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REF: FOIA Cases F-2019-00040
Request ID 38956; Confirmation ID 38431

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your request dated 14 December 2018 and received by the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 December 2018. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested, **"records, electronic or otherwise, of the following: the most recent copy of the NRO PRIMER. This is referenced in NRO's RECON Magazine, in the February 2003 issue, page 1"**.


We have processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located one document responsive to your request. This document is being released to you in part.

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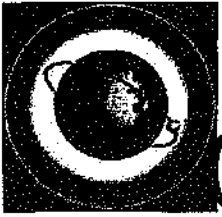
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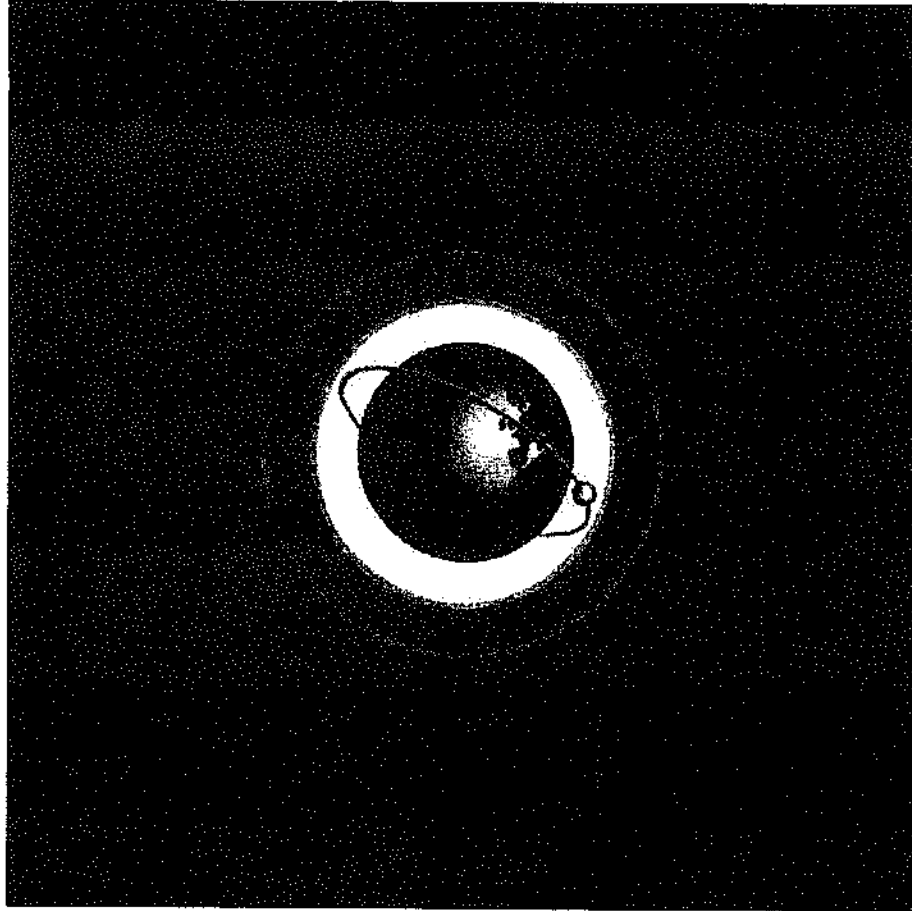
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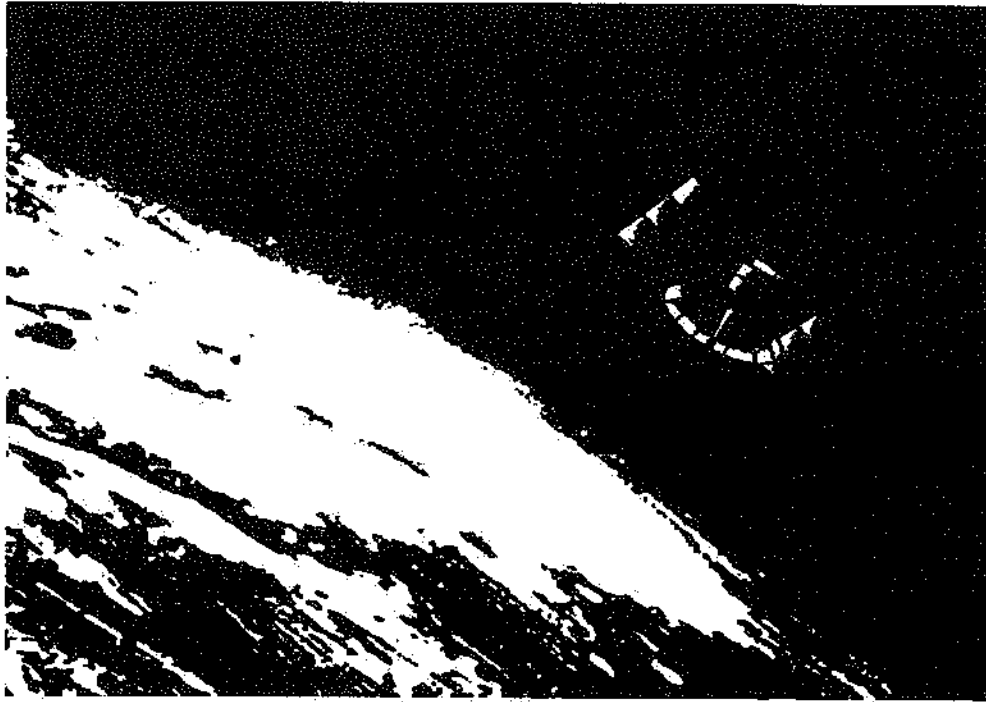
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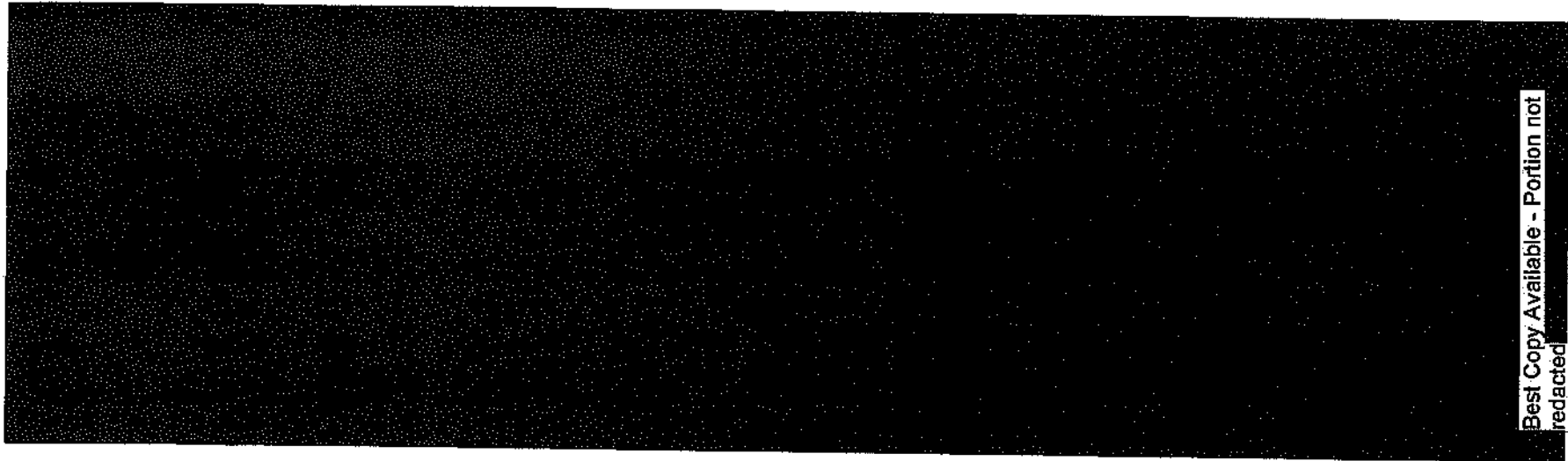
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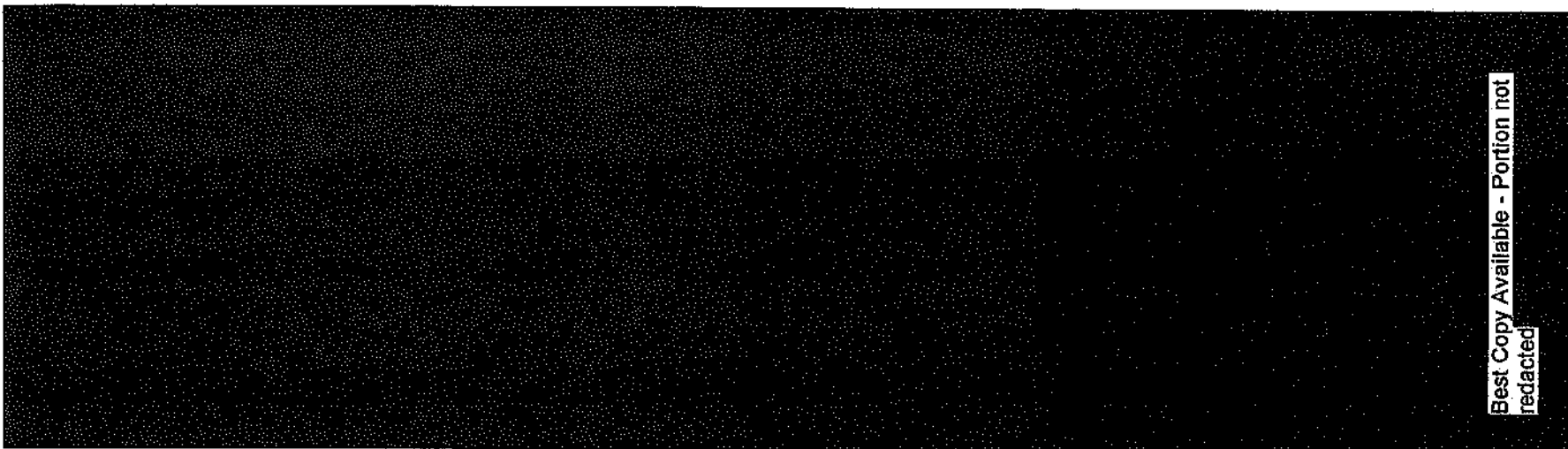
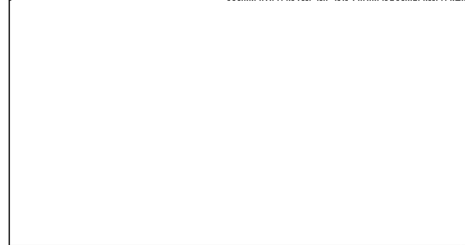
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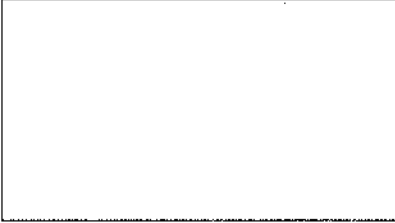
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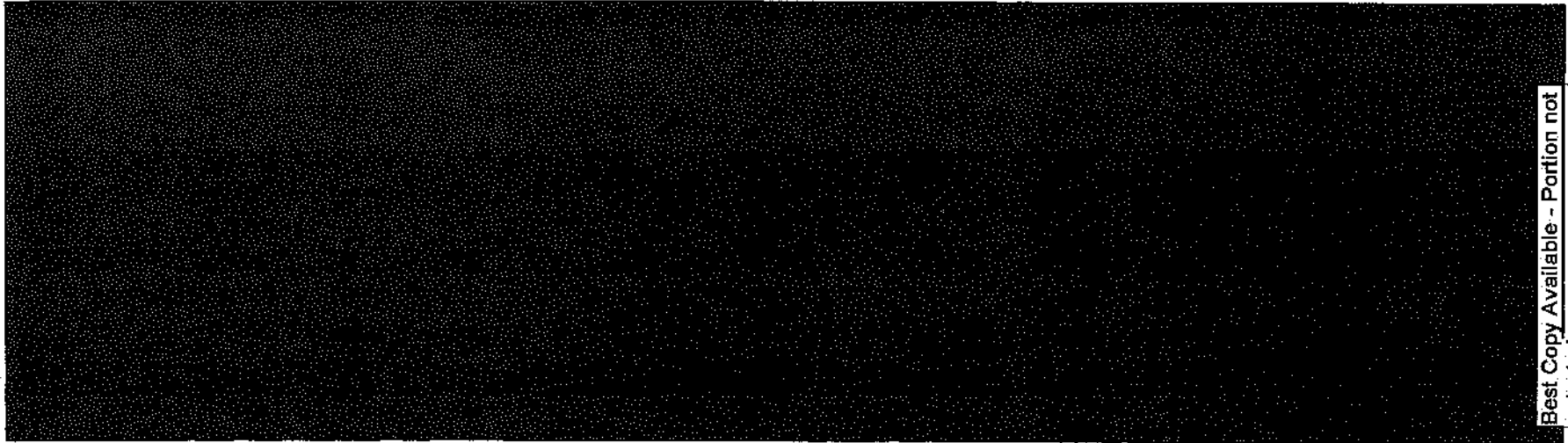


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Objectives Restated



1. An orbit is an orbit right “round and round it goes” – what’s the difference?
2. What are the main types of intel/info I get from space and what do I use to get it?
3. What does that intel / info look like – what does it do for me
4. Why do we use all these different orbits anyway?

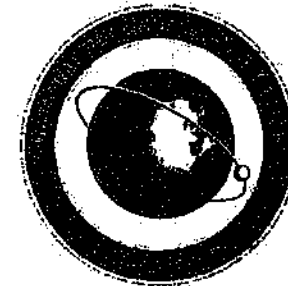


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NRO Mission

The NRO develops and operates unique and innovative space reconnaissance systems and conducts intelligence-related activities essential for US national security.



