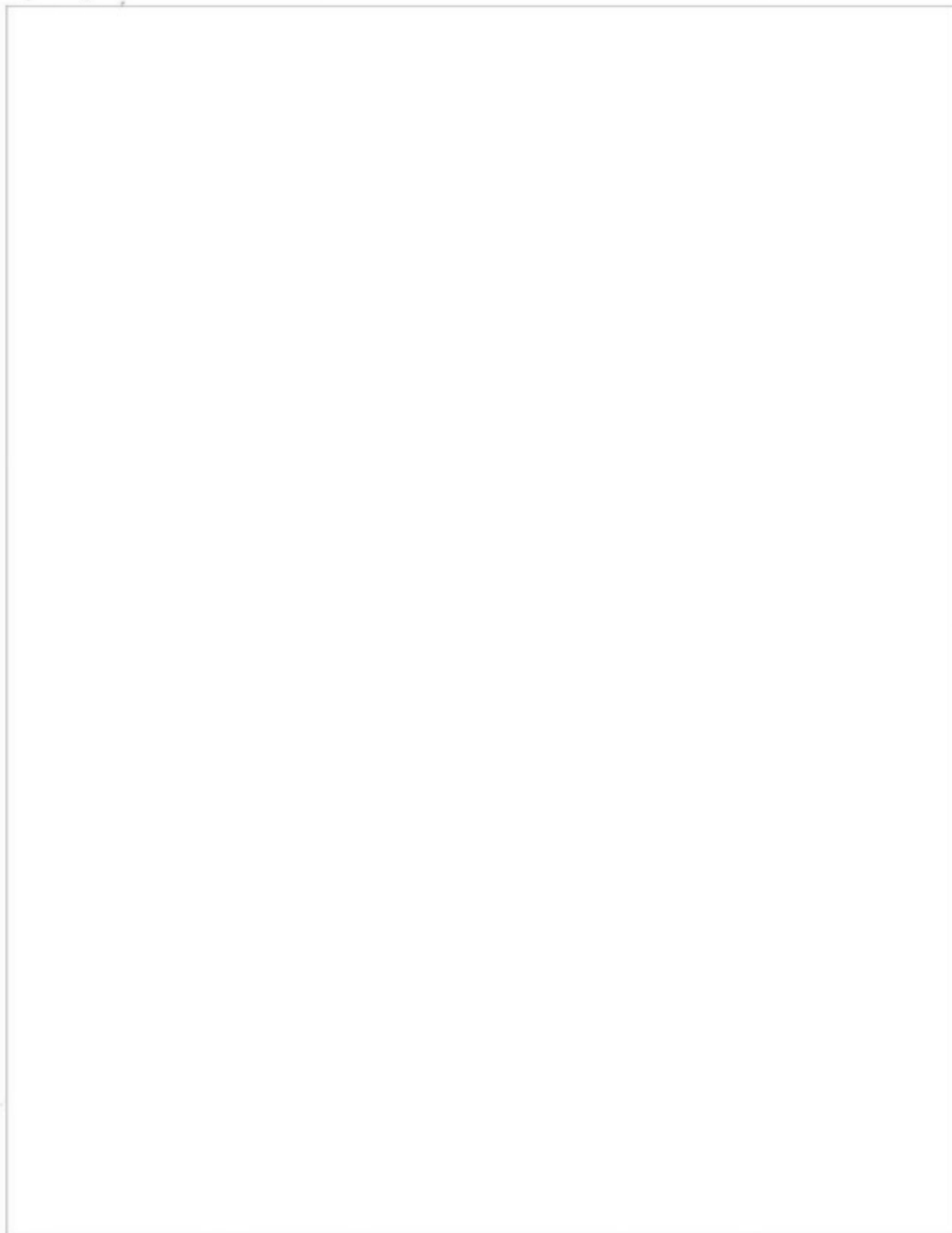
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