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4. Augusta resources makes it clear that the people of Green Valley, Tucson, and Vail will not see the Rosemont Mine. If they have future plans for additional mines in the area shouldn't they be fair to the public and inform them of these plans and their impact? The Peach-Elgin mine will clearly be visible to residents of Green Valley.

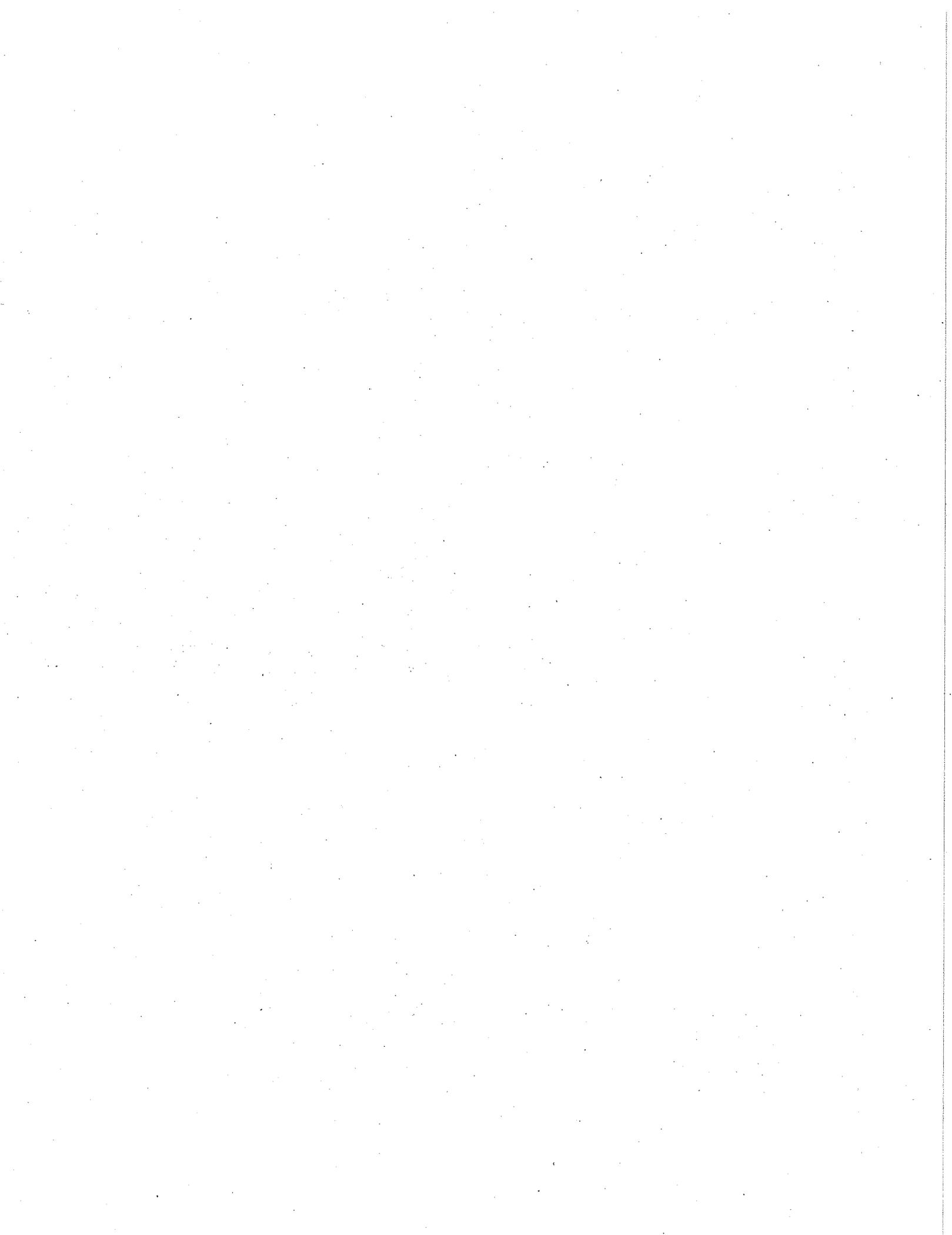
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1. The School buses are on the road M-F from 6:00AM to 8:30AM, 11:00AM to 12:00PM and from 1:00PM to 6:00PM. Will trucks carrying ore or explosive supplies to the mine travel on the road during these hours?
2. Will the I-10 Marsh Station Bridge be updated to eliminate the oversized loads now routed through SR83, or will these loads share this dangerous winding road with Augusta's trucks?
3. Will passing lanes be installed anywhere along SR83 to allow traffic to pass slower moving trucks?
4. How much more frequently will road maintenance be required on SR83 due to the volume of heavy trucks if the Rosemont mine is approved?
Since it is a two lane highway construction has a major impact on travel times and safety.
5. Can SR83 in its present state support the loads and volume that Augusta has presented?
6. Wouldn't it be better and less intrusive on the current SR83 travelers to improve it before opening the mine so it can handle the additional volume of heavy trucks, perhaps make it a concrete highway in the sections supporting heavy trucks?

