

BASE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
Marine Corps Base
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542

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6240/19

AUG 27 1979

From: Base Maintenance Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Training
Via: Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities

Subj: Firing of the M-85 .50 Caliber Machine Gun from Onslow Beach
North Tower into the BT-3 Impact Area; comments on

Ref: (a) TrngFac ltr TFAC/WJF/ves 1500 dtd 13 Aug 79
(b) CO, 2dAsltAmphBn ltr 3/CFN/ksh 1500 dtd 11 Apr 79
(c) FoneCon btwn Mr. Gary Henry, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and
Mr. Julian Wooten, BMaintDept, on 24 Aug 79

1. As per reference (a), reference (b) has been reviewed. An environmental impact assessment of the proposed action is required.
2. During reference (c) Mr. Henry advised reconsideration of the Atlantic Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) biological opinion would be necessary.

B. W. ELSTON
Acting

CAMP LEARNING, NORTH CAROLINA, 28312
Army Corps of Engineers
BACB MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

MAINTENANCE
GENERAL
AUG 2 1979

From: Base Maintenance Officer
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Subject: Finding of the 1.580 Caliber Machine Gun from Onslow Beach
Northwest Line the FT-5 Impact Area; comments on

- (a) Forward the TACOM/DA, 1500 dtd 13 Aug 79
- (b) Forward the TACOM/DA, 1500 dtd 14 Aug 79
- (c) Forward the Army Center for Health & Welfare Service, and
- (d) Julian Foster, Resident of Ft. Bragg

1. As per attached (a) and (b), an evaluation of the
mental impact assessment of the proposed action is required.

2. During reference (c) Mr. Foster advised reevaluation of the
MIA to forward to RUSA (Garratt's current) historical opinion
would be necessary.

By: [Signature]
Action:

TRAINING FACILITIES BRANCH
Marine Corps Base
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542

TFAC/WJF/ves
1500
13 August 1979

From: Training Facilities Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities (Attn: Director,
Natural Resources Division)
Via: Assistant Chief of Staff, Training J. R. FRIDELL
AUG 14 1979
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Encl: (1) Reference (a)

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W. J. FEIND

TRAINING FACILITIES BRANCH

Training Corps Base

1000 Highway North, Lansing 20, MS

TRAINING FACILITIES

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18 August 1950

From Training Facilities Officer

To Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities (Acting Director)

Subject: Training of Staff, Facilities (Acting Director)

Reference is made to your letter of 18 August 1950.

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Very truly yours,

W. J. TAYLOR

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2D MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE
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IN REPLY REFER TO

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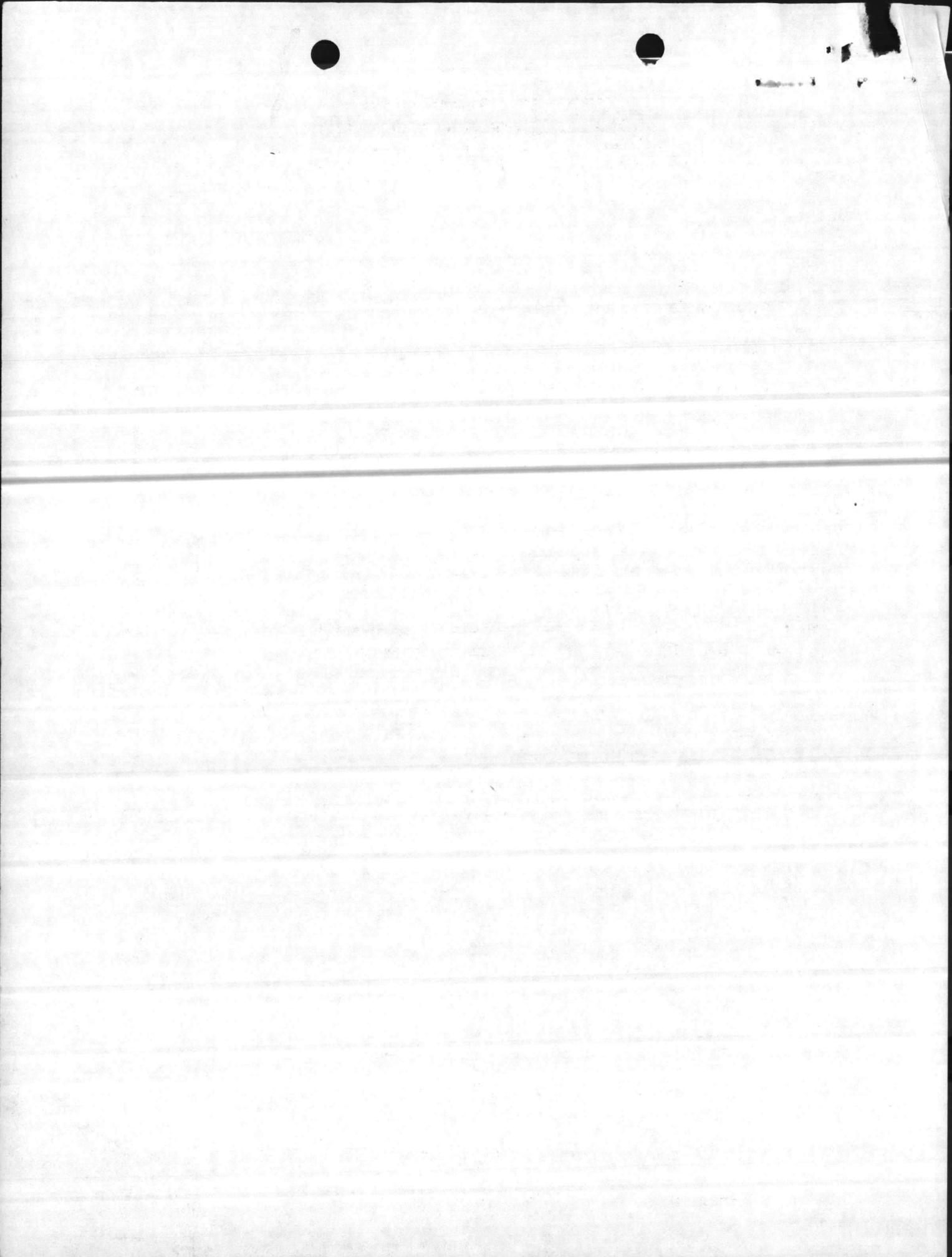
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By direction



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2d Assault Amphibian Battalion
2d Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542

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(Attn: G-3 Training)

