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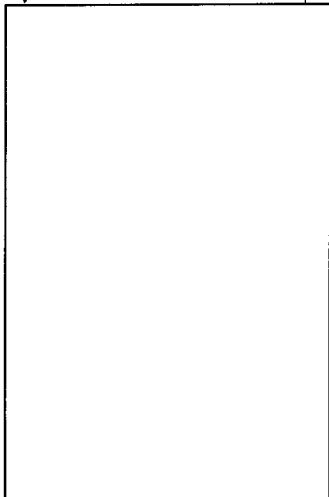
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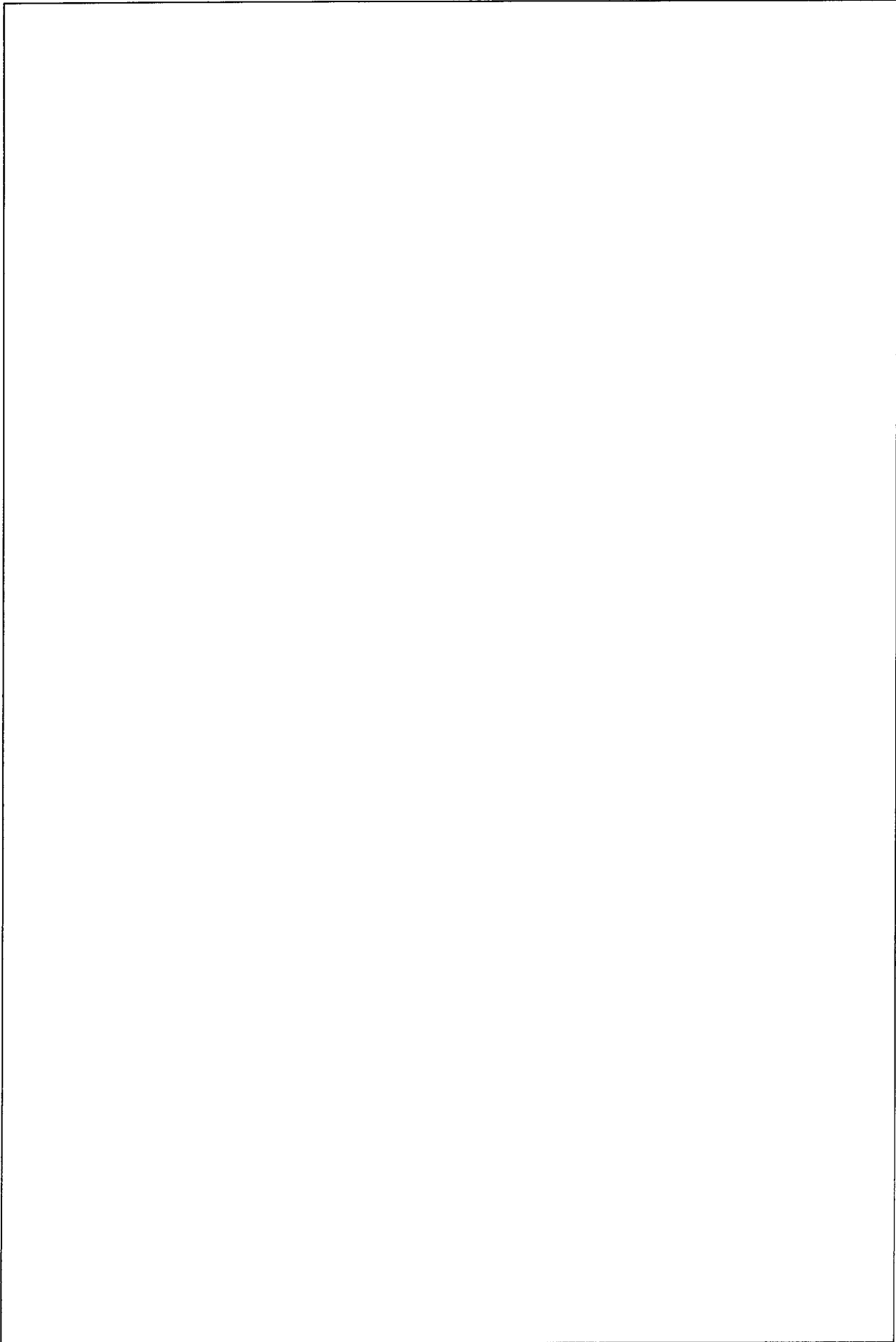
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Pathet Lao Leader Cooperative During Souvanna's Recuperation

Communist Deputy Prime Minister Phoumi Vongvichit has been quite reasonable in the wake of Prime Minister Souvanna's departure from Laos. Phoumi's attitude, which is almost certainly designed to allay non-communist and Western apprehensions of a Pathet Lao power grab during Souvanna's absence, has been apparent in meetings of the coalition cabinet.