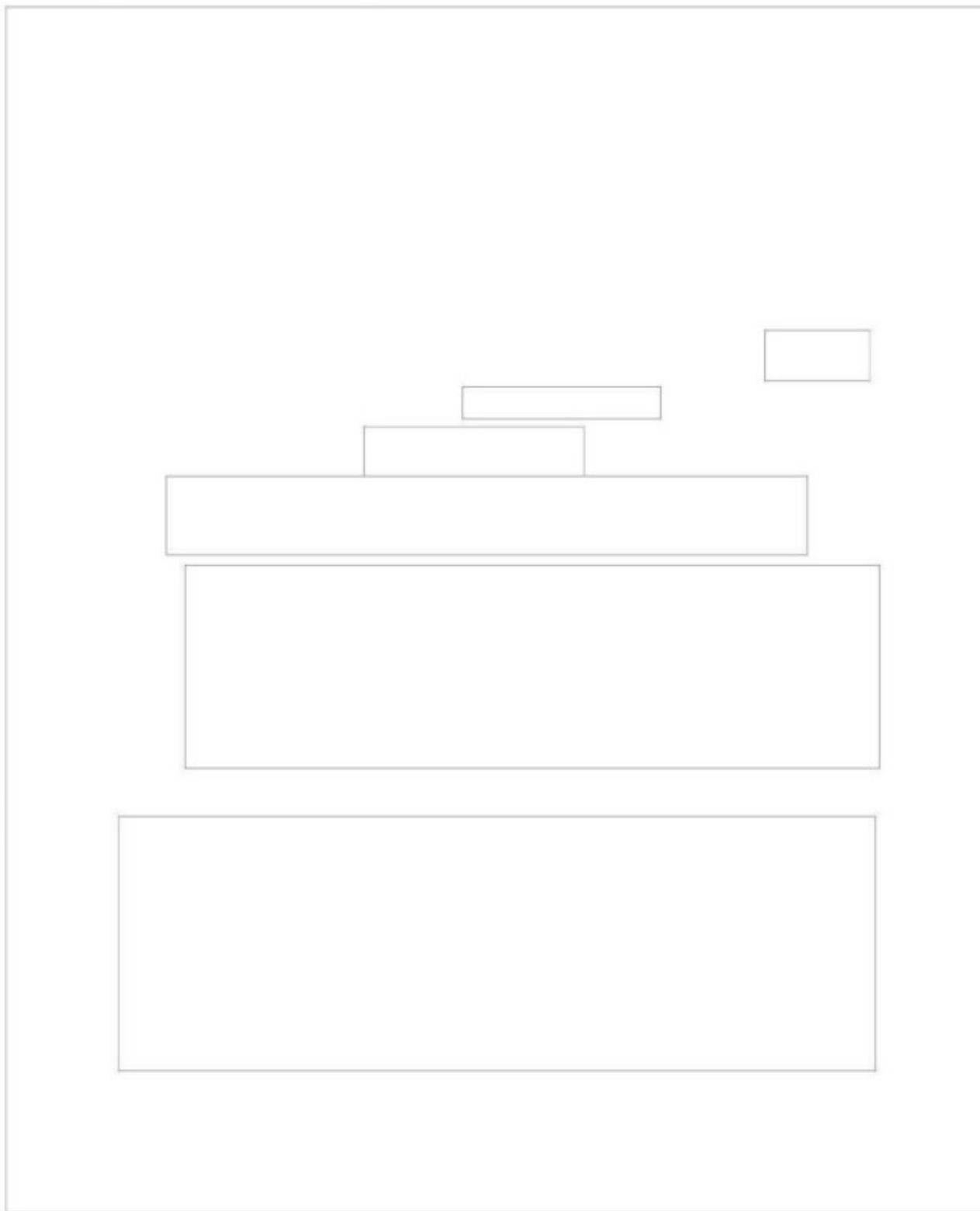
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