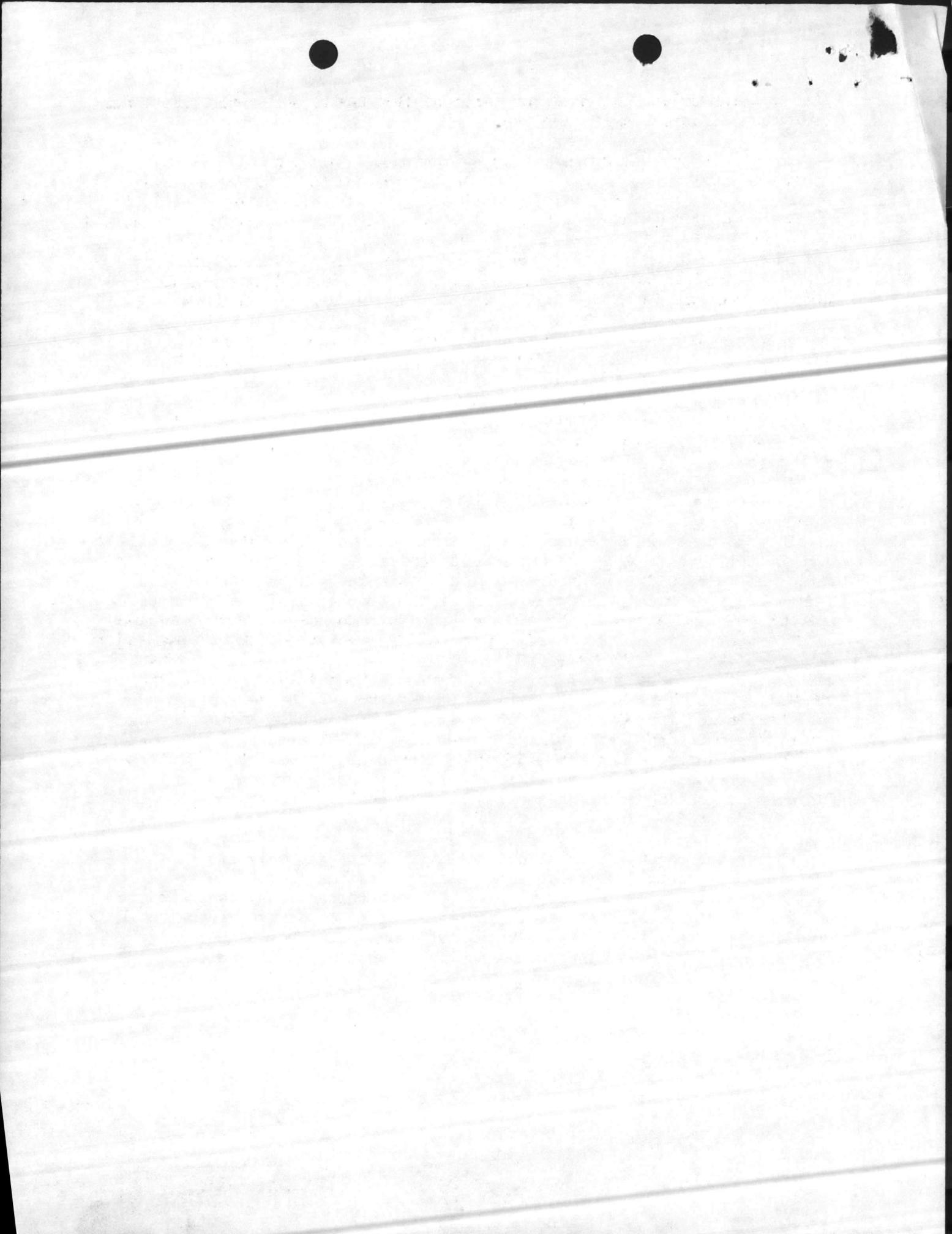
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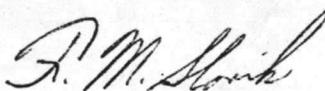
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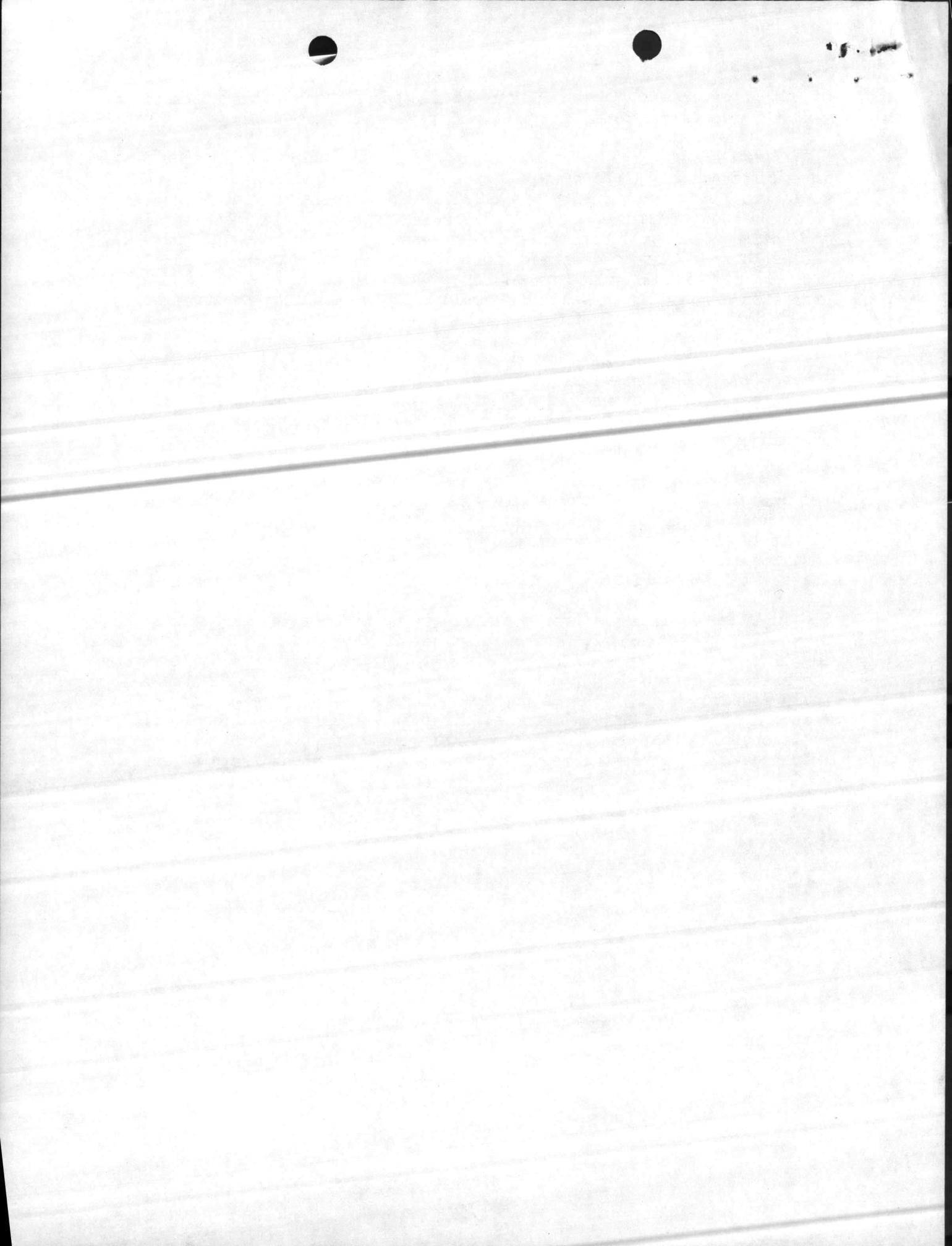
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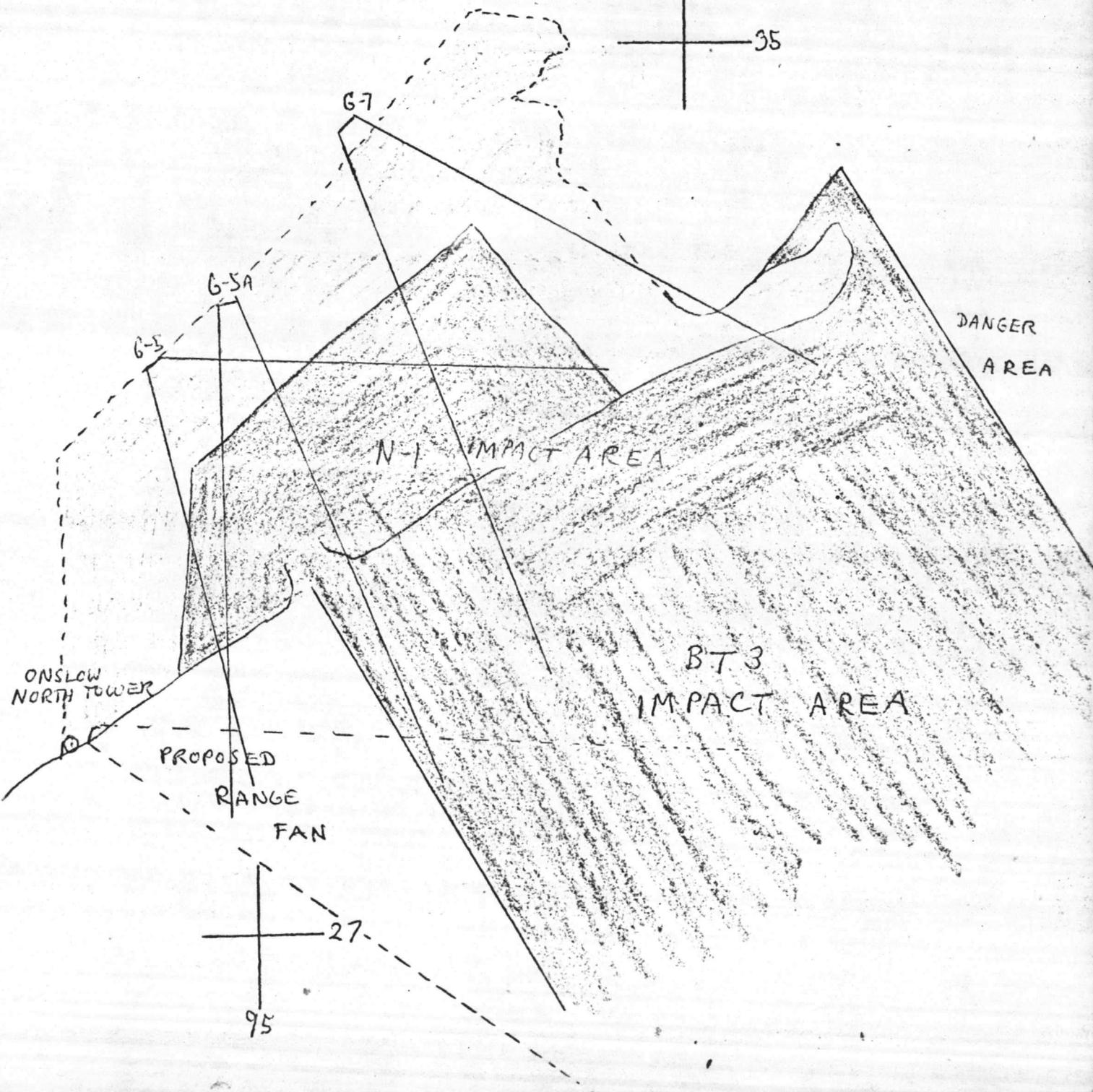
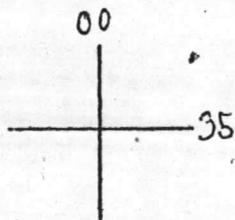

