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GLOSSARY

VOLUMES I, II, III, IV, AND V

The abbreviations, brevity codes, and acronyms listed below are in use in Volumes I, II, III, IV, and V of the Emergency Action Procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

ADCOM.....Aerospace Defense Command

AFSATCOM.....Air Force Satellite Communications System

AIG.....Address indicating group

ALSIOP.....Collective routing indicator for Single Integrated Operational Plan emergency actions messages

ANMCC.....Alternate National Military Command Center

AUTODIN.....Automatic Digital Network

AUTOSEVOCOM.....Automatic Secure Voice Communications

AUTOVON.....Automatic Voice Network

BMEWS.....Ballistic Missile Early Warning System

CAOSOP.....Coordinated Atomic Operations Standing Operating Procedures

CCPDS.....Command Center Processing and Display System

CEP.....Circular error probable

CIC.....Content indicator code

CINC.....Commander in Chief

CINCAD.....Commander in Chief, Aerospace Defense Command

CINCLANT.....Commander in Chief, Atlantic

CINCMAC.....Commander in Chief, Military Airlift Command

CINCNORAD.....Commander in Chief, North American Air Defense Command

CINCPAC.....Commander in Chief, Pacific

CINCSAC.....Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command

CONUS.....Continental United States

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CRI.....Collective routing indicator  
DDO (NMCC).....Deputy Director for Operations (National Military Command Center), Joint Staff  
DEFCON.....Defense readiness condition  
DGZ.....Desired ground zero  
DIRNSA.....Director, National Security Agency  
DSP.....Defense Support Program  
EA.....Emergency action(s)  
EAM.....Emergency action message  
EAP.....Emergency action procedures  
EAP-JCS.....Emergency Action Procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
ECP.....Emergency command precedence  
EHF.....Extremely high frequency  
EMERGCON.....Emergency condition  
ERCS.....Emergency Rocket Communications System  
FLTSAT.....Fleet Communications Satellites  
  
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HF.....High frequency  
HF/SSB.....High frequency/single side band  
ICBM.....Intercontinental ballistic missile  
IEMATS.....Improved Emergency Message Automatic Transmission System  
  
[REDACTED]  
J-3.....Operations Directorate, Joint Staff  
JCS.....Joint Chiefs of Staff  
JCSAN.....JCS Alerting Network  
  
[REDACTED]

JSCP.....Joint Strategic Capability Plan

JTF.....Joint task force

LANTCOM.....Atlantic Command

LERTCON.....Alert condition

LF.....Low frequency

MAC.....Military Airlift Command

MEECN.....Minimum Essential Emergency Communications Network

MHZ.....Megahertz

MOLINK.....Direct communications link (US-USSR)

NATO.....North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NCA.....National Command Authorities

NE.....North East

NEACP.....National Emergency Airborne Command Post

NM.....Nautical miles

NW.....North West

OJCS.....Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

PACCS.....Post Attack Command Central System (SAC)

PACOM.....Pacific Command

PARCS.....Perimeter Acquisiton Radar Attack Characterization System

SAC.....Strategic Air Command

SACEUR.....Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

SACLANT.....Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic

SAO.....Selected Attack Option

SIOP.....Single Integrated Operational Plan  
SLBM.....Sea-launched ballistic missile  
SSBN.....Fleet ballistic missile submarine

TACAMO.....Take Charge and Move Out (Navy VLF relay aircraft)  
TDD.....Target DGZ designator  
UHF.....Ultra high frequency  
UK.....United Kingdom  
US.....United States  
USCINCEUR.....US Commander in Chief, Europe  
USCINCPAC.....Commander in Chief, US Readiness Command  
USCINCSO.....Commander in Chief, US Southern Command  
USEUCOM.....US European Command  
USREDCOM.....US Readiness Command  
USSOUTHCOM.....US Southern Command  
USSR.....Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
VLF.....Very low frequency  
WWABNCP.....Worldwide Airborne Command Post System  
WWMCCS.....Worldwide Military Command and Control System

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GENERAL (U)	2
1. (C) <u>Purpose.</u> The purpose of the Emergency Actions Procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is to prescribe the emergency action messages and associated conferences and procedures used by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to maintain worldwide command and control of US Forces and US nuclear weapons.	3 4 5 6 7 8
2. (U) <u>Concept.</u> The Emergency Action Procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are designed for use in emergency situations requiring one or more of the following general categories of actions:	9 10 11 12

<u>3. (U) Reproduction and Release of Emergency Action Procedures.</u>	<u>1</u>
Because of their sensitivity, the Emergency Action Procedures	<u>2</u>
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are published in multiple volumes	<u>3</u>
to restrict access to detailed procedures to appropriate users	<u>4</u>
with a need to know. Furthermore, reproduction and release	<u>5</u>
of these procedures are governed by JCS Memorandum of Policy	<u>6</u>
No. 39, "Special Safeguards for JCS Papers." Under this	<u>7</u>
policy, all agencies authorized to receive these procedures	<u>8</u>
shall employ every suitable measure to protect them against	<u>9</u>
unauthorized disclosure.	<u>10</u>
a. Reproduction to effect initial distribution of, to	<u>11</u>
extend initial distribution of, or to reissue these	<u>12</u>
Emergency Action Procedures will be restricted to that	<u>13</u>
authorized by the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff.	<u>14</u>
(1) Chief of Staff, US Army; Chief of Naval Opera-	<u>15</u>
tions; Chief of Staff, US Air Force; and Commandant of	<u>16</u>
the Marine Corps, within their area of concern, are	<u>17</u>
authorized to distribute Emergency Action Procedures of	<u>18</u>
the Joint Chiefs of Staff within their respective	<u>19</u>
Services following the guidance provided in JCS Memo-	<u>20</u>
randum of Policy No. 39 and based on a strict NEED TO	<u>21</u>
KNOW.	<u>22</u>
(2) Commanders of unified and specified commands are	<u>23</u>
authorized to distribute Emergency Action Procedures of	<u>24</u>
the Joint Chiefs of Staff provided to them, including	<u>25</u>
extracts thereof, to their subordinate military	<u>26</u>
activities or commands as required by their NEED TO	<u>27</u>
KNOW. Whenever possible, extracts of these procedures	<u>28</u>
rather than the entire publication will be used.	<u>29</u>

b. Requests for release of Emergency Action Procedures	1
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, or for information therefrom,	2
to <u>any</u> person or agency, military or civilian, not on the	3
original distribution list for these procedures will be	4
referred to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, for	5
appropriate action.	6
c. Because the emergency action procedures of the	7
Services and unified and specified commands are frequently	8
based on the Emergency Action Procedures of the Joint	9
Chiefs of Staff and contain extracts from them, the	10
safeguards above apply to those Service and unified and	11
specified command publications which reveal the Emergency	12
Action Procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.	13
4. (U) <u>Revisions to the Publication.</u> The Director for	14
Operations, Joint Staff, is responsible for maintaining these	15
procedures and for accomplishing revisions in accordance	16
with JCS Memorandum of Policy No. 114. Holders of this	17
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improvement to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-3 (ATTN: EA	19
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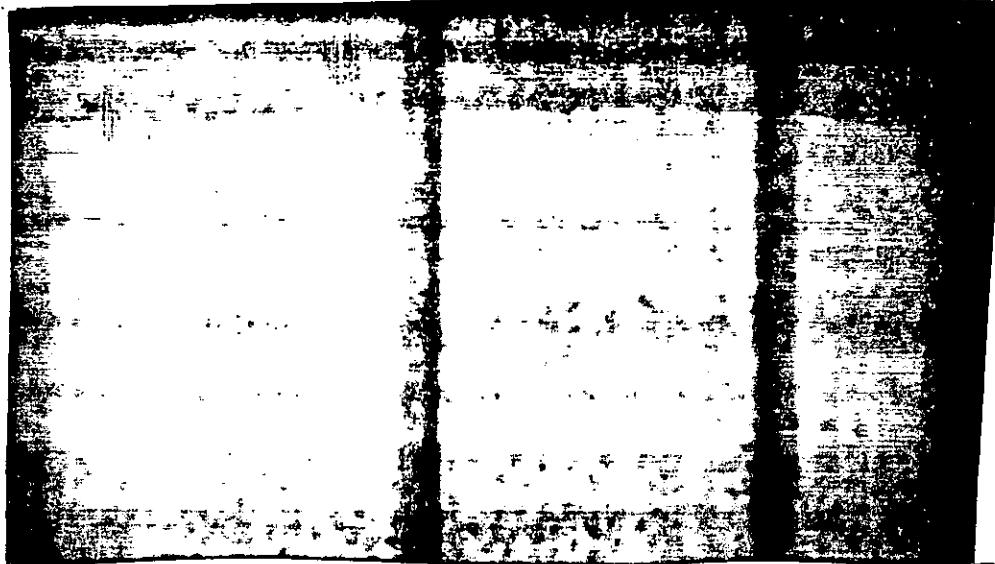
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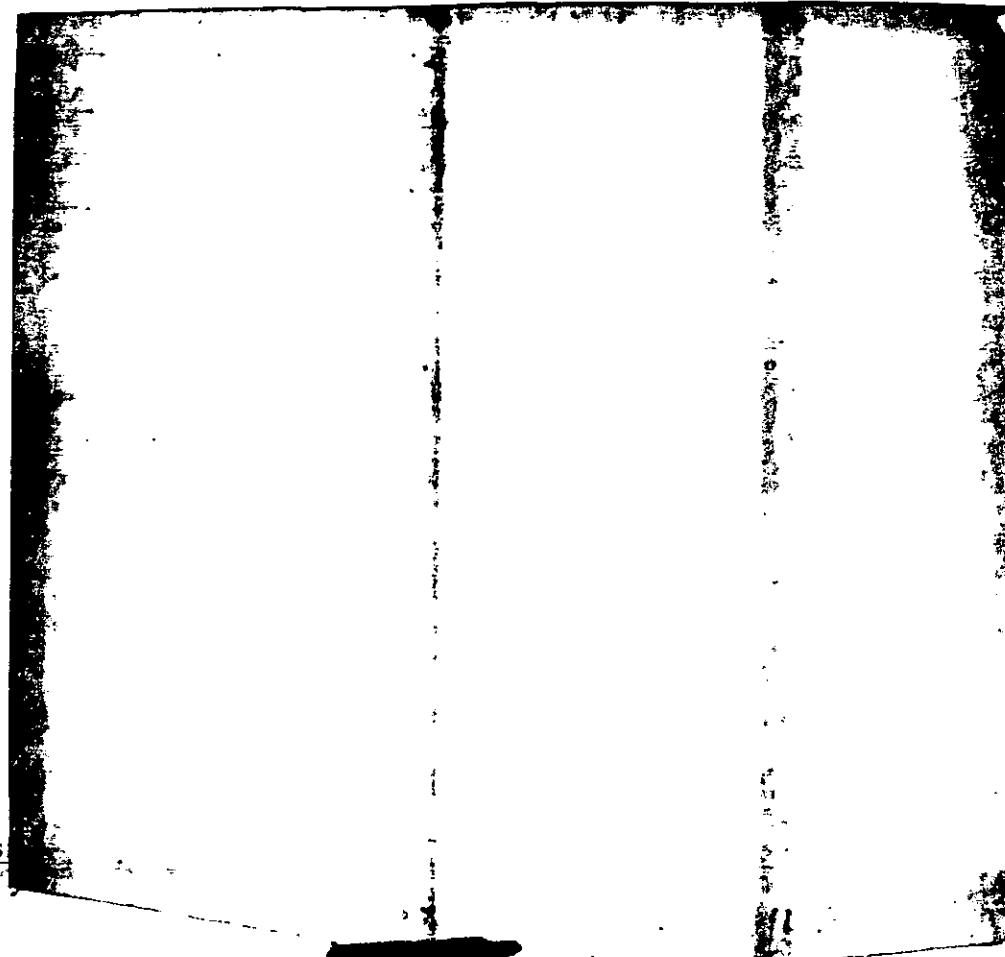
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2. (U) The Military Services

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3. (U) Defense Communications Agency. The Defense Communications Agency assures long haul, rapid transmission of emergency messages by exercising operational and managerial direction over the Defense Communications System in accordance with the mission, functions, and responsibility assigned by the Secretary of Defense or by the Joint Chiefs of Staff under the authority and direction of the Secretary of Defense.	<u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>9</u> <u>10</u> <u>11</u> <u>12</u> <u>13</u>
4. (U) The Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is responsible for accomplishing the tasks specified herein and for those matters which fall within its general cognizance as determined by its assigned functions.	<u>14</u> <u>15</u> <u>16</u> <u>17</u> <u>18</u>
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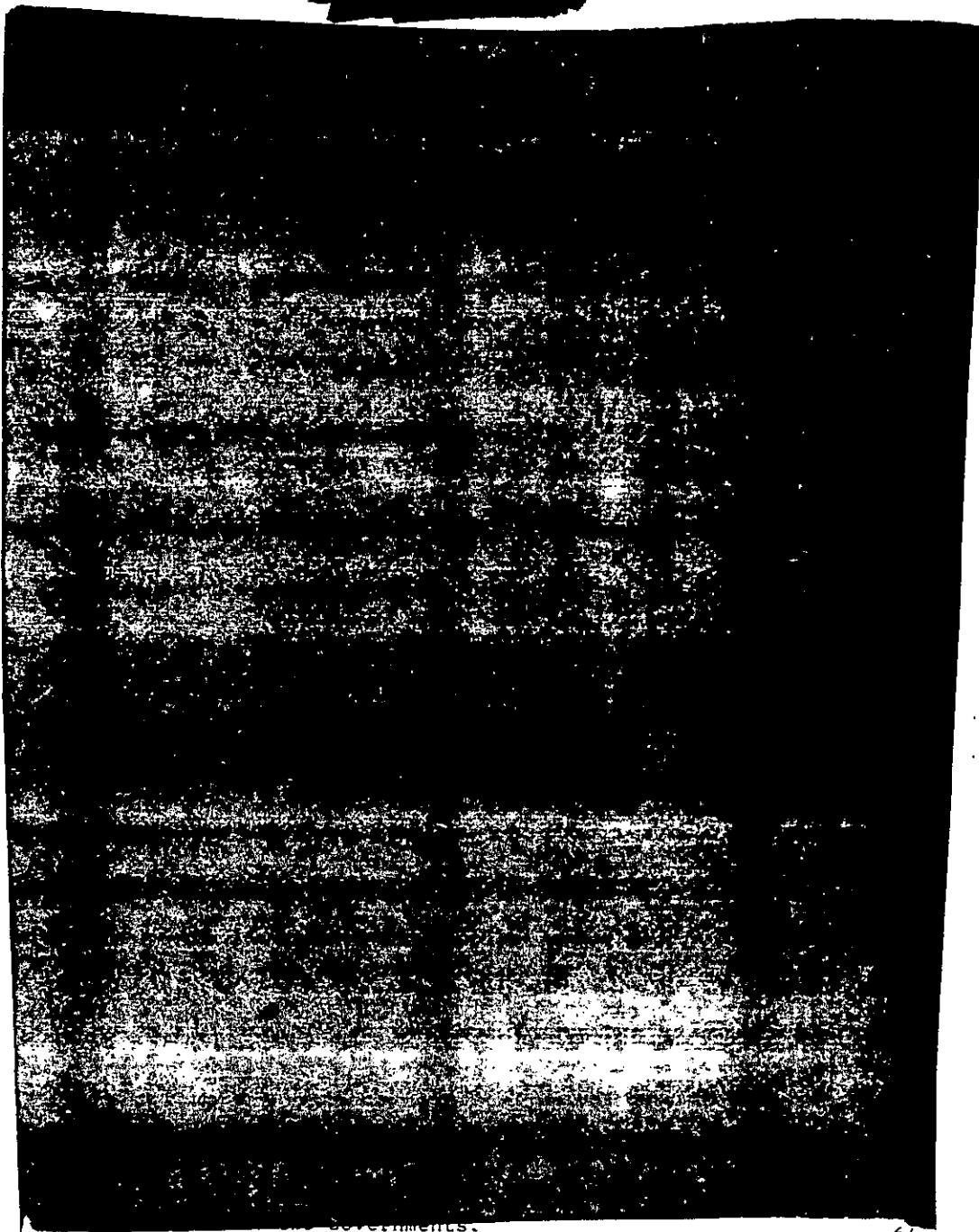
**CHAPTER 3**

**DEFINITIONS (U)**

1. (U) JCS Pub 1 contains standard definitions for planning and operational use. Listed below are selected definitions which do not appear in JCS Pub 1 and those which need to be expanded or redefined for specific application to the Emergency Action Procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Where appropriate, each paragraph indicates the source document for the definition.

4. (U) Alert System of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5. (U) Attack Options (Annex C, JSCP)



8. (U) Emergency Action Messages. A series of messages by which 28  
the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Command Authorities, 29  
through the Joint Chiefs of Staff, pass significant, time- 30  
sensitive orders, directives, authorization, and information to 31

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the commanders of the unified and specified commands, their  
forces, and other military and Government agencies.

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9. (U) Executing Commander (SIOP). A commander to whom nuclear  
weapons are released for delivery against specific targets in  
accordance with approved plans. (SIOP 5 (Basic))

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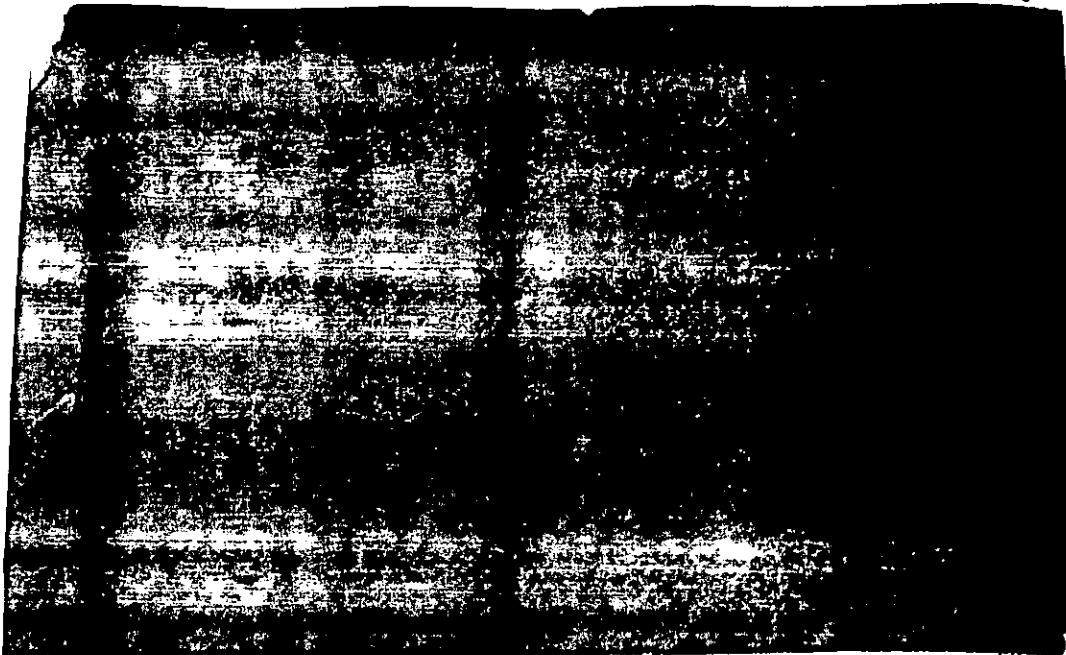
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10. (U) Executing Commander (NATO). (To be supplied)

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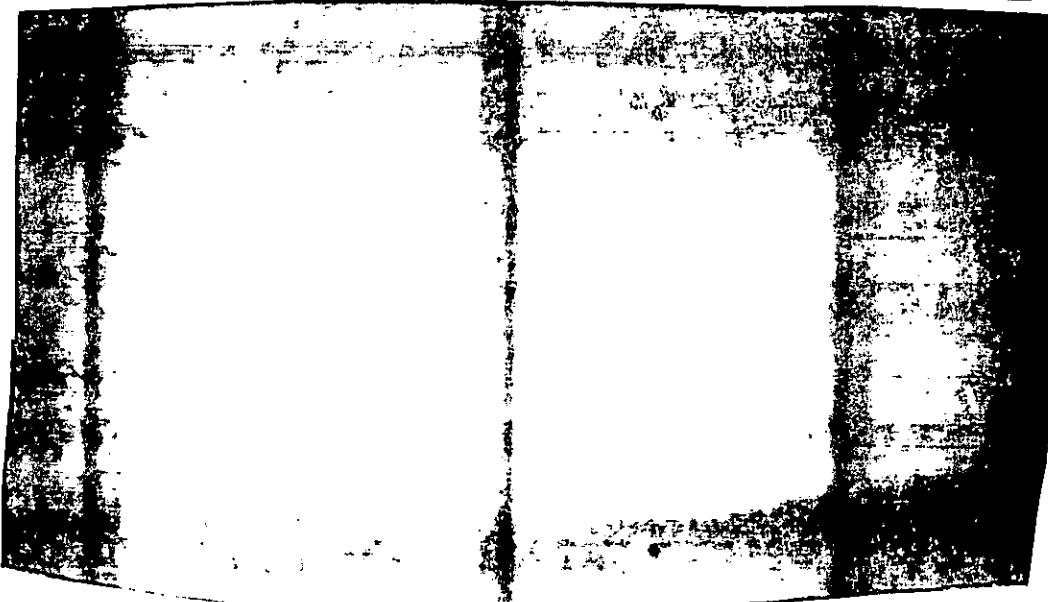
13. (U) Major NATO Commanders. There are three Major NATO  
Commanders: Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic (SACLANT);  
Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR); and Commander in  
Chief, Channel (CINCHAN).

