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Docket Nos. 50-220
50-410

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

Subject: NRC Region I Inspection Report Nos. 50-410/91-81, 50-220/91-19 and
50-410/91-19

During the period of September 3-16, 1991, a special Restart Readiness Assessment Team (RRAT) conducted an inspection of your corrective actions and readiness to restart Nine Mile Point 2 following the August 13, 1991 event. This event, which resulted in the declaration of a Site Area Emergency, involved a loss of control room indications and an automatic reactor trip. The initiating events were the failure of a main transformer and a loss of five non-safety Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS).

The inspection team focussed on the areas of (1) personnel performance, (2) maintenance program effectiveness, and (3) organizational effectiveness. The inspection was conducted to support a NRC restart decision as a result of the incident inspection activities by the NRC's Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) and the Incident Investigation Team (IIT). An inspection of Emergency Preparedness (EP) activities, which started on August 13, 1991, was also conducted during this period. This special EP inspection examined the actions taken by emergency response organization personnel in response to the August 13, 1991 events.

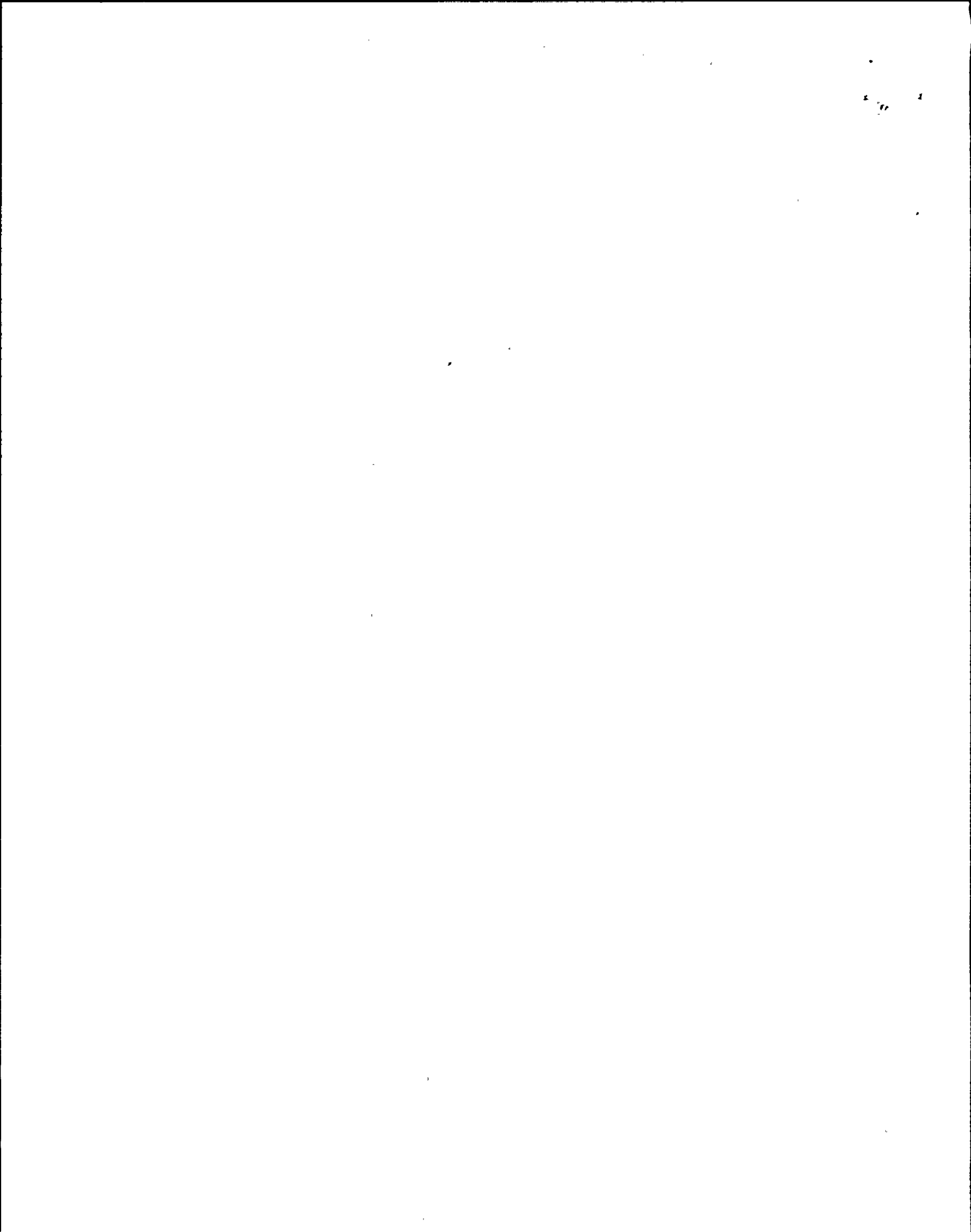
The results of the RRAT inspection, as detailed in Enclosure 1 (Report No. 50-410/91-81), were discussed with you in the RRAT exit meeting on September 16, 1991. The team found that the enhanced training on UPS operations; the progress in maintenance program effectiveness; and the corrective actions for the problems identified in the area of organizational effectiveness during the event were good. The team concluded that the licensee had taken sufficient corrective actions based on their review for problems identified during the event to support safe restart of the unit.