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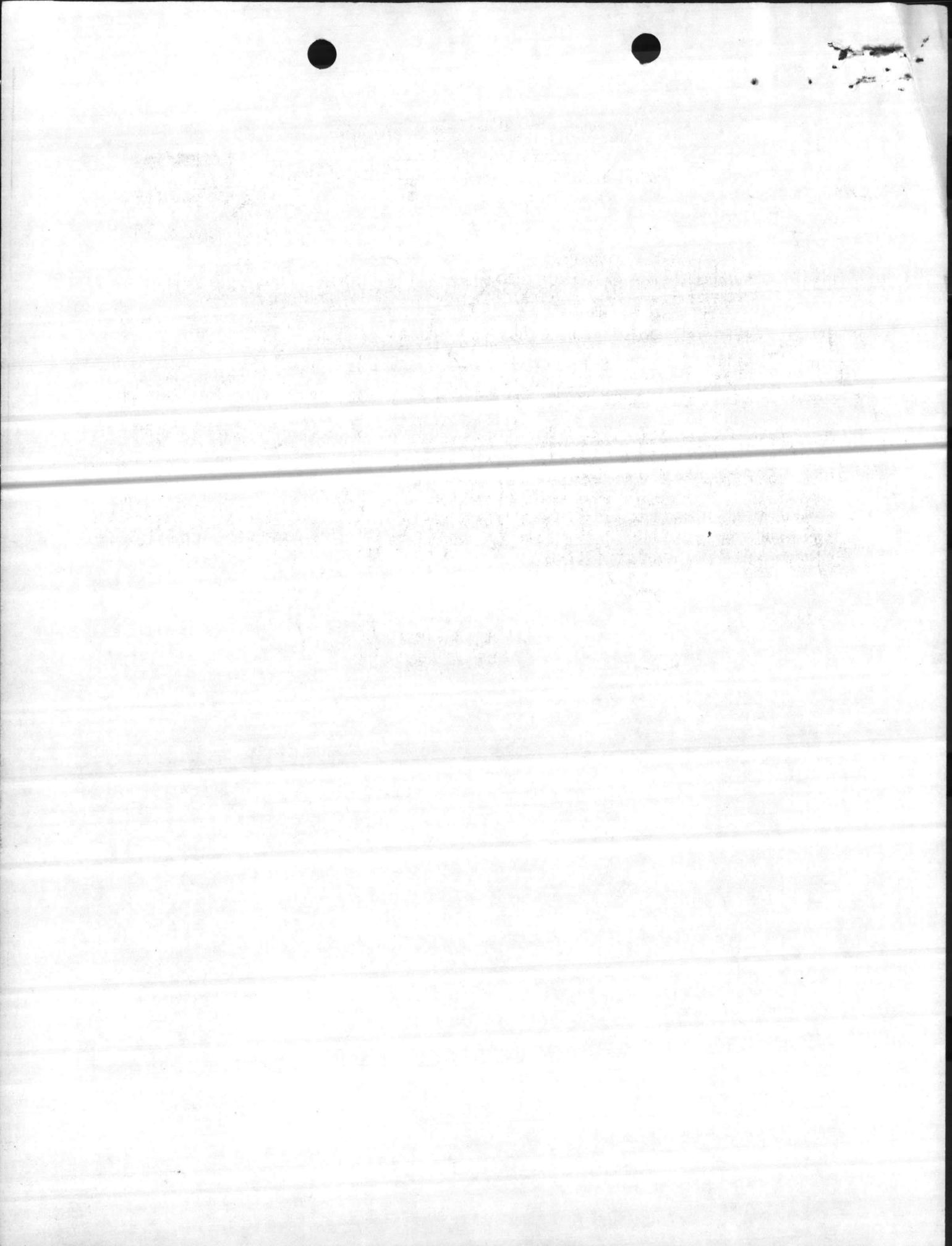
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CAMP LEJEUNE SPECIAL MAP
COMBAT TRAINING CART
APPROACHES TO NEW RIVER