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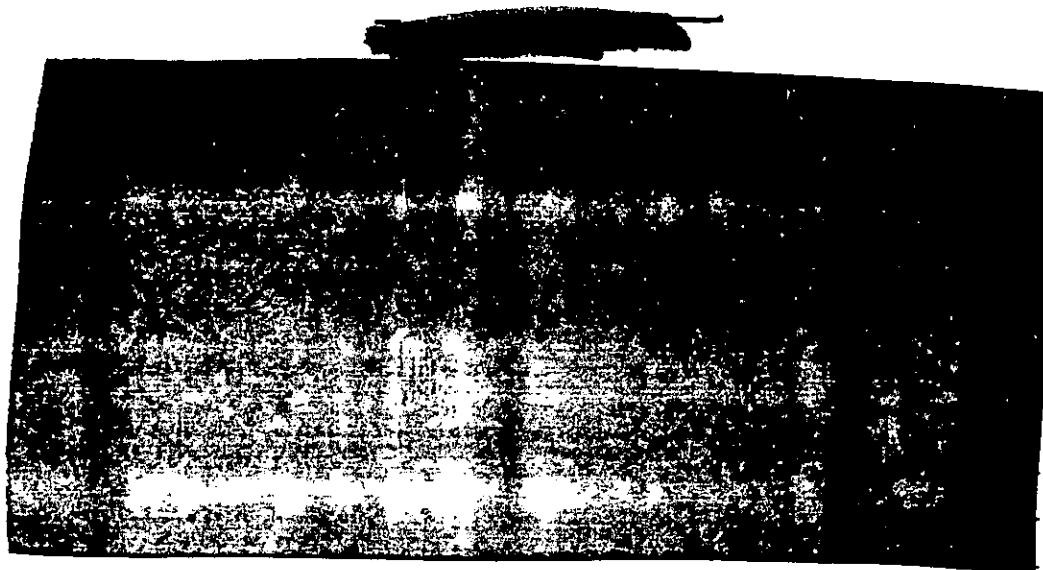
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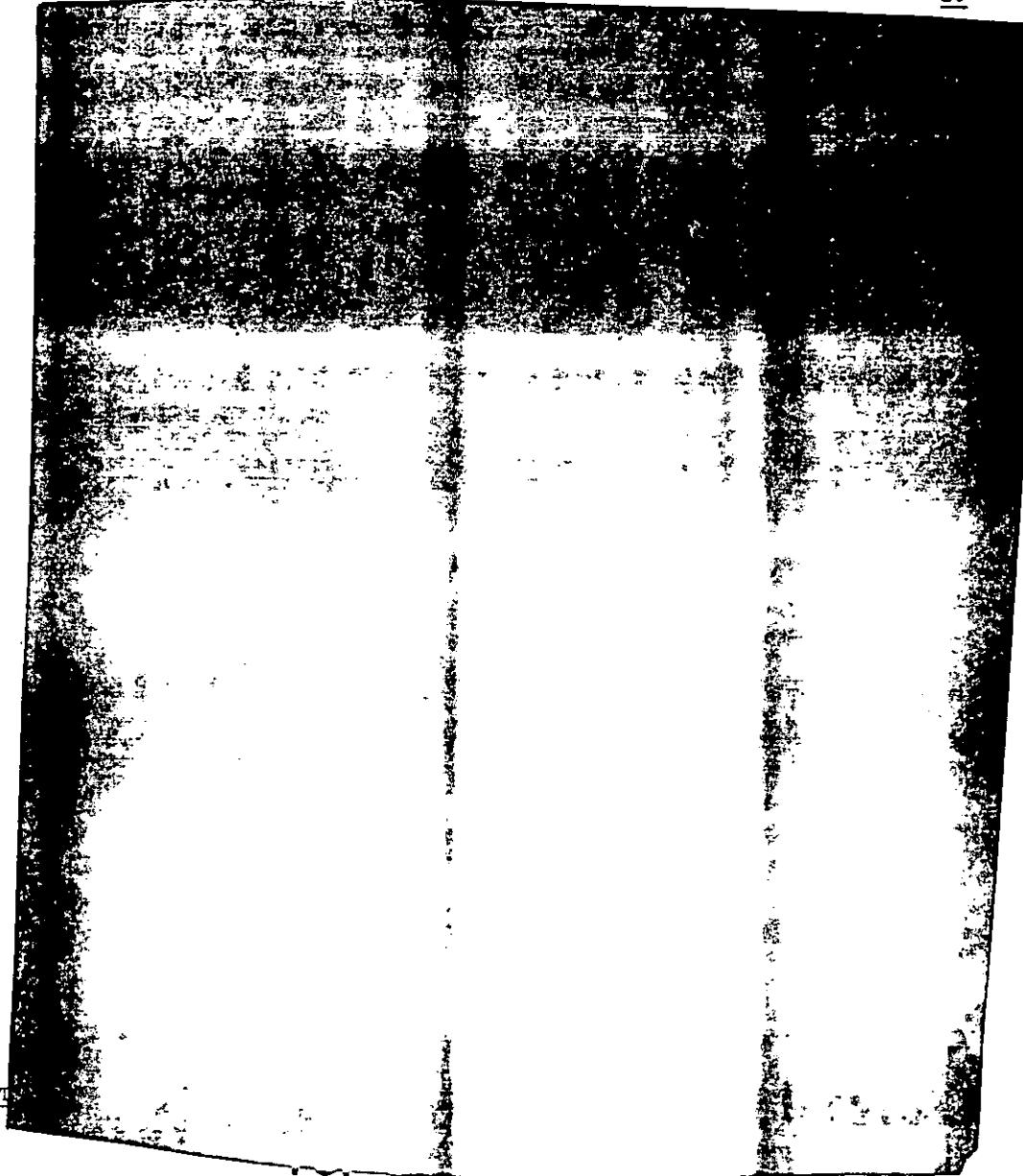


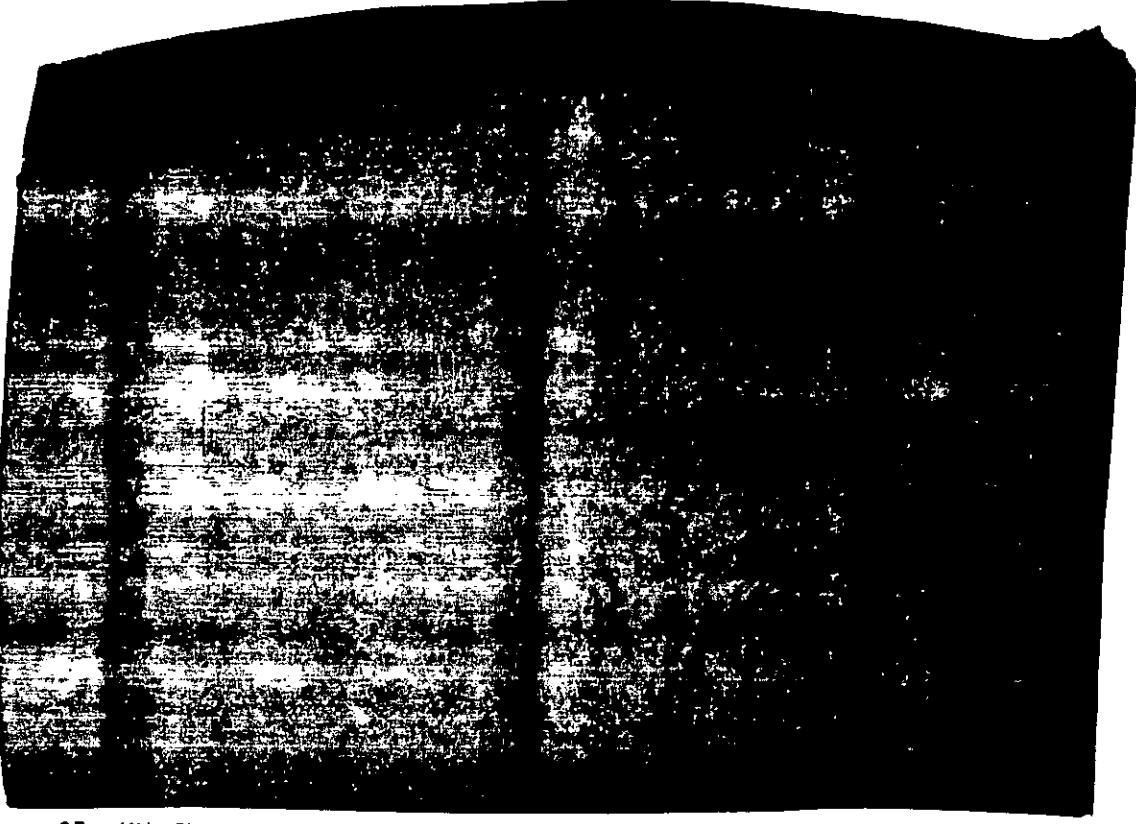
16. (U) National Command Authorities. The National Command	<u>6</u>
Authorities consist only of the President and the Secretary of	<u>7</u>
Defense or their duly deputized alternates or successors. The	<u>8</u>
chain of command runs from the President to the Secretary of	<u>9</u>
Defense and through the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the commanders	<u>10</u>
of unified and specified commands. The channel of communica-	<u>11</u>
tion for execution of the SIOP and other time-sensitive	<u>12</u>
operations shall be from the National Command Authorites	<u>13</u>
through the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, representing the	<u>14</u>
Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the the executing commanders. (DOD	<u>15</u>
Directive 5100.30)	<u>16</u>
17. (U) NORAD/ADCOM Terms of Reference for Control of Nuclear	<u>17</u>
Weapons	<u>18</u>



18. (U) Prohibitions and Withholds (Annex C, JSCP)

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27. (U) ZULU. Greenwich mean time (the mean solar time of  
the meridian of Greenwich, England, used as the prime basis  
of standard time throughout the world). ZULU time is used  
in all emergency action messages.

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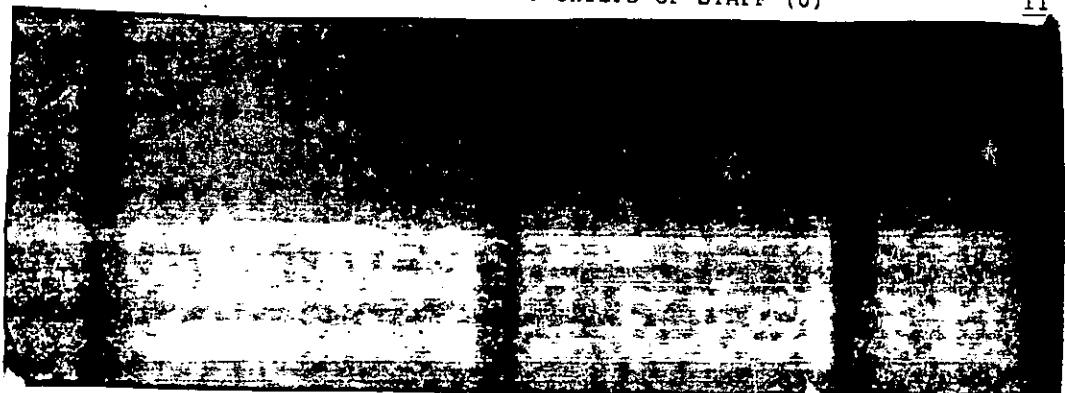
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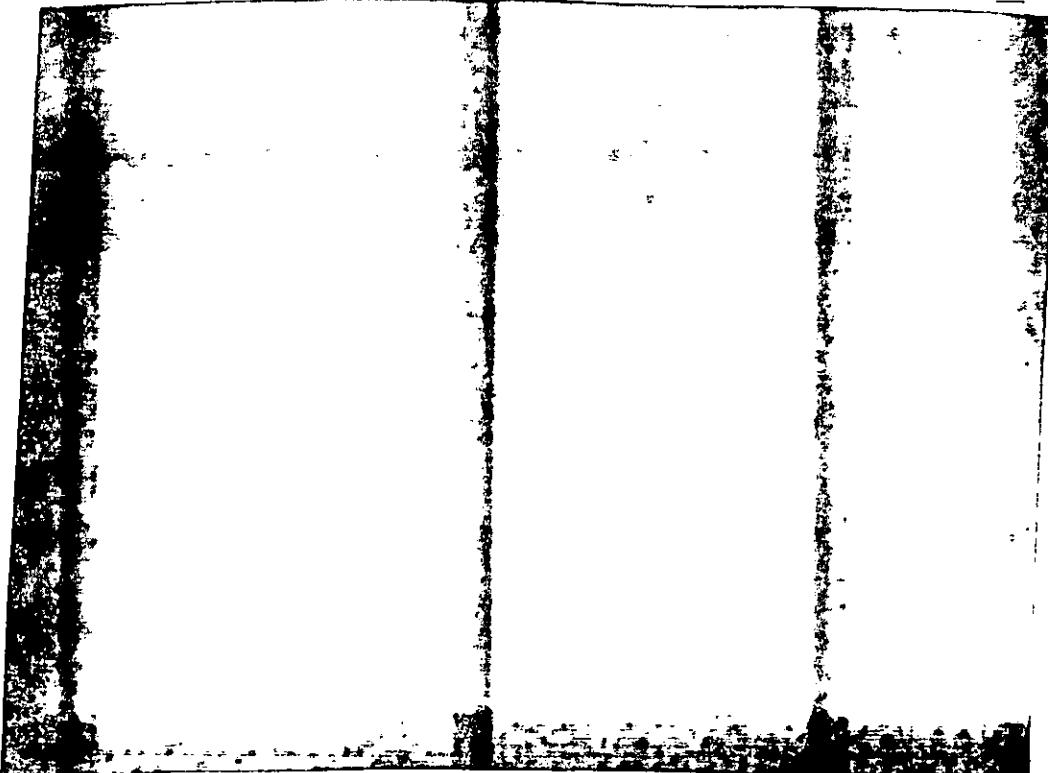
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(U) General. This chapter provides background information on the US and NATO Alert Systems, and the US missile warning systems which affect the Emergency Action Procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The following descriptions are only brief summaries of the systems and do not duplicate all of the information available from primary sources. For authoritative and detailed information, users should refer to the source documents.	3
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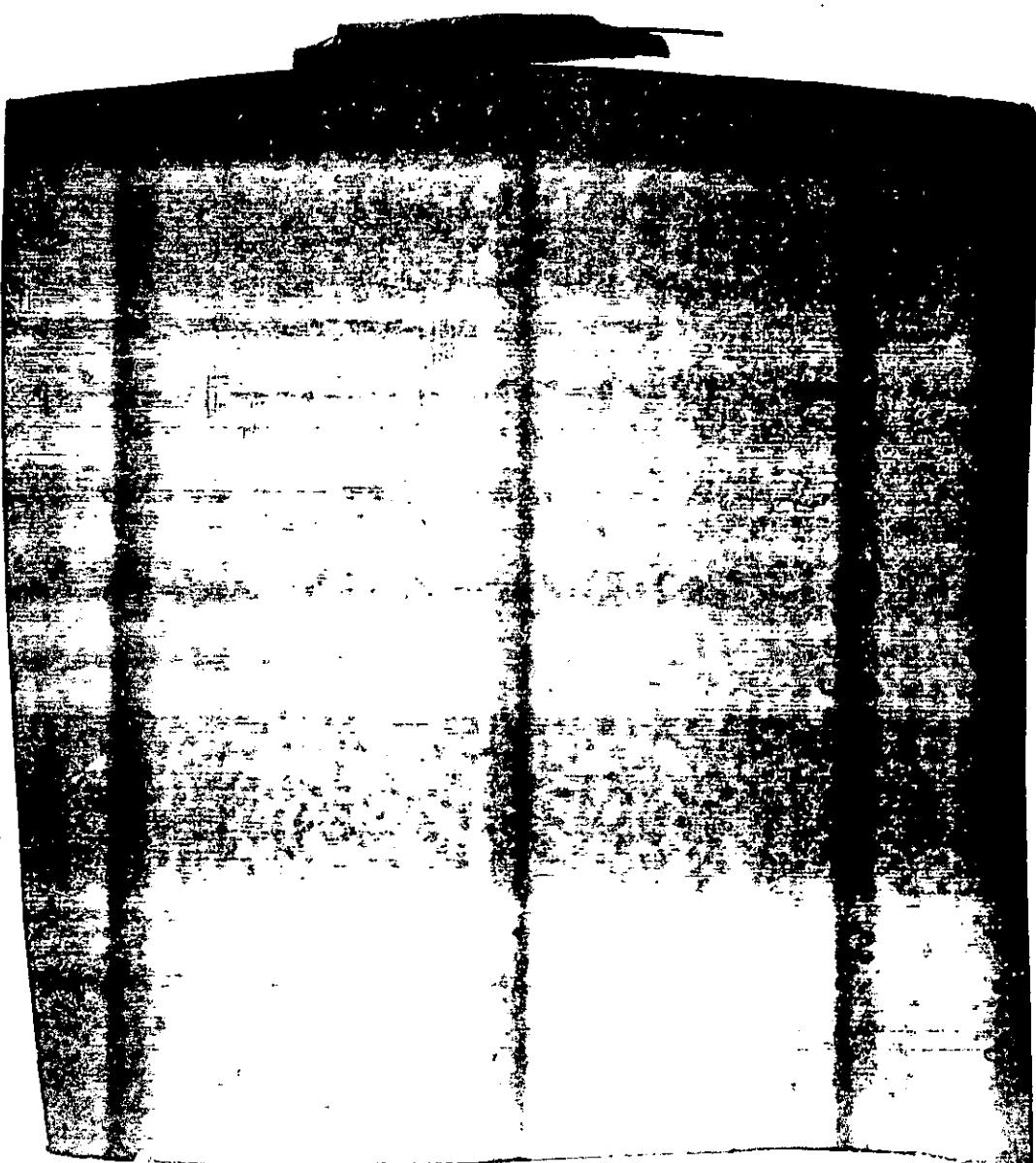
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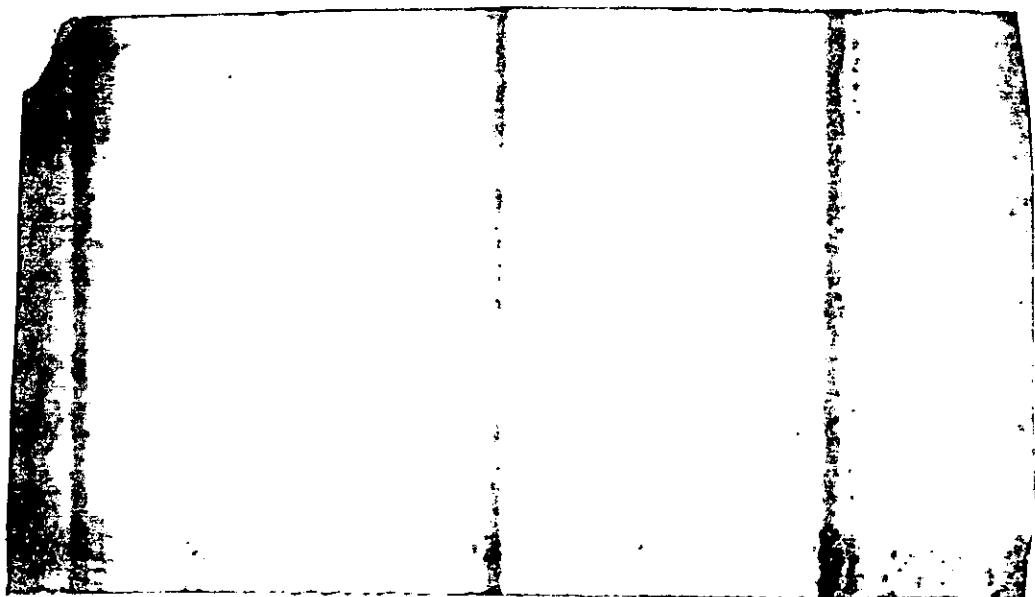
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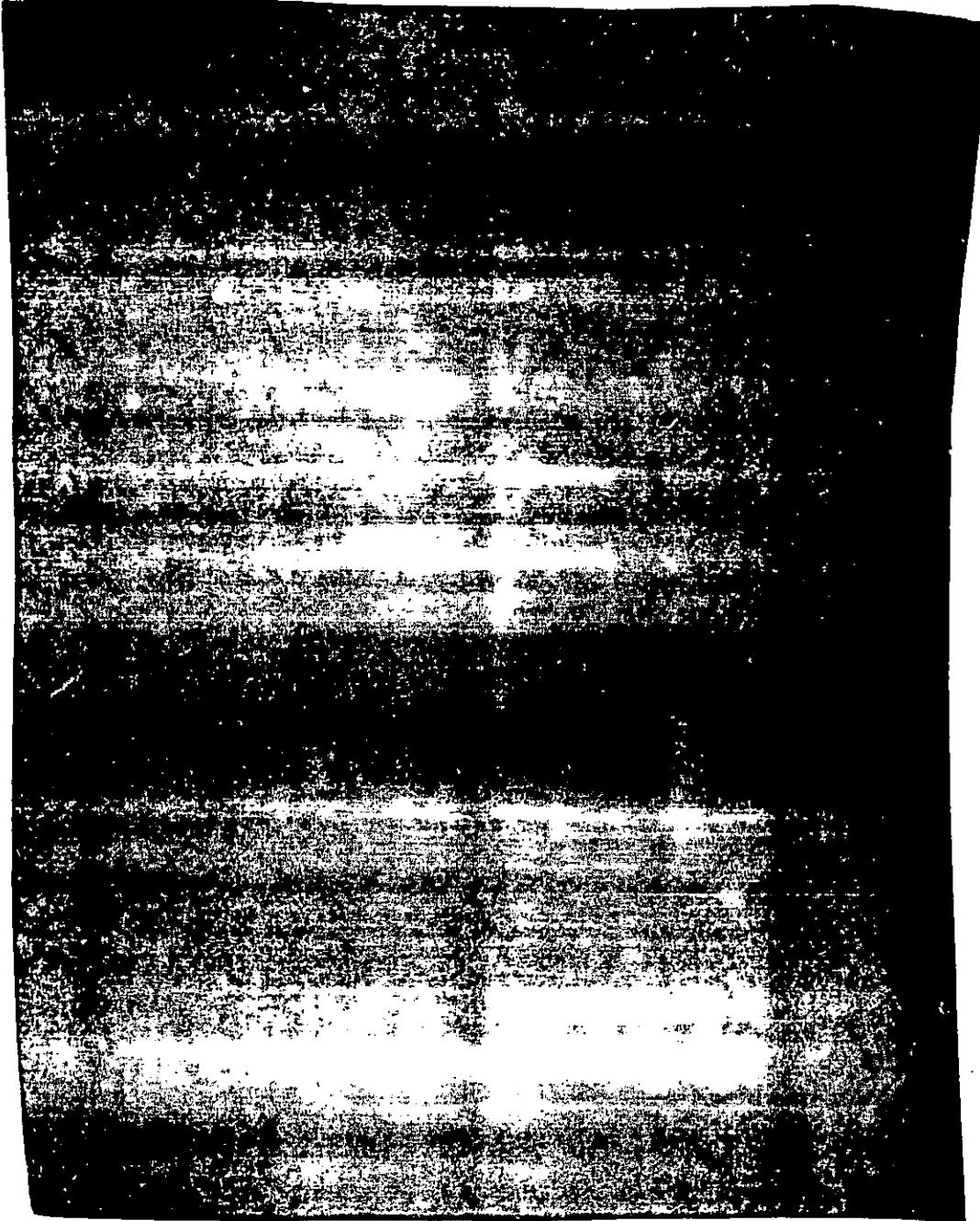




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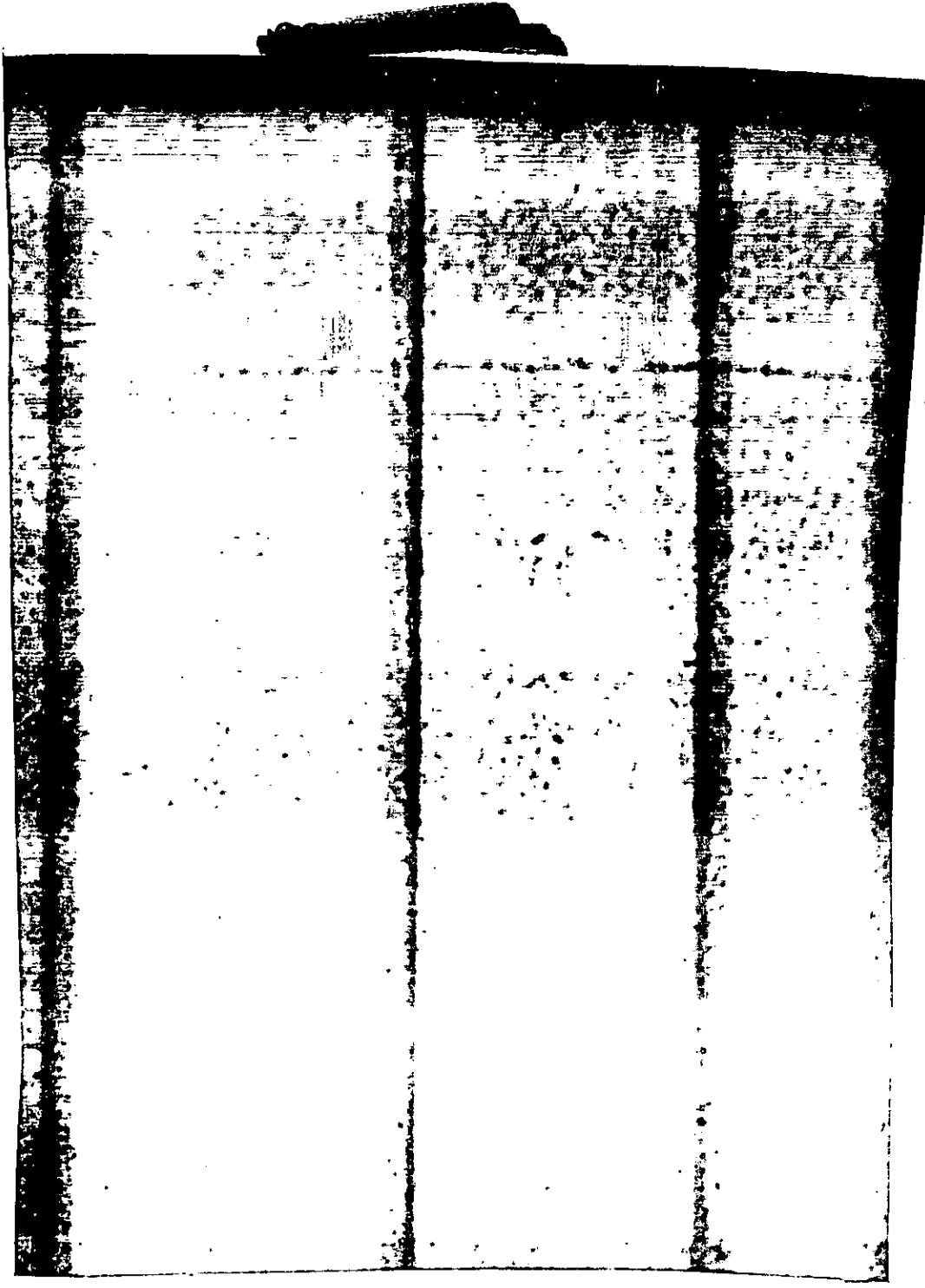
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4. (U) Declarations by Commanders of Unified or Specified Commands 28  
Commands 29

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5. (U) Visibility

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**SECTION II**

**NATO ALERT SYSTEM (U)**

1. (U) Purpose. This section summarizes the NATO Alert  
System. It is extracted from the Major NATO Commanders Alert  
System Procedures for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, SM-1-79,  
which should be consulted for further details.