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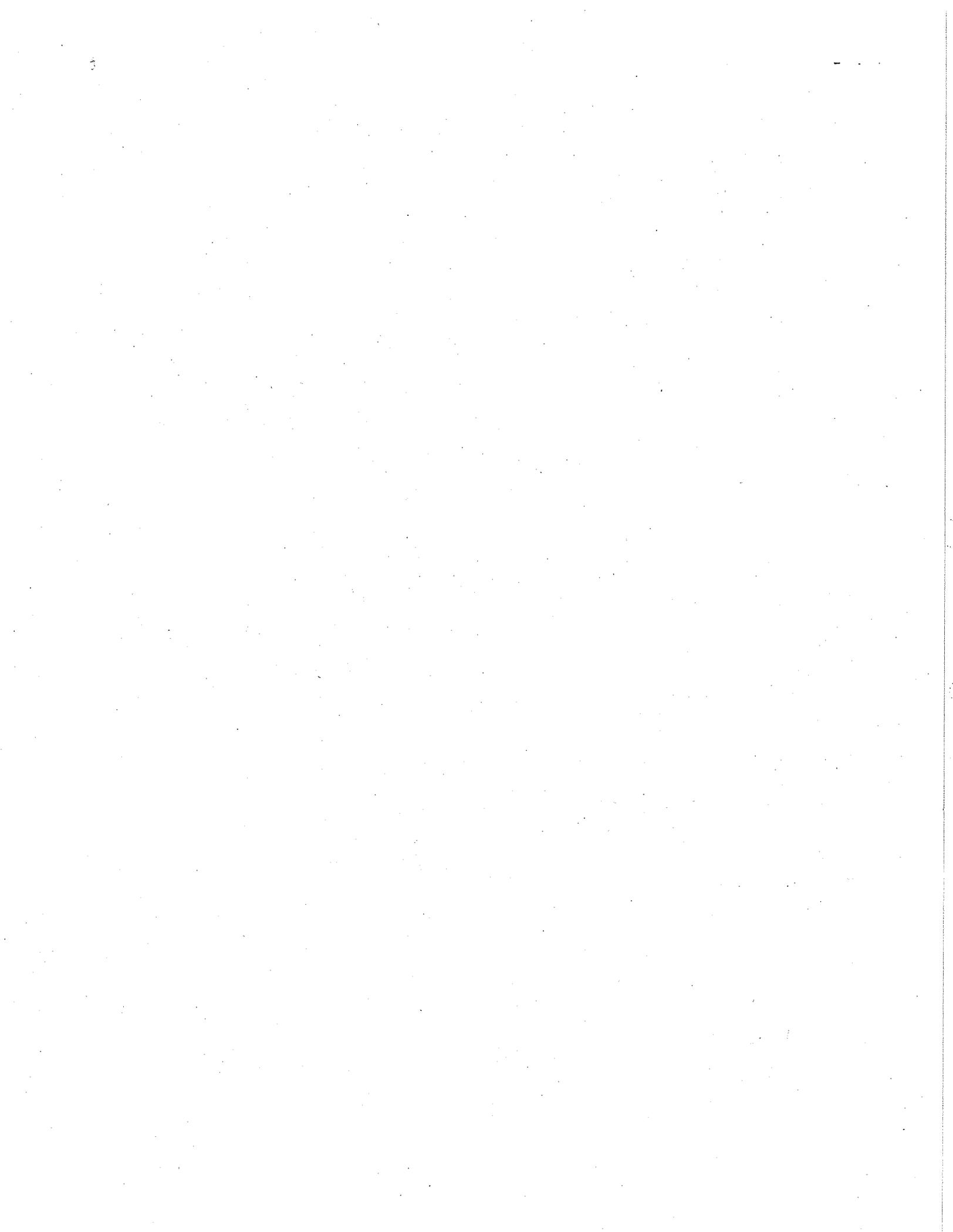
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Beverly Everson
Coronado National Forest
300 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

