

Jewish moment. The primary goal is not to force an artificial or effete consensus on the community, but to emerge from the debate with an energized, knowledgeable, broadly-representative constituency—the bedrock of an authentic and inclusive Jewish community. It is an obligation of leadership to transcend the intense activism of the few and encourage increased participation by the many. We must target the young, the unaffiliated, the independent, and the skeptical. They must believe that the organized community provides a congenial environment for the examination of the widest range of viewpoints. In sum, a failure to achieve consensus need not be viewed as a failure to build community. Indeed, in nurturing diverse constituencies and viewpoints, we may discover not only a valuable analytical tool but also a new and important organizing principle.□

The traditionalists' last hurrah?

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Steven Windmueller's lucid apologia for community relations as practiced by the Traditionalists versus that done by the Contemporaries—ostensibly “process” and “consensus” over “product”—opens up an interesting question: why has American Jewry so enthusiastically and warmly embraced the new forces so that the old organizations are at least somewhat eclipsed? Two immediate answers suggest themselves:

1. There are pressing specific needs not addressed by the Traditionalists that simply demand advocacy. The best example is the work of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry to save the lives of Ethiopian Jewry. They may have been a pain in the neck for Israel's bureaucracy and that of American Federations but *they* have done the job that we all have needed to do.

2. American Jews have become convinced that two mega issues of bottom line crucial significance to the Jewish community—namely global anti-Semitism and support for Israel—have been dealt with only *adequately* in the past. Imaginative programs for real political impact were needed and hard hitting ways of addressing these situations emerged from new groups.

Why have the Traditionalists been inadequate to facing these tasks? The answers go beyond the in-

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ternal bloody and immobilizing power struggles that have plagued many of them in the past decade. Simply put the Traditionalists are victims of their early successes. As late as the 50's and 60's the goal was to place American Jewry at the center of American society. This assumed a myth of a liberally Democratic American culture entered culturally and politically along the Washington—New York shuttle. Witness therefore the Traditionalists' *shtadlonus* with its continuing emphasis upon symbolic intergroup activities, and the celebration of America's supposed mirror culture in Israel and the solving of relatively minor anti-Semitic incidents. Currently a renewed obsession with Church-State separation coupled with the remarkable placing of abortion rights at the center of the *Jewish* agenda is the most visible display of “insider” solidarity and affirmation.

Greater Realism Bred New Efforts

Clearly this success has proven to be a bust. Power in America has shifted geographically, politically and socially. The Traditionalists are now insiders, by the old standards—but the problem is that they are virtually alone within that structure. The most telling point is that the Traditionalists in the 80's—and, it seems, in the 90's—are unable to either exert significant influence upon the right wing White House and increasingly right-to-center Congress or, alternately, to mount a principled critique. These crucial positions have been filled effectively mainly by the Contemporaries.

The Traditionalists have been generally slow to act, fearful of political abrasions and devoid of a focused independent viewpoint. Recently most have favored a colorless management over a forceful leadership in positions of organizational control. If one adds a static, or declining, as well as an aging membership to the hopper, the resulting picture is one of those used to power, now losing it and not sure how to regain it. The strategy of dismissing or delegitimizing the Contemporaries won't do it for them, nor will their “cumbersome coordinating structures, (and) interlocking relationships”—read “old boys club.”

Let me suggest three lessons that the Traditional agencies need to learn from the Contemporary movements:

1. The true nature of American Jewish society is that of pluralistic association. The most vital aspect today of democracy then is not the old model of ward politics but rather that of voluntary association based on a choice of ideas and actions. Along these lines the Contemporaries assume and encourage membership in a plurality of organizations as

opposed to the "one address" message of the Traditionalists.

2. The Traditionalists should liberate themselves from dependence upon the Federation trough. This will simultaneously allow them to pursue a true vision as well as free desperately needed Federation money for the Russians, Jewish education and the homeless.

3. Independence will give renewed strength to our community. The Contemporaries have brought in a significant new generation of committed Jews who heretofore were outsiders. They did it through reaching out, speaking directly to issues and by a confidence that our problems can be overcome and challenges met. All this is within the potential of the Traditionalists—having once met needs head on and done so with flair, they might do so again. □

...but others say about wholeness...