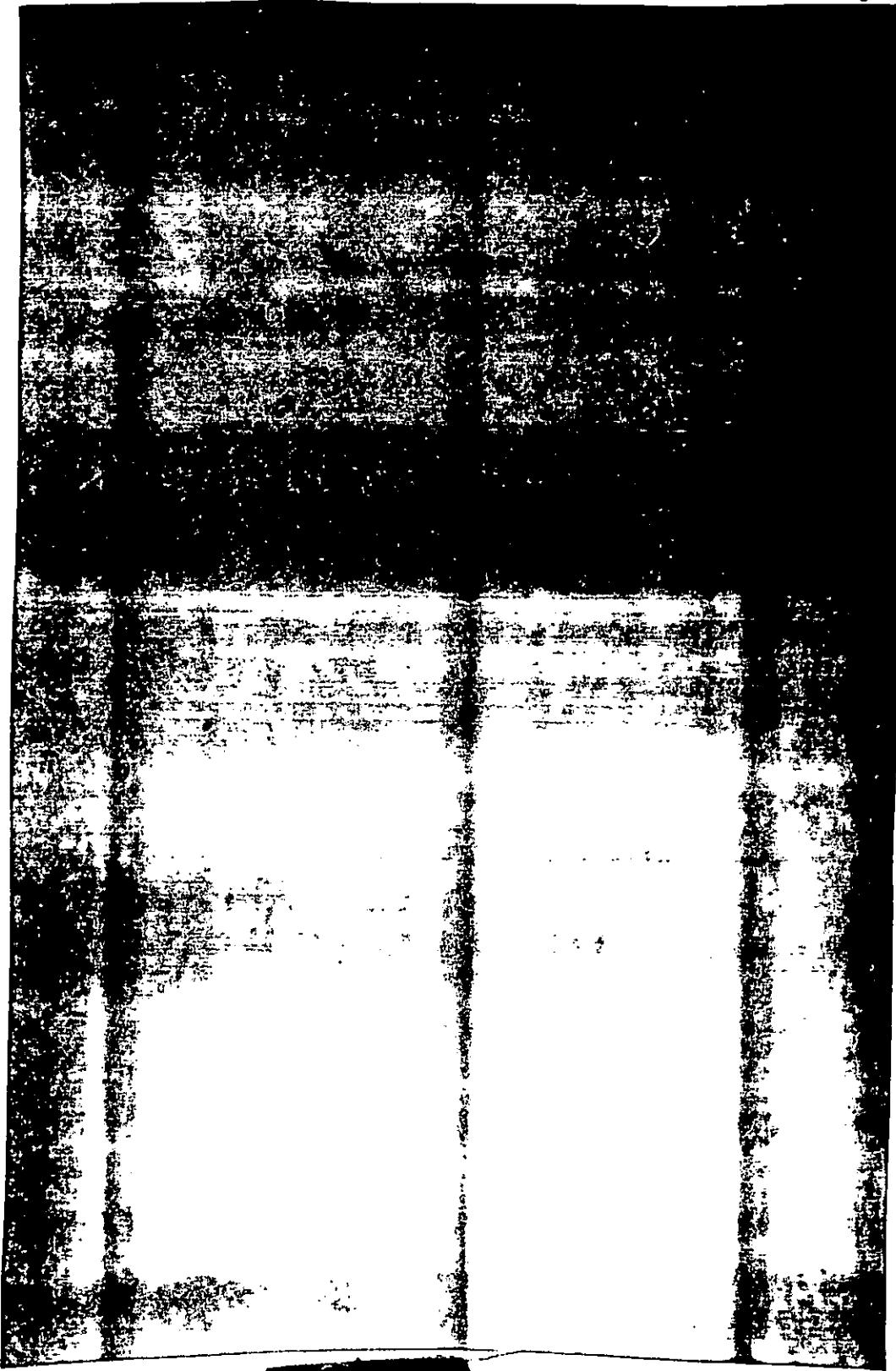
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**SECTION III**

**MISSILE WARNING SYSTEMS (U)**

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**SECTION IV**

**COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS**

1. (U) Purpose. This section describes selected communications systems available to support transmission of emergency action messages. Chapter 7 contains specific transmission policies.

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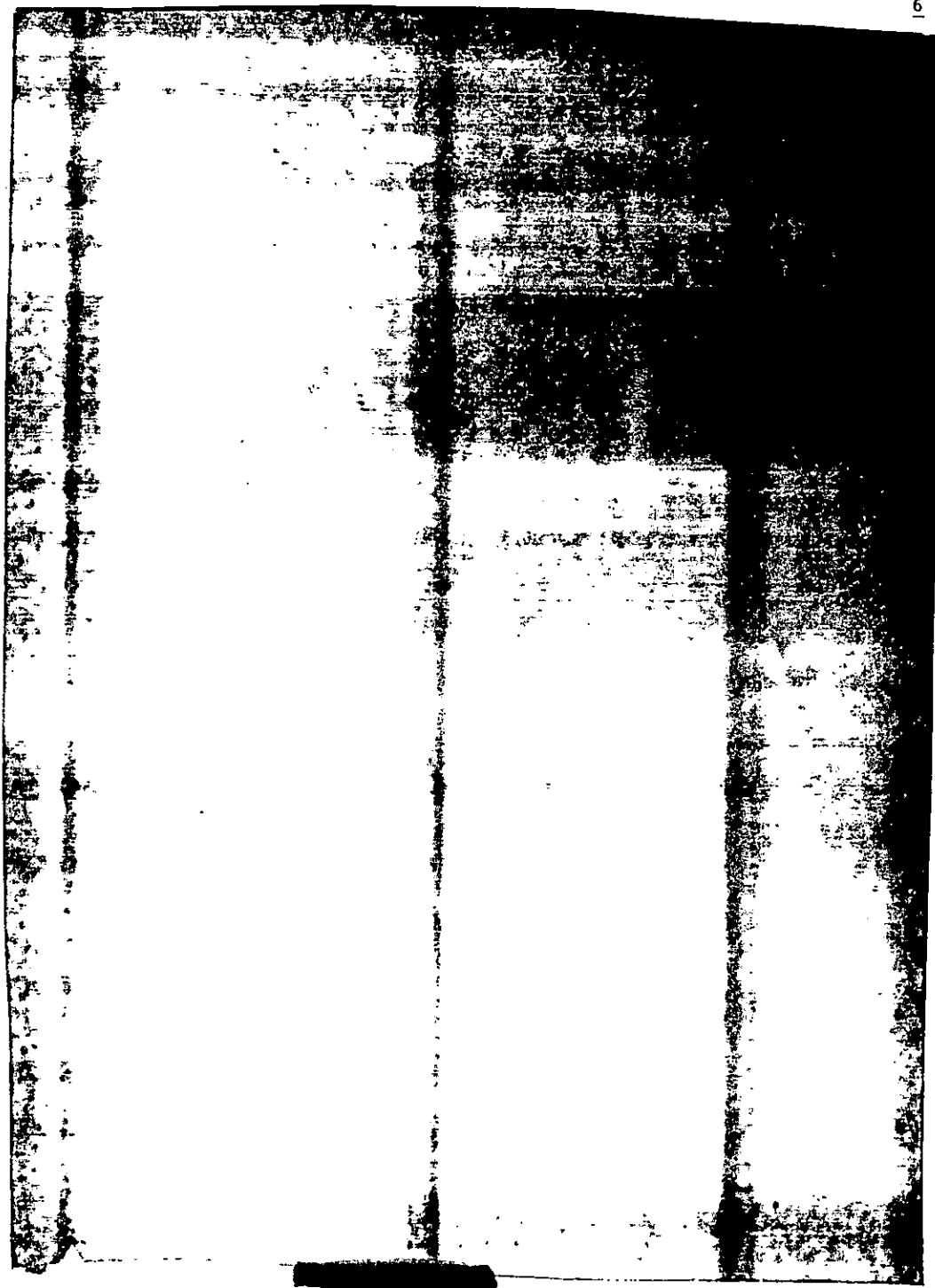
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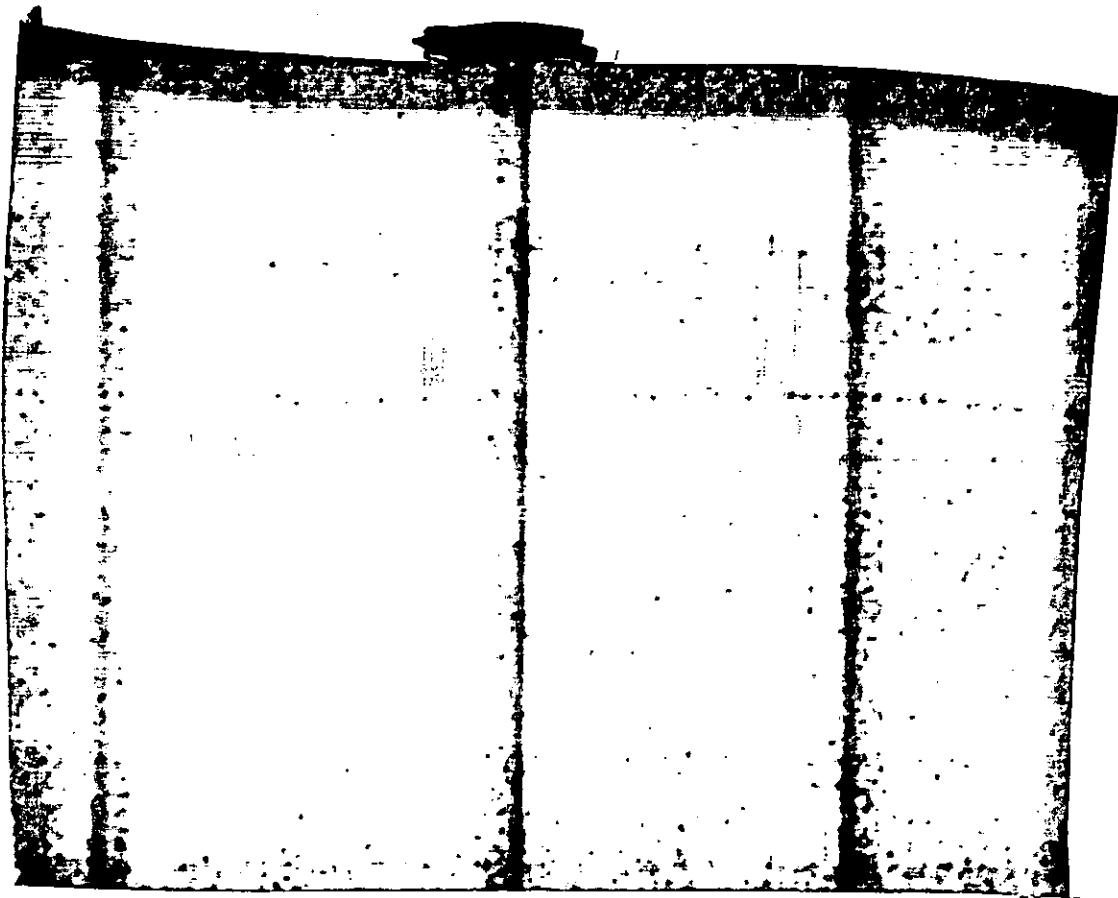
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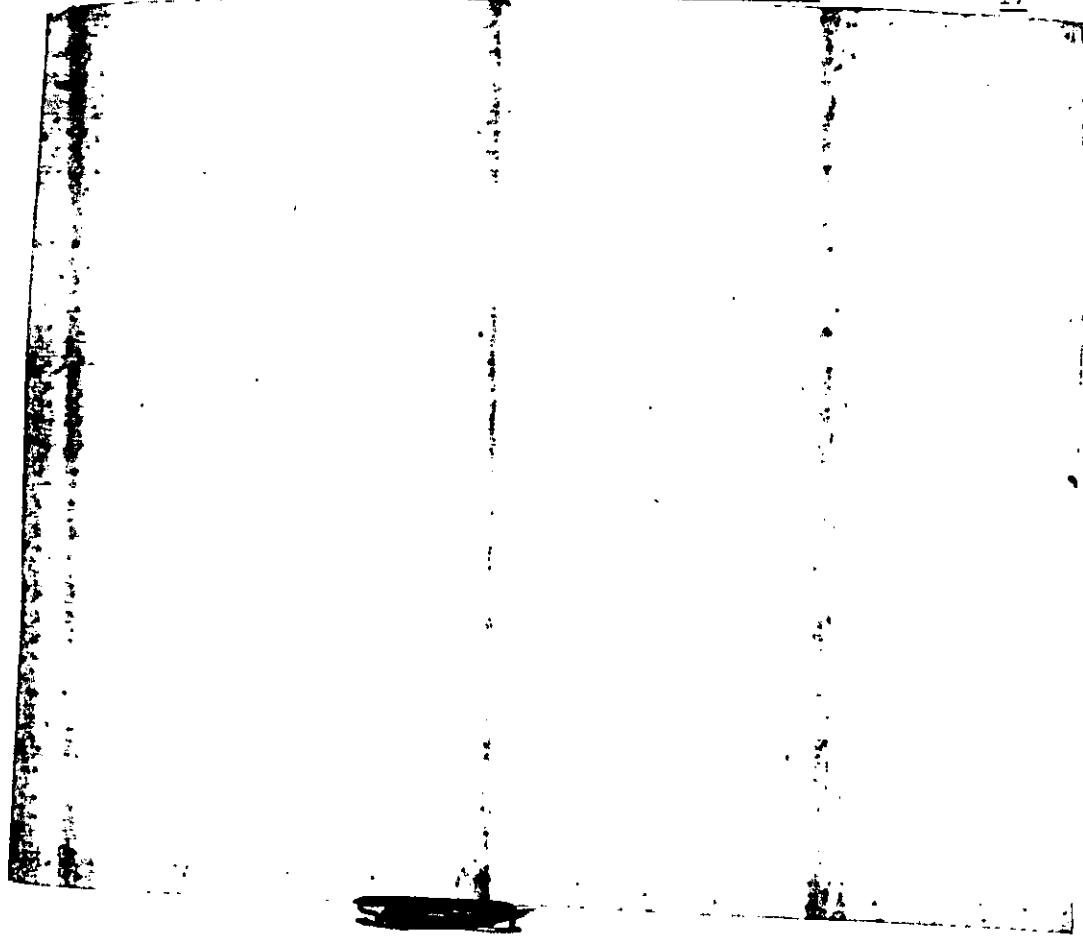
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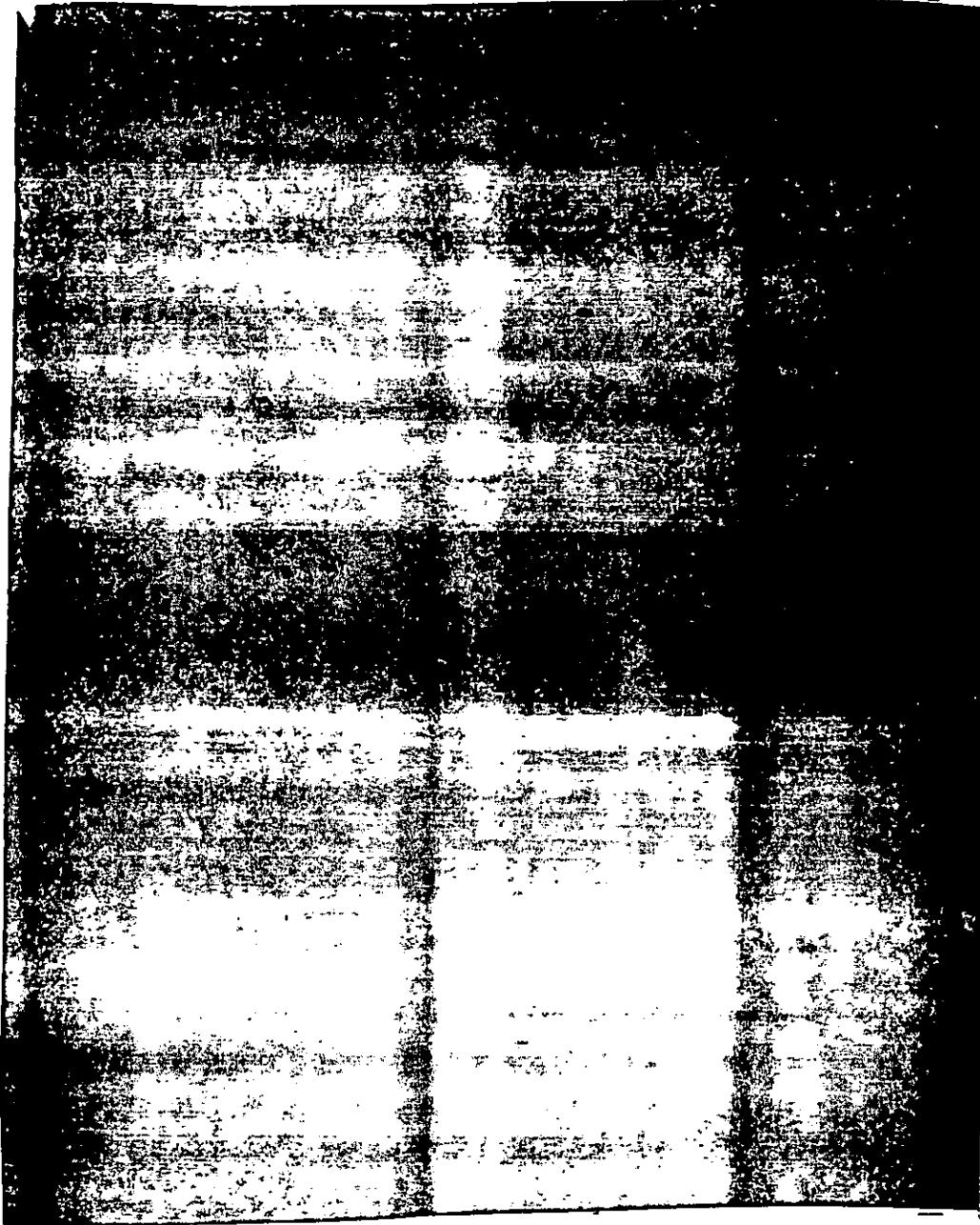
3. (U) Worldwide Airborne Command Post System (WWABNCP)

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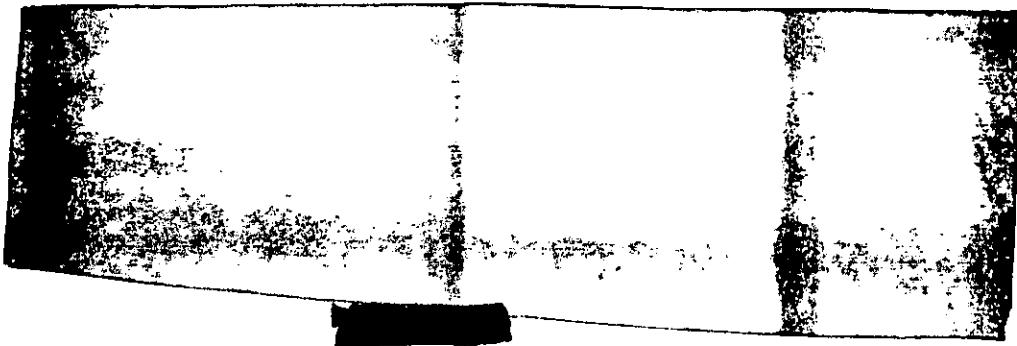
4. (U) US Navy High Power VLF Relay Aircraft (TACAMO)

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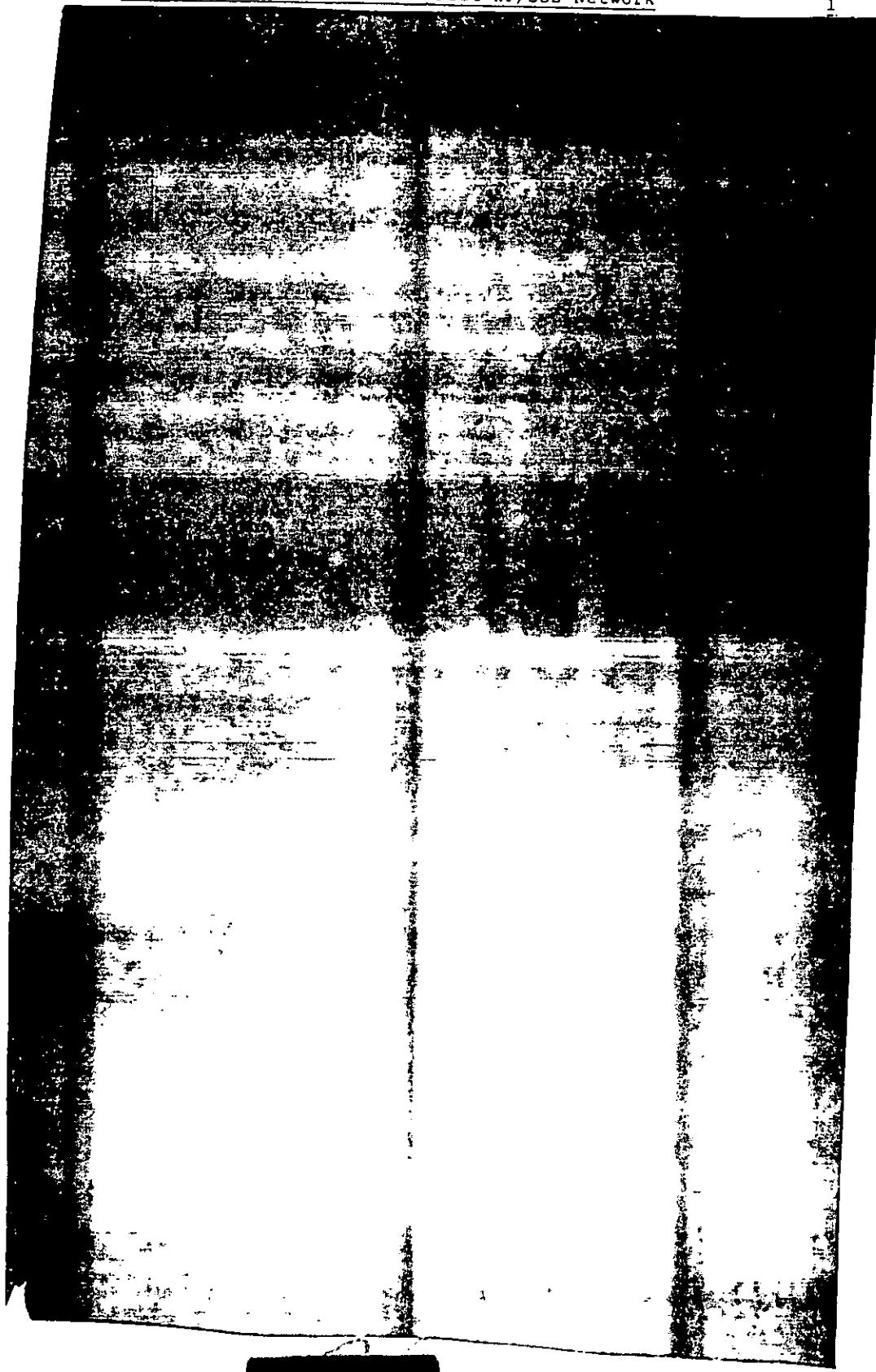
5. (U) Survivable VLF/LF Transmission Systems