SCALE 1:50,000





TRAINING FACILITIES BRANCH
Marine Corps Base
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542

TFAC/WJF/ves
1500
13 August 1979

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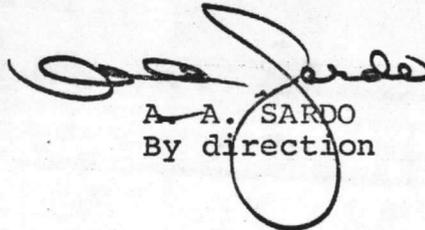
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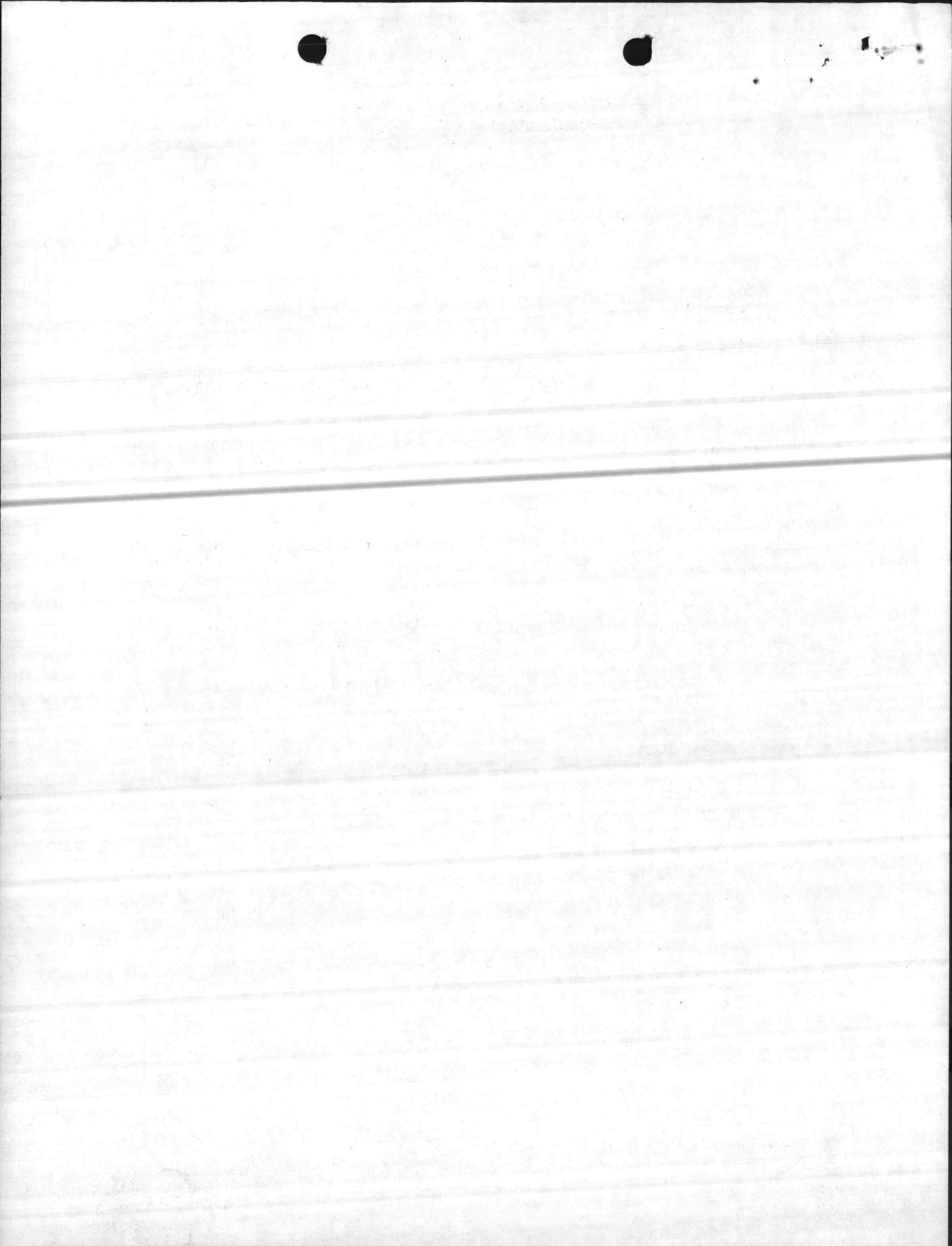
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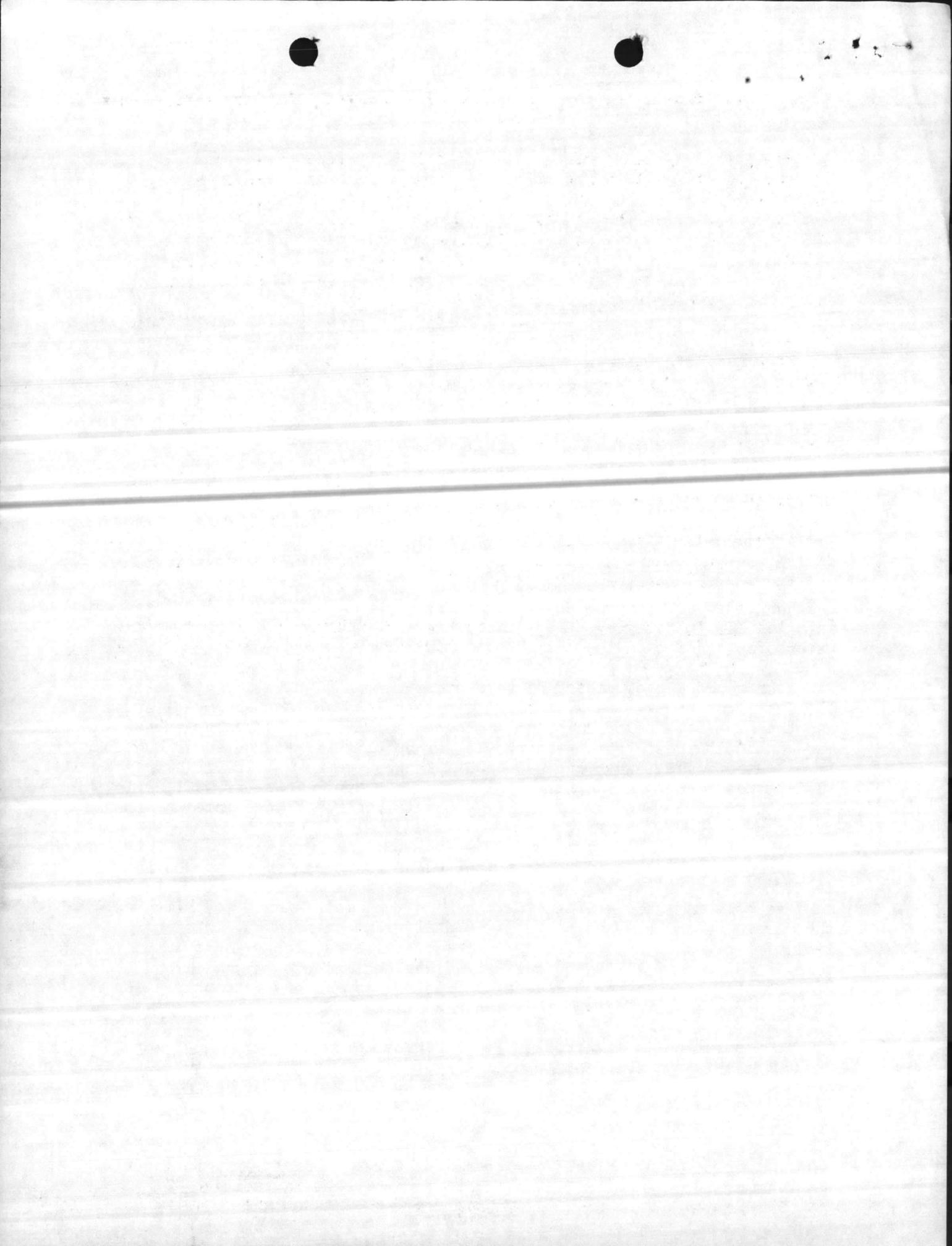
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