Ref.: *Emphatically NO to Rosemont Mining, Augusta Resource Corp.*

Dear Ms. Everson,

Why are we using 130 year old Mining Regulations, to decide the best use of our precious Arizona lands? This is the 21st Century, not the 19th! Nonetheless, we are allowing regulations set 130 years ago, in 1872 to decide the best use of our lands...and to a foreign entity no less? AND selling it off to them at the bargain basement price (1872 prices) of \$2.50 to \$5.00/acre! An estimated 230,000 acres of public Arizona lands have already been sold to private interests! Certainly I would have taken some of that deal!

The proposed Rosemont Canyon mine consists of 4,755 acre; 995 acres of private lands, 3,670 of National Forest lands, which the Forest Service is supposed to protect and administer for us! These properties DO NOT belong to the U.S. Forest Service, but to US, the individual taxpayer. We demand that there be NO revision to the Forest Plan to accommodate Augusta! The Forest Service should NOT revise the Forest Plan to accommodate mining. The 1872 Mining Law does not require the Forest Service to revise this plan to accommodate mining. If Augusta's Mining Plan of Operation (MPO) cannot meet the current standards and requirements of the Forest Plan, then the Forest Service must deny the mine. There are also, 15 acres administered by the BLM and another 75 acres of Arizona Sate Trust Lands involved in this issue! All to be decimated for a Canadian beneficiary! And which, once the price of copper falls, 2 years, 5 years, will be left an everlasting scar, never to recover, on our well traveled scenic vistas in the Empire-Fagan range, and the beautiful Scenic Santa Rites. Disgraceful!

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Re: [Illegible]

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Our Forest Service must conduct a validity exam on all mining claims Augusta wants to use for their mine waste, tailings, and other facilities. Unless these claims are valid, Augusta has no real legal right to use our public land as their personal dump.

Canadian owned Augusta Resource Corp, is ready to make money in our County, by systematically destroying the beautiful lands we call home, OUR Country, not theirs! National Monuments, State designated "Scenic routes", (i.e. Hwy 83 to Sonoita/Patagonia from Interstate 10), all in jeopardy. It's anticipated that there will be a Semi load, running along State designated "Scenic Route" 83, 24/7 every 10 -15 minutes (1000 trips/week) once the Rosemont Mine is approved , and guess who picks up that bill? Why, Pima County of course - you and I! No matter the amounts that Augusta has "promised" to the State of Arizona, do we really place our futures and those of generations to come into the care of a company so desperate for recognition and "validity" that they actually play tricks on our less than fortunate citizens, promising dinners, future jobs, great benefits, etc.? (See Denogean: Stunt pulled by mining firm just shameless, by Anne T. Denogean in the March 28, 2008 issue of the Tucson Citizen)

Augusta Resource Corporation has not yet completed the studies and documentation requested when the Forest Service rejected their second Mining Plan of Operation. For example, the hydrologic studies are not yet complete; therefore the hydrologic impacts cannot yet be determined. Rosemont has already cleared what appears to be about 1000 acres of private property and chained the roads...with no definitive permits or study findings in place, quietly working away at our children's legacy! *We live one mile East of Sonoita Hwy between mile posts 50 &51 and cannot believe in the increase of heavy traffic on our once peaceful Scenic Drive home!*

Cost to travelers on our Scenic Route (83) is anticipated to increase to about \$949,000/year and Societal costs associated with increased driving of at least \$418,000! The proposed mine would also cost the local school district an estimated extra \$10 million per year! More danger for our School buses, our children waiting at bus stops...with coming and going semi loads of "tailings" every 10-15 minute ?!

It has been estimated that the Tourist industry of Pima & Santa Cruz counties is about \$2.95 Billion/year, but we can kiss a large portion of that a fond farewell if the mines indeed begin their operations in earnest. I've said it before, but what is so "Scenic" about the kind of destruction that we currently see west of Green Valley? I wouldn't take my vacation there...would you?