Phoumi took credit for the recent Pathet Lao initiative to exchange prisoners of war, claiming he himself had issued instructions that all prisoners of both sides should be released, including American pilot Emmet Kay.

Phoumi also said he urged the chief communist representative on the coalition's joint commission to get moving on implementing other provisions of the 1973 accords, such as the question of missing persons and the delineation of cease-fire lines.

As he has before, Phoumi raised an alarm about rightist coup plotting. He acknowledged, however, that the atmosphere was far better now.

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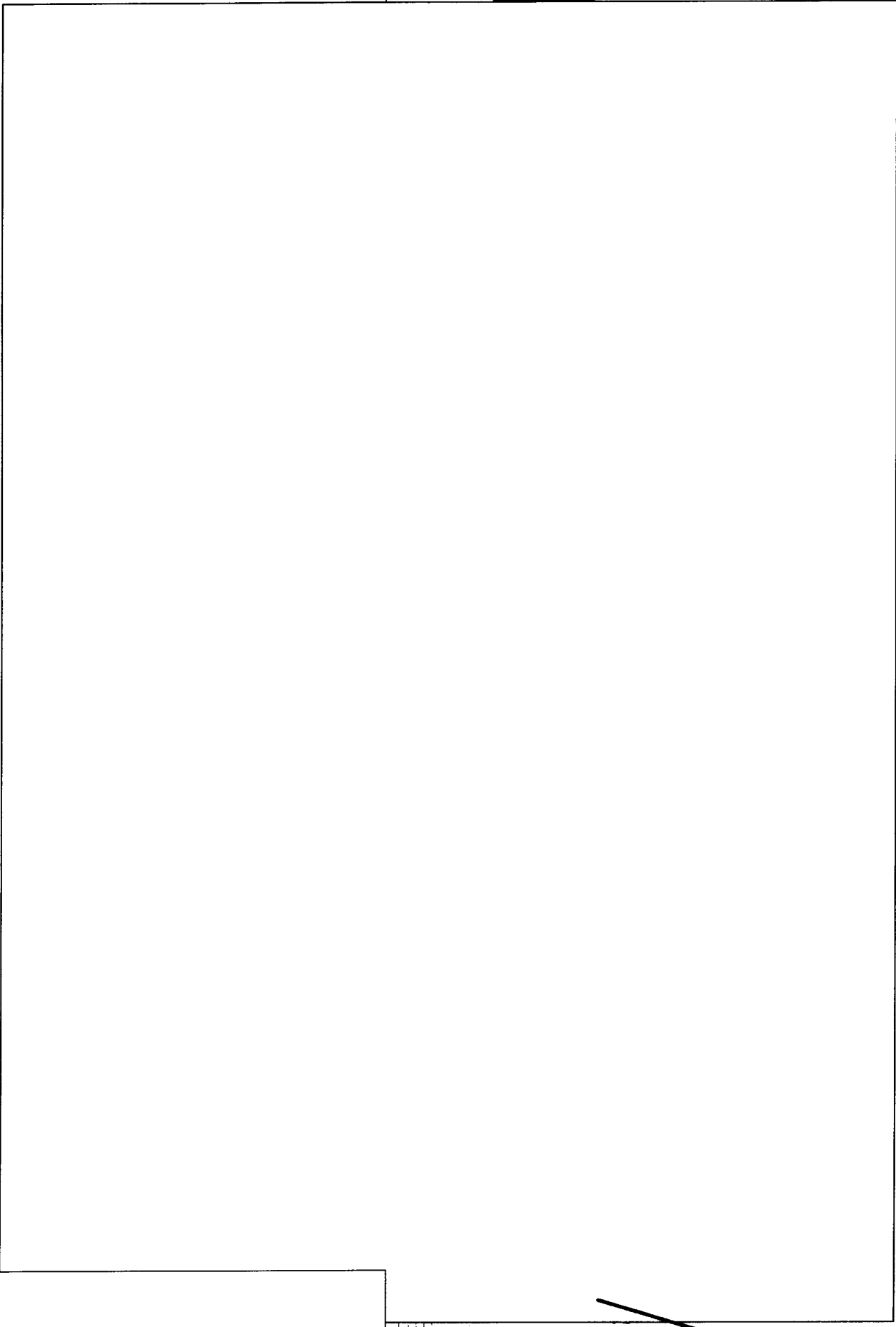
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Lao Communists Free US Pilot

US civilian contract pilot Emmet Kay, the only American prisoner the Pathet Lao have admitted holding was released today after more than 16 months of incarceration. He was flown from Nam Neua via British embassy aircraft to Vientiane, where he was turned over to US authorities.