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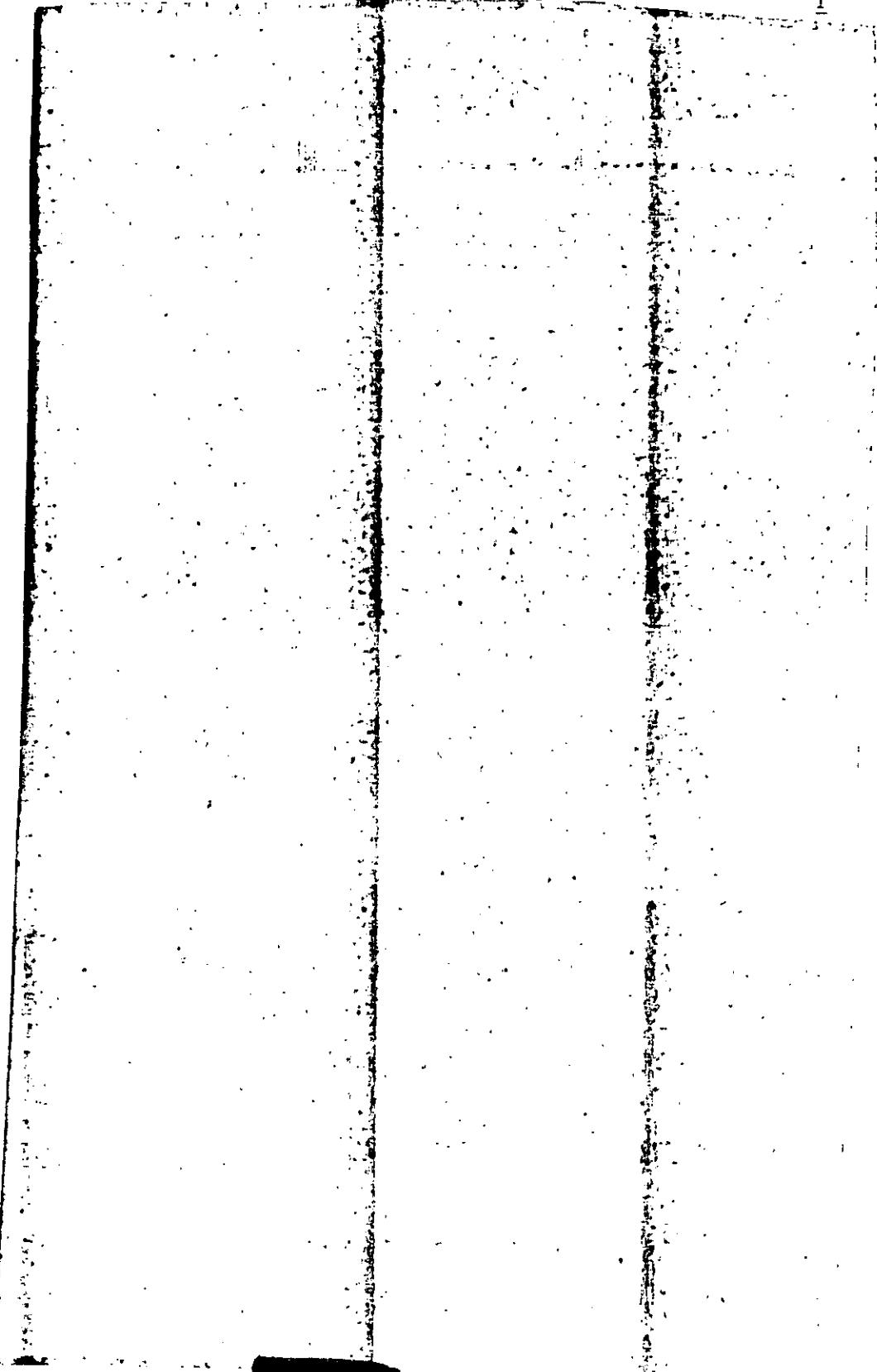


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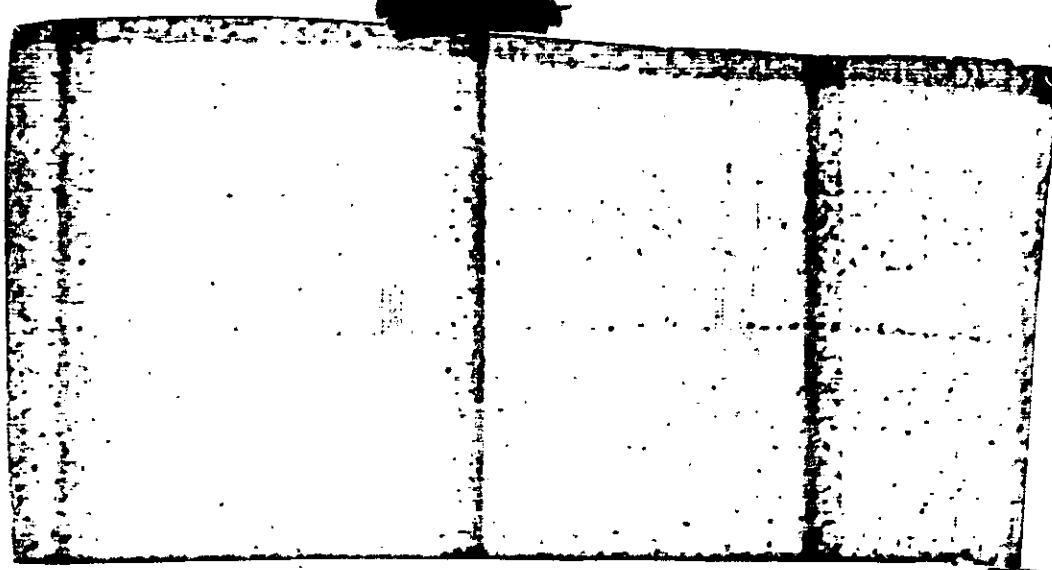
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7. (U) Worldwide Airborne Command Post UHF Systems



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10. (U) Air Force Satellite Communications System (AFSATCOM).

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**CHAPTER 5**

**AUTHENTICATION AND CODE SYSTEMS (U)**

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9. (U) Control of Systems

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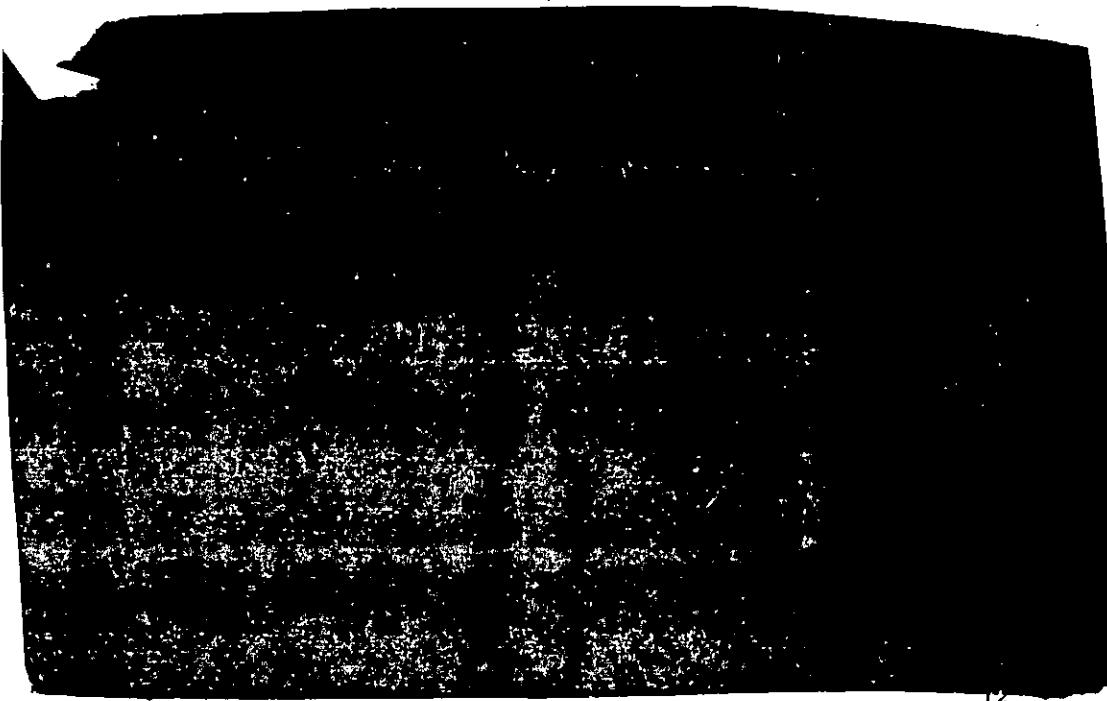
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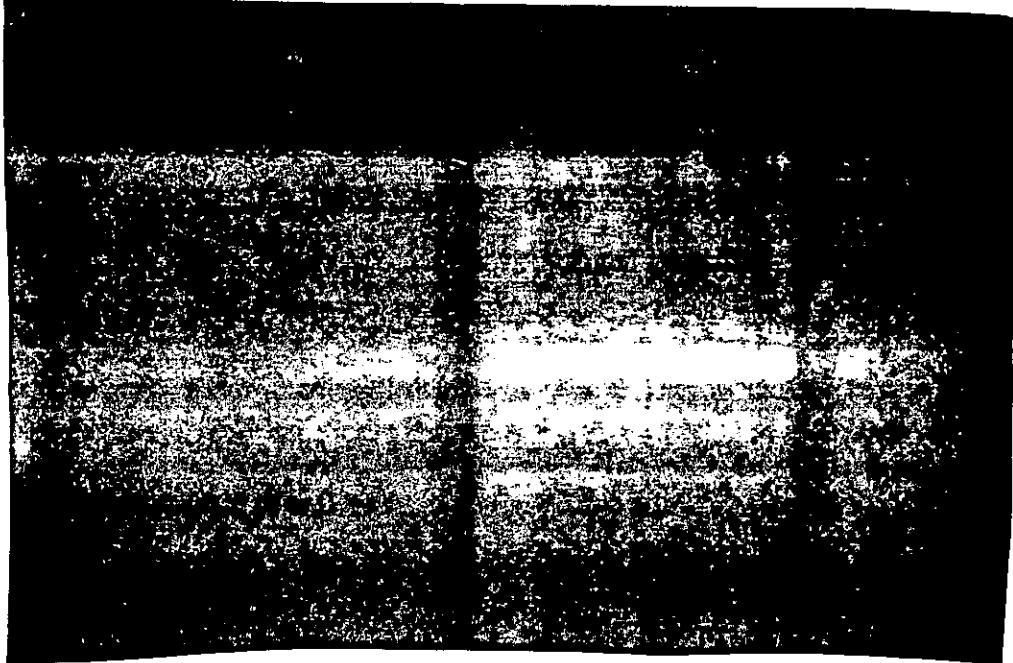
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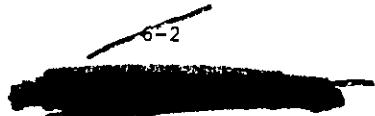
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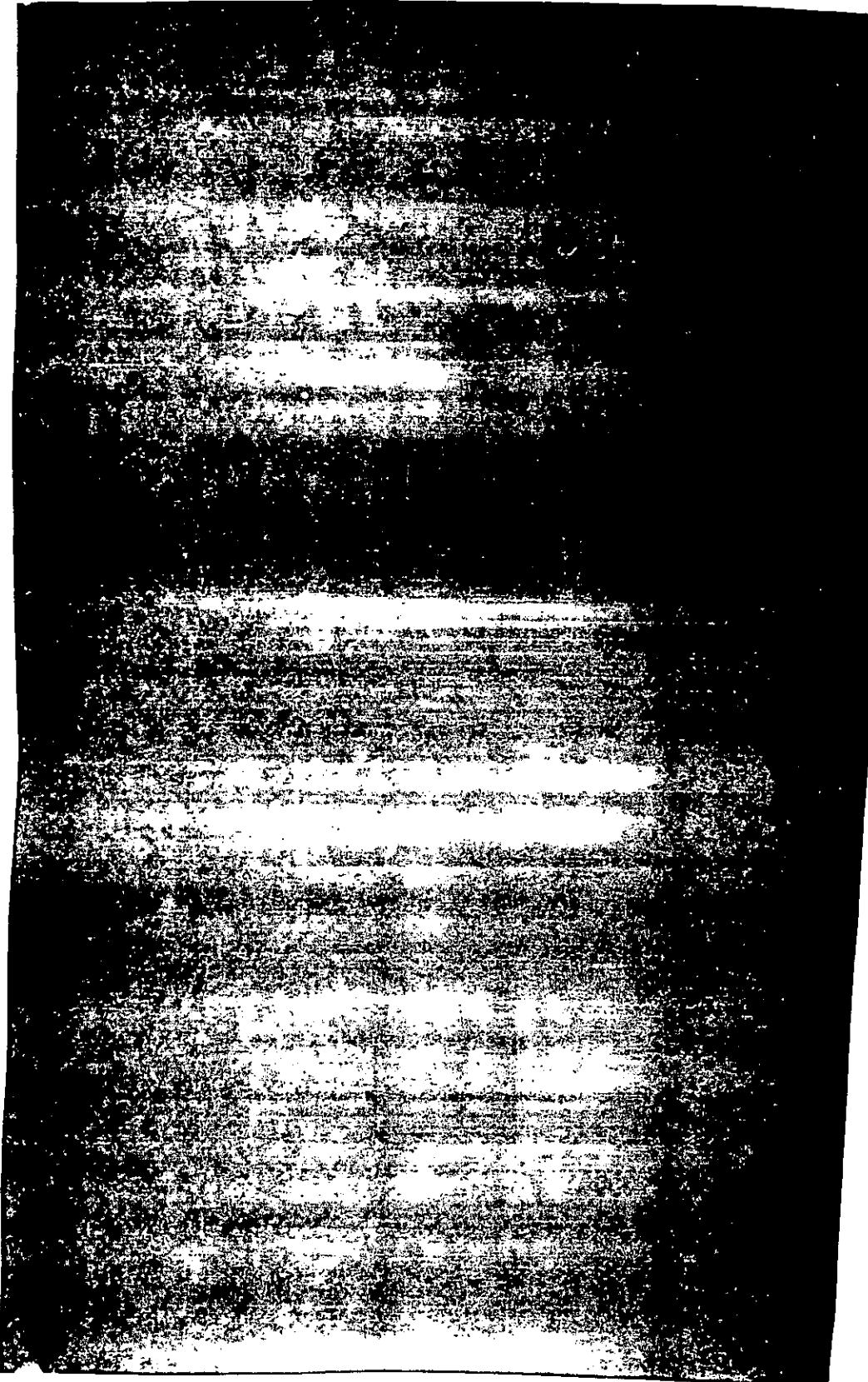
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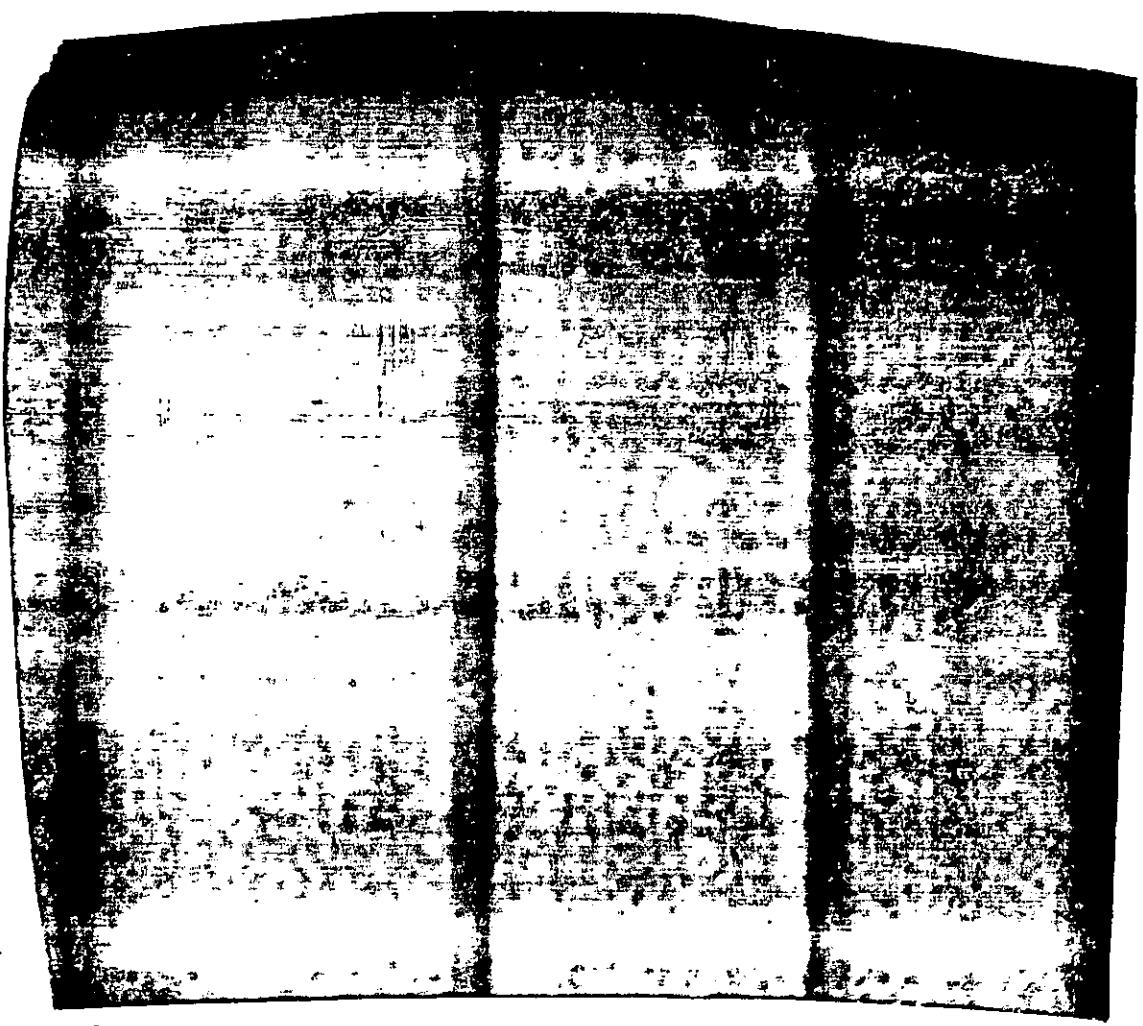
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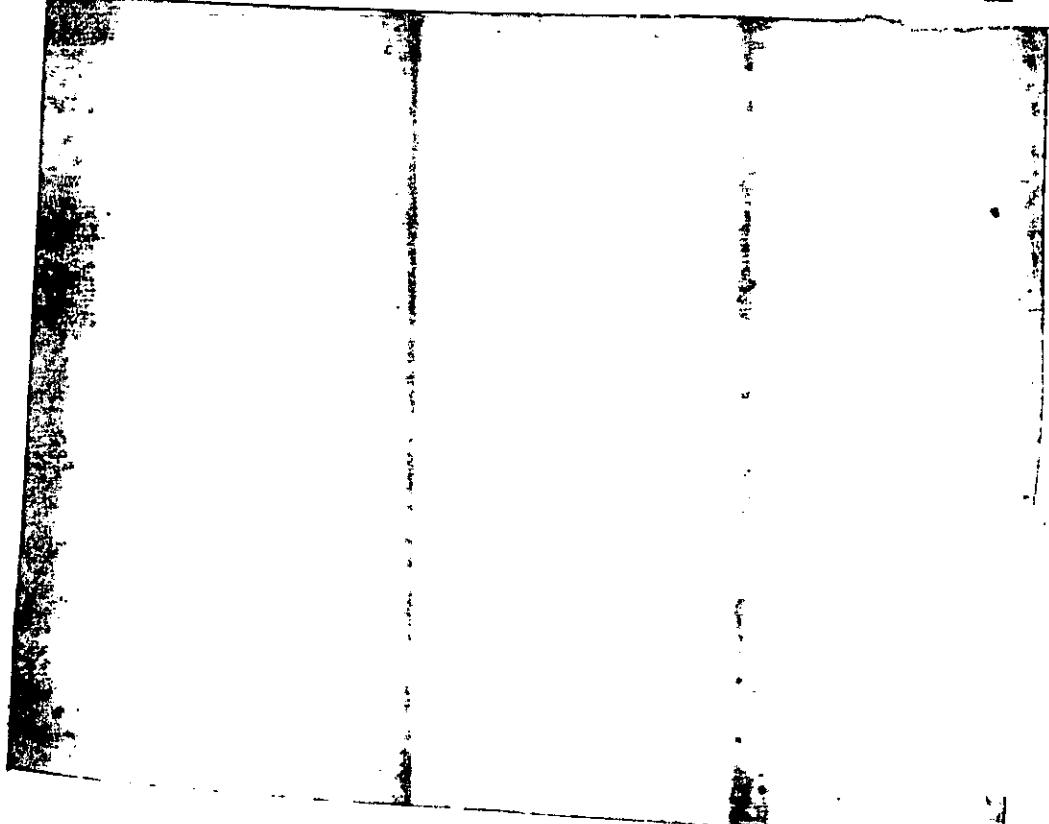
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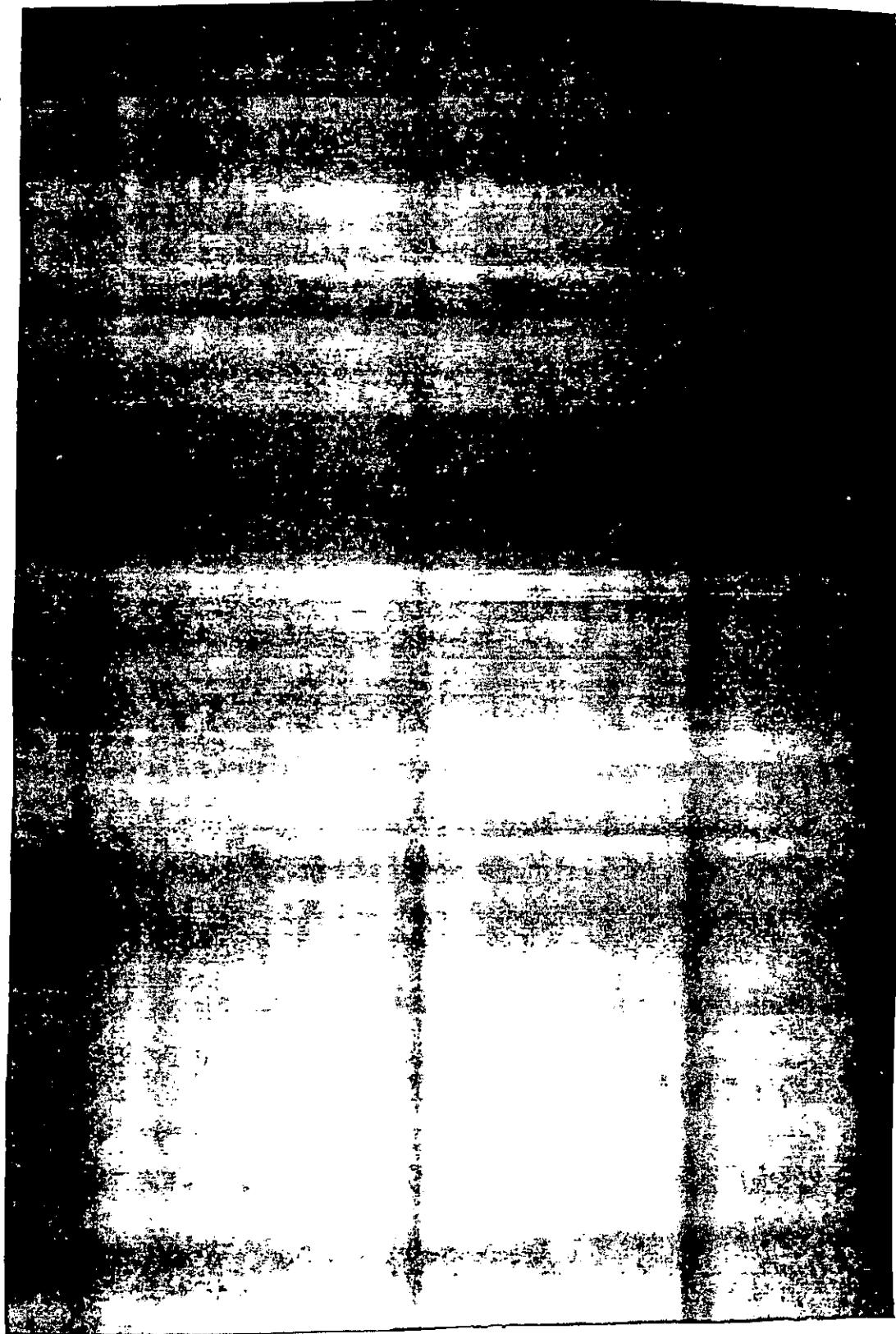