The Hard Justice that Heals

Bless you, Rabbi Wolf, for the searing honesty of your insights into our movements (*Sh'ma* 19/377). I don't believe that it is necessary to take your remarks as an expression of the worthlessness of our human endeavors, nor as an indictment of that good which surely has been and is being done—these things are as real as what Rabbi Wolf has decried. Rather, the point seems clear: that if we put our movements in front of G-d, then it is not pessimism only that sees their demise as inevitable.

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The Reproof that only Wounds

Rabbi Arnold Wolf's continuous brutal bashing of Begin, Shamir, and Arens is unacceptable. The Lebanese campaign against the PLO did not turn out as well as we all had hoped. The assassination of Bashir Gemayel, the Christian leader, at the instigation of Syria, and her minions, caused everything there to fall apart. The tragedy of Sabra and

Shitila is acknowledged by all. But can anyone doubt that Israel needed to confront the PLO in Lebanon for most all of the northern tier of Israel had to be abandoned at the time because of its attacks and attempts to smash Israel. Its efforts to destroy Israel continue to this day! Does Labor alone have a monopoly on Jewish patriotism or strategy or wisdom in dealing with the enemies of Israel?

Why does Rabbi Wolf continue to undermine support for the beleaguered State of Israel? Is he not himself contributing mindlessly to the rifts he deplores in the Jewish body politic?