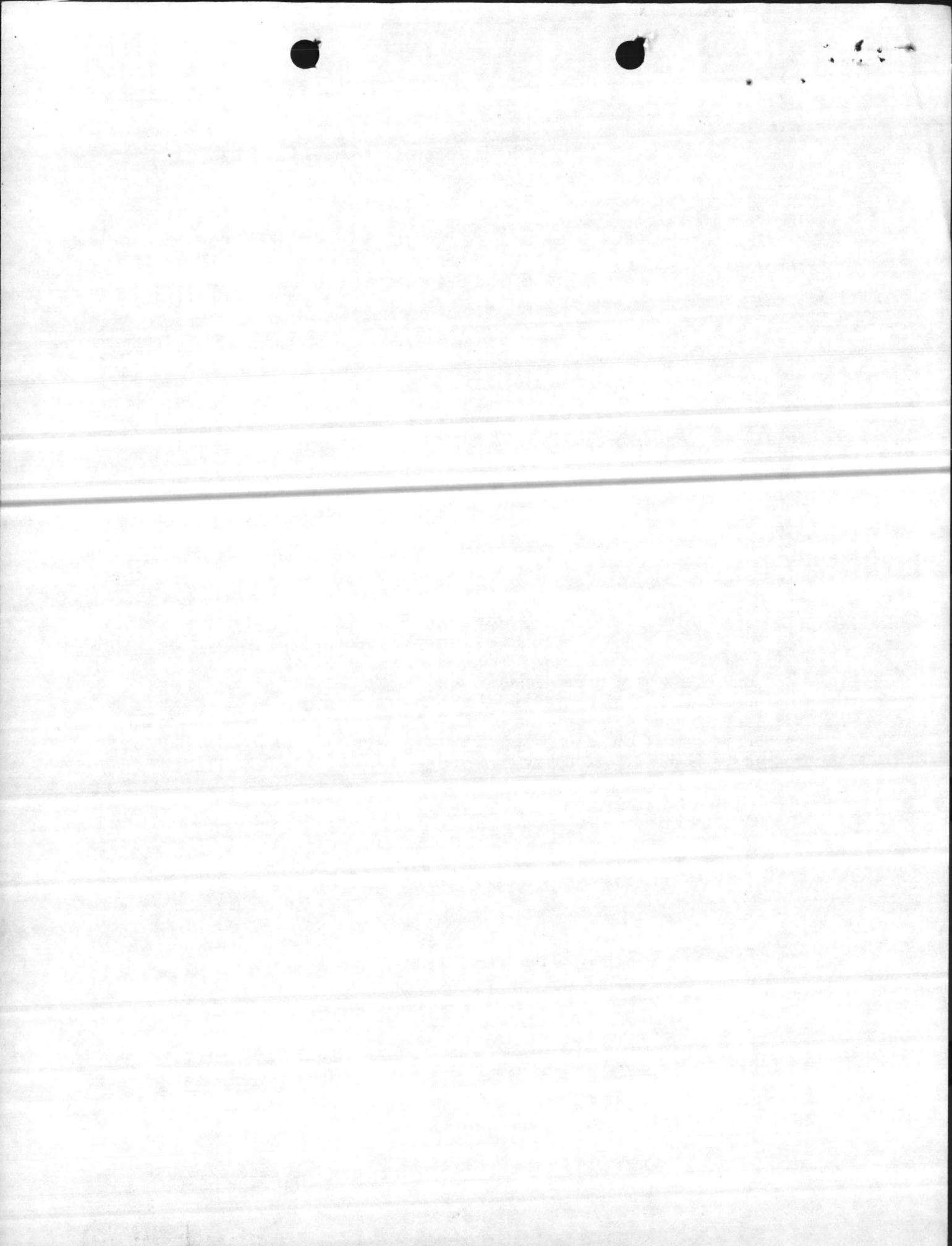
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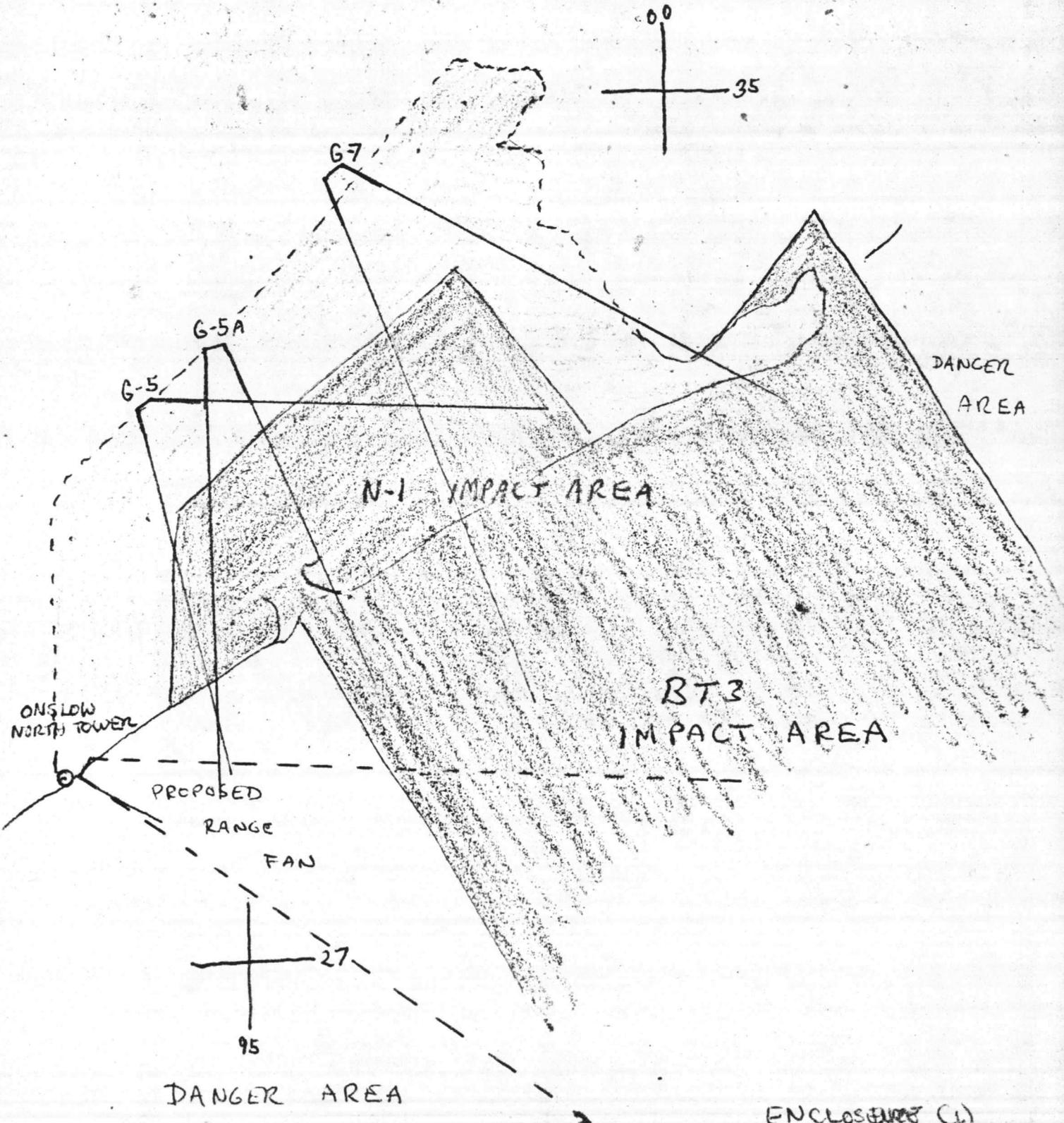
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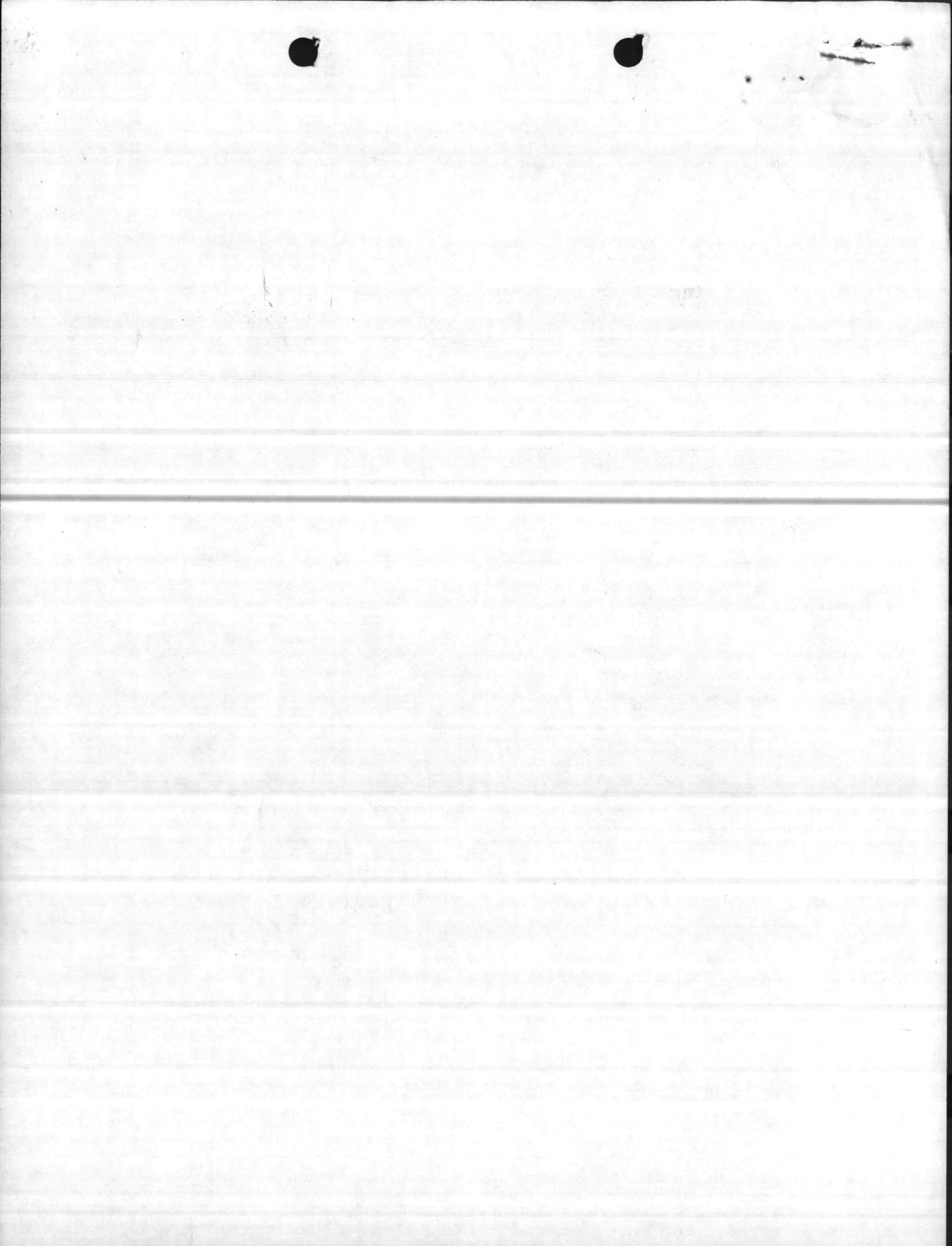