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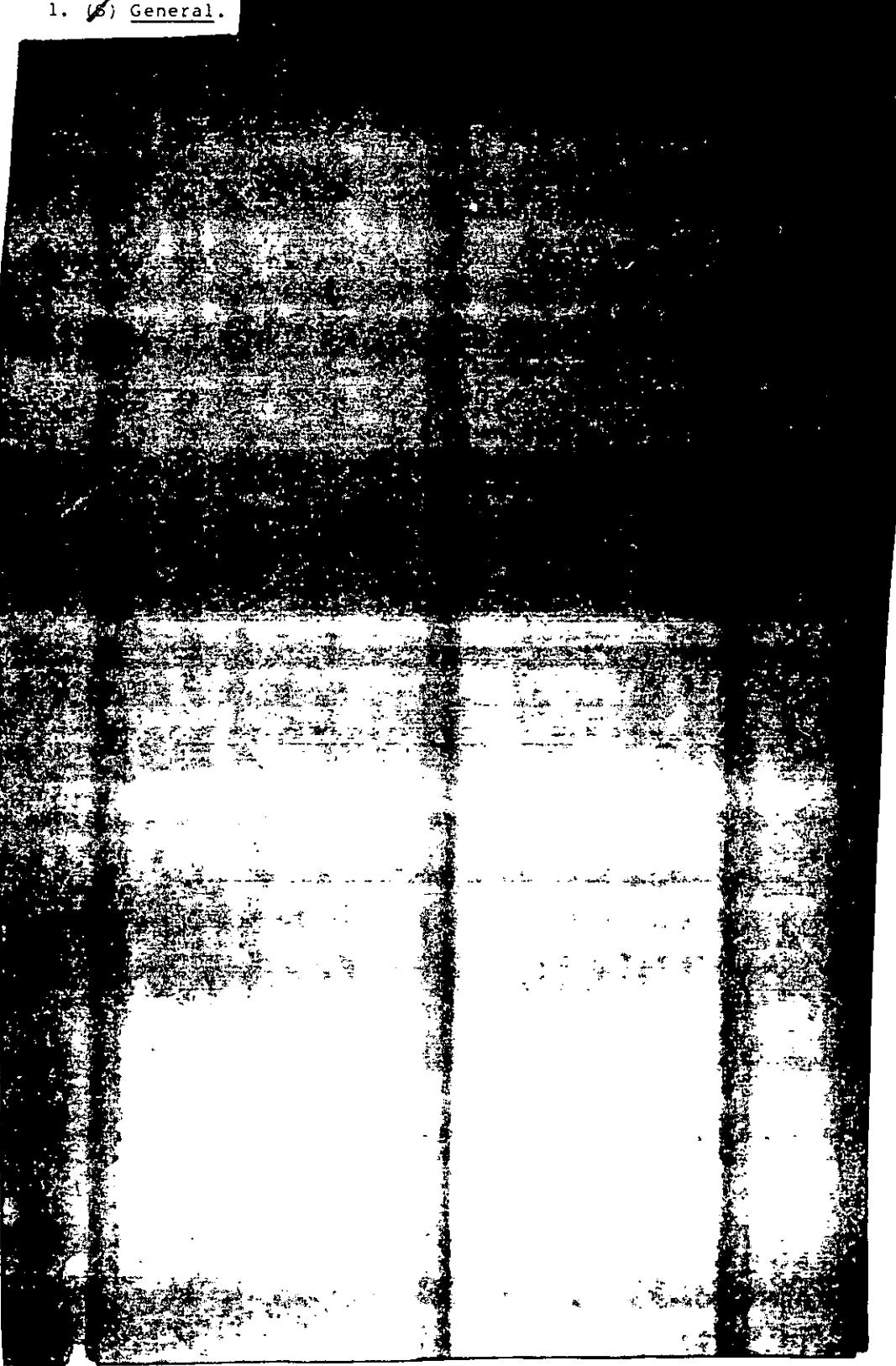


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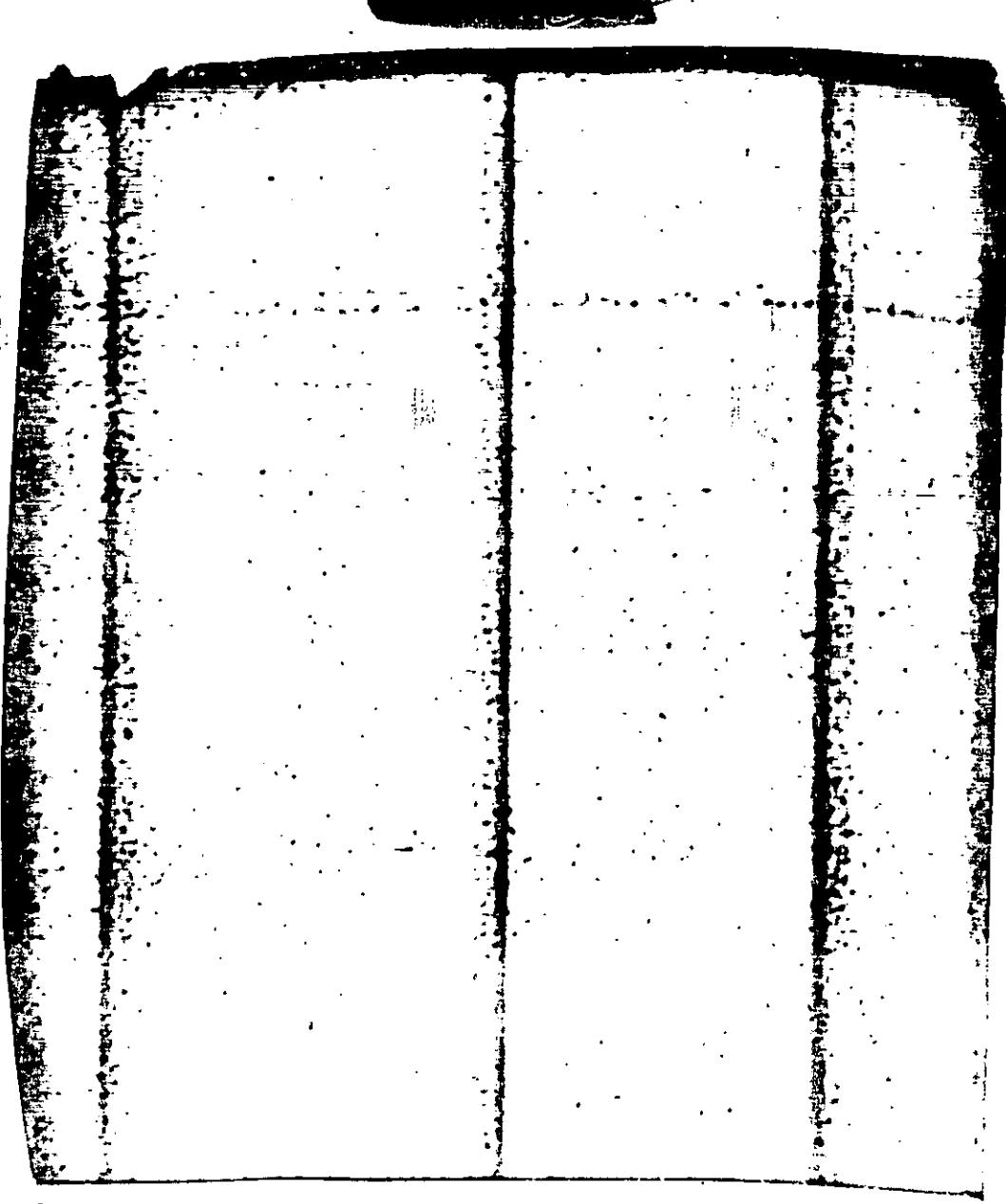
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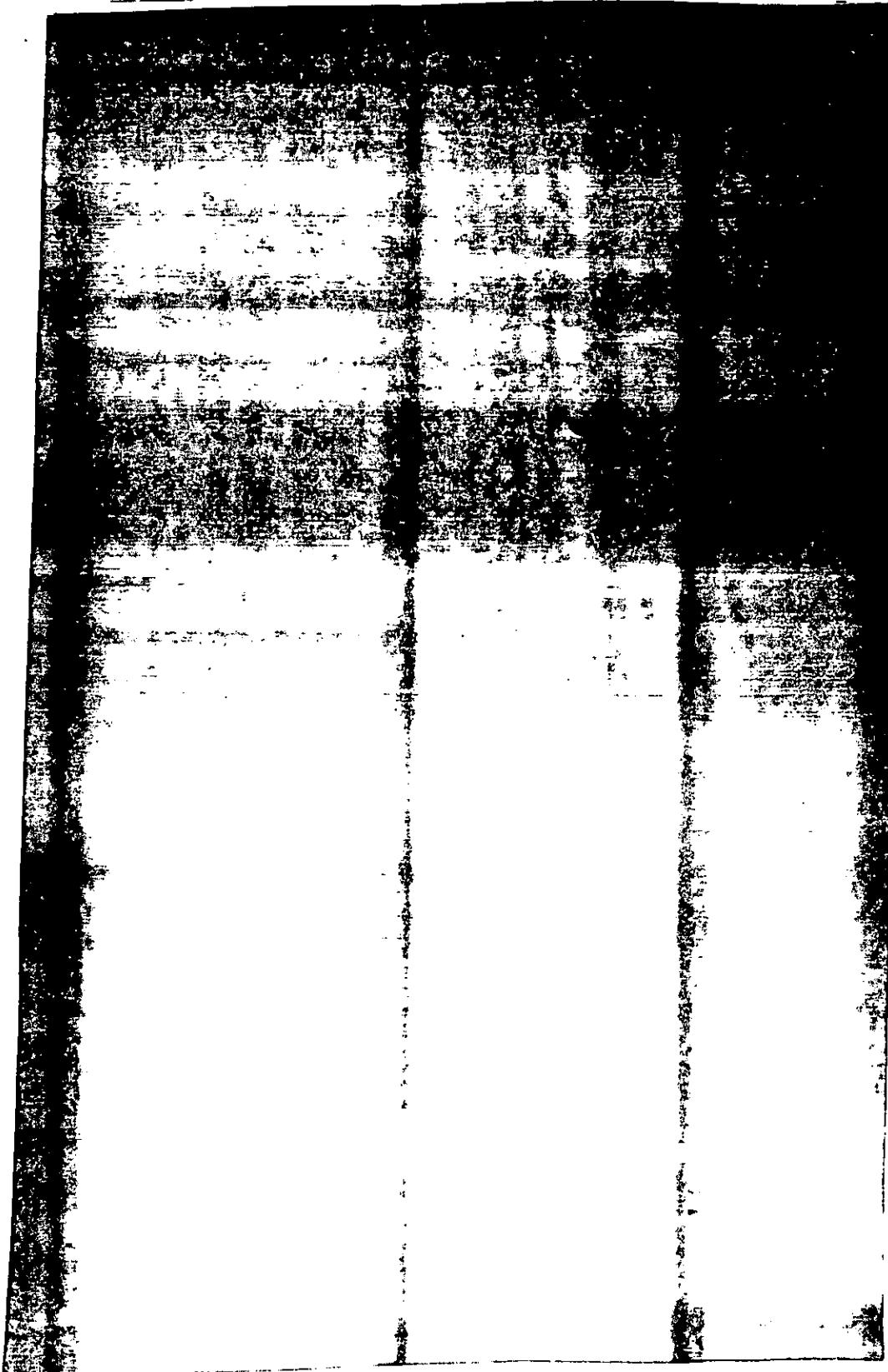
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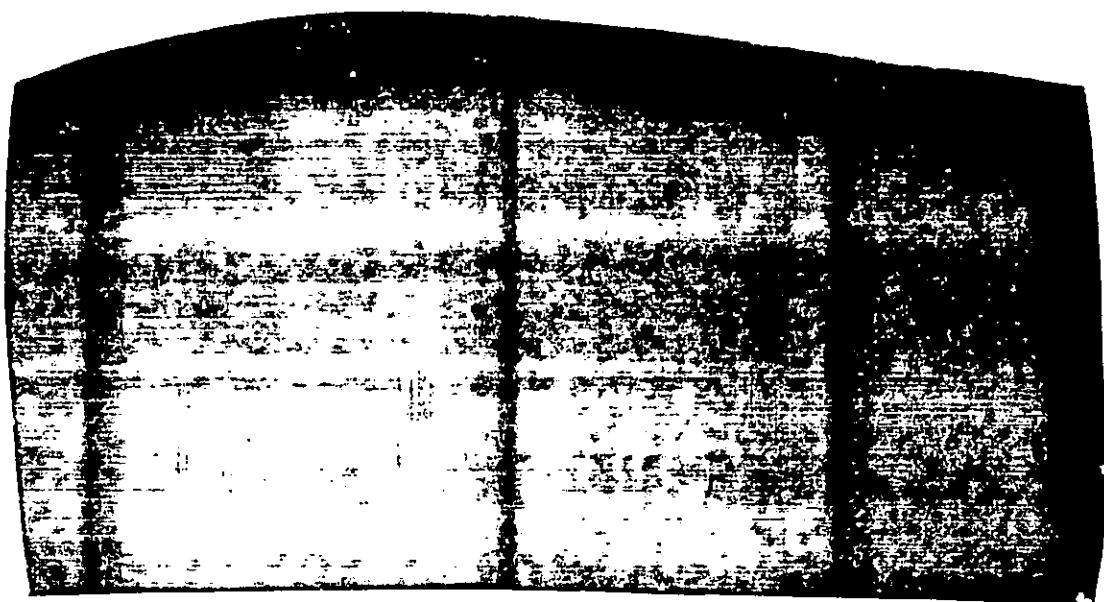
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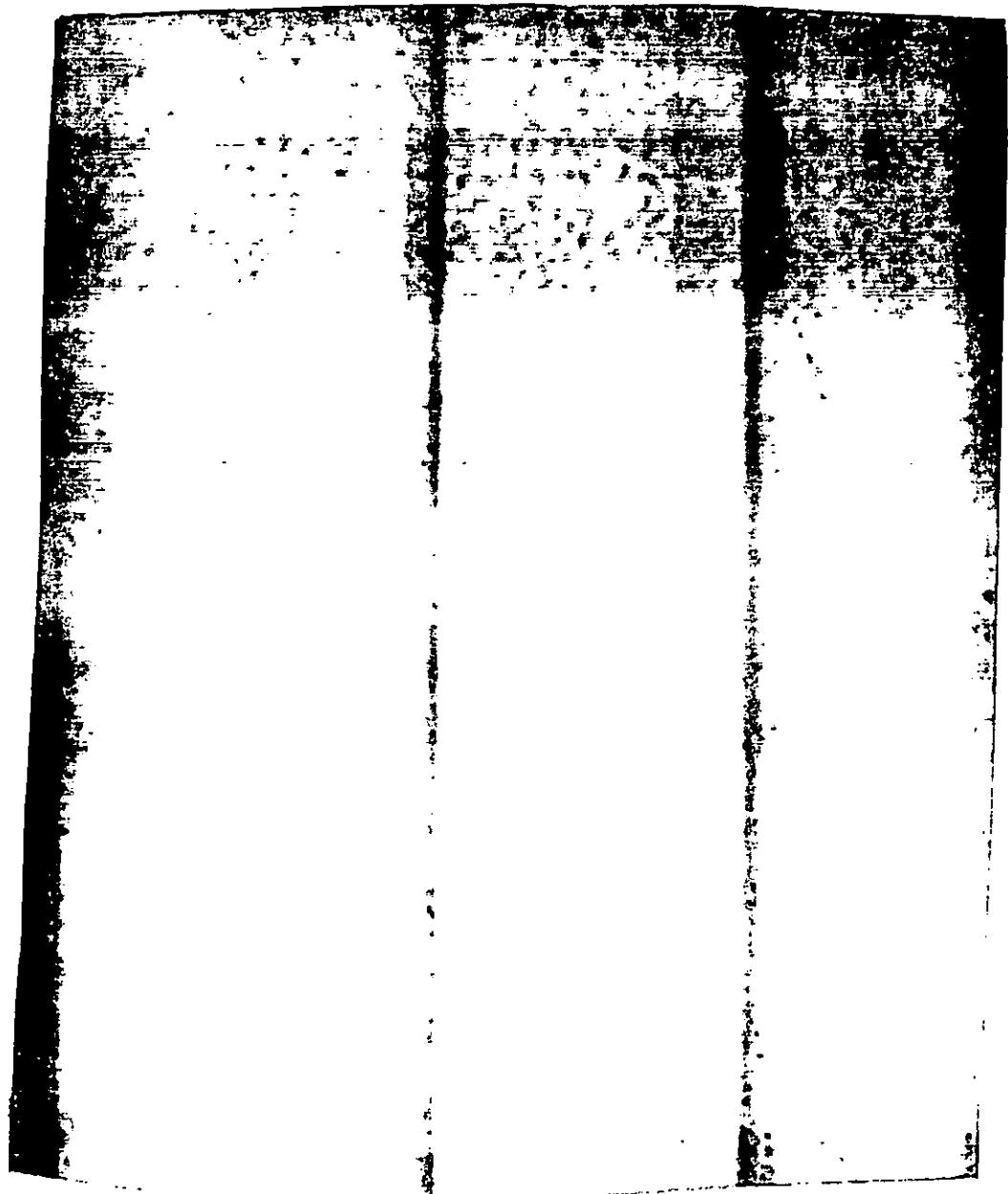
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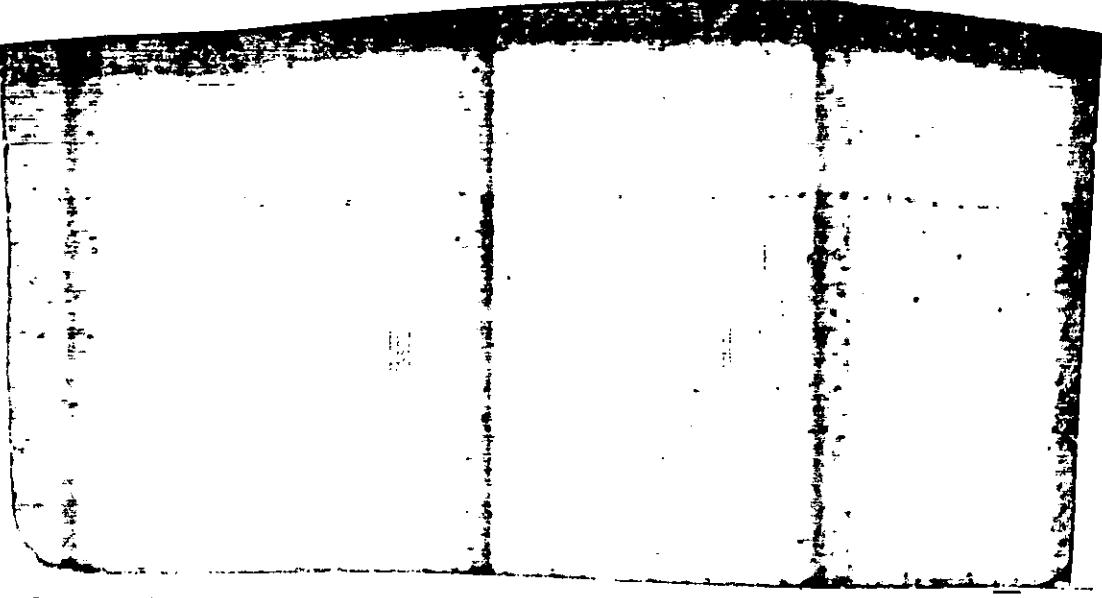
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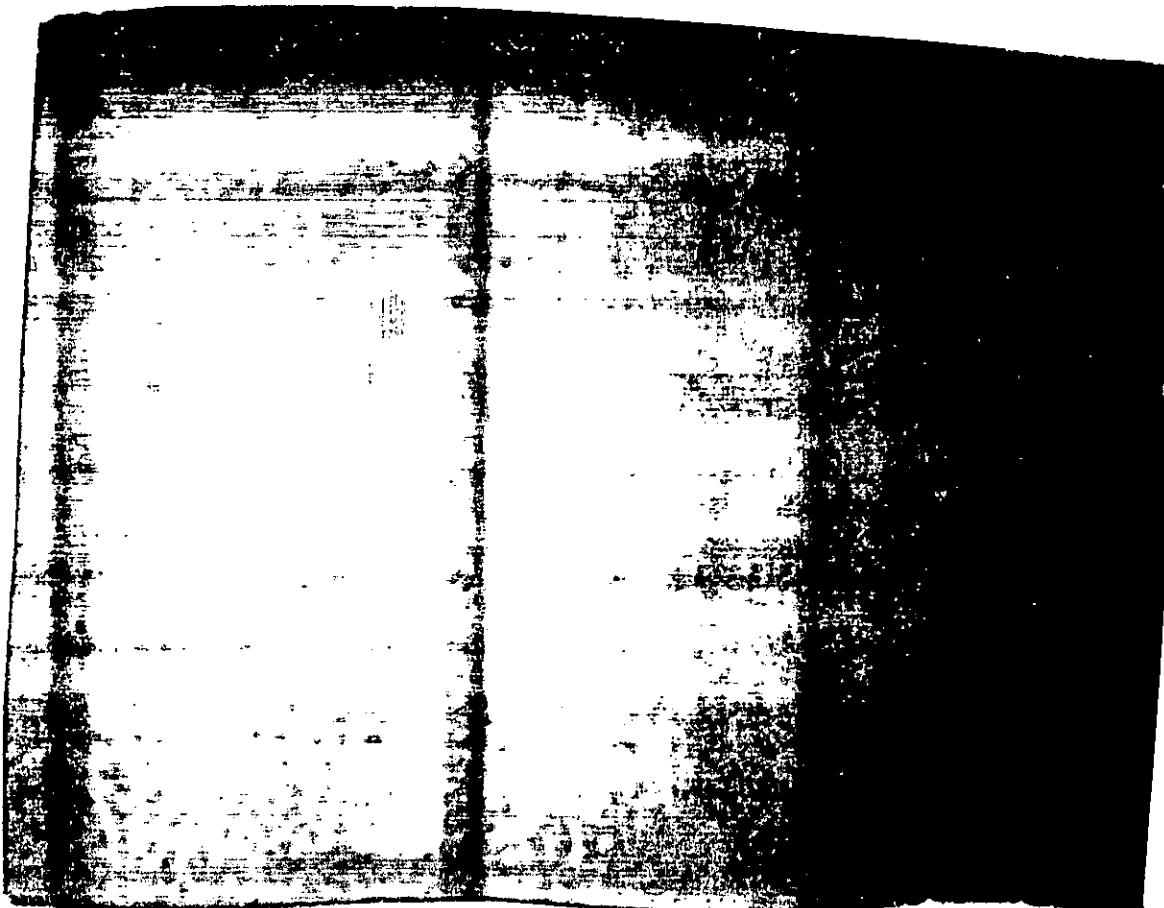
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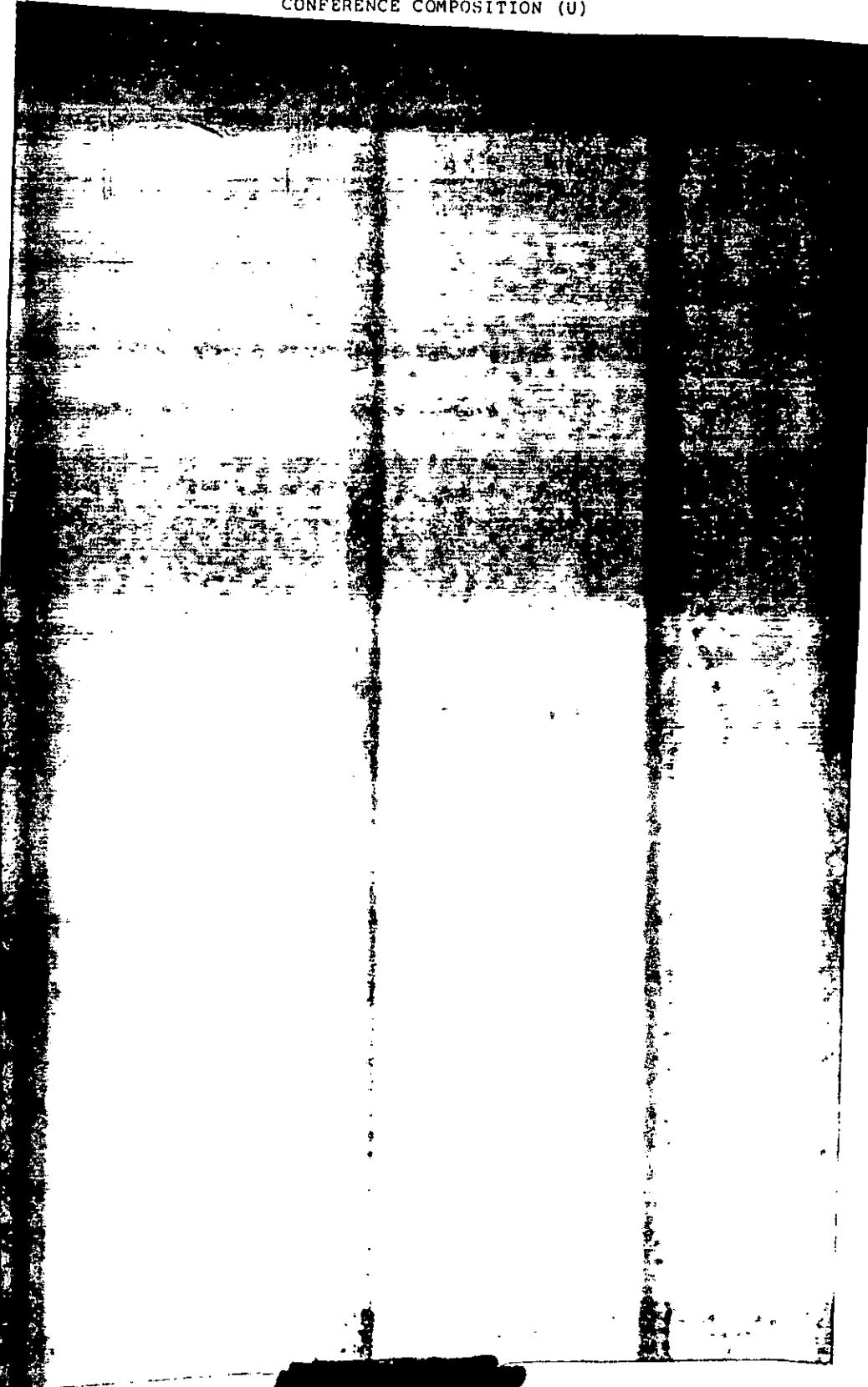
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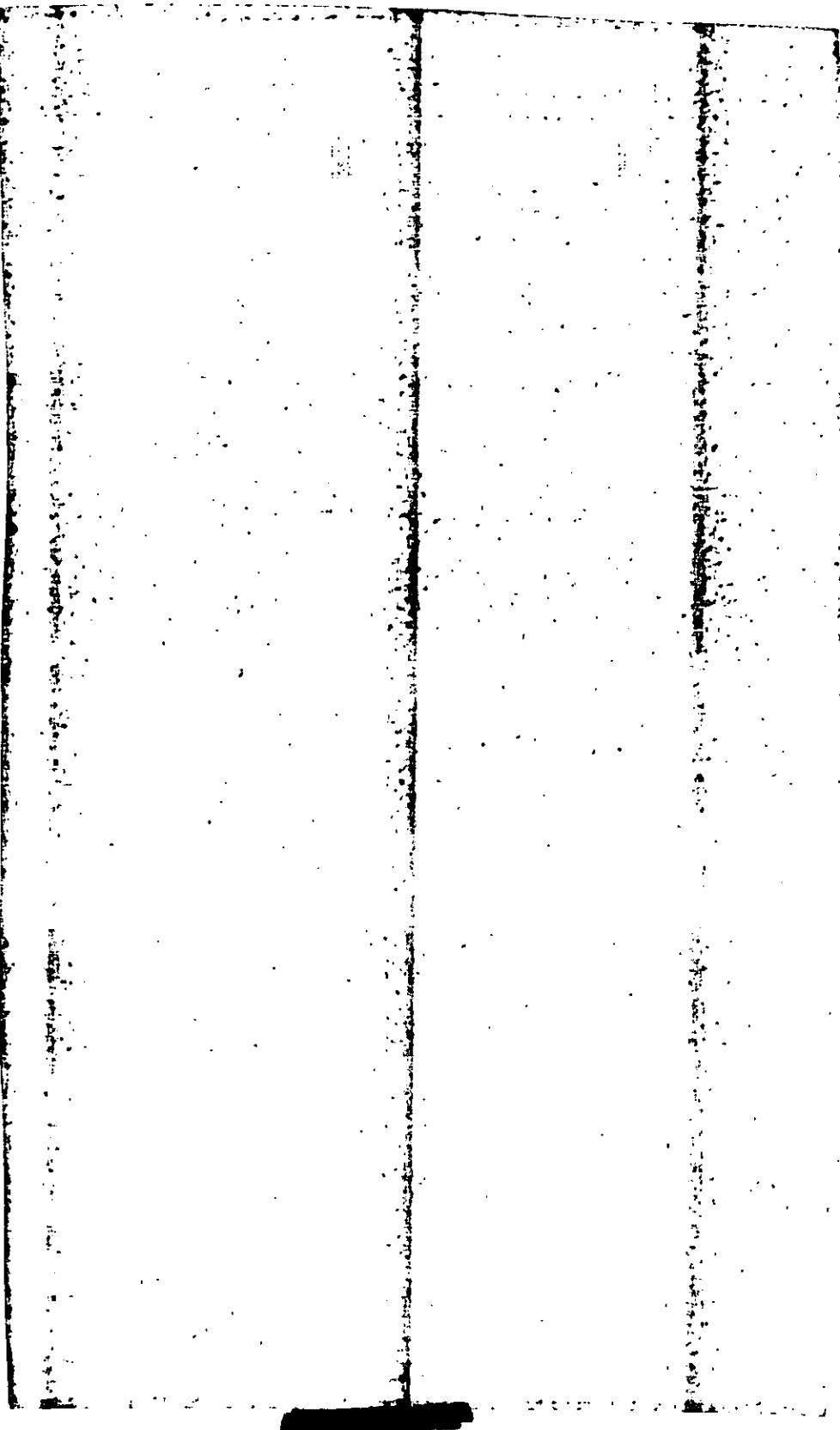
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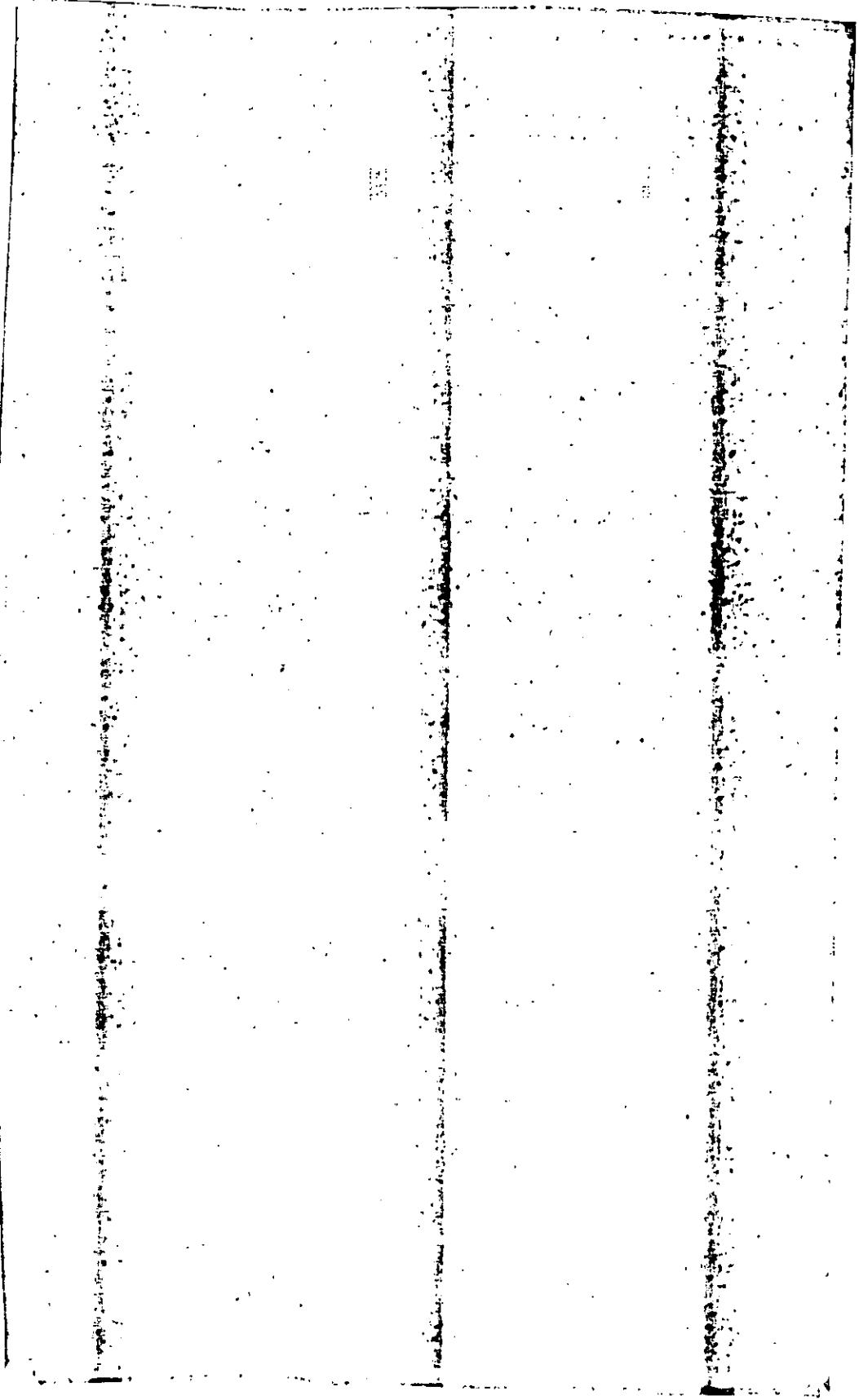