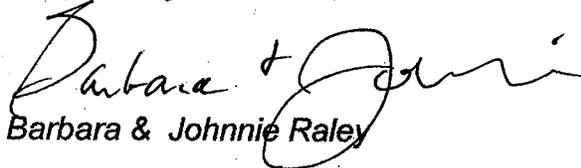
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Cienega Creek (which by the way, Augusta wants to fill Barrel, Wasp, McCleary, and Scholefield Canyons, yet claims no impact to the Cienega Creek watershed!), Davidson Canyon, a nominated Wildlife Habitat, as well as Rosemont Canyon, our decreasing water table, the peace, beauty, solitude and scenic attraction for thousands of out-of-state tourists, are all in serious peril of becoming a beautiful memory our children will only have "heard" of!

We, as responsible, dedicated members of the Empire Fagan Coalition and Save the Scenic Santa Ritas, trying to preserve the quality of life, not only of our way of life, but for our children, grand children, and future generations, are appalled! The preservation of our beautiful, untamed, wide open spaces of Arizona is at stake. We appeal to all agencies involved, PLEASE do not allow this travesty to occur in our Unique State!

Once the damage has been done, there is no going back...no matter the small print stating that Augusta will "restore" lands to their original state. Have any of you witnessed the damage done by the Pipeline installation on the North side of I-10 from Benson to Tucson? Does that barren 100' swath of destroyed terrain look "restored" to you? AND, they aren't done yet! So sad, and that's nothing compared to what kind of scaring and desolation that will be left after open pit mining operations in our Scenic Santa Ritas!

Respectfully Submitted,


Barbara & Johnnie Raley

Cc: The Pima County Supervisors (Day, Valadez, Bronson, Carroll & Elias) the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors (Ruiz, Damon & Maynard), Greg Lucero, Raul Grijalva, Giffords, Kyl, McCain, & Chuck Huckelberry & Kim Beck of the Save the Scenic Santa Ritas.

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CATTLE GRAZING (AND OVERGRAZING) AND CLEAR CUT TIMBER OPERATIONS AND THEIR EFFECTS ON THE FOREST CAN BOTH BE RECLAIMED BY MOTHER NATURE, BUT, SHE IS POWERLESS WHEN IT COMES TO RECLAIMING AN OPEN PIT MINE..... FOREVER.

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Loss of USE AS A RECREATION AREA
Accidents

2) THIS AREA IS IN A SCENIC CORRIDOR! RECREATION WOULD BE NEGATIVELY EFFECTED IN THIS SCENIC CORRIDOR
3) THE ROADS, OR TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, THE LACK OF ROADS STATE ROUTE 83 IS THE ONLY ROAD IN THIS CORRIDOR AND HOW WILL IT HANDLE ALL OF THE HEAVY TRAFFIC FROM THE MINE?

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- 5) DUST AND AIR POLLUTION - WHAT'S THE PLAN. WHATEVER IT IS IT WILL BE A NEGATIVE IMPACT COMPARED TO WHAT'S THERE NOW... A FOREST!
- 6) NOISE POLLUTION. AGAIN, WHAT'S THE PLAN TO MITIGATE. AGAIN, WHATEVER IT IS WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT TO WHAT'S CURRENTLY THERE... A FOREST.
- 7) LAST, I'VE SAID IT BEFORE (AT THE BEGINNING) BUT MINES AND THEIR EFFECTS (BIG HOLE, TAILINGS PILES AND PONDS AND INCREASED SPEED OF RUNOFF AND EROSION FROM LACK OF VEGETATION) ARE FOREVER.

MINES HAVE THIRD PLACE HOWEVER, NOT HERE. NOT IN A SCENIC CORRIDOR.