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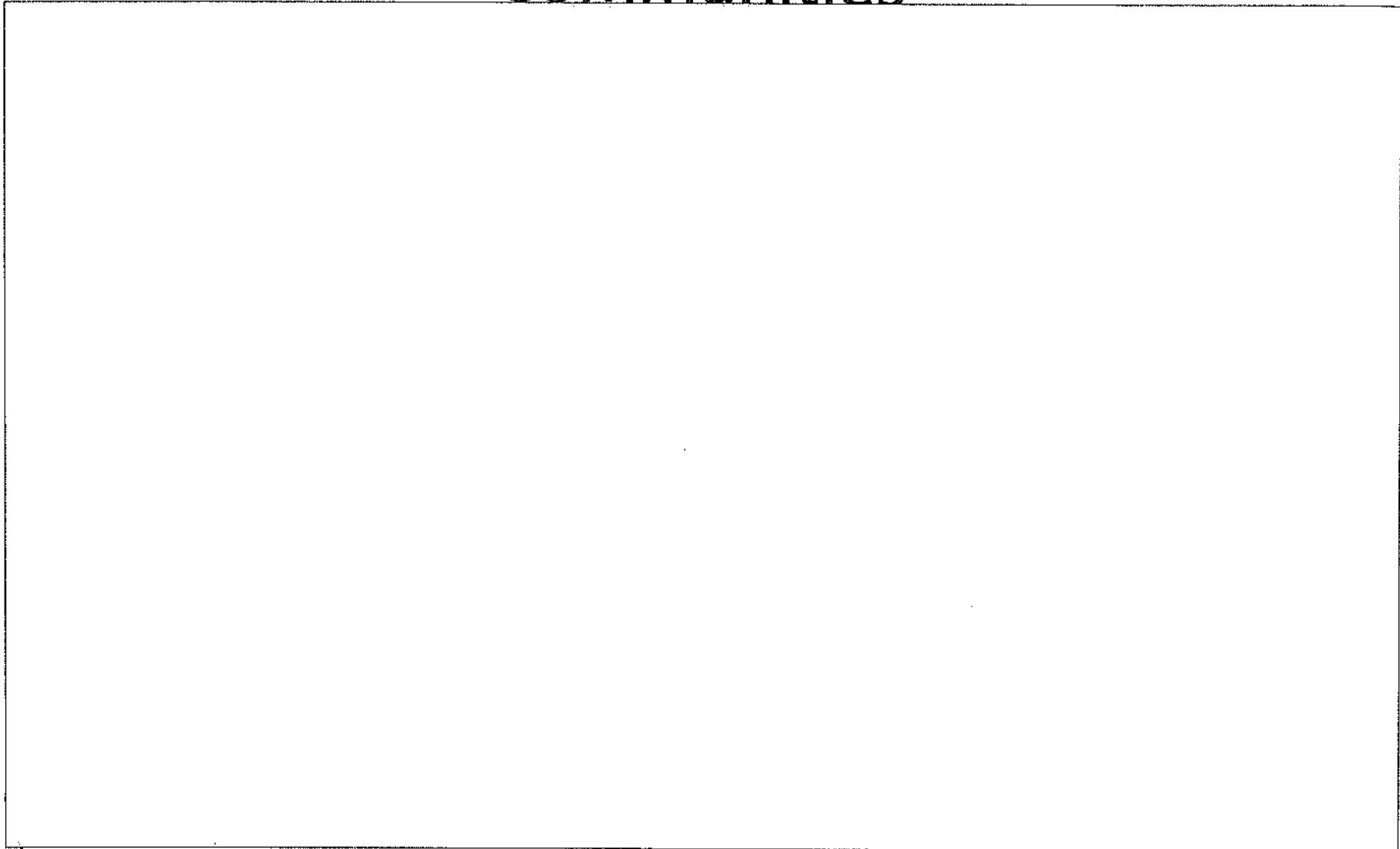
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(U) Support to Defense and Intelligence Communities



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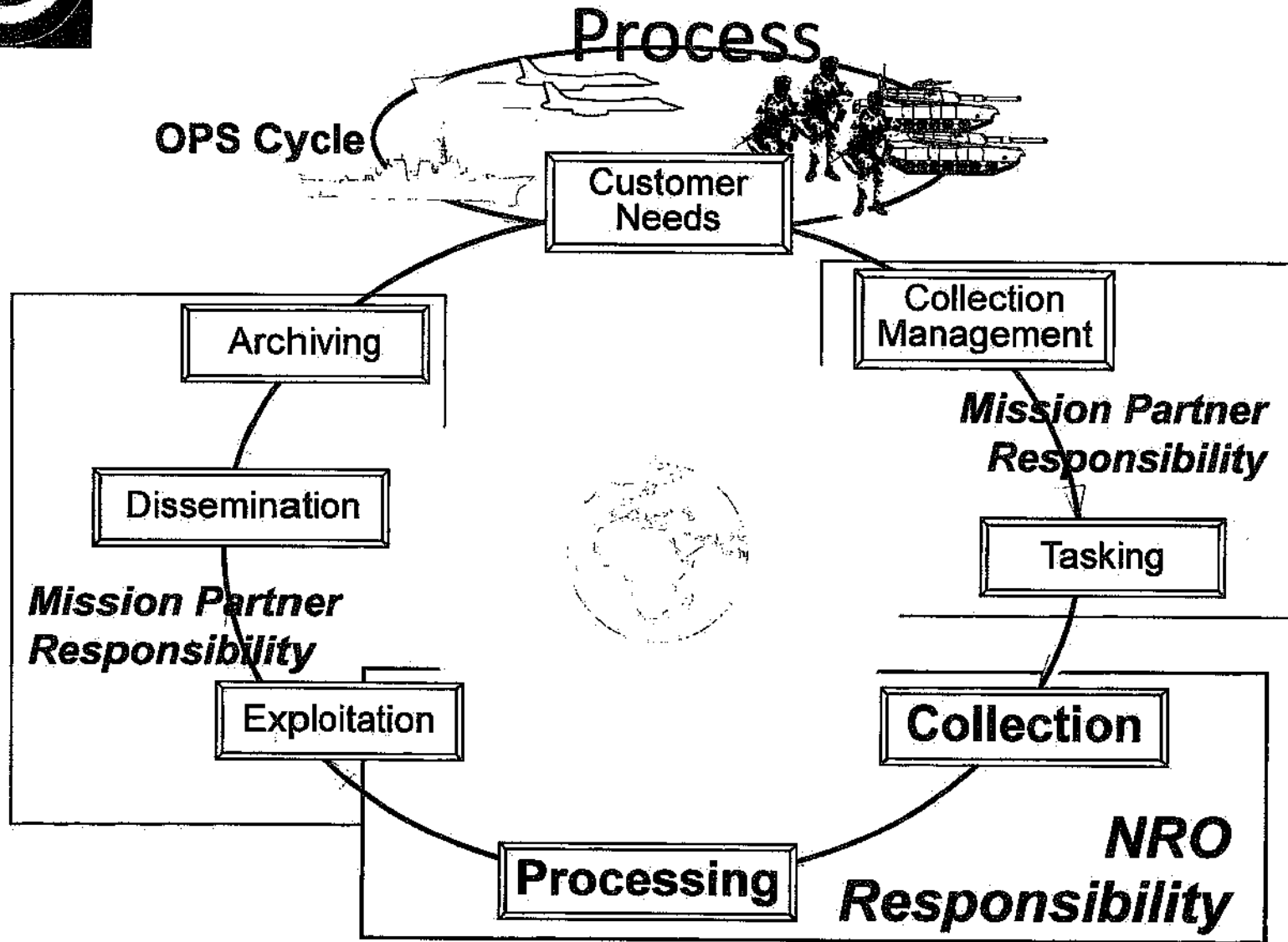
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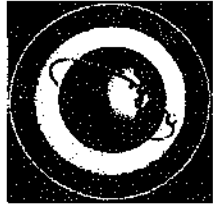
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NRO and the Intelligence Process



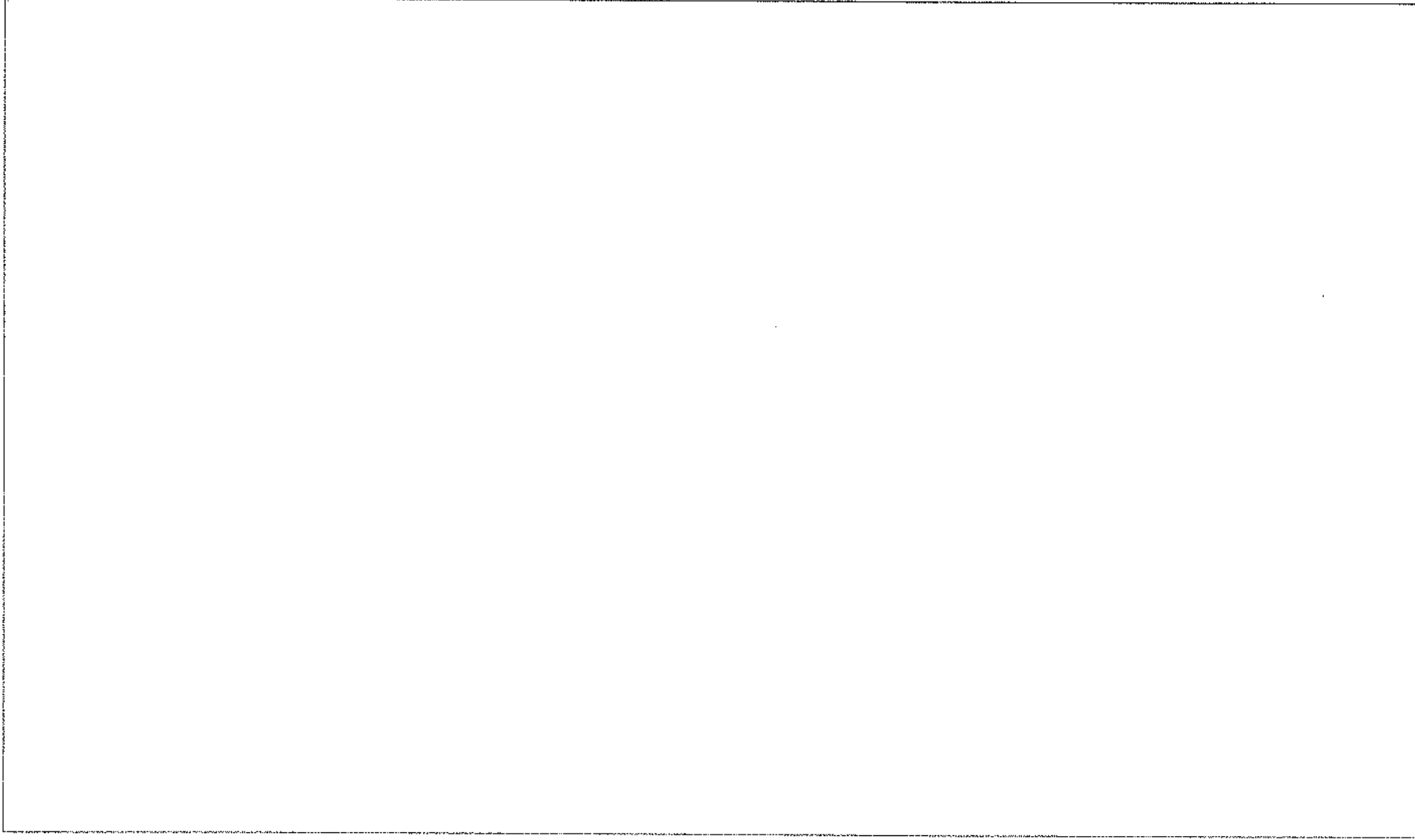
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Unique Attributes of Overhead Systems