Kay's release sets the stage for the beginning tomorrow of the first phase of

prisoner exchanges called for by the 1973 Lao accords. The initial exchange will occur in communist-controlled territory on the Plaine des Jarres in north Laos.

According to coalition government spokesmen, the non-communist side will hand over seven Lao nationals and 173 North Vietnamese prisoners. For their part, the Pathet Lao will release 20 Lao nationals and 150 Thai volunteers.

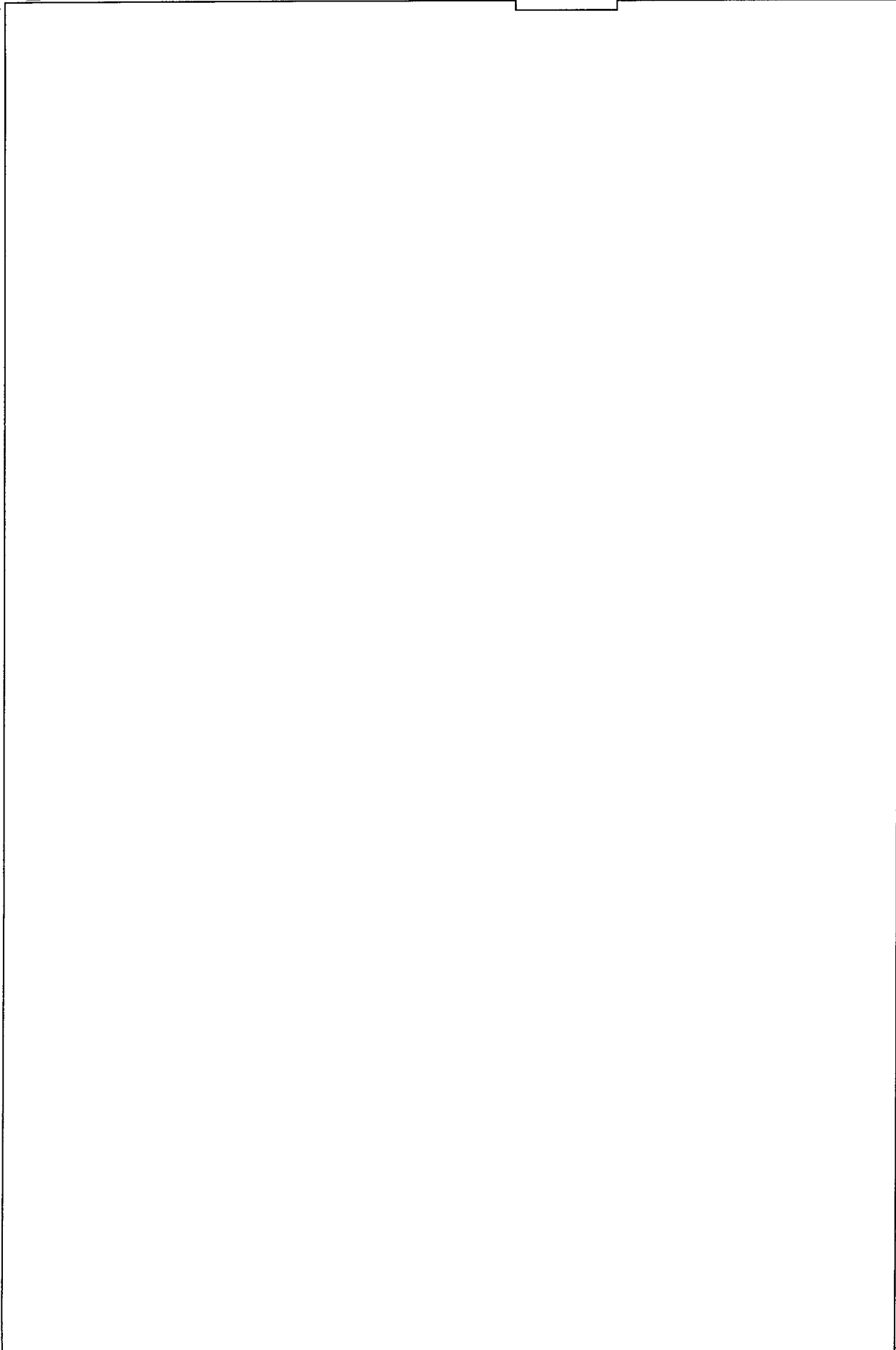
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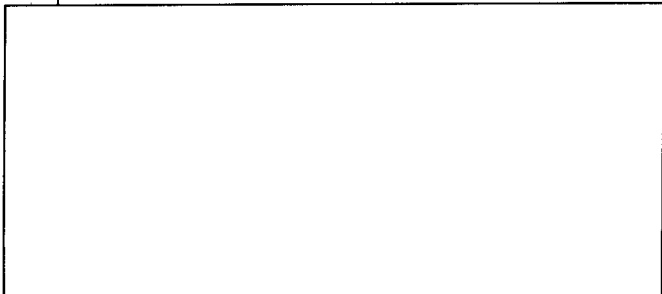
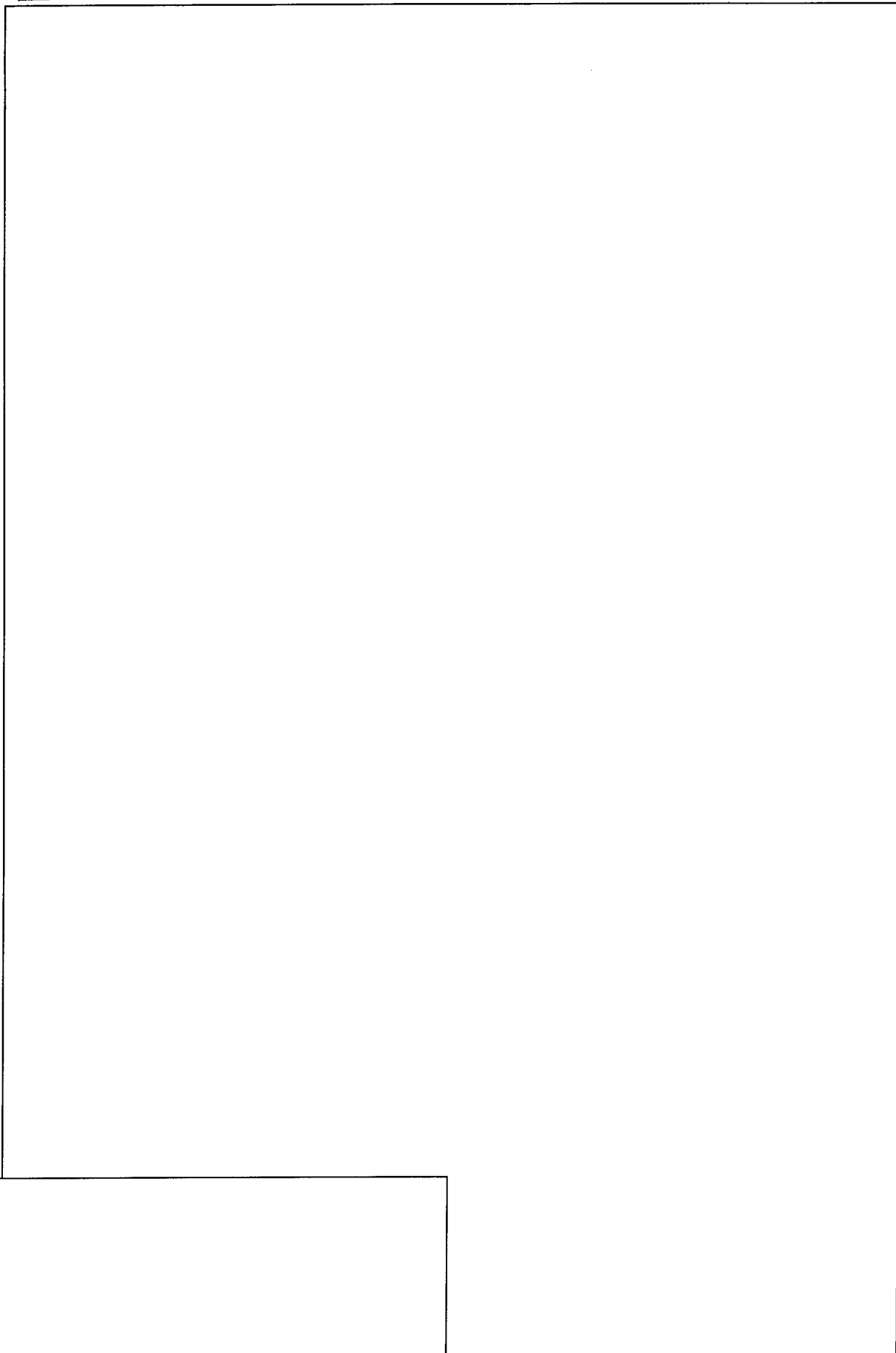
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