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COMBAT TRAINING CHART
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Marine Corps Base
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, 28542

TFAC/WJF/ves
1500
1 August 1979

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To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Training J. R. FRIDELL, AUG 14 1979
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Ref: (a) CG 2ndMARDIV ltr 3/GSN/jnp over 1500 dtd 13 Apr 79

1. It is recommended that the request contained in reference (a) to fire into BT-3 Impact Area from the area of Onslow North Tower be disapproved.

2. The area near Onslow North Tower is in the Buffer Zone around N-1 range and is not an authorized firing position. The modification requested to the BT-3 impact area would require an Environmental Impact Assessment due to the natural habitat of the Atlantic Loggerhead Turtle, Eastern Brown Pelican, Least Tern, Dusky Seaside Sparrow, American Alligator and the basic structure of the sand dunes. Also firing the .50 caliber machine gun will possibly require increasing the limits of the BT-3 impact area.

3. The three proposed routes into Onslow North Tower are marginal at best. Routes "a" and "b" are both unacceptable as they go through the recreational areas along the ocean front. Route "c" would take as much time from actual firing as the boats going up and down the waterway, and have an adverse effect on the beach.

W. J. FEIND

TRAINING FACILITIES OFFICER

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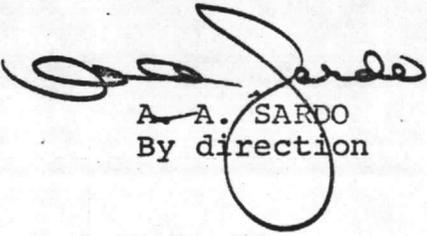
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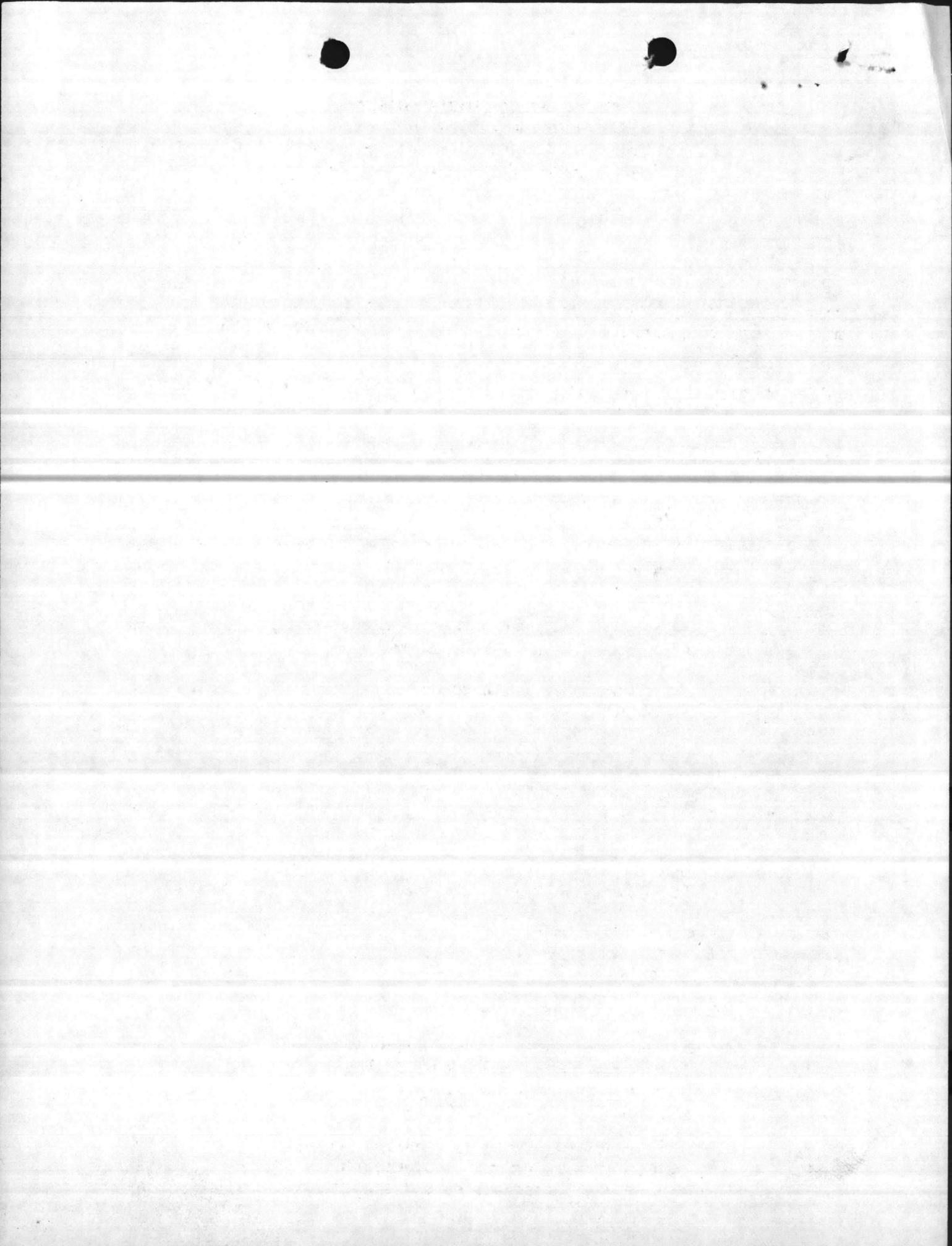
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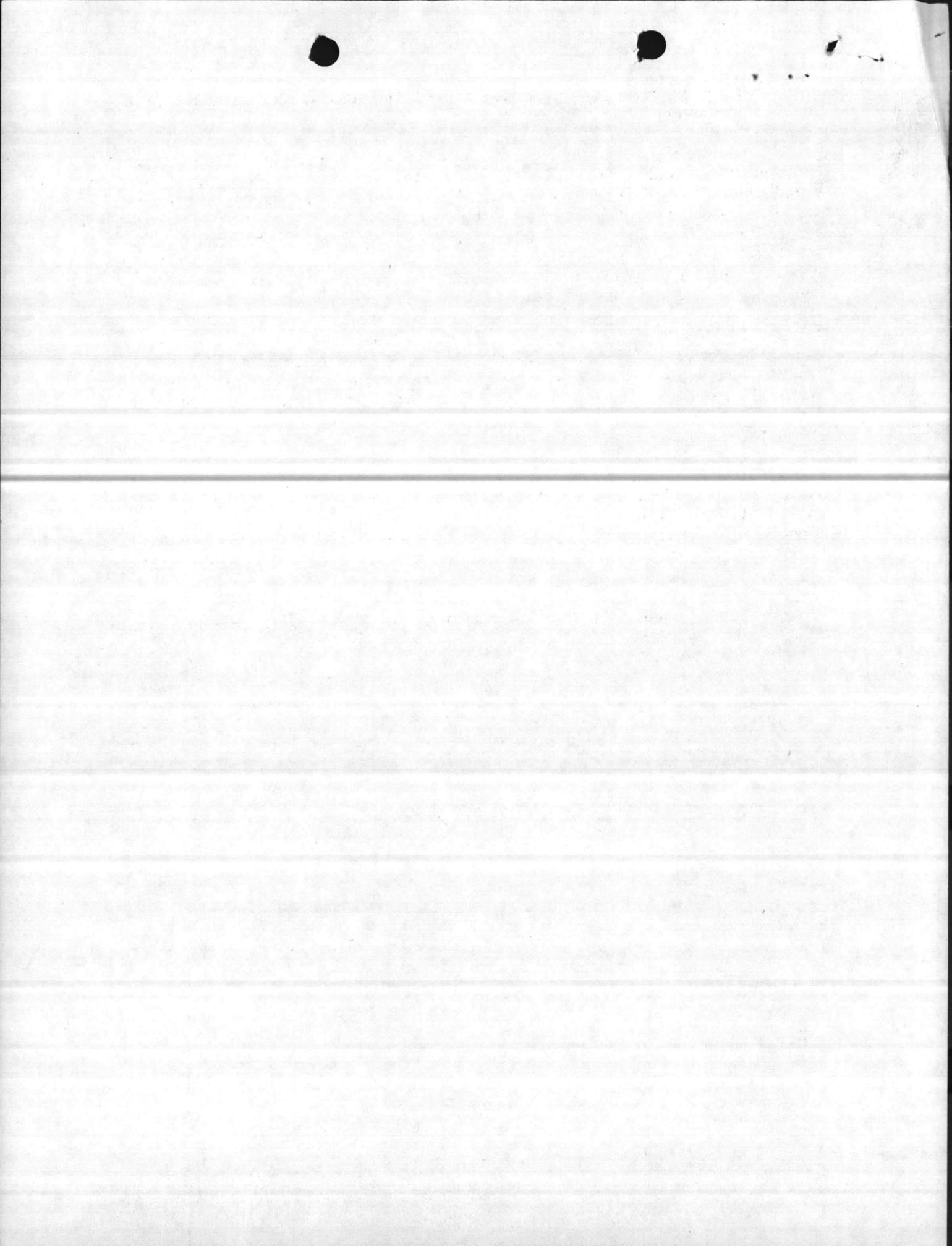
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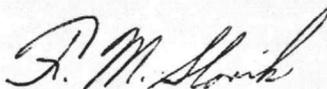
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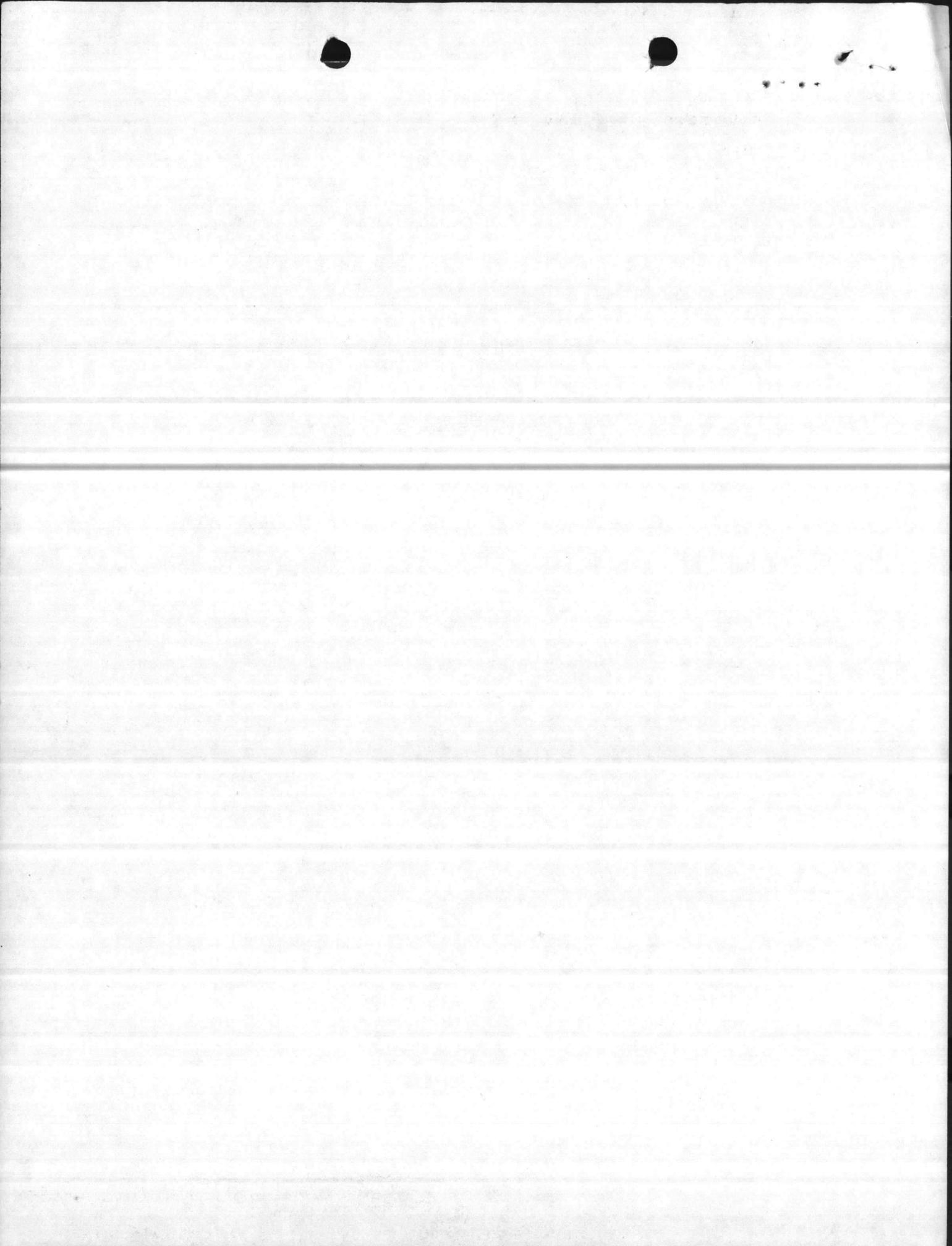
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