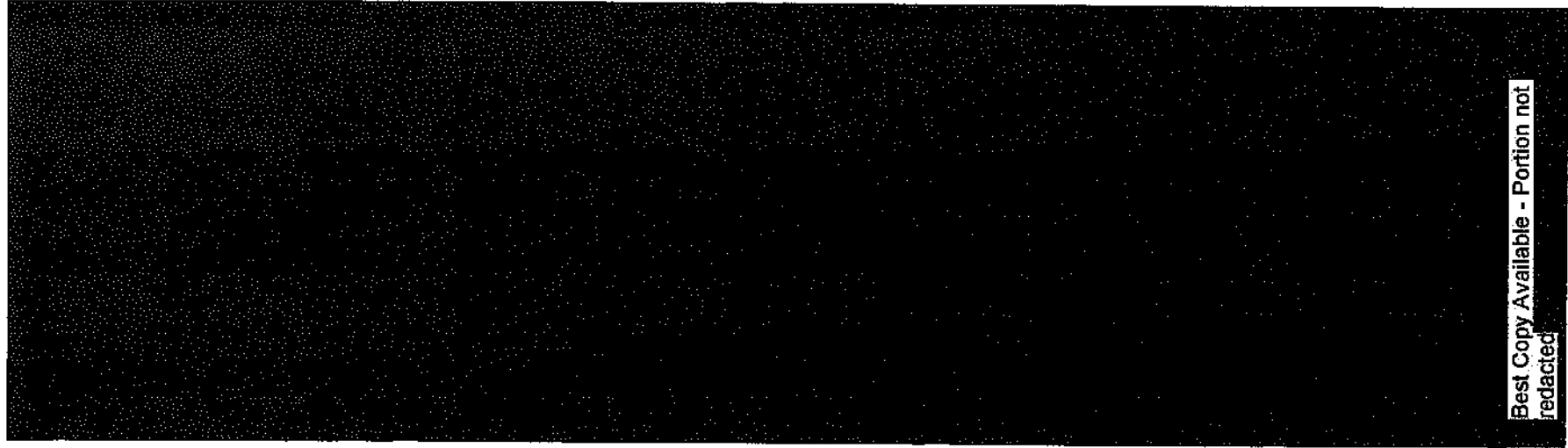
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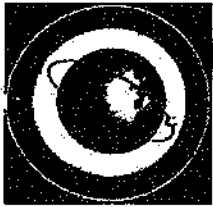
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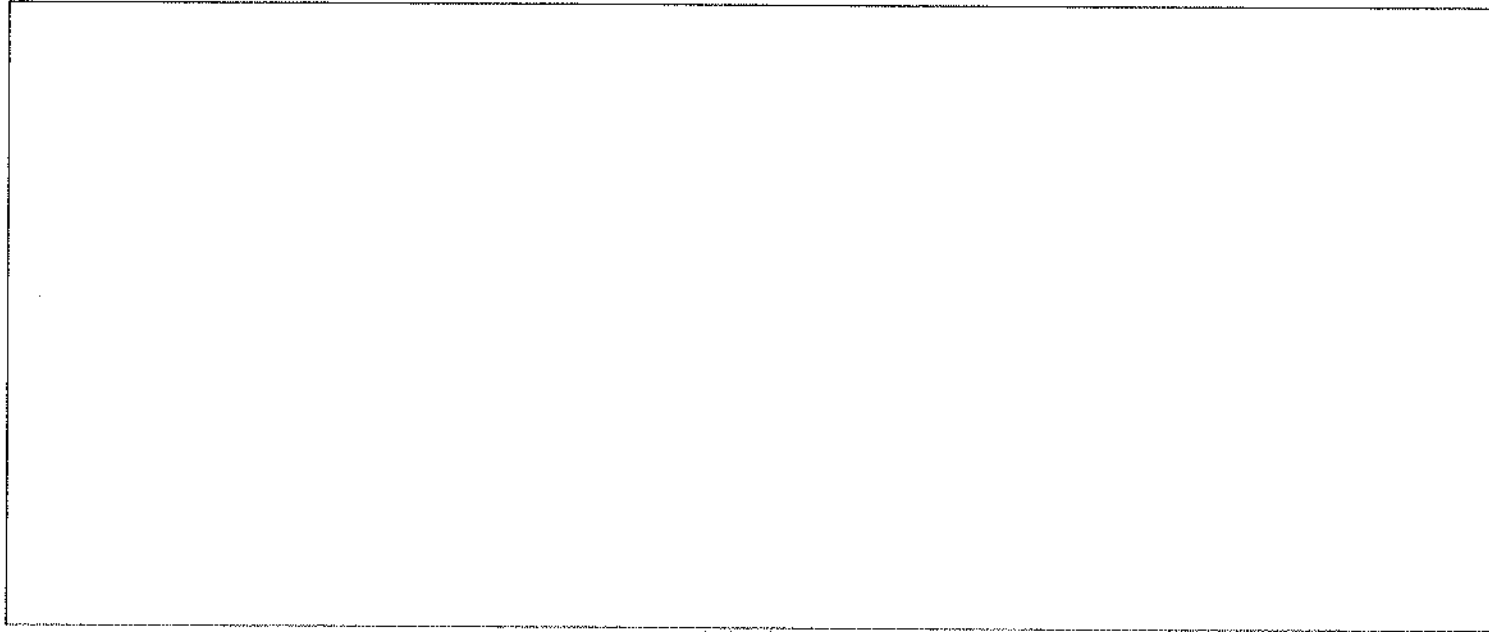
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Orbital Basics

- Given sufficient velocity, objects orbit the Earth rather than fall back to it
- Above the atmosphere, in the vacuum of space, the object does not slow down



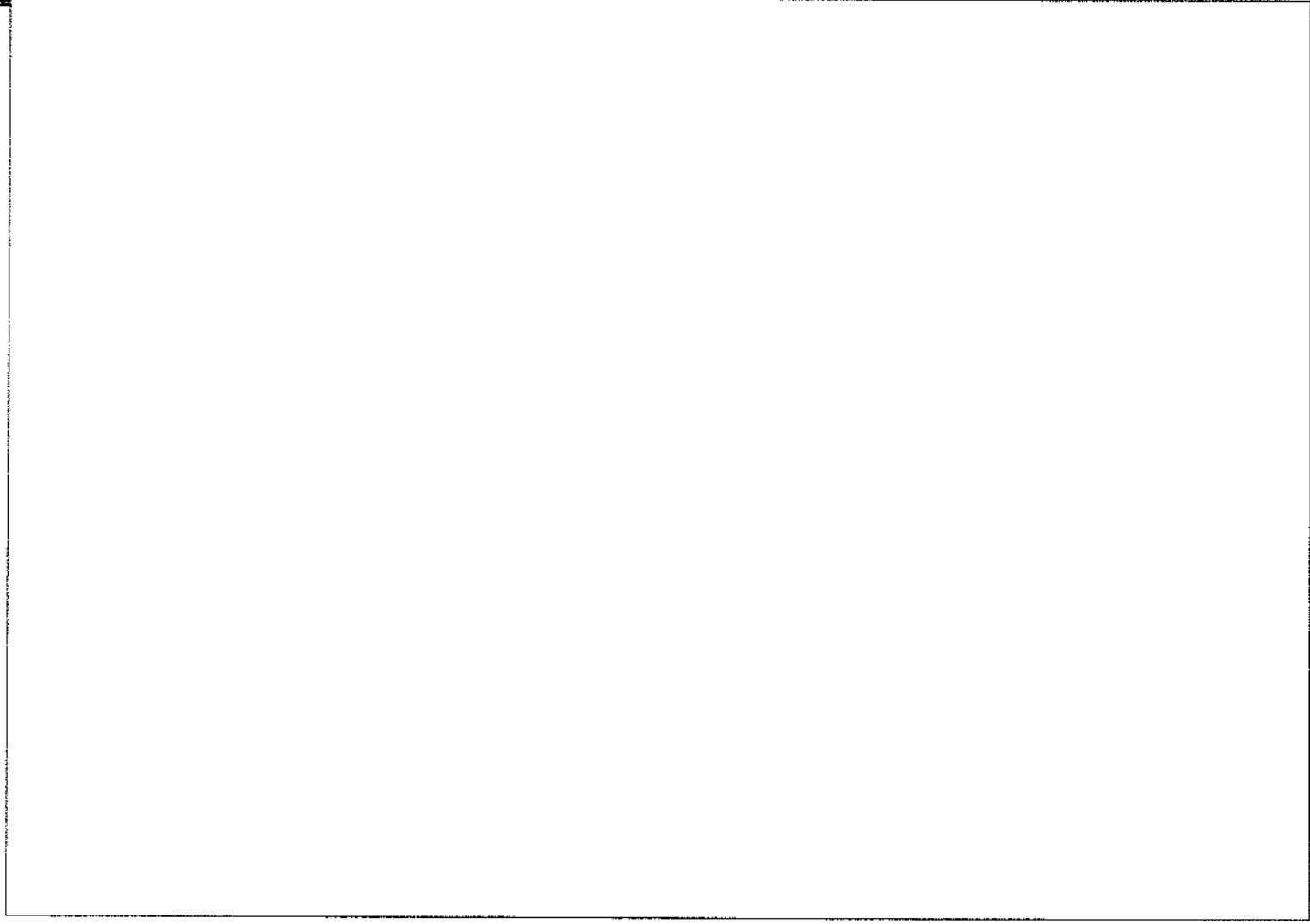
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(U) Primary Types of Orbits



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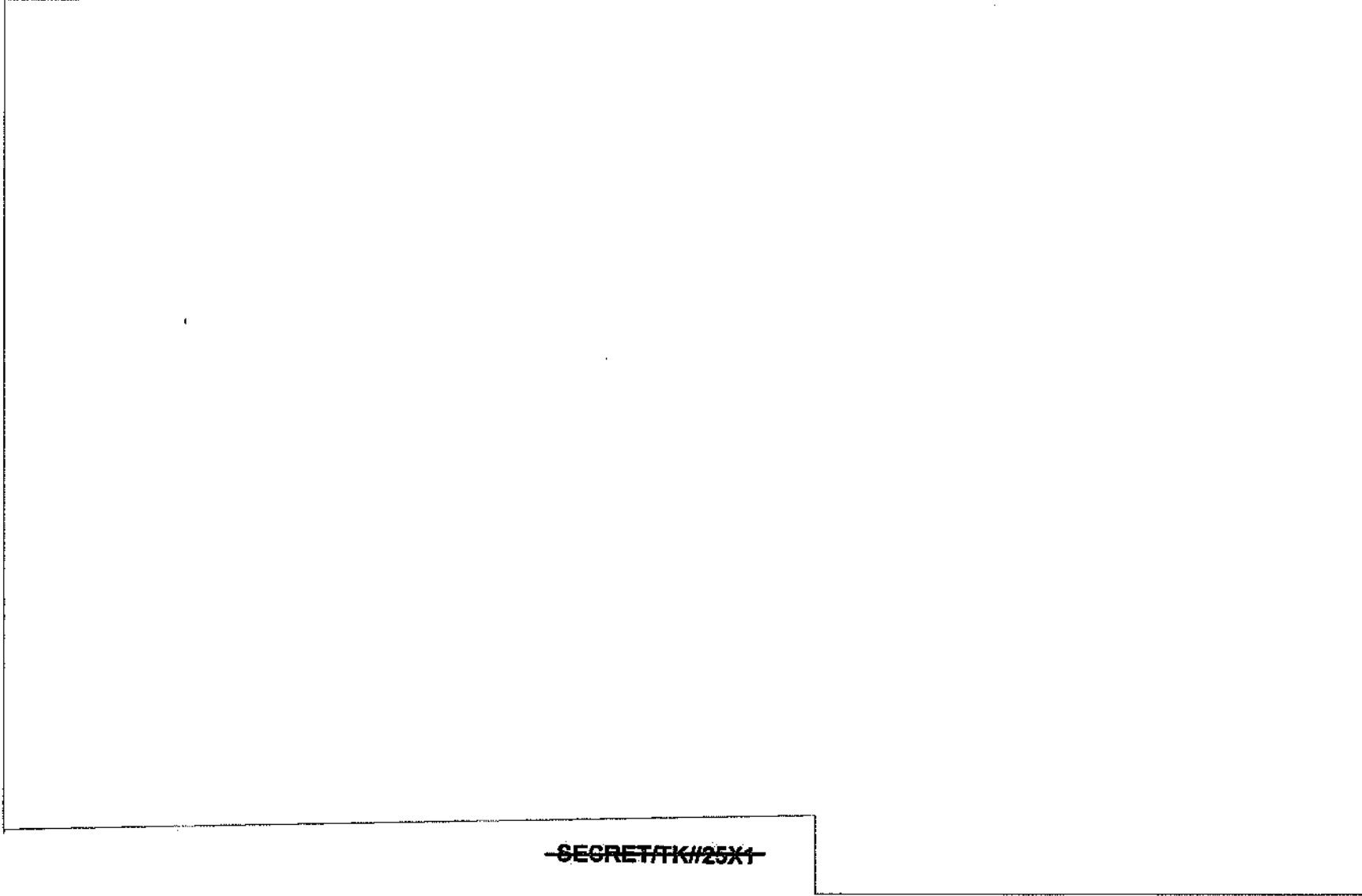
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(U) Low Earth Orbit (LEO)



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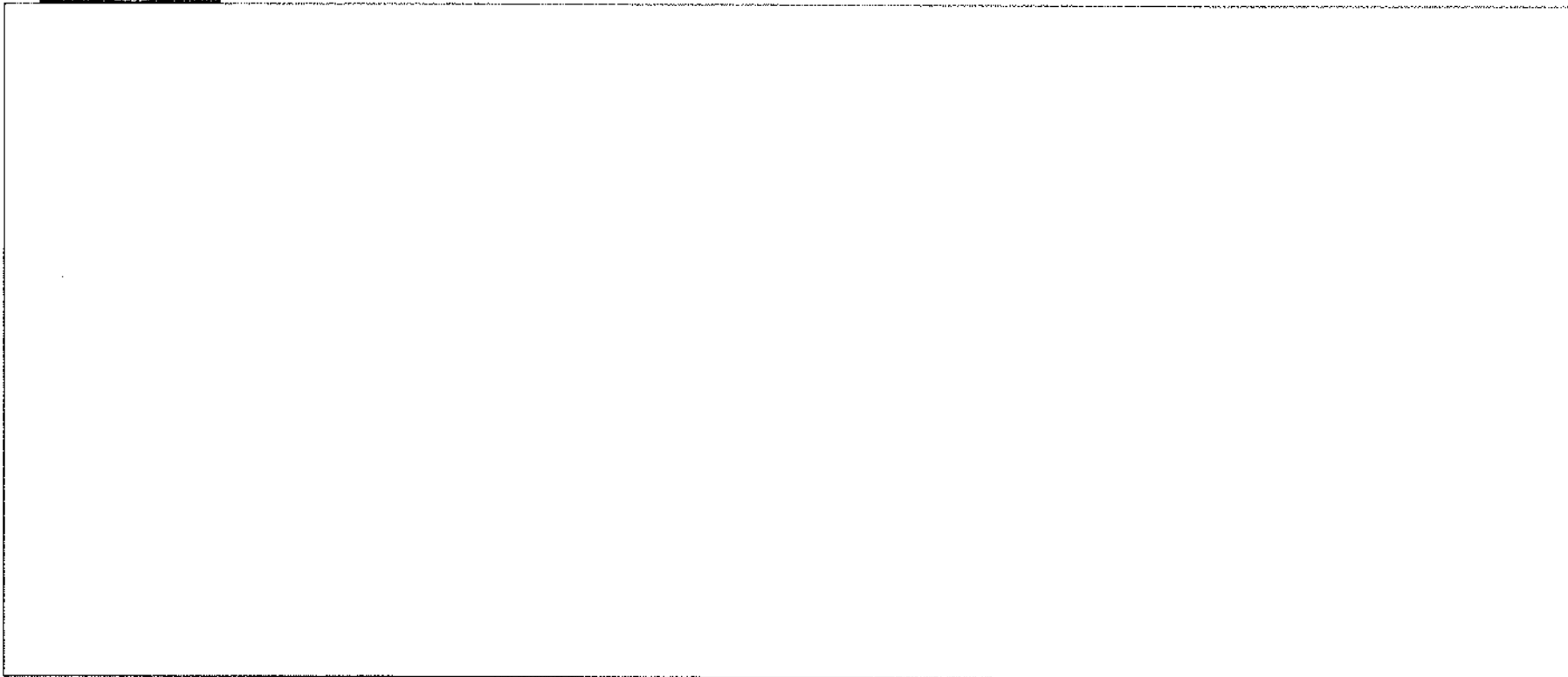
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(U) Low Earth Orbit (LEO) POP QUIZ!!