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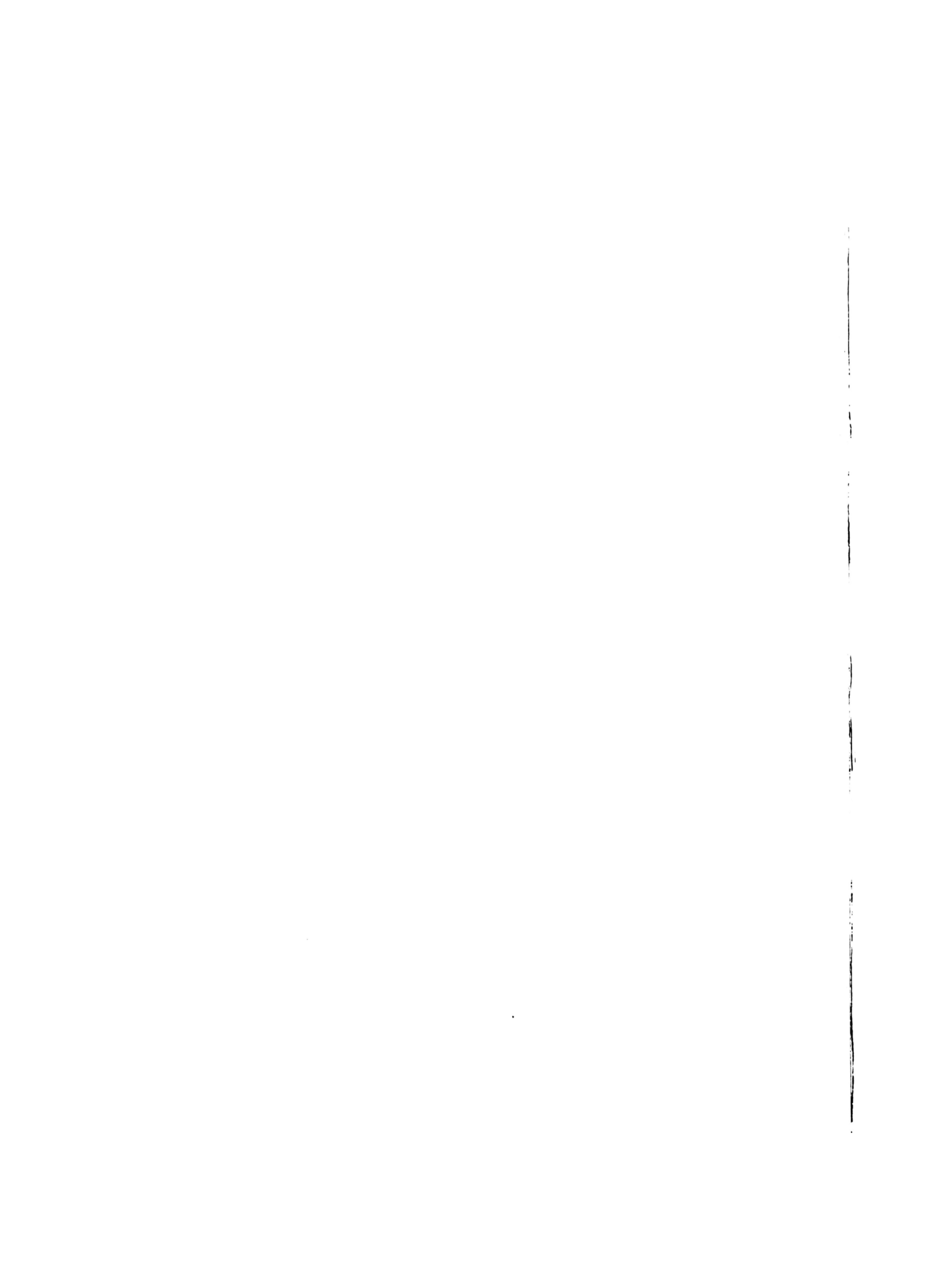
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