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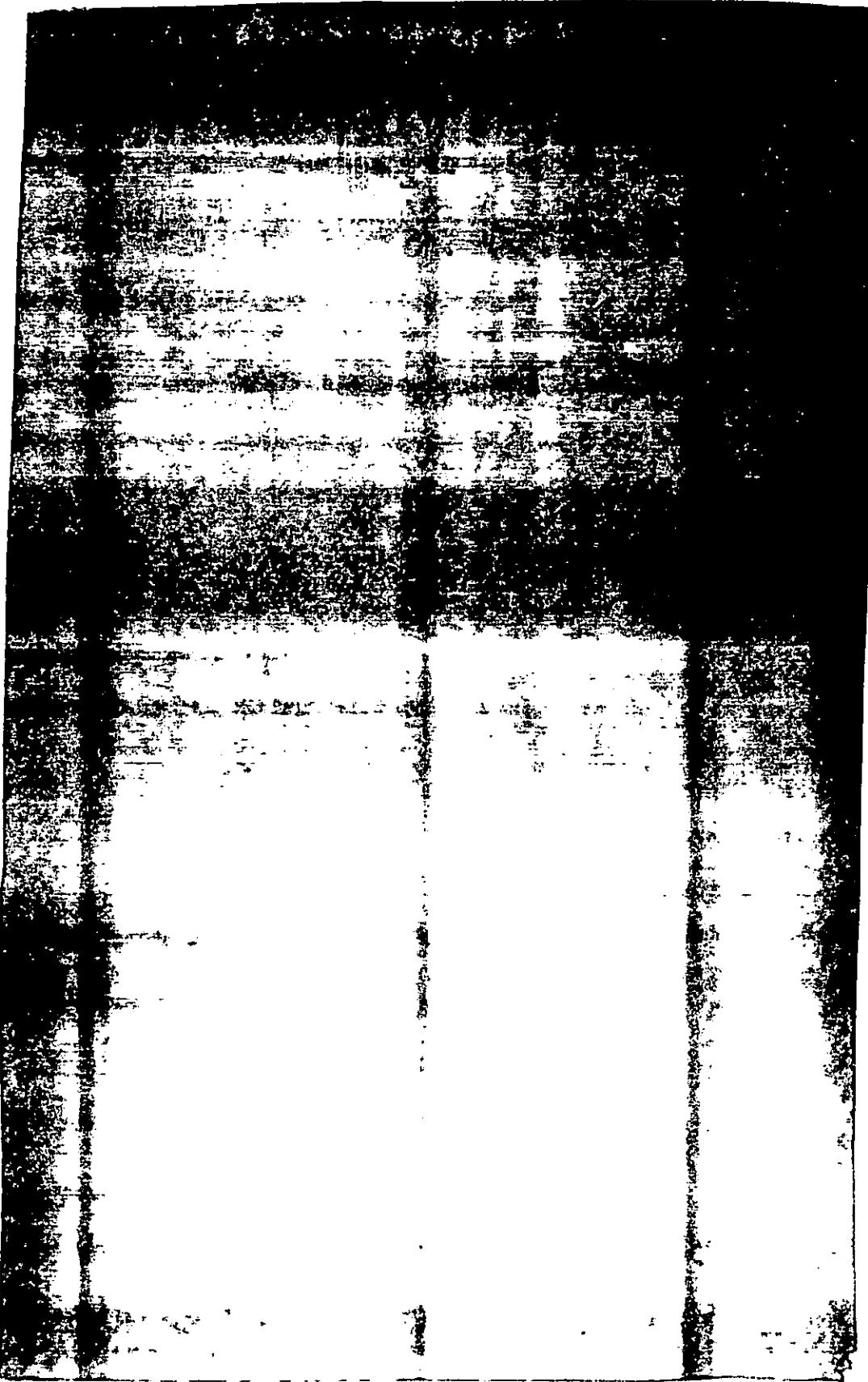
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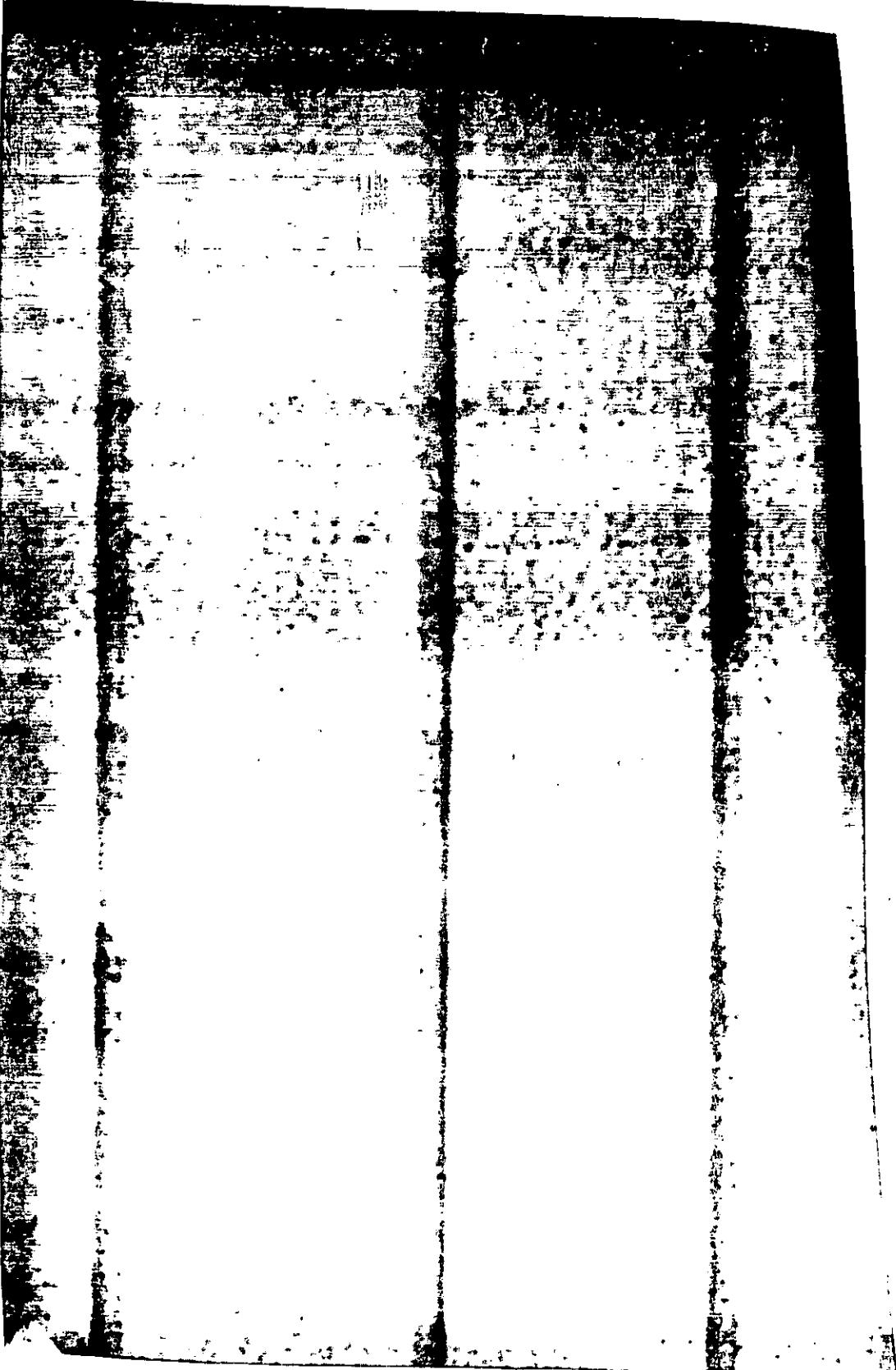
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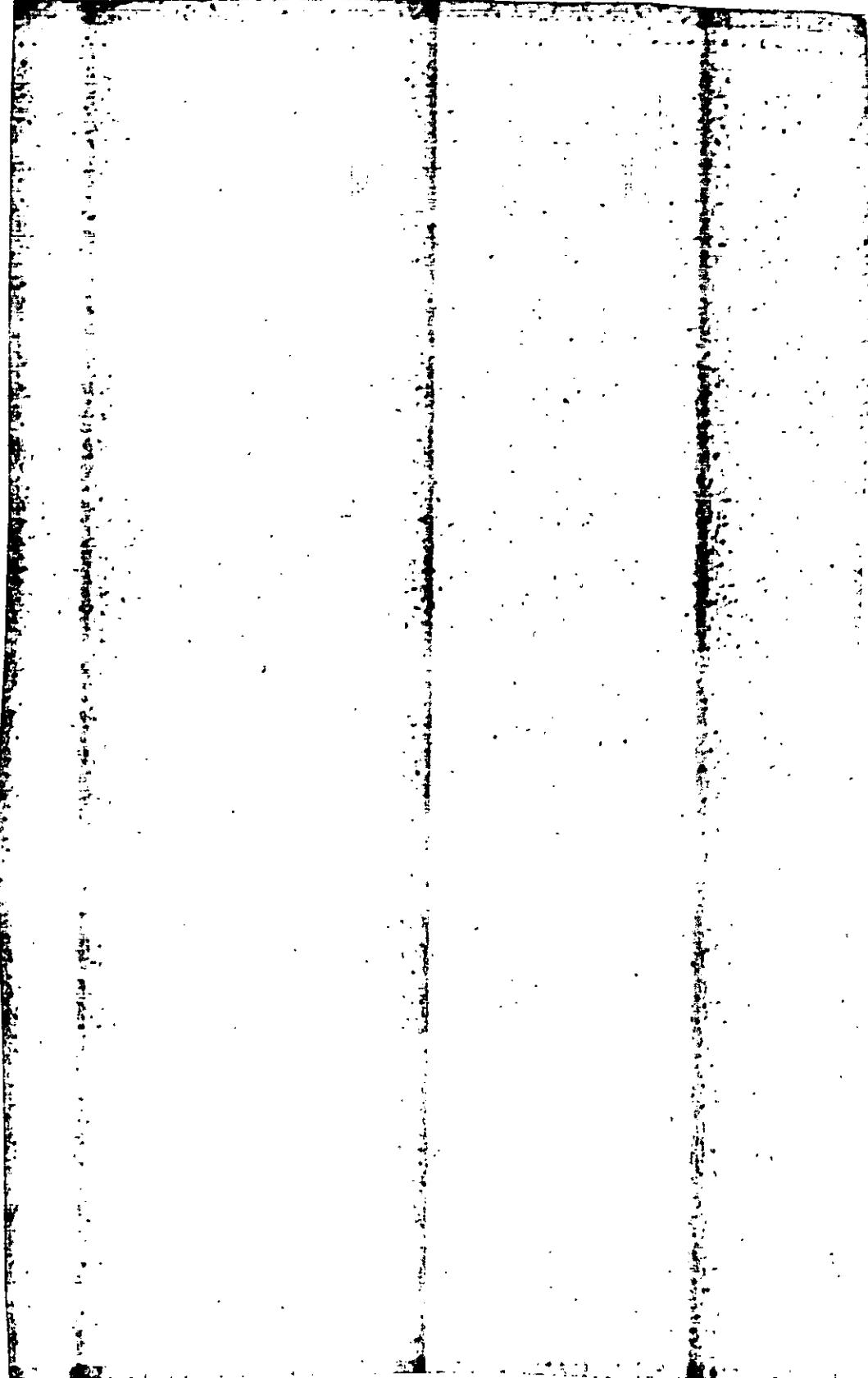
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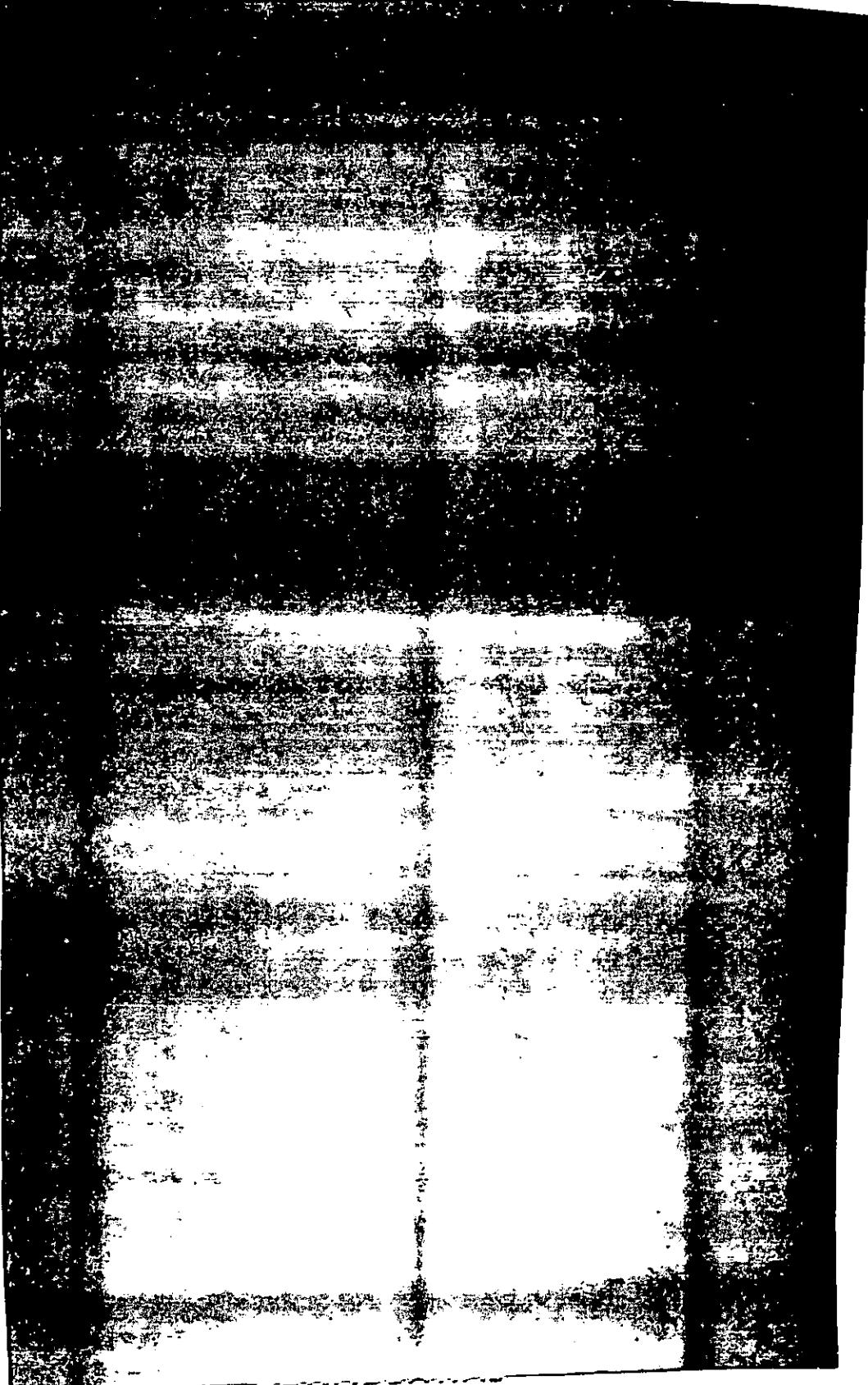
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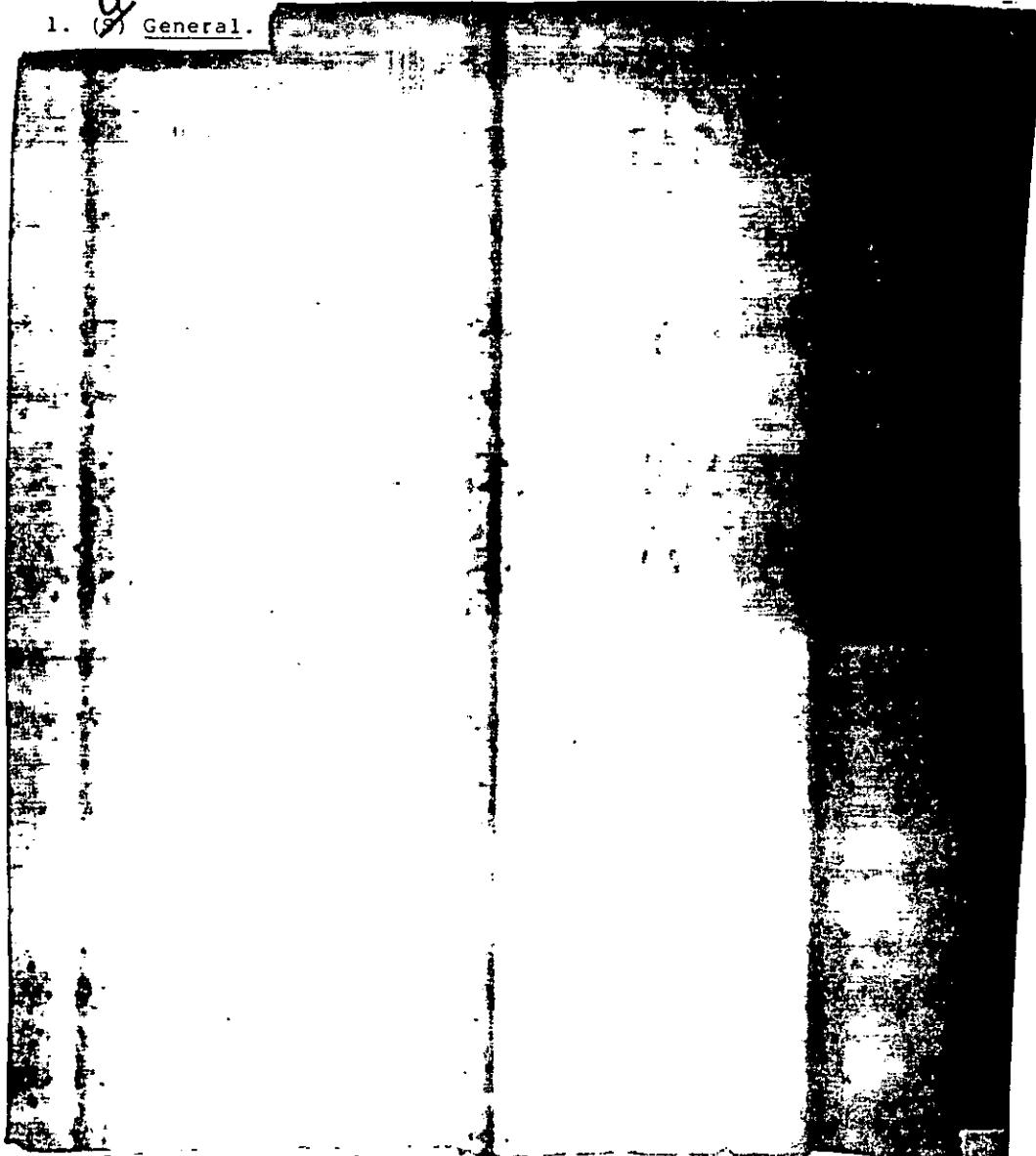
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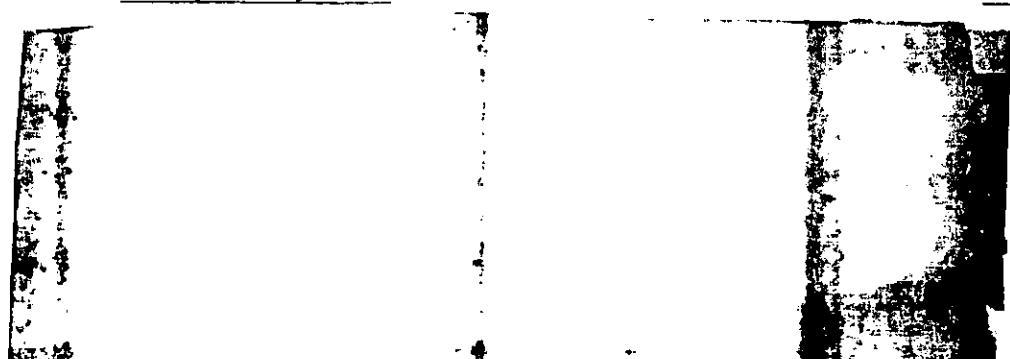
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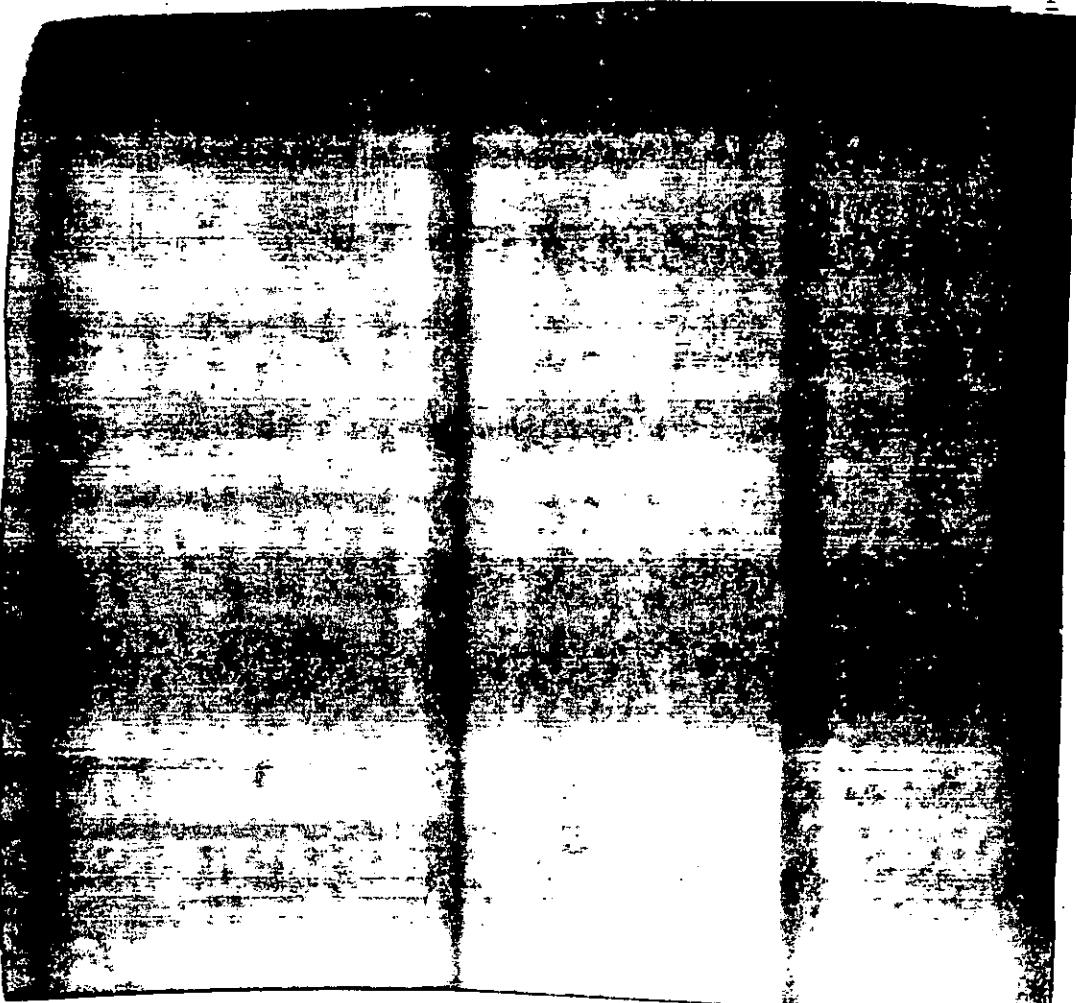