Answer: Stop abusing us – we haven't learned that yet!!

Nifty looking toys, aren't they!

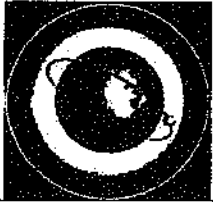
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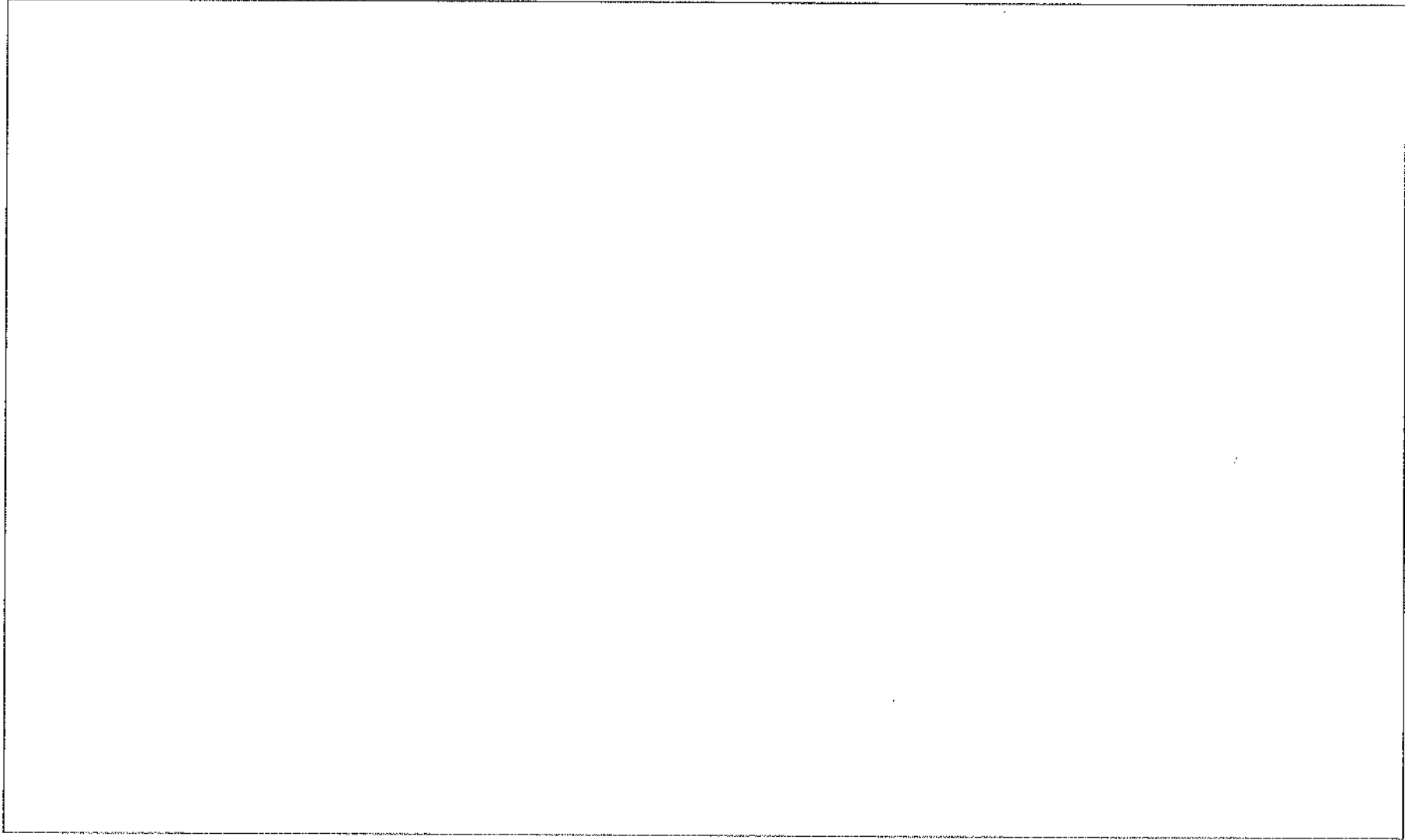
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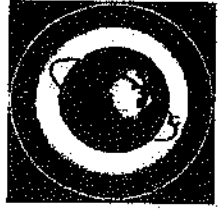


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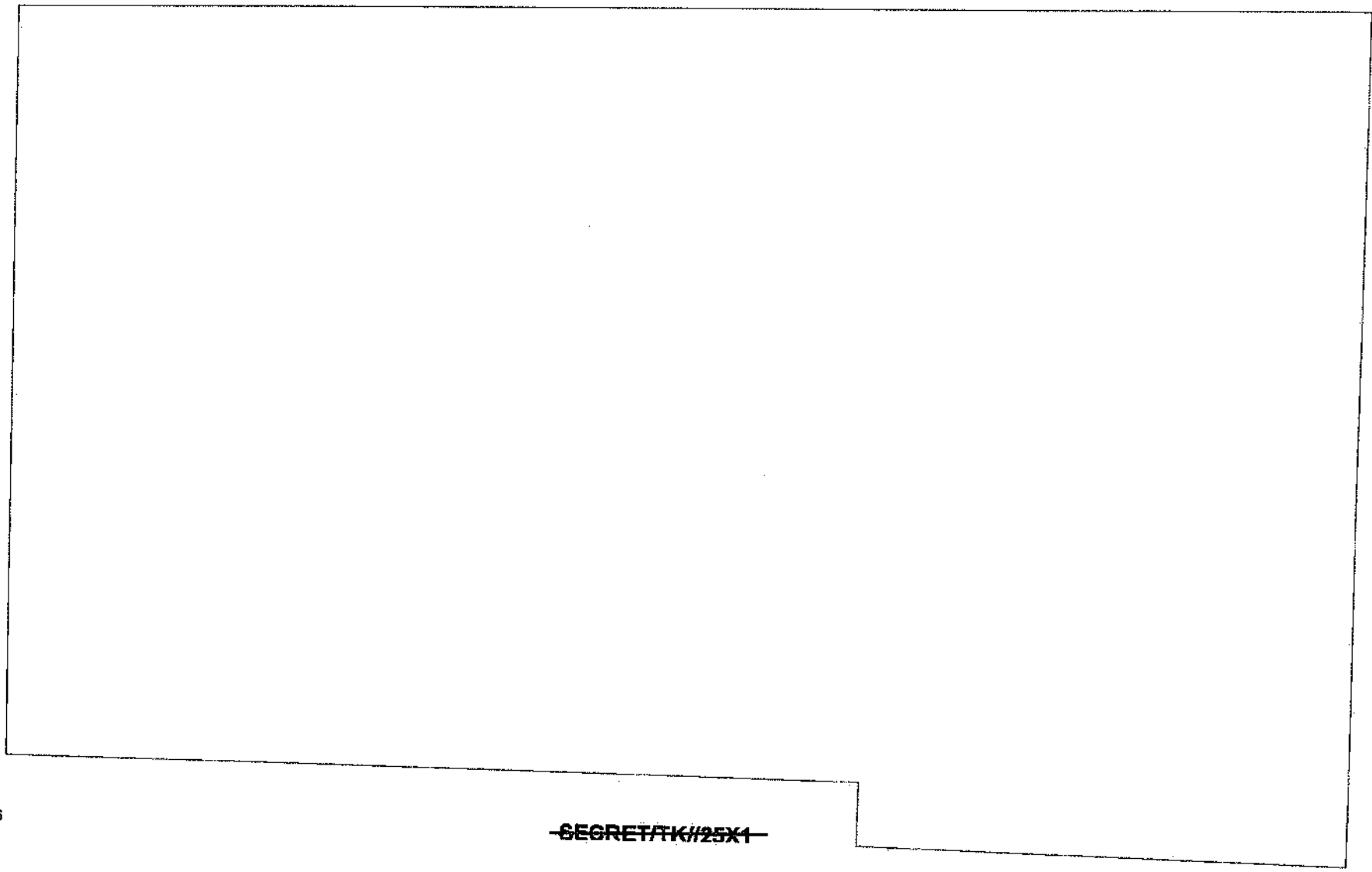
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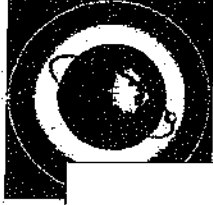
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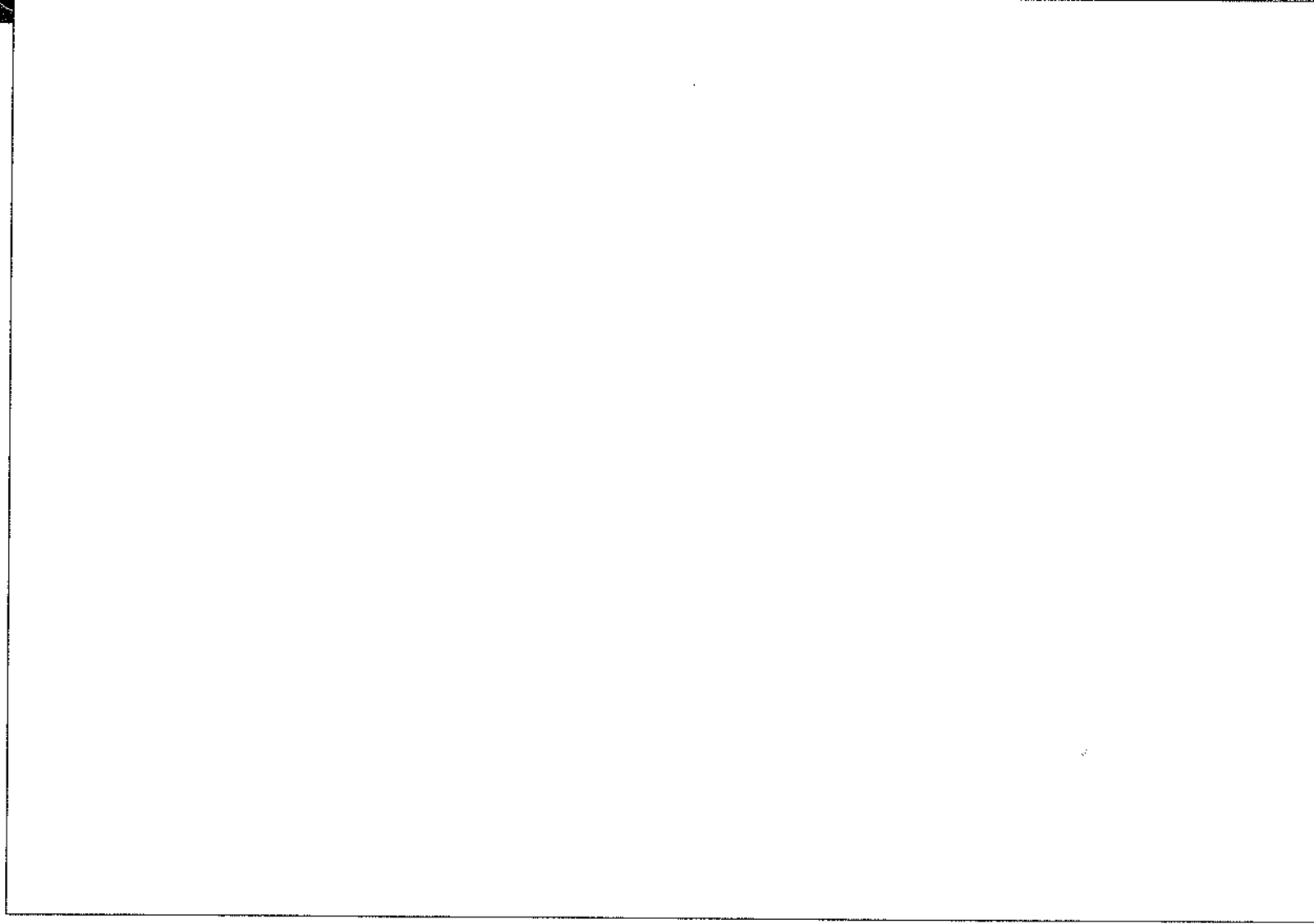
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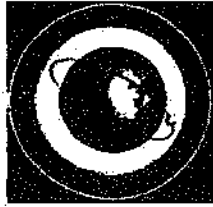