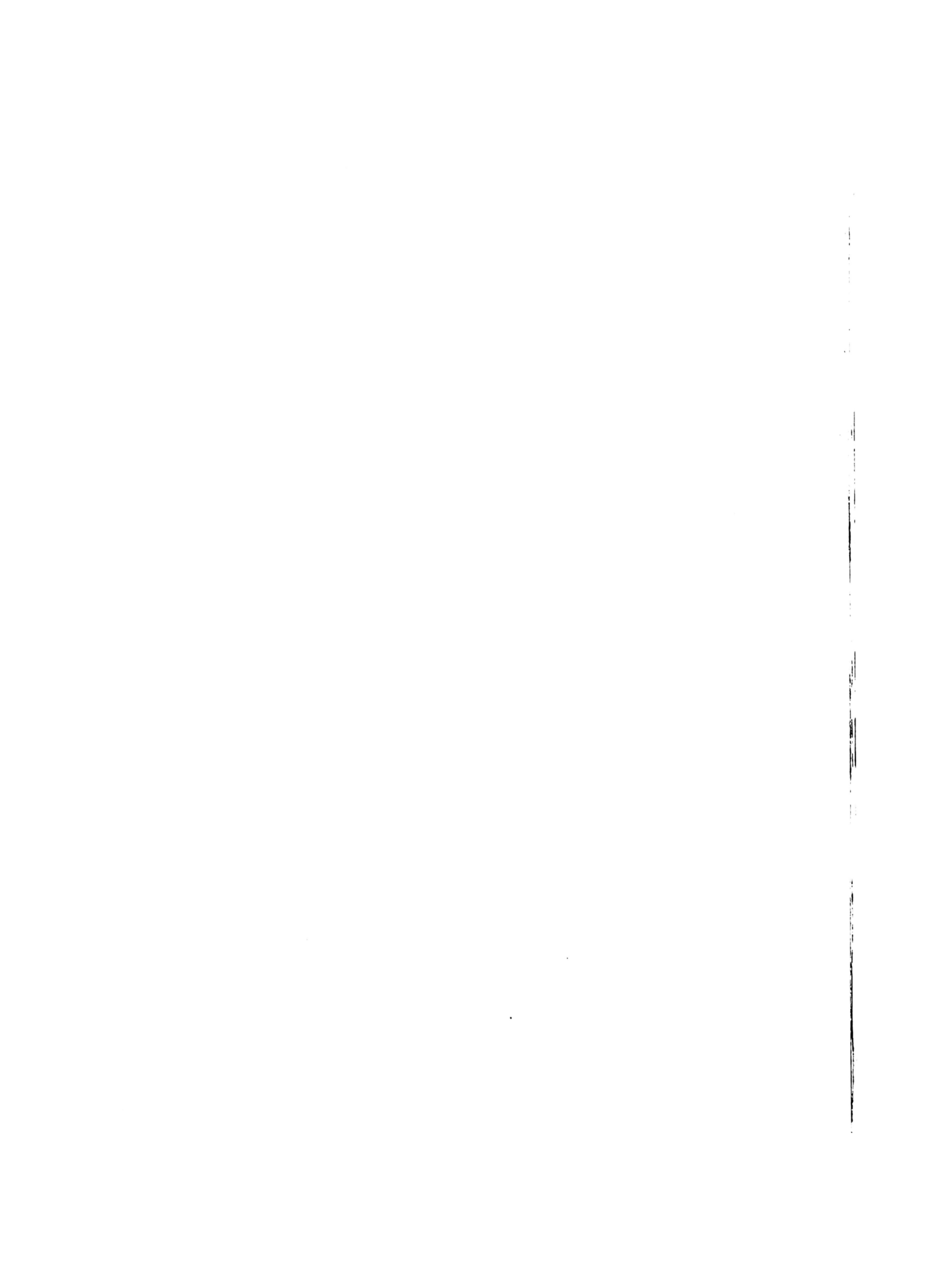
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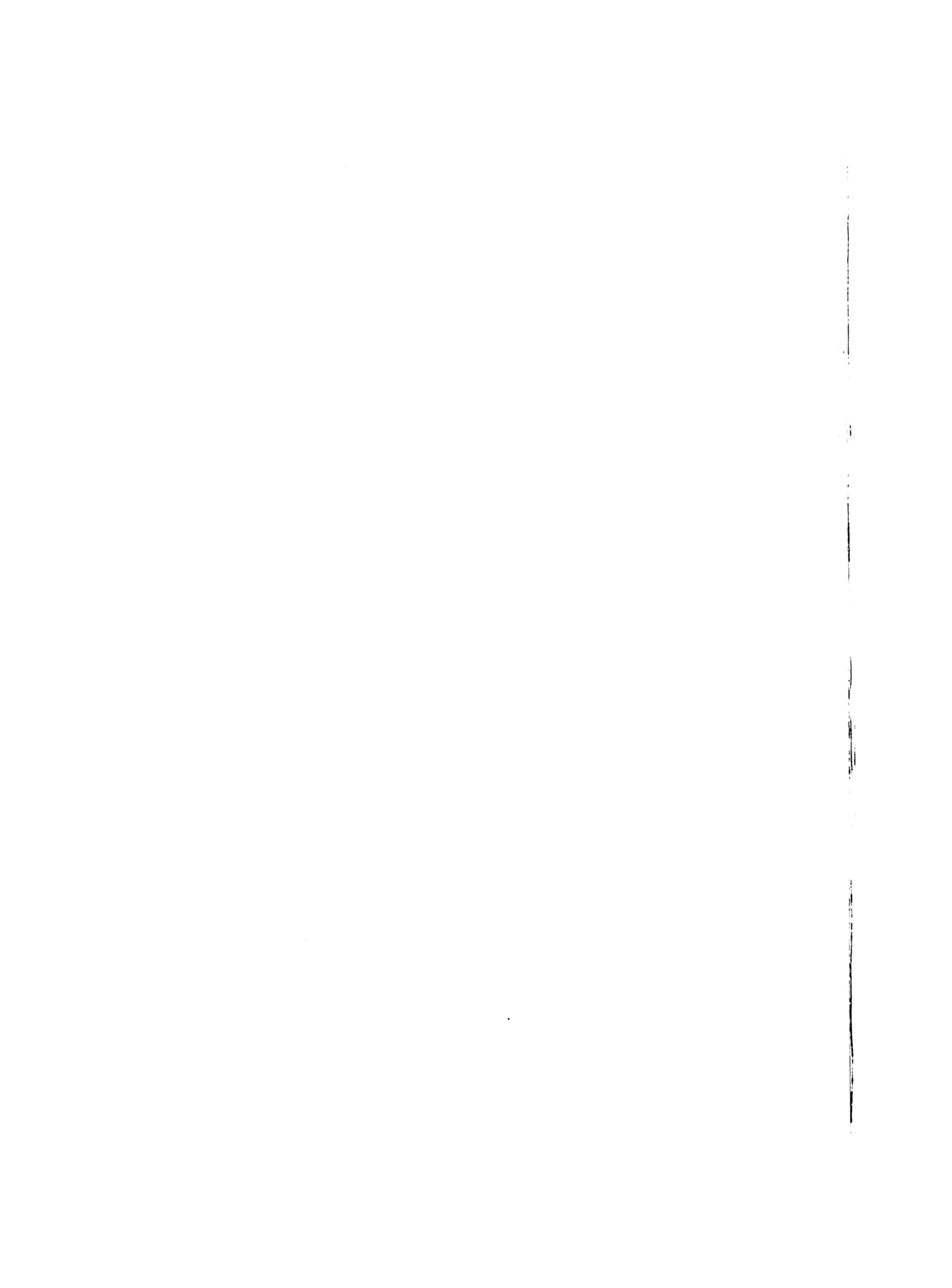