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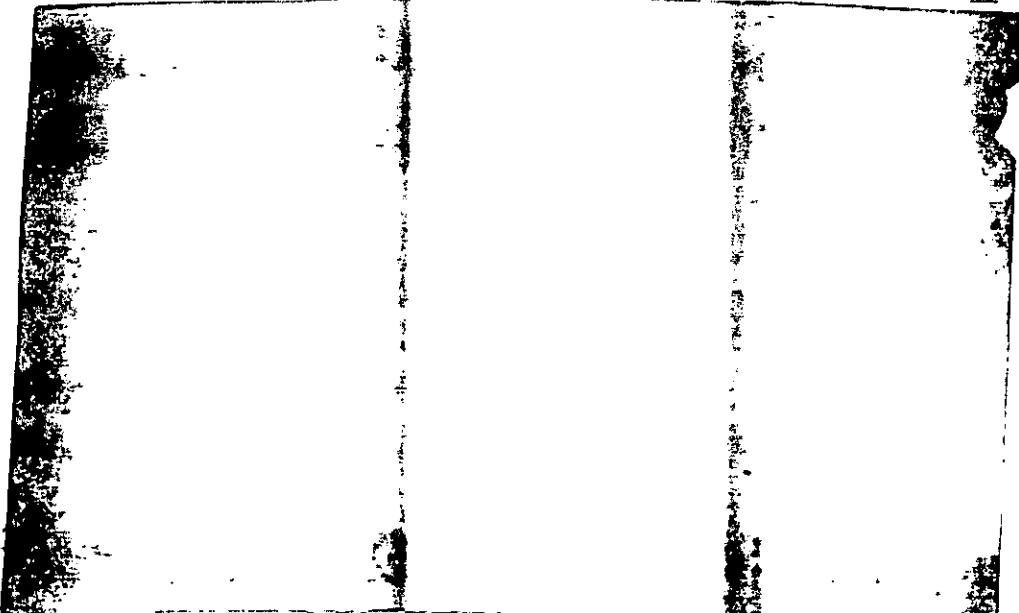
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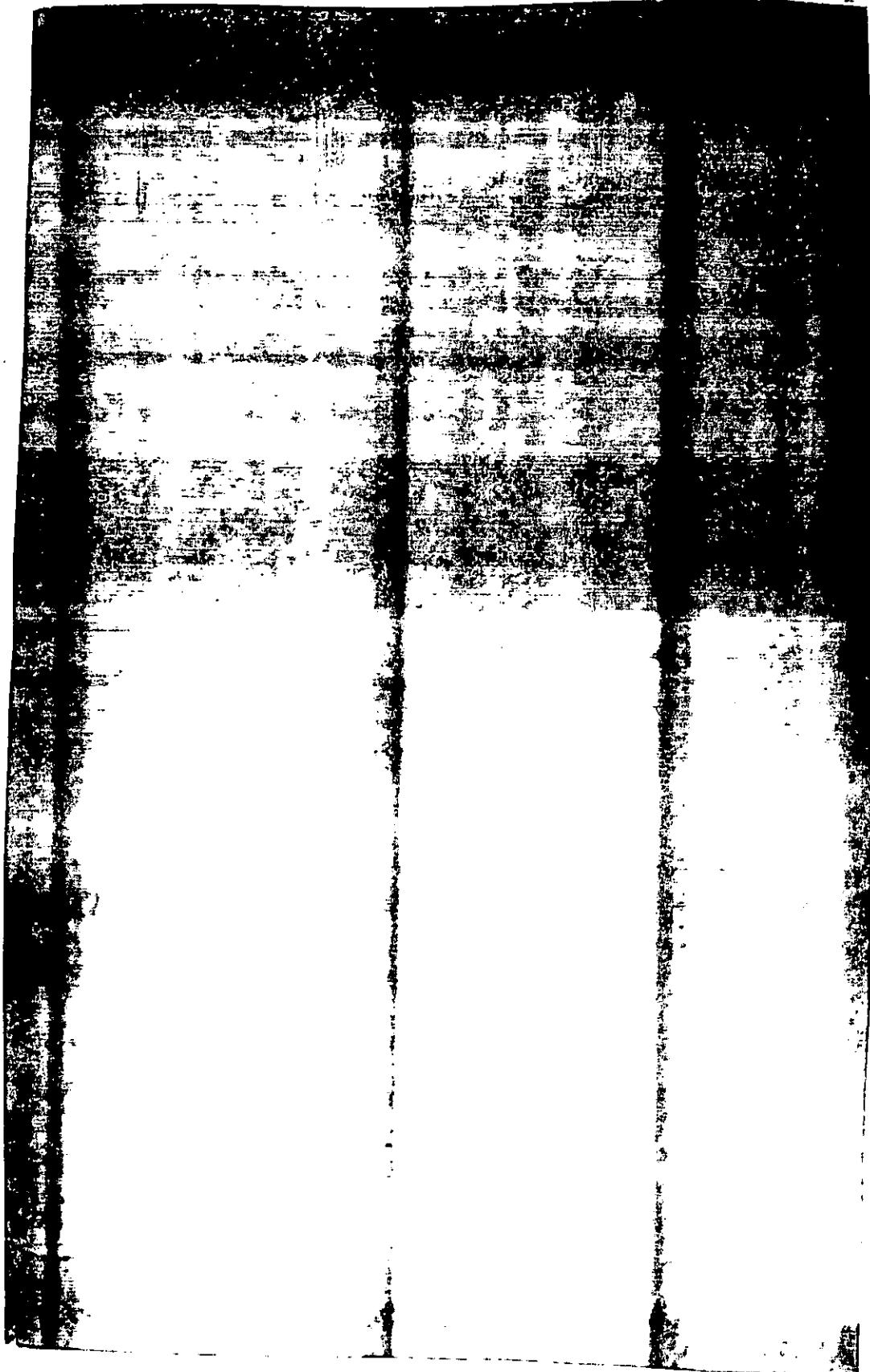
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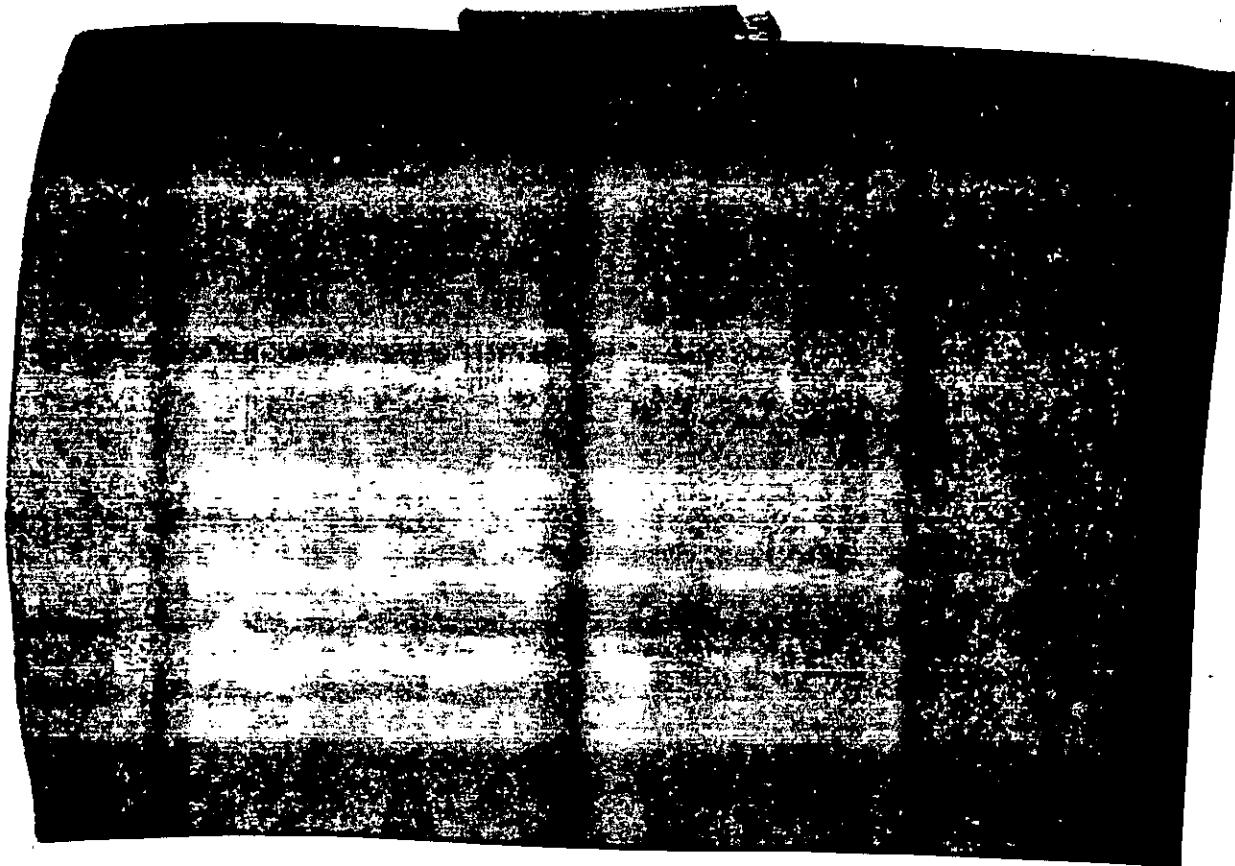
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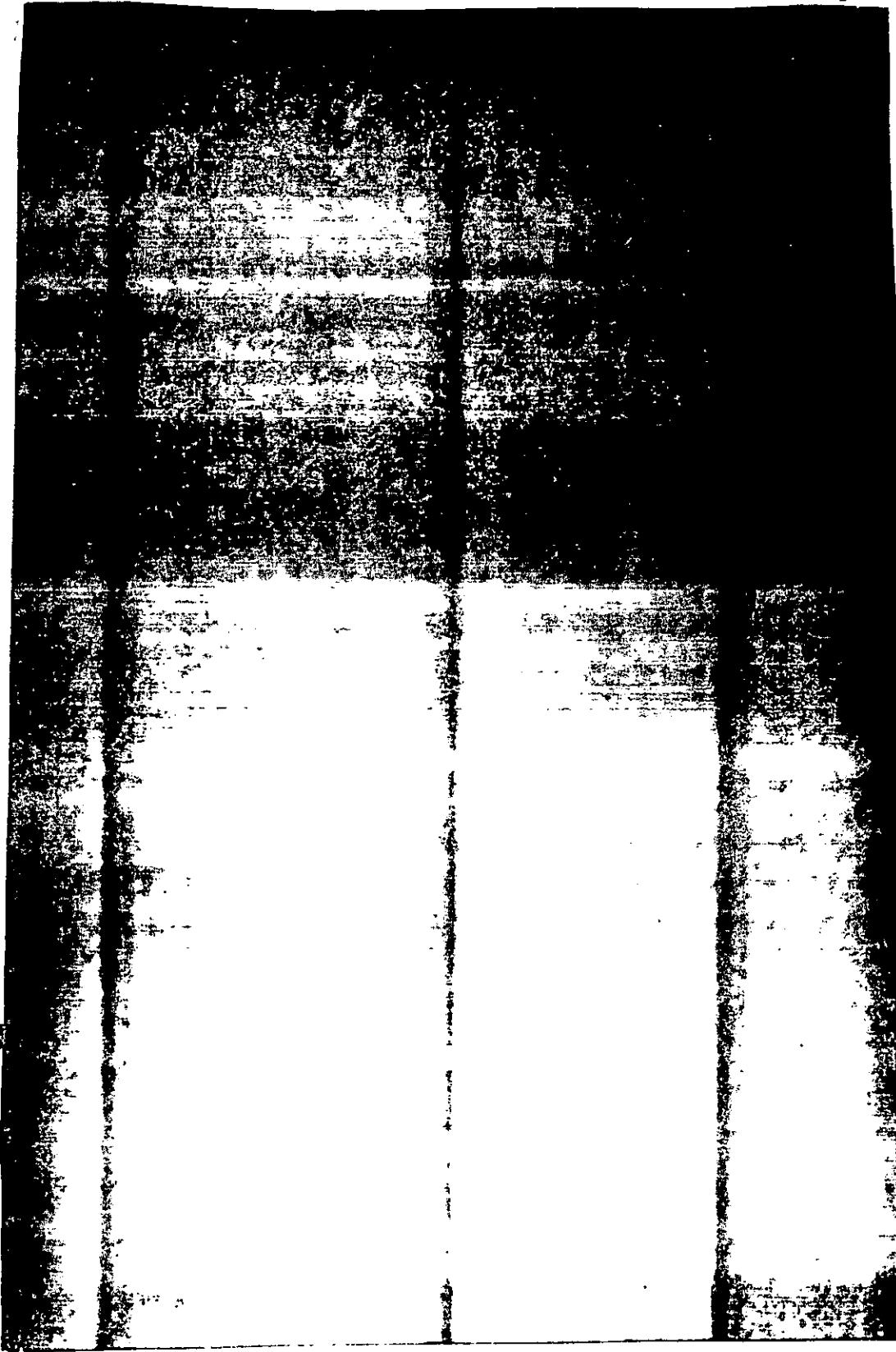


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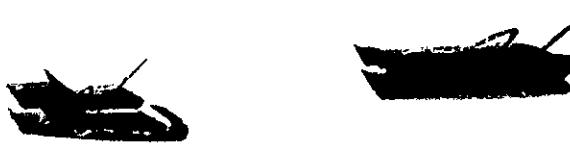
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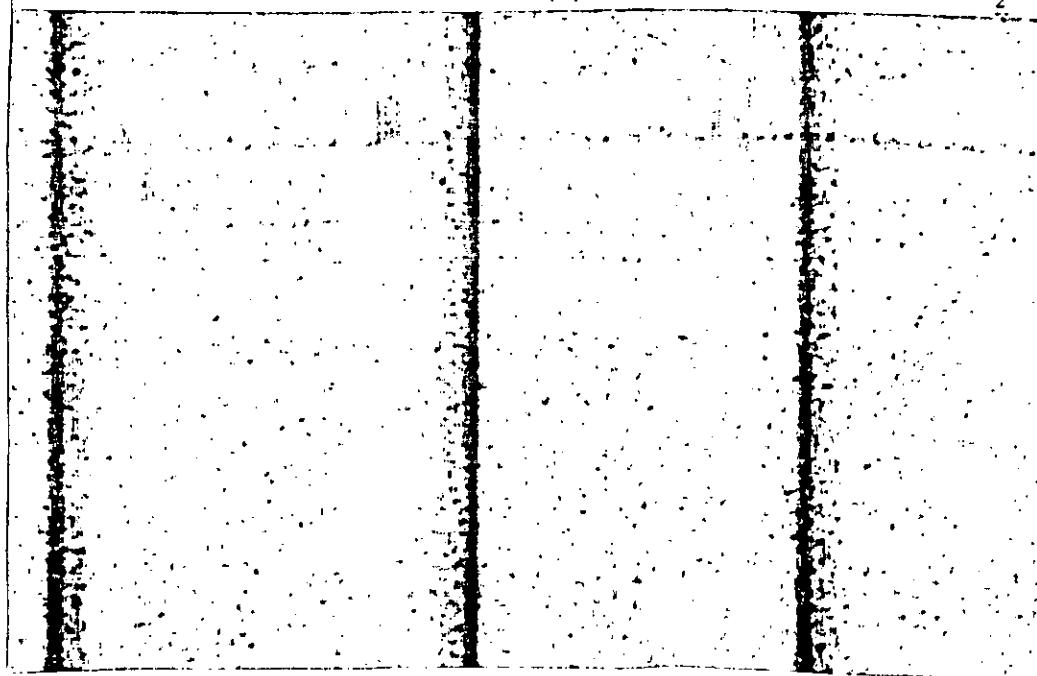