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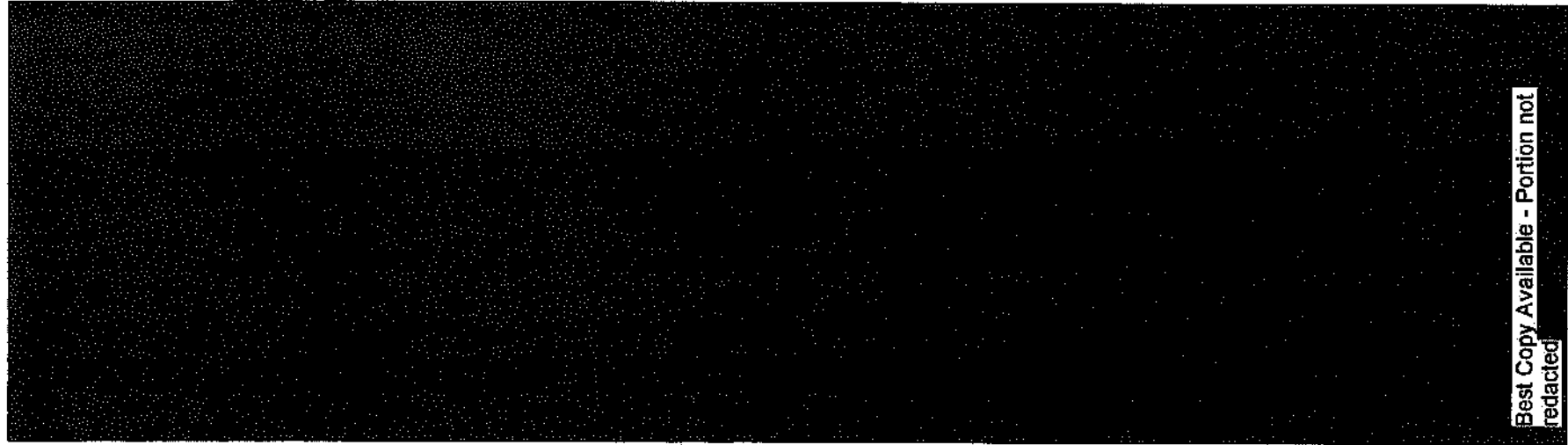
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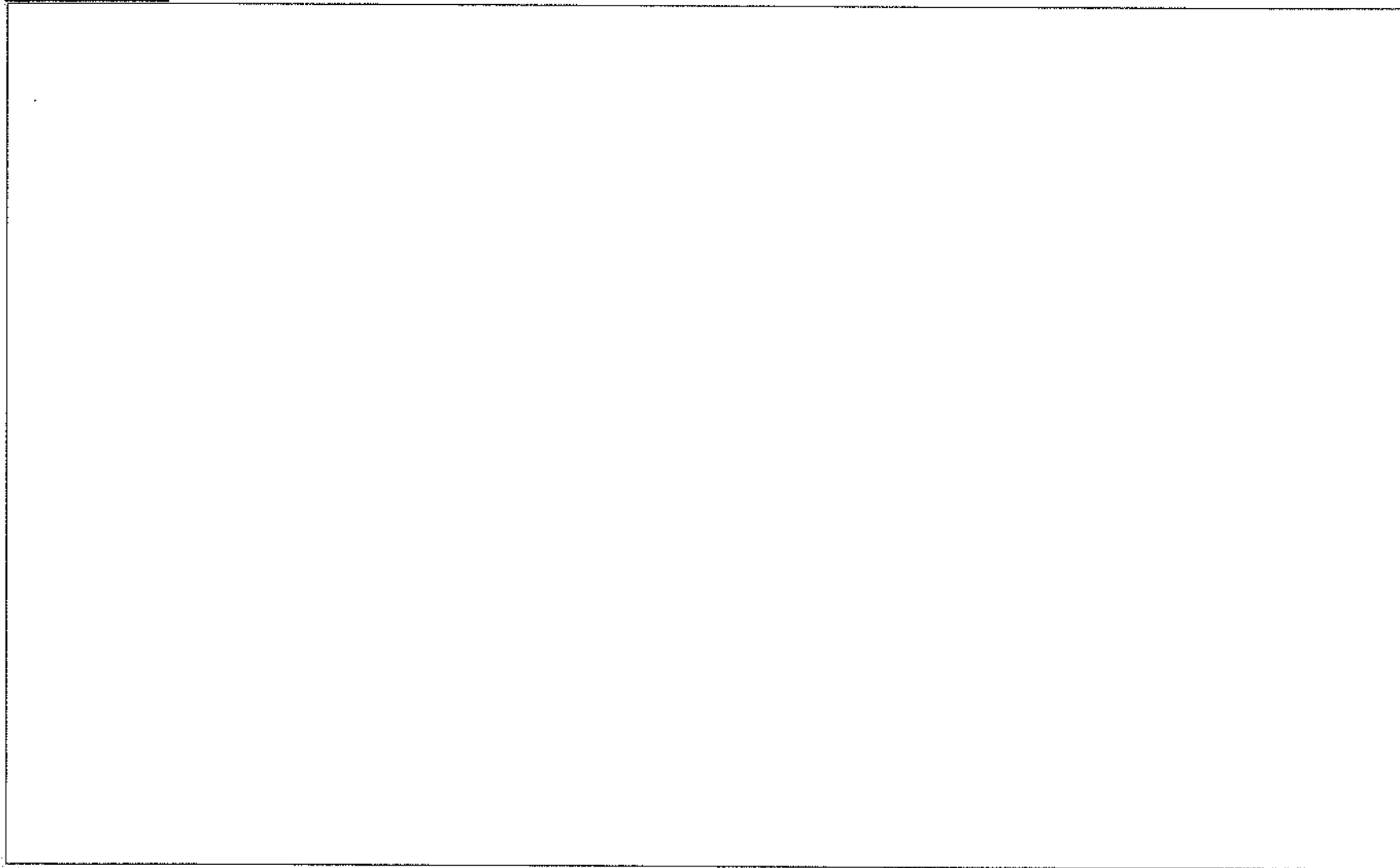
- ~~(S)~~ GEOINT:
 - GEOspatial imagery INTelligence
- (U) SIGINT:
 - SIGnals INTelligence comprised either individually or in combination of, all COMmunications INTelligence (COMINT), Electronics INTelligence (ELINT), and Foreign Instrumentation Signals INTelligence (FISINT)
- (U) MASINT:
 - Measurements And Signatures INTelligence derived from analysis of data from multiple sources

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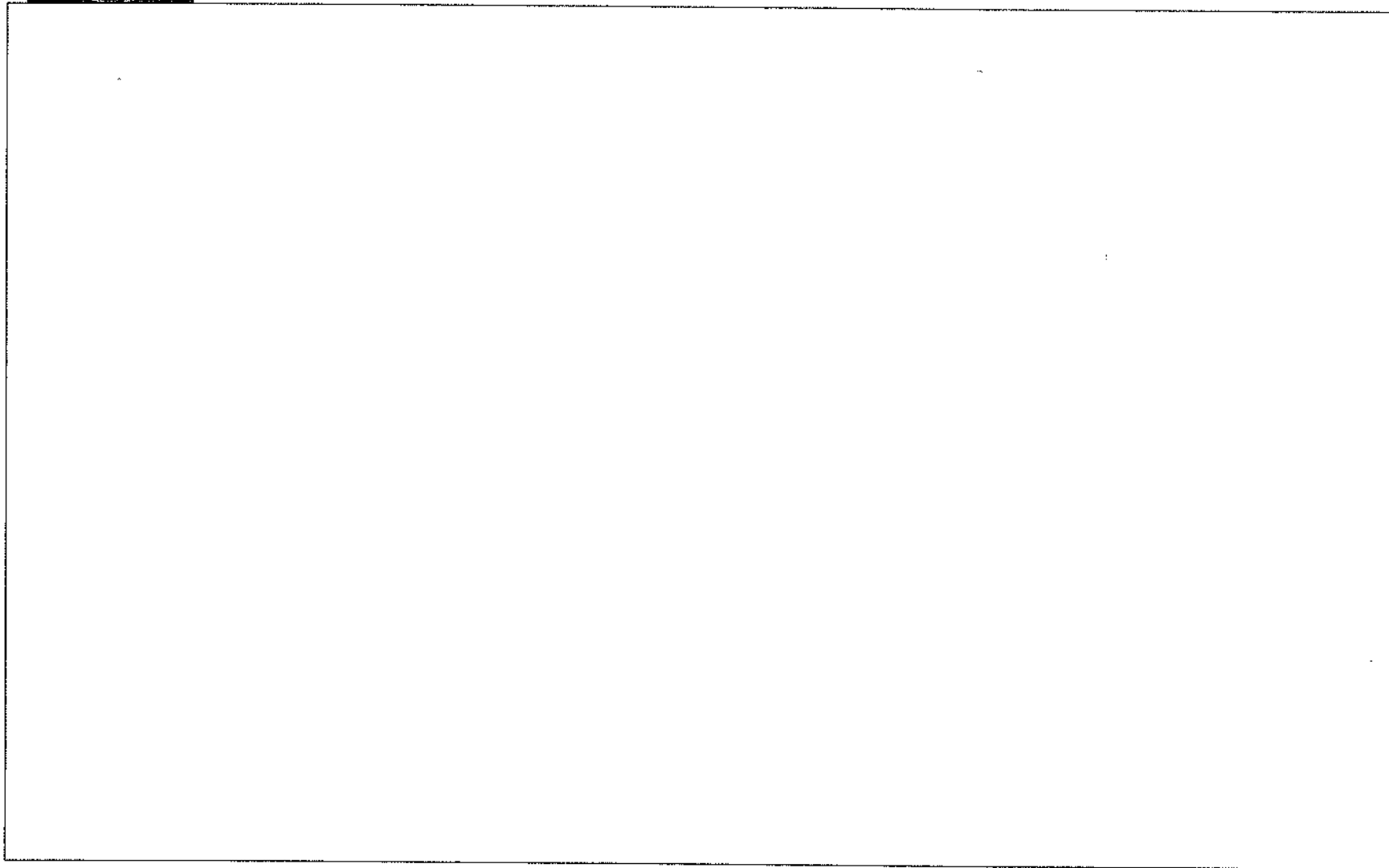


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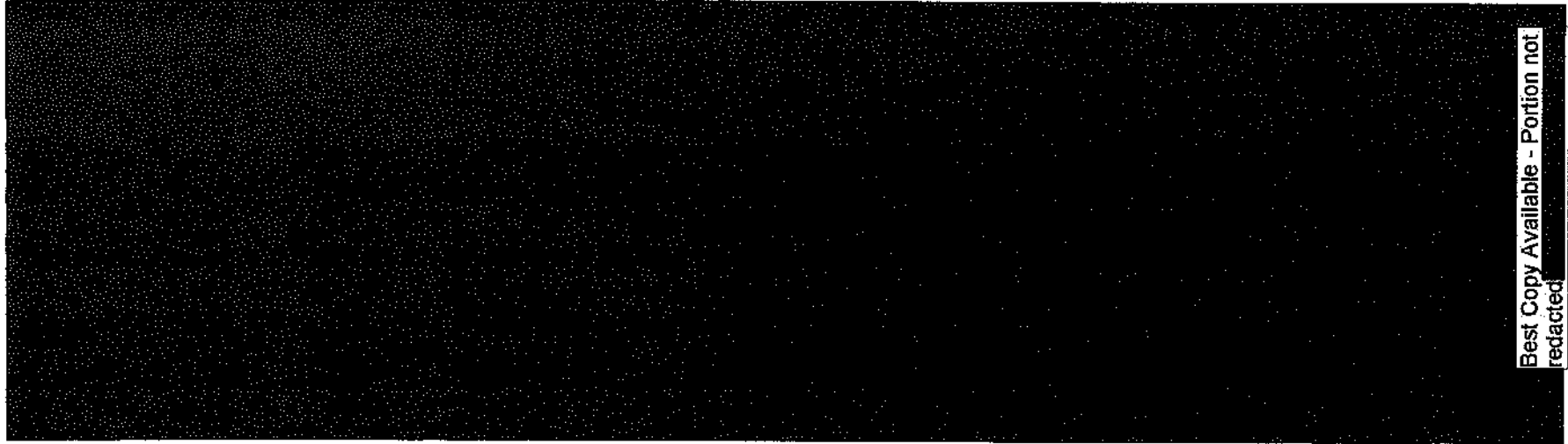