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The results of the EP inspection as detailed in Enclosure 2 (Report Nos. 50-220/91-19 and 50-410/91-19), were discussed with Mr. A. Salemi of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The inspector found that the Site Emergency Plan (SEP) was effectively implemented to protect public health and safety.

As indicated to you in NRC letter dated September 18, 1991, (Nine Mile Point Unit 2 Restart Authorization and Close-out of Confirmatory Action Letter 91-13), the NRC concluded that Nine Mile Point Unit 2 was ready for restart.

No reply to this letter is required.

Sincerely,

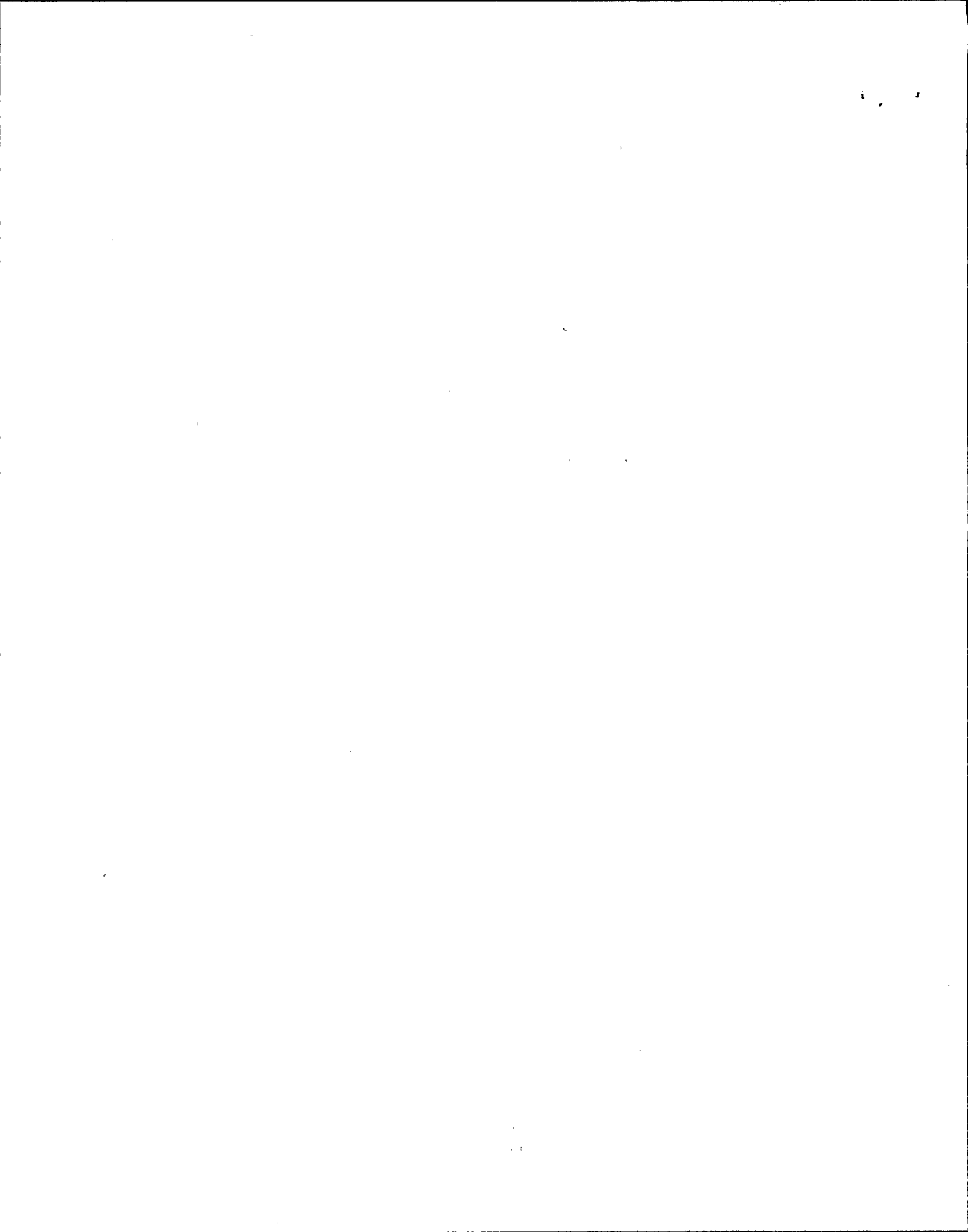
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Enclosures:

1. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-410/91-81
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report Nos. 50-220/91-19 and 50-410/91-19

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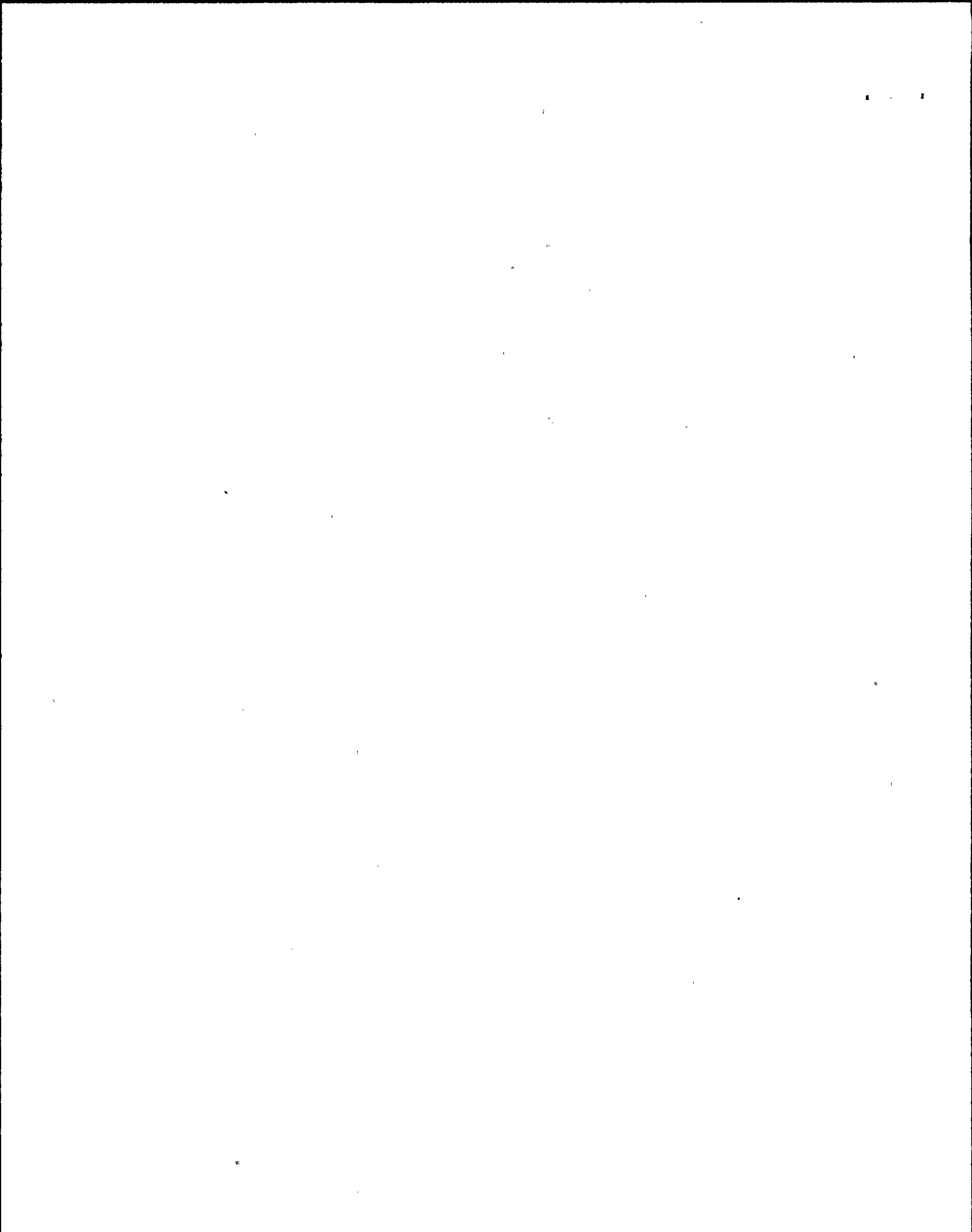
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