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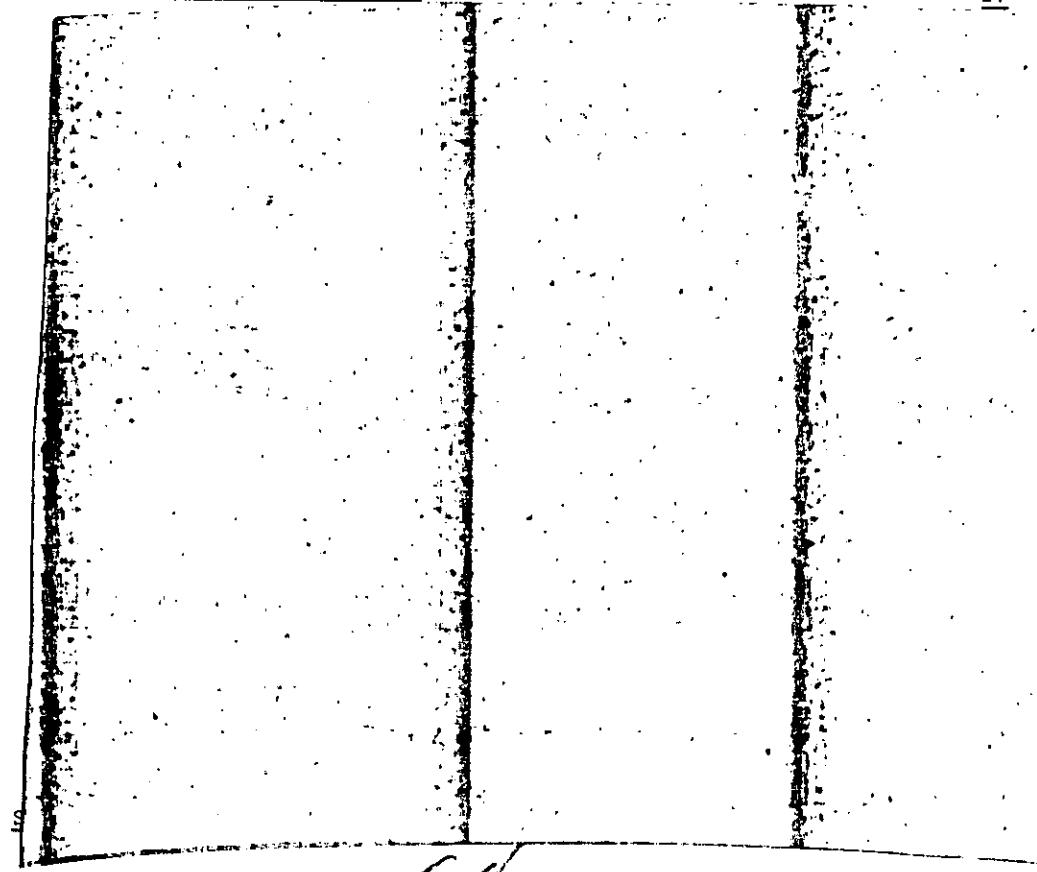
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3. (U) Means of Transmission

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4. (U) Message Addressing

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RED ROCKET Format



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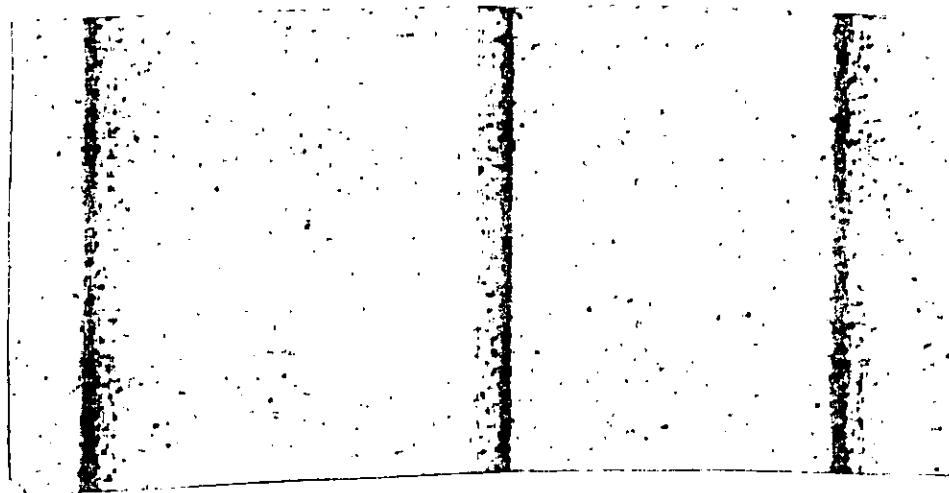


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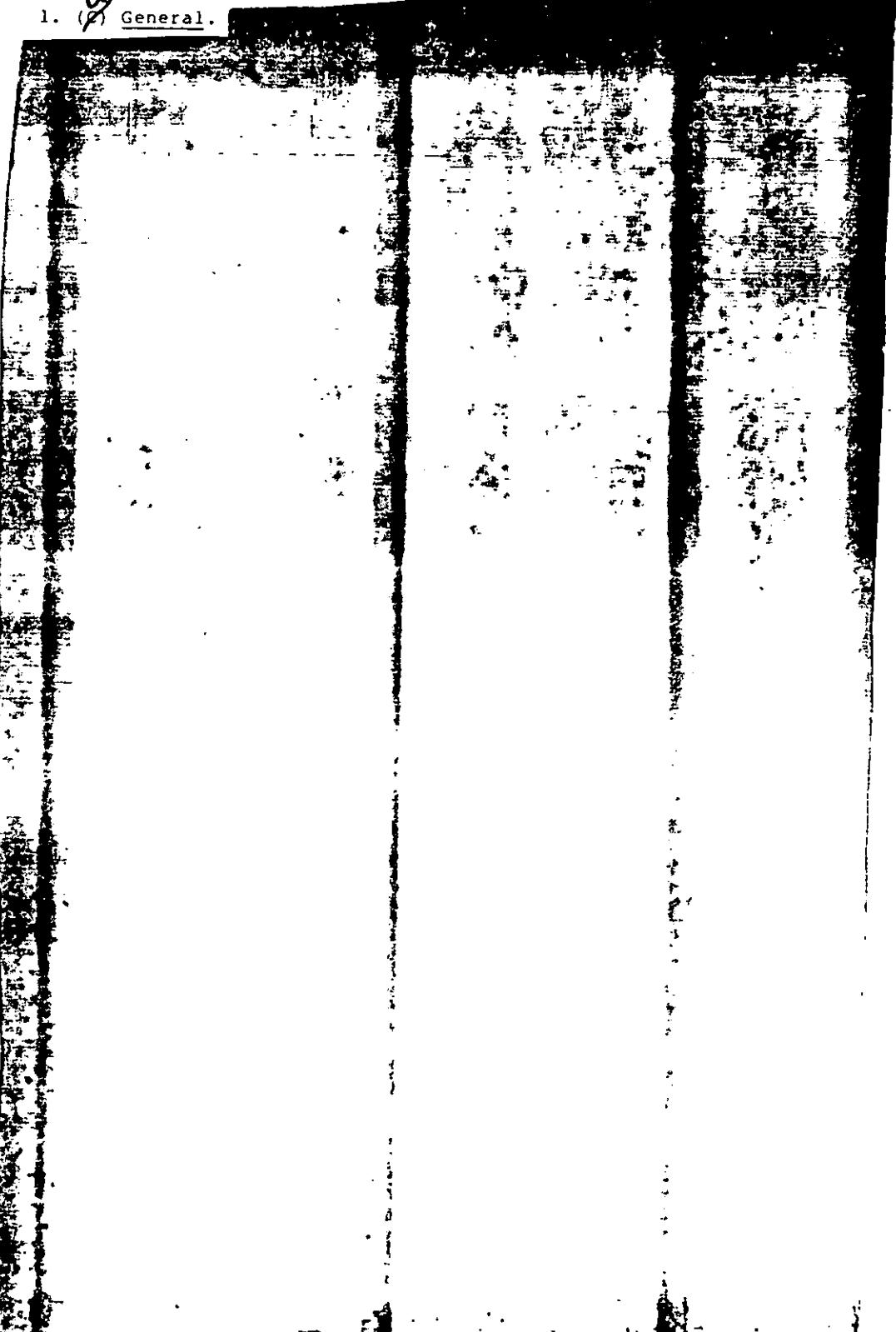
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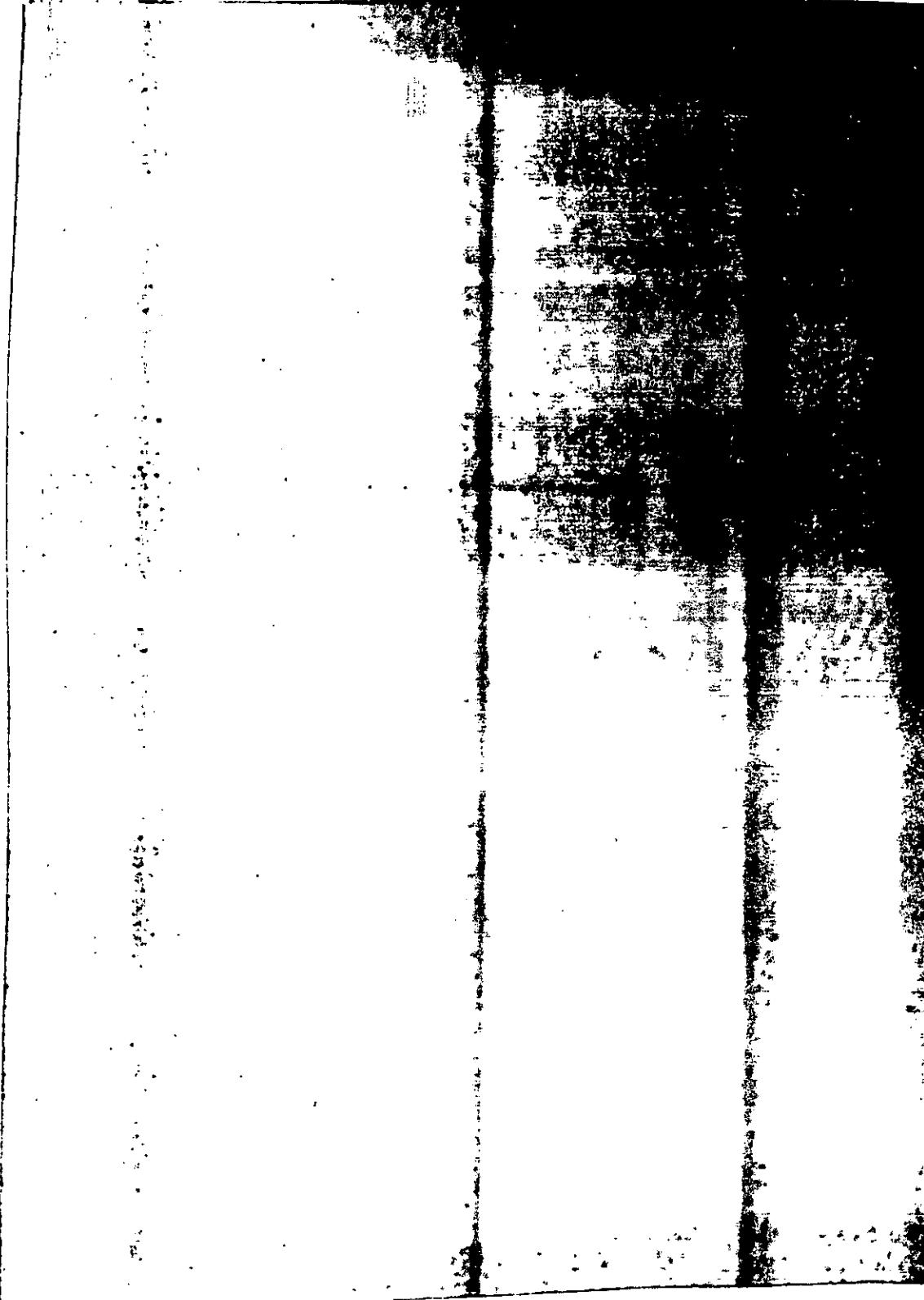
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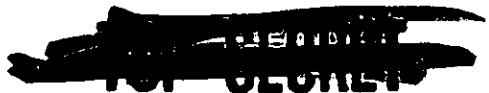
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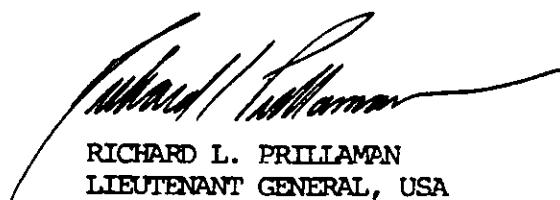
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ADCOM.....Aerospace Defense Command

AFSATCOM.....Air Force Satellite Communications System

AIG.....Address Indicator Group

ANMCC.....Alternate National Military Command Center

AUTODIN.....Automatic Digital Network

AUTOSEVOCOM.....Automatic Secure Voice Communications

AUTOVON.....Automatic Voice Network

BMEWS.....Ballistic Missile Early Warning System

CCPDS.....Command Center Processing and Display System

CEP.....Circular error probable

CIC.....Content indicator code

CINC.....Commander in Chief  
CINCAD.....Commander in Chief, Aerospace Defense Command  
CINCMAC.....Commander in Chief, Military Airlift Command  
CINCNORAD.....Commander in Chief, North American Air Defense Command  
CINCSAC.....Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command  
CONUS.....Continental United States  
CRI.....Collective routing indicator  
DDO (NMCC).....Deputy Director for Operations (National Military Command Center), Joint Staff  
DEFCON.....Defense readiness condition  
DGZ.....Desired ground zero  
DIRNSA.....Director, National Security Agency  
DSP.....Defense Support Program  
EA.....Emergency action(s)  
EAM.....Emergency action message  
EAP.....Emergency action procedures  
EAP-JCS.....Emergency Action Procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
ECP.....Emergency command precedence  
EHF.....Extremely high frequency  
EMERGCON.....Emergency condition

ERCS.....Emergency Rocket Communications System  
FGD.....Footprint Group Designator

HF.....High frequency  
ICBM.....Intercontinental ballistic missile  
IEMATS.....Improved Emergency Message Automatic Transmission System

J-3.....Operations Directorate, Joint Staff  
JCS.....Joint Chiefs of Staff  
JCSAN.....JCS Alerting Network  
JTF.....Joint task force  
LERTCON.....Alert condition  
LF.....Low frequency  
MAC.....Military Airlift Command

MHZ.....Megahertz  
MOLINK.....Direct communications link (US-USSR)  
NATO.....North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
NBC.....Nuclear Biological Chemical  
NCA.....National Command Authorities

NEACP.....National Emergency Airborne Command Post

OJCS.....Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

PA.....Planning Assumption

PARCS.....Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack  
Characterization System

SAC.....Strategic Air Command

SACEUR.....Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

SACLANT.....Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic

SAO.....Selected Attack Option

SIOP.....Single Integrated Operational Plan

SLBM.....Sea-launched ballistic missile

SOI.....Space Object Identification

SPADOC.....Space Defense Operations Center

SSBN.....Fleet ballistic missile submarine nuclear

TACAMO.....Navy EC-130Q VLF relay aircraft  
TDD.....Target DGZ designator  
UHF.....Ultra high frequency  
UK.....United Kingdom  
US.....United States  
USCINCCENT.....Commander in Chief, US Central Command  
USCINCEUR.....US Commander in Chief, Europe  
USCINCLANT.....Commander in Chief, US Atlantic Command  
USCINCPRED.....Commander in Chief, US Readiness Command  
USCINCSO.....Commander in Chief, US Southern Command  
USEUCOM.....US European Command  
USCINCPAC.....Commander in Chief, US Pacific Command  
USLANTCOM.....US Atlantic Command  
USPACOM.....US Pacific Command  
USREDCOM.....US Readiness Command  
USSOUTHCOM.....US Southern Command  
USSR.....Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
VLF.....Very low frequency  
WWABNCP.....Worldwide Airborne Command Post System  
WWMCCS.....Worldwide Military Command and Control System

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- (1) (U) Chief of Staff, US Army; Chief of Naval Operations; Chief of Staff, US Air Force; and Commandant of the Marine Corps are authorized to distribute EAP-JCS within their respective Services, following the guidance in JCS Memorandum of Policy No. 39. 1  
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- (2) (U) Commanders of unified and specified commands may distribute EAP-JCS to their subordinate military activities or commands based on their NEED TO KNOW. Whenever possible, extracts of these procedures will be used. 7  
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- b. (U) Requests for release of the EAP-JCS, or for information therefrom, to any person or agency, military or civilian, not on the original distribution list for these procedures will be referred to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff. 12  
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- c. (U) Because emergency action procedures of the Services and unified and specified commands are frequently based on the EAP-JCS, the safeguards above apply to those Service and unified and specified command publications which reveal the EAP-JCS. 17  
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d. (U) Under no condition will information contained in the EAP-JCS be released to contractor personnel.	<u>1</u>
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4. (U) <u>Revisions to the Publication.</u> The Director for Operations, Joint Staff, will maintain these procedures and revise them. Submit comments and recommendations to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-3 (ATTN: Command and Control Division (CCD)).	<u>3</u>
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**SECTION II**

**RESPONSIBILITIES (U)**

**1. (U) Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands**

a. (U) The appropriate duty officers of unified and specified commands must be thoroughly familiar with the Emergency Action Procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (EAP-JCS) which apply to them and with the facilities, equipment, and procedures provided to implement these procedures.

**2. (U) The Military Services**

3. (U) Defense Communications Agency. The Defense 17  
Communications Agency assures long haul, rapid transmission 18  
of emergency messages by exercising operational and 19  
managerial direction over the Defense Communications System 20  
in accordance with the mission, functions, and 21  
responsibility assigned by the Secretary of Defense or by 22



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the Joint Chiefs of Staff under the authority and direction  
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4. (U) The Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The  
Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is responsible for  
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**SECTION III**

**DEFINITIONS (U)**

1. (U) JCS Pub 1 contains standard definitions for planning  
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expanded for application to the Emergency Action Procedures  
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14. (b) Emergency Action Messages (EAM). Messages through which the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Command Authorities, through the Joint Chiefs of Staff, pass significant directives to the commanders of the unified and specified commands, their forces, and other military and Government agencies.

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17. (U) Executing Commander (SIOP). A commander to whom nuclear weapons are released for delivery against specific targets or in accordance with approved plans.

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20. (U) Major NATO Commanders. Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic (SACLANT); Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR); and Commander in Chief, Channel (CINCHAN).

23. (U) National Command Authorities (NCA). The National Command Authorities consist only of the President and the Secretary of Defense or their duly deputized alternates or

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successors. The chain of command runs from the President to  
the Secretary of Defense and through the Joint Chiefs of  
Staff to the commanders of unified and specified commands.  
The channel of communication for execution of the SIOP and  
other time-sensitive operations shall be from the President  
through the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, representing  
the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the executing commanders.

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28. (U) Release. Authorization for the employment of  
nuclear weapons. Release is granted by the President,  
through the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the commander of a  
unified or specified command or other commanders. (For  
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34. (U) ZULU. Greenwich Mean Time (the mean solar time of  
the meridian of Greenwich, England, used as the prime basis  
of standard time throughout the world). ZULU time is used  
in all emergency action messages.

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**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE (U)**  
**(LERTCONS and NATO Equivalents)**

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**CADS AND AIGs AUTHORIZED FOR USE  
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**CHAPTER 4**

**ALERTING SYSTEMS (U)**

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**ALERT SYSTEM OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF (JCS) (U)**

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5. (U) <u>Exercises</u>	<u>10</u>
a. (U) Exercise Terms. The following exercise terms and meanings are assigned:	<u>11</u>
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DEFCON 5	FADE OUT
DEFCON 4	DOUBLE TAKE
DEFCON 3	ROUND HOUSE
DEFCON 2	FAST PACE
DEFCON 1	COCKED PISTOL
DEFENSE EMERGENCY	HOT BOX
AIR DEFENSE EMERGENCY	BIG NOISE
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AIR DEFENSE EMERGENCY Warning RED	BIG NOISE APPLE JACK	<u>1</u>
AIR DEFENSE EMERGENCY Warning YELLOW	BIG NOISE LEMON JUICE	<u>2</u>
AIR DEFENSE EMERGENCY Warning WHITE	BIG NOISE SNOW MAN	<u>3</u>
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**SECTION II**

**NATO ALERT SYSTEM (U)**

1. (U) Purpose. This section summarizes the NATO Alert System. "The Major NATO Commanders Alert System Procedures for the Joint Chiefs of Staff," MJCS 179-80, contains detailed information on the NATO Alert System and should be referred to for specific descriptions, actions, and responsibilities.

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c. (U) When used without reference to the actions they implement, message designators are classified CONFIDENTIAL. Message designators associated with their format or the actions they implement are either SECRET or TOP SECRET, depending upon the classification of the format and the actions implemented.

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c. (U) Part 3: Option. This part designates one of the following options:

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**SECTION VII**

**RED ROCKET (U)**

**2. (U) Means of Transmission**

4. (U) Message Addressing

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RED ROCKET FORMAT (U)

- 3.# (U) VOICE REPORTS OF RECEIPT ARE REQUIRED. ((SELECTIVE ADDRESSEES) WILL ACKNOWLEDGE DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL MILITARY CENTER BY THE FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE.)
- 4.# (U) INSTRUCTIONS IN TEXT ARE EFFECTIVE AT (date-time group ZULU).

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**SECTION VIII**

**APPROVING AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE FOR JCS  
ALERT, PREPARATION, AND CHEMICAL RELEASE  
EMERGENCY ACTION MESSAGES (U)**

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**CHAPTER 7**

**CHEMICAL RELEASE PROCEDURES**

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**CHAPTER 8**

**SELECTIVE RELEASE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (U)**

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e. (U) Selective release procedures for Major NATO  
Commanders are outlined in appropriate NATO documents.

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(8) (U) Chapters 9 and 10 of this volume and the EAP-JCS, Vol V, "Nuclear Control Orders," contain amplified instructions and guidance on above messages.

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9. (U) Message Formats

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12. (U) Request Procedures for Predesignated Nonnuclear Commanders

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3. (U) Examples

Figure 8-3 (Cont.)

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**CHAPTER 9**

**NUCLEAR EXECUTION MESSAGES (U)**

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**APPROVING AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE FOR JCS EMERGENCY ACTION  
MESSAGES (U)**

**Figure 9-1  
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**CHAPTER 10**

**NUCLEAR TERMINATION MESSAGES (U)**

1. (U) General. This chapter describes the purpose and  
format for JCS nuclear termination messages. EAP-JCS,  
Volume V, "Nuclear Control Orders," provides specific  
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b. (U) Message contents

**APPROVING AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE FOR  
NUCLEAR TERMINATION MESSAGES (U)**

**Figure 10-1  
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CHAPTER 11

EXERCISES (U)

1. (U) General. Exercises of emergency action procedures  
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**EXERCISE EMERGENCY ACTION MESSAGES (U)**

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