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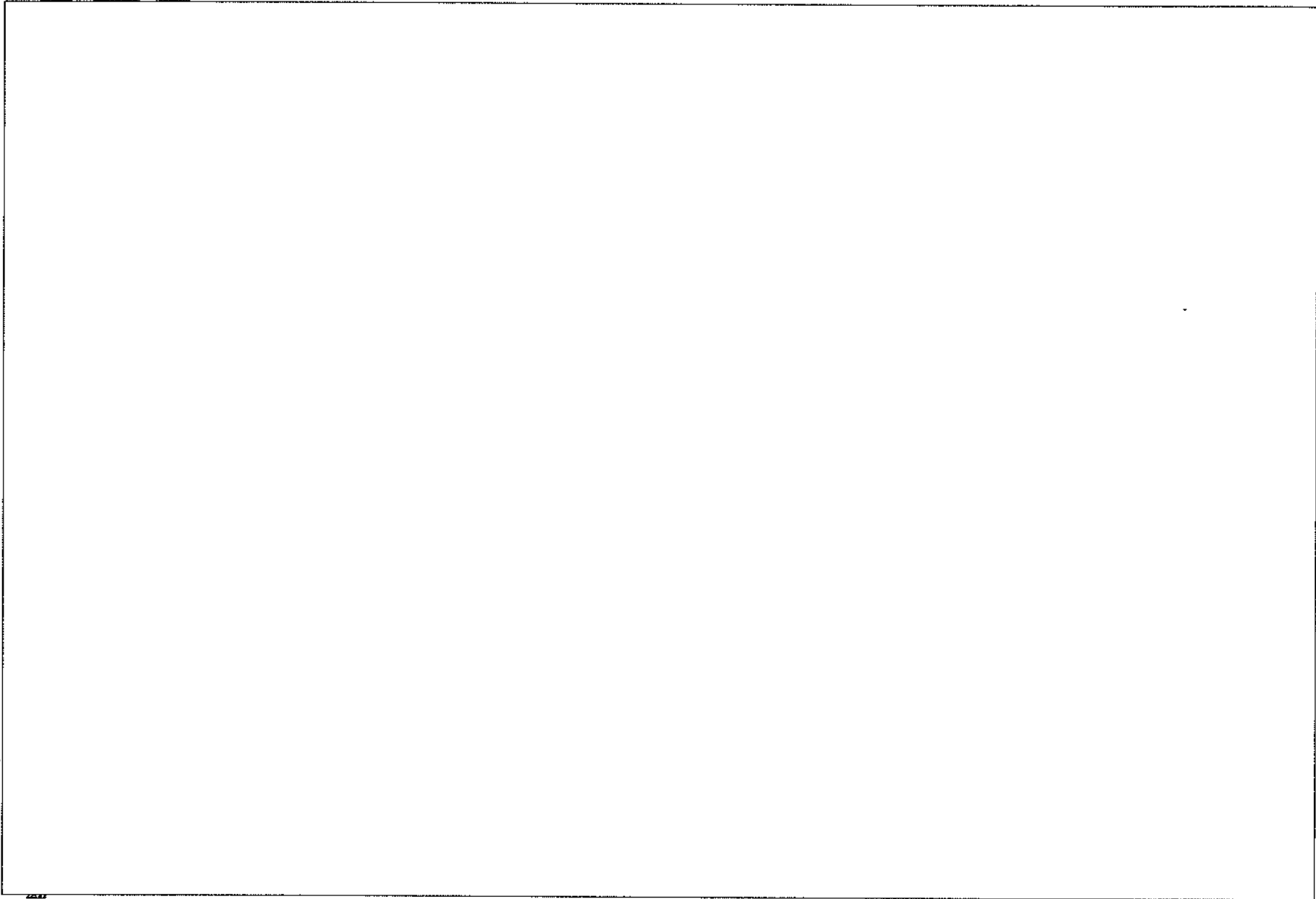
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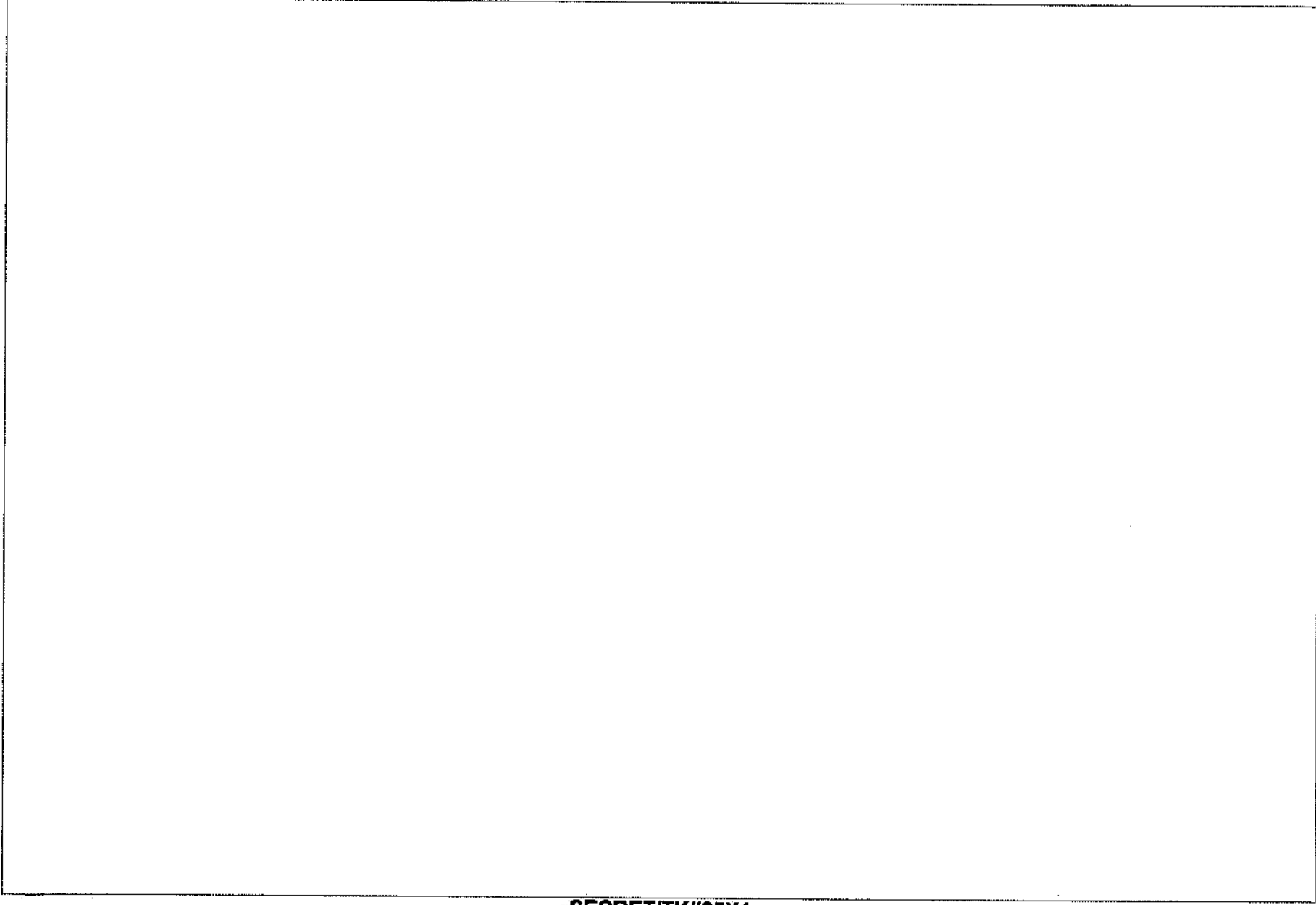
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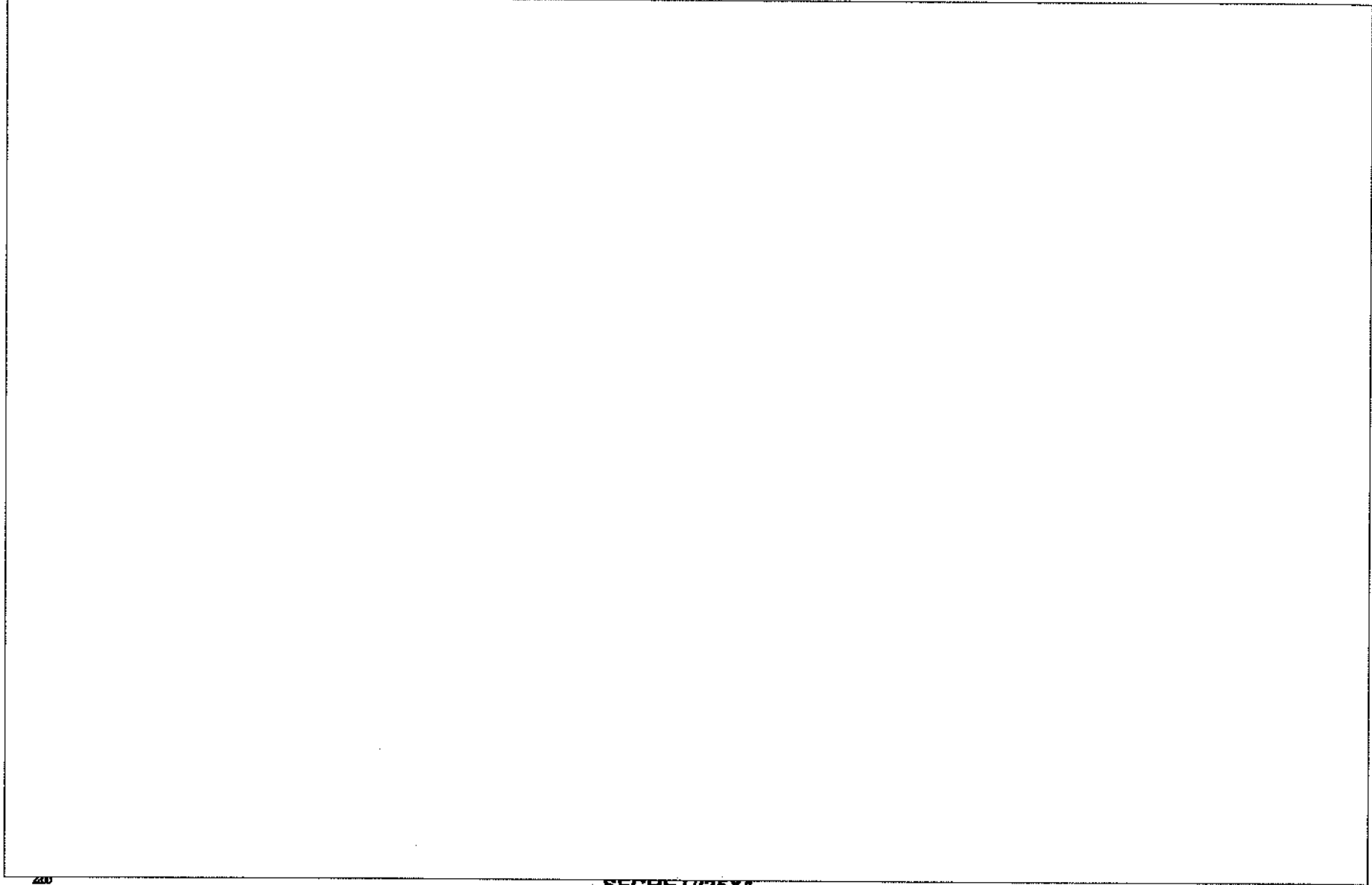
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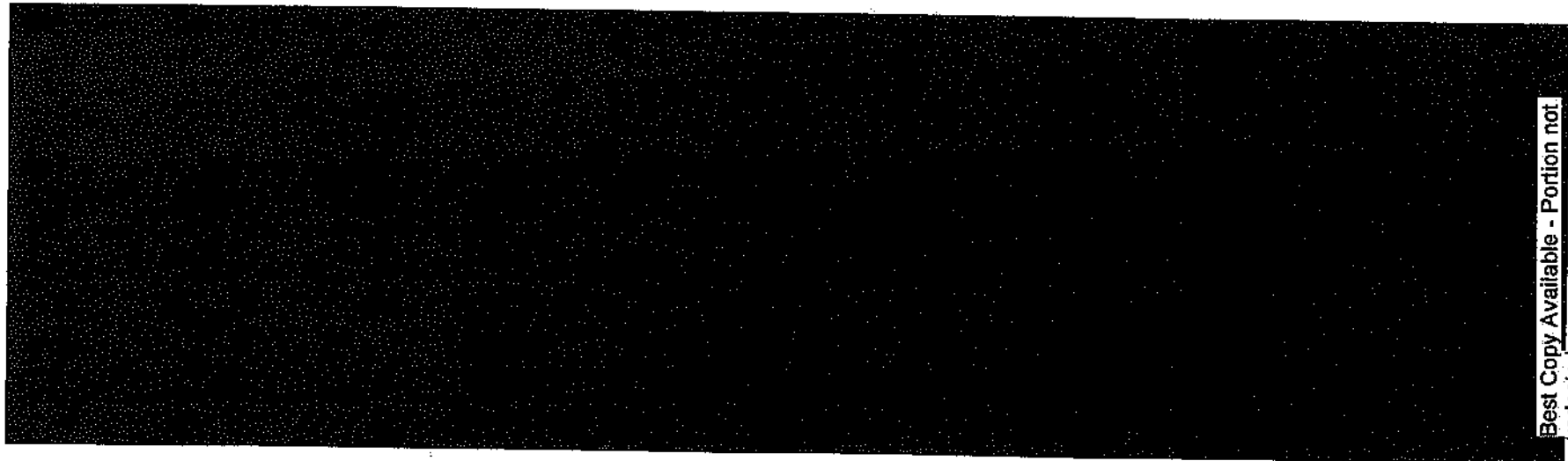
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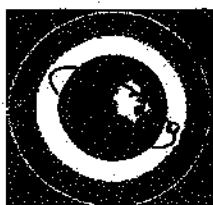
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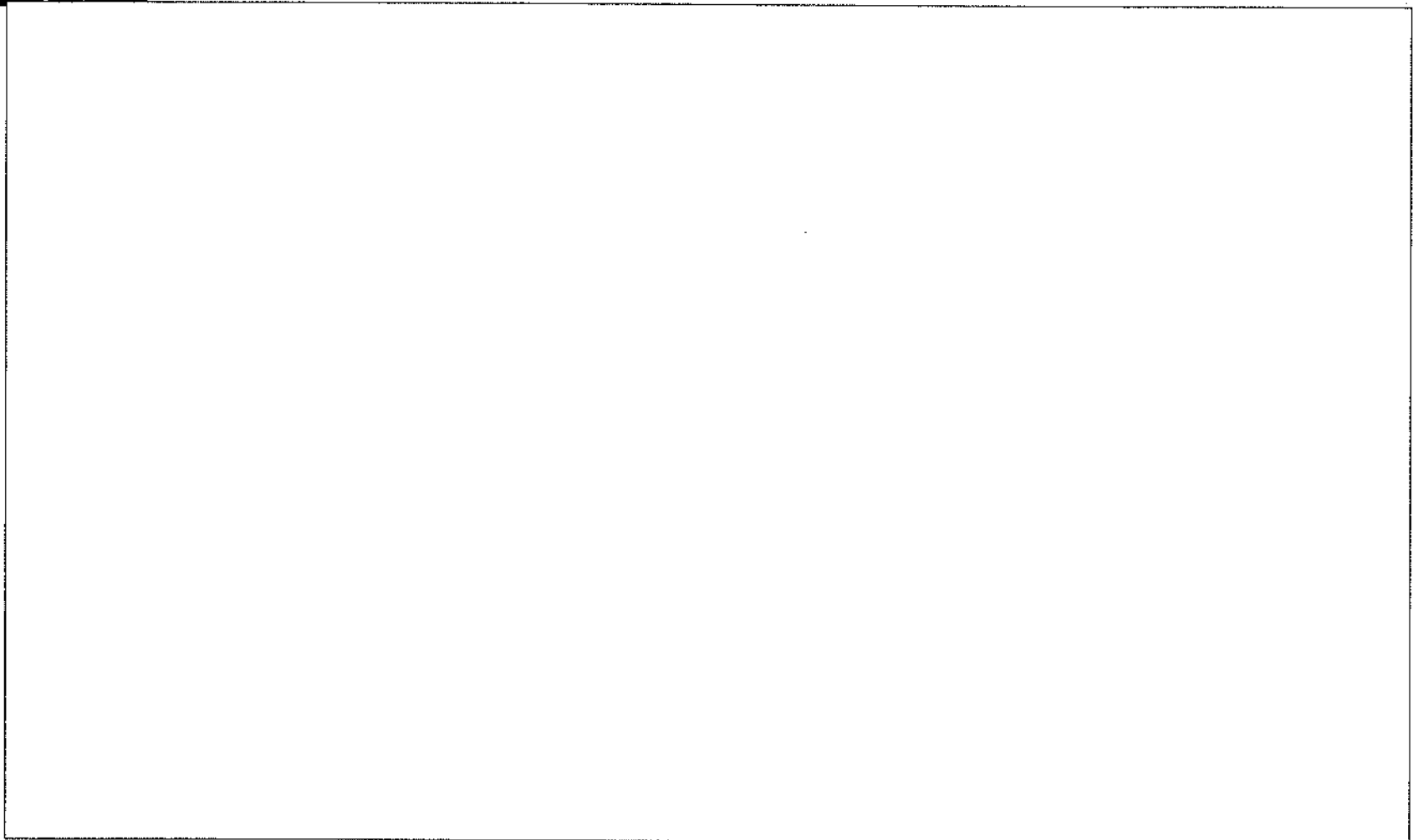
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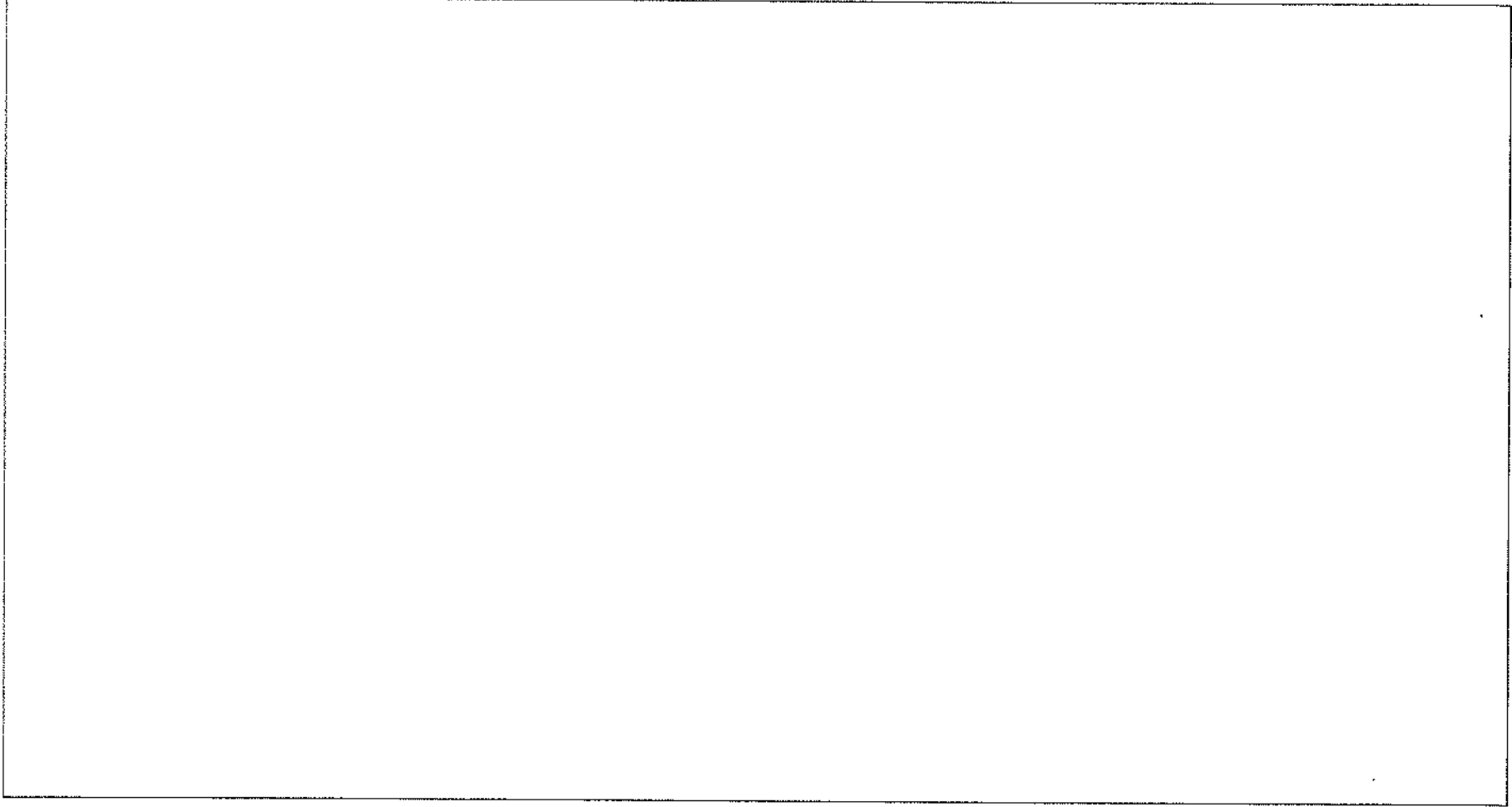