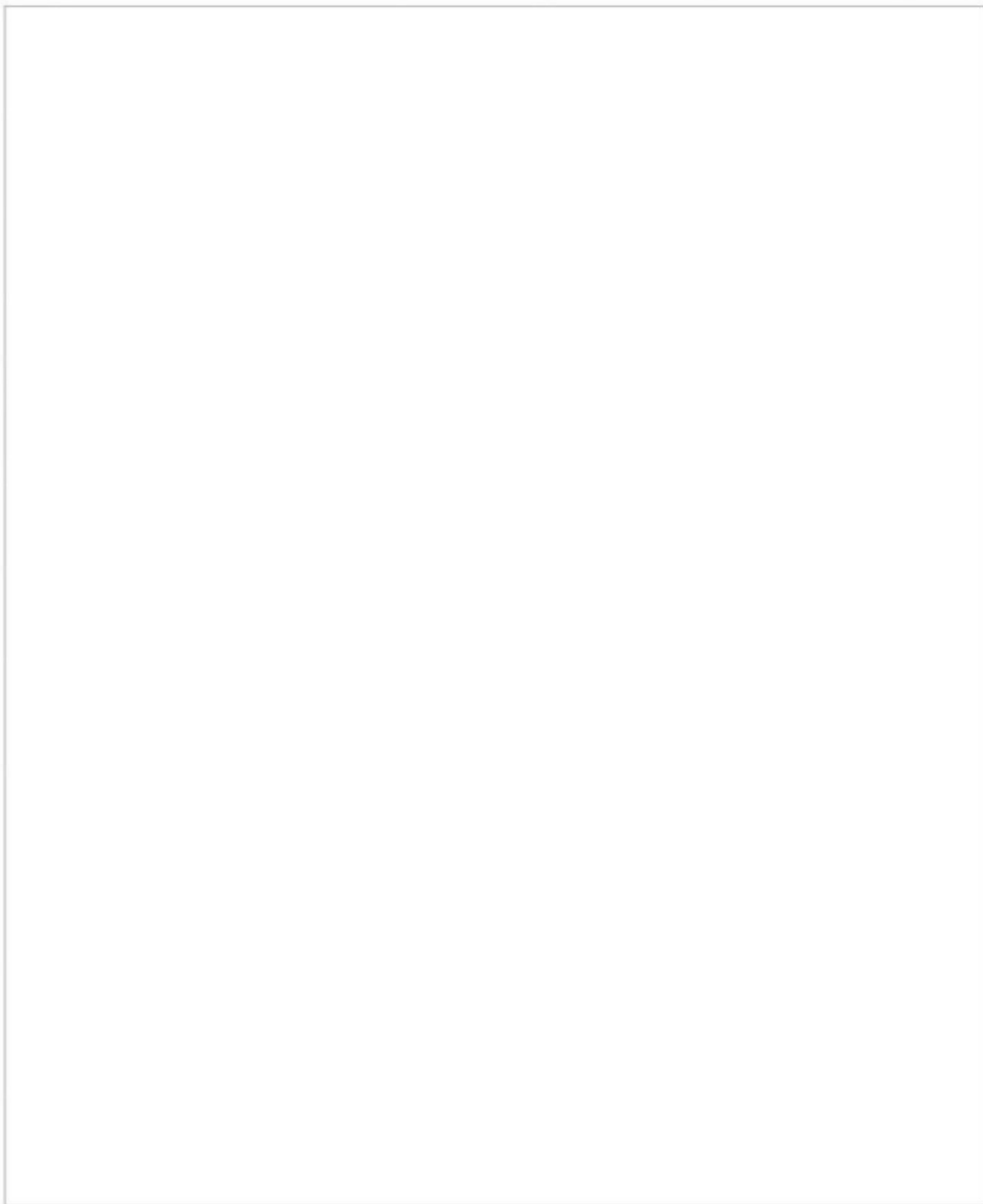
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