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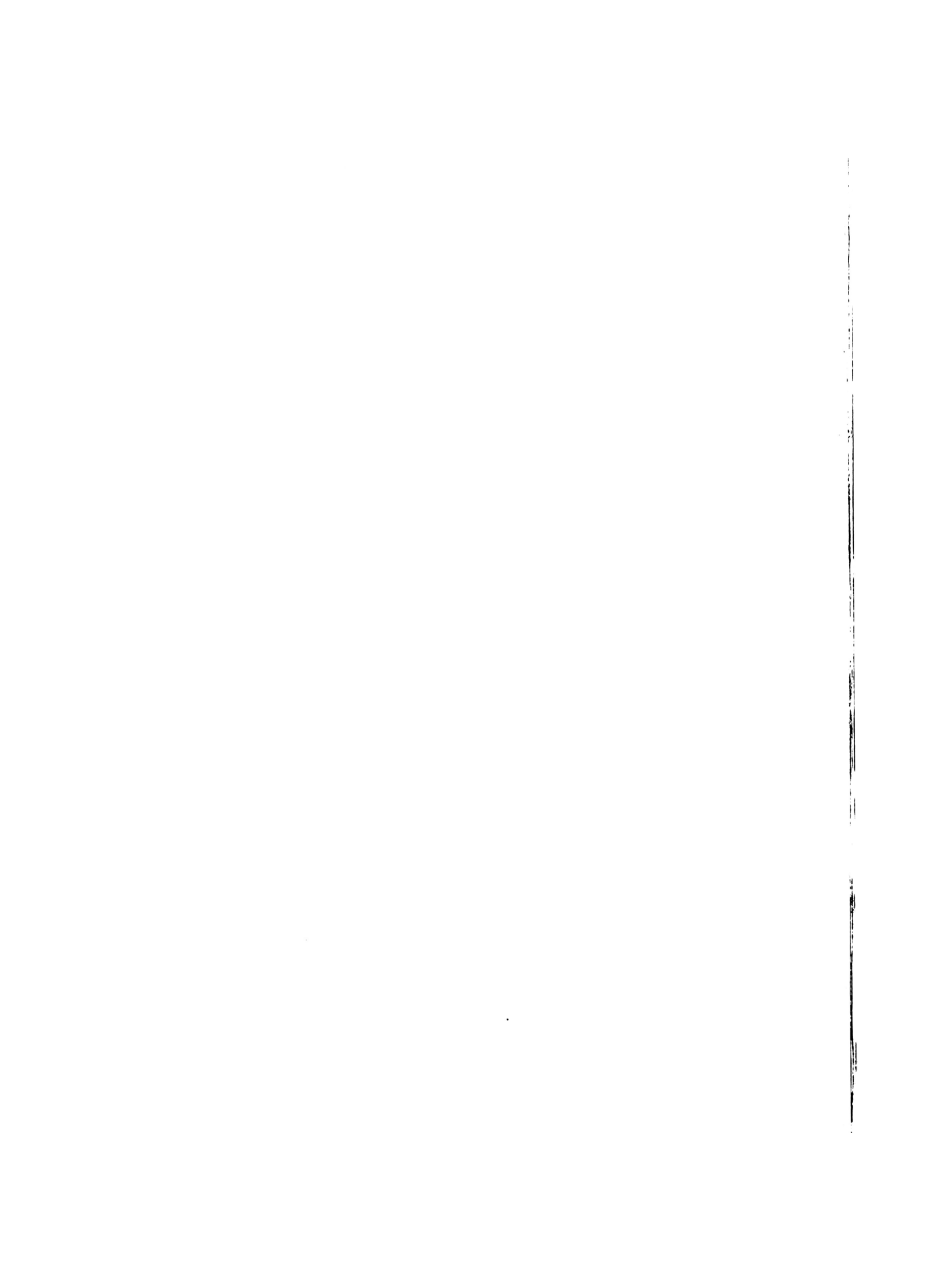


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