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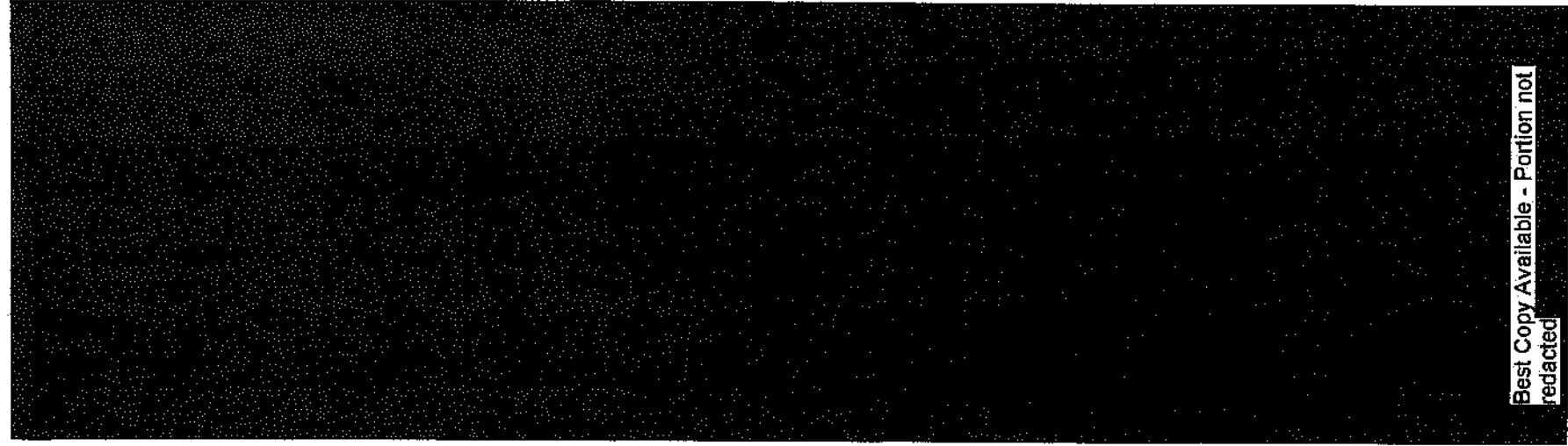
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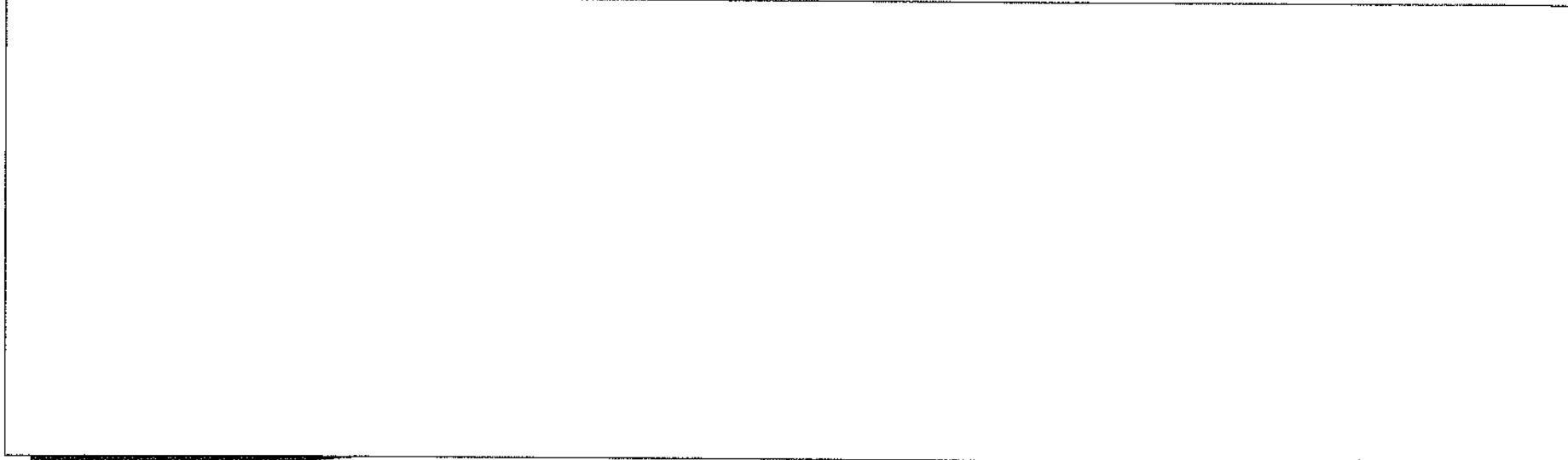
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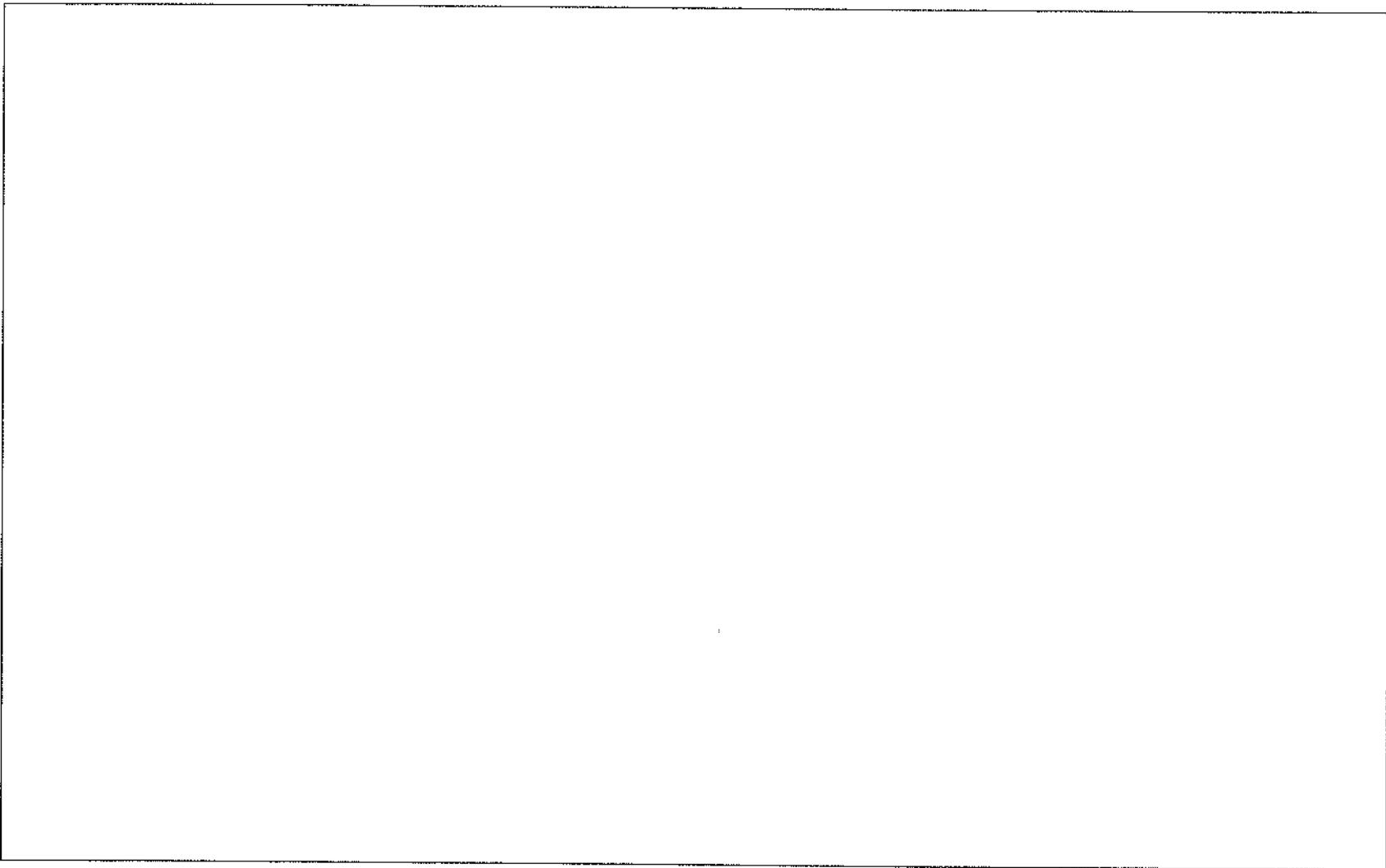
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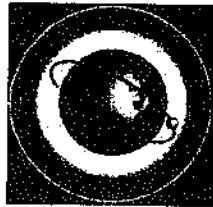
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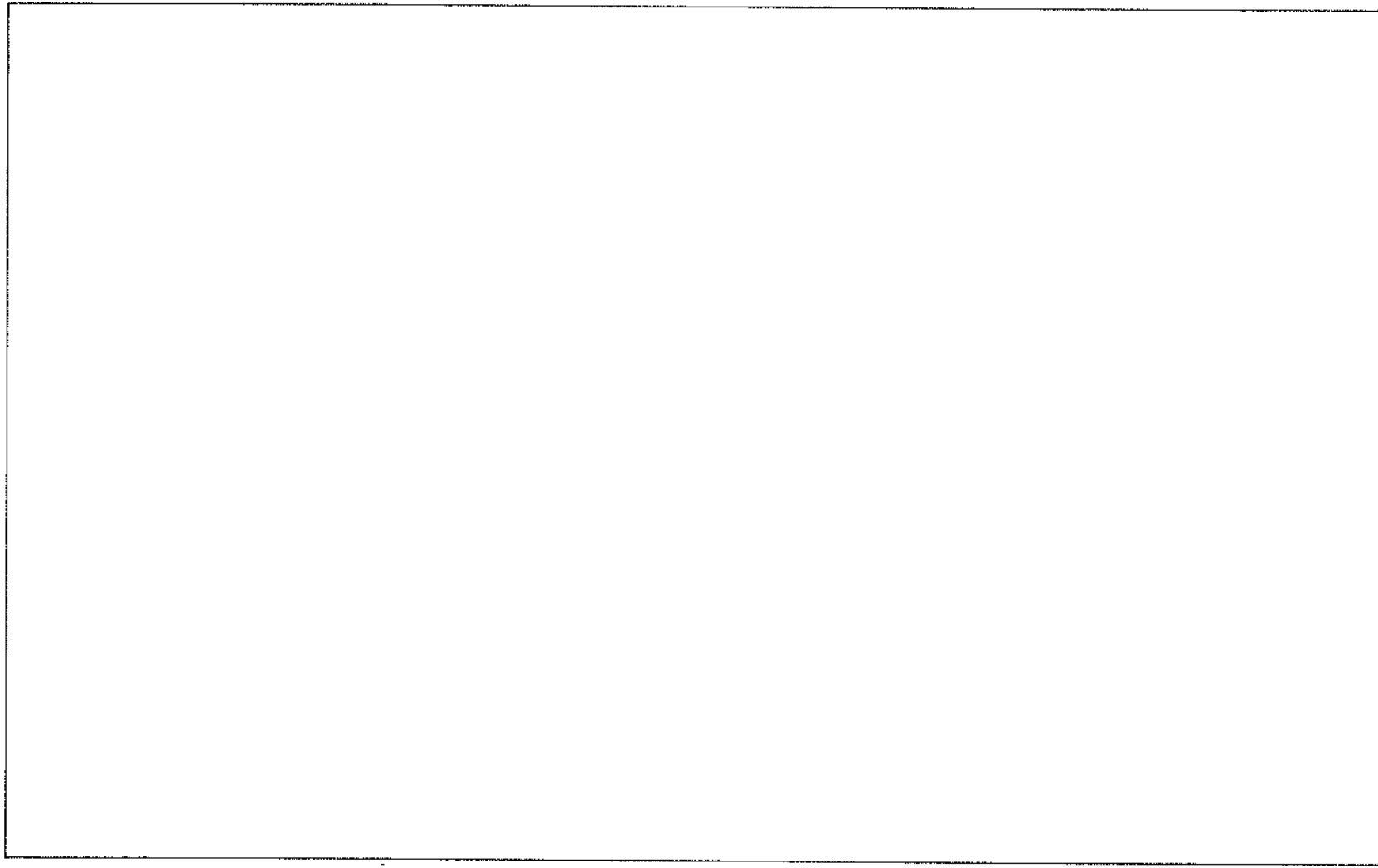
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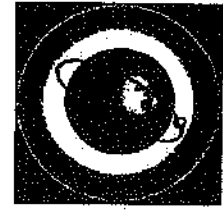


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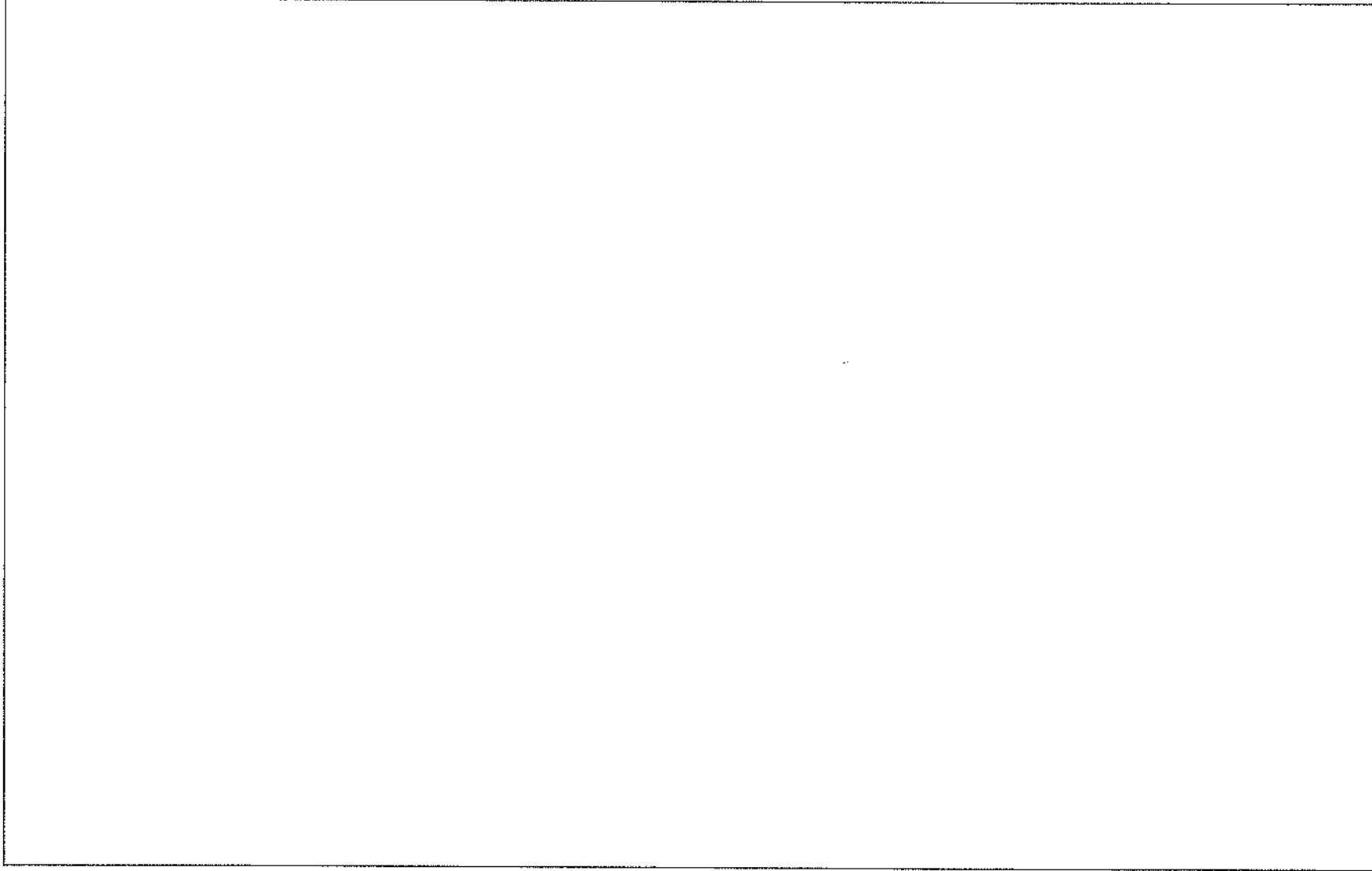
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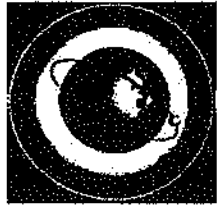
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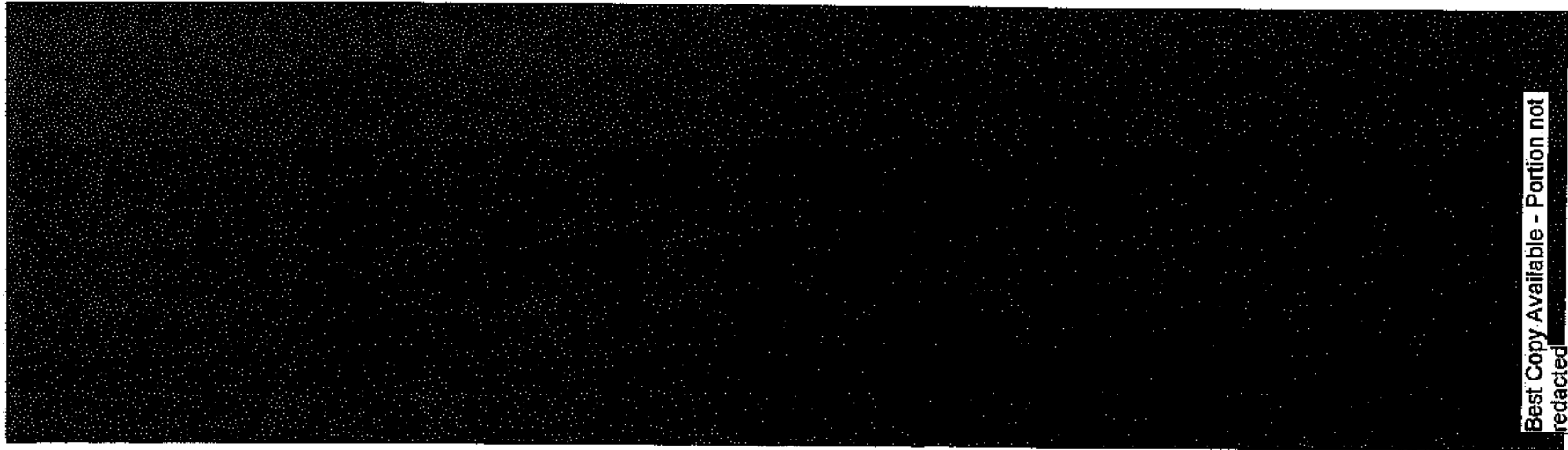
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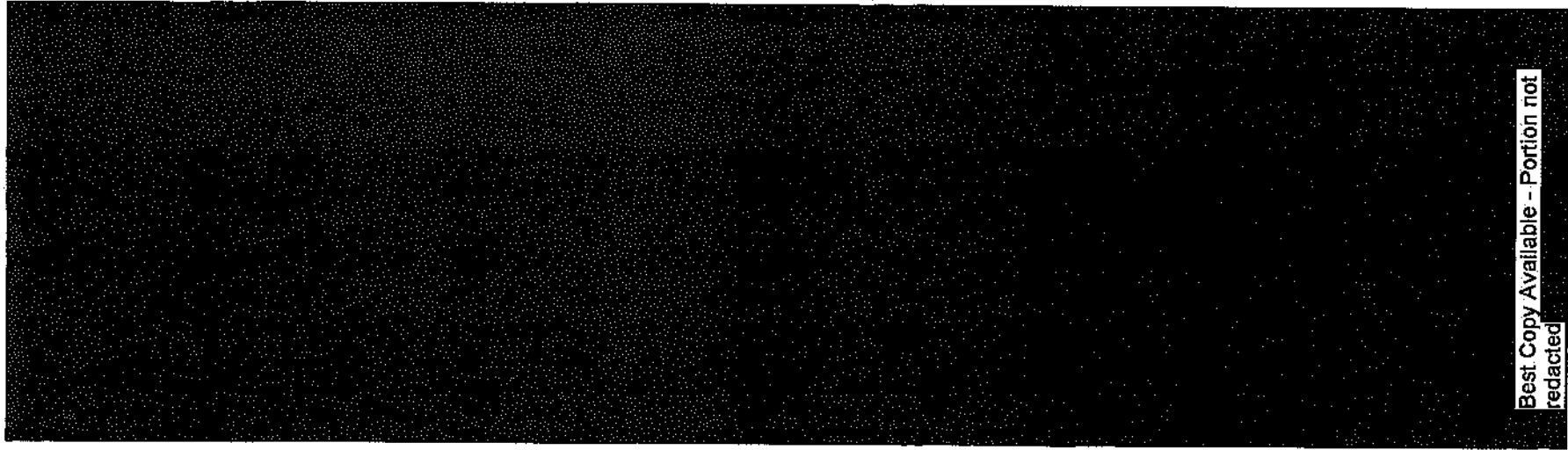
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