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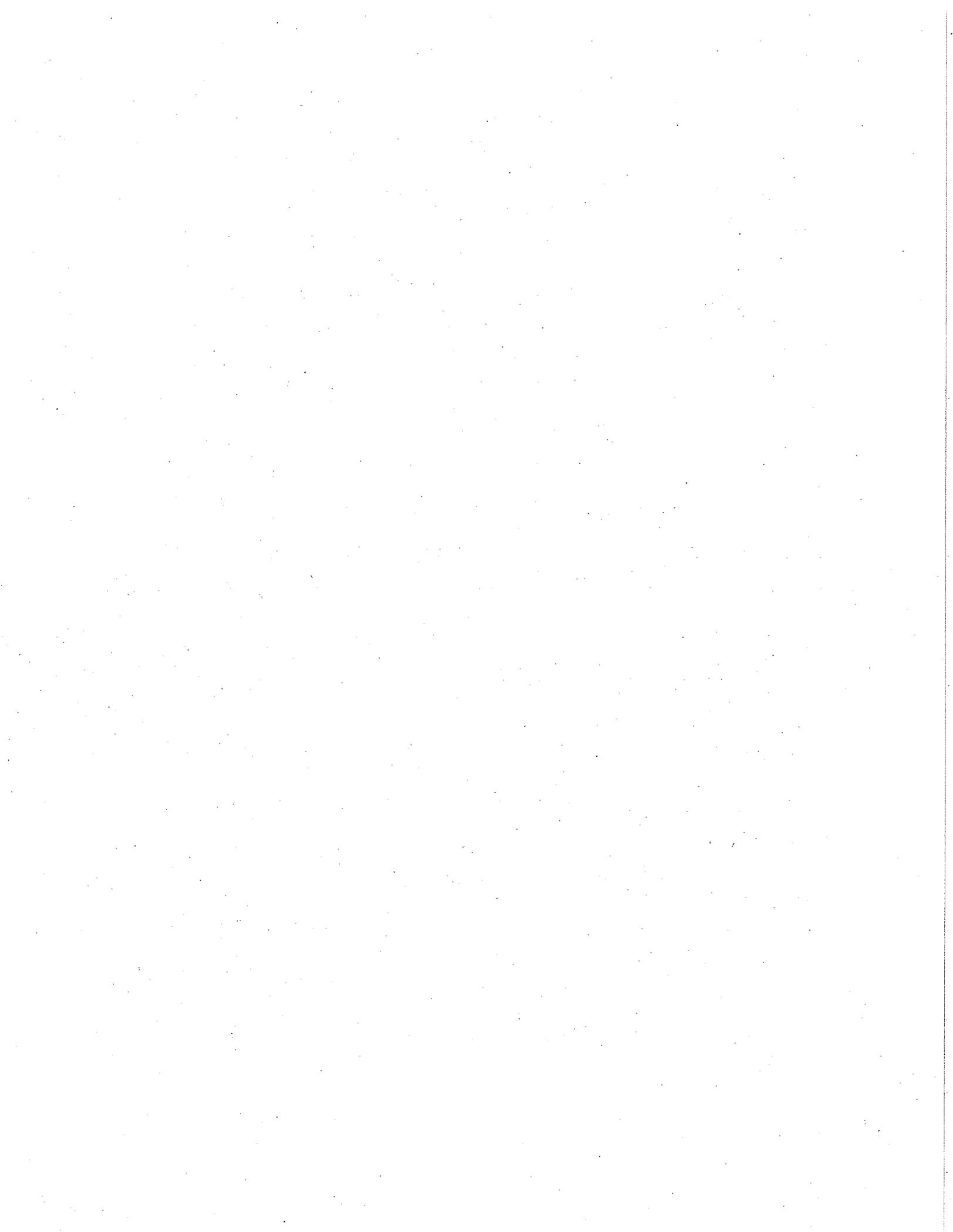
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1. There are already strains on the water supply coming from the Colorado River to the Central Arizona Project. One look at lake levels along the damn system will verify this. If water allocations are reduced due to lack of water will Augusta Resources guarantee in writing that the reduction in water will be absorbed by them in their allocation and not the public of Green Valley and Sahurita even if that leads to the requirement of shutting down or slowing activity at the mine?
2. If the groundwater in our area becomes polluted like the Green Valley water where, will the water for all of us living in the Sonora/Patagonia corridor come from and will Augusta Resources guarantee they will pay all related expenses to get it piped directly to our homes?
3. Many residents in this area are on fixed income. If their wells run dry many cannot afford to have them drilled deeper. Proving that the mines are responsible for lower groundwater tables is difficult. If this becomes a problem will Augusta guarantee that they will pay for well improvements necessary to provide water?
4. Is the Cumulative effect of all of the area mines water use and contamination problems being considered in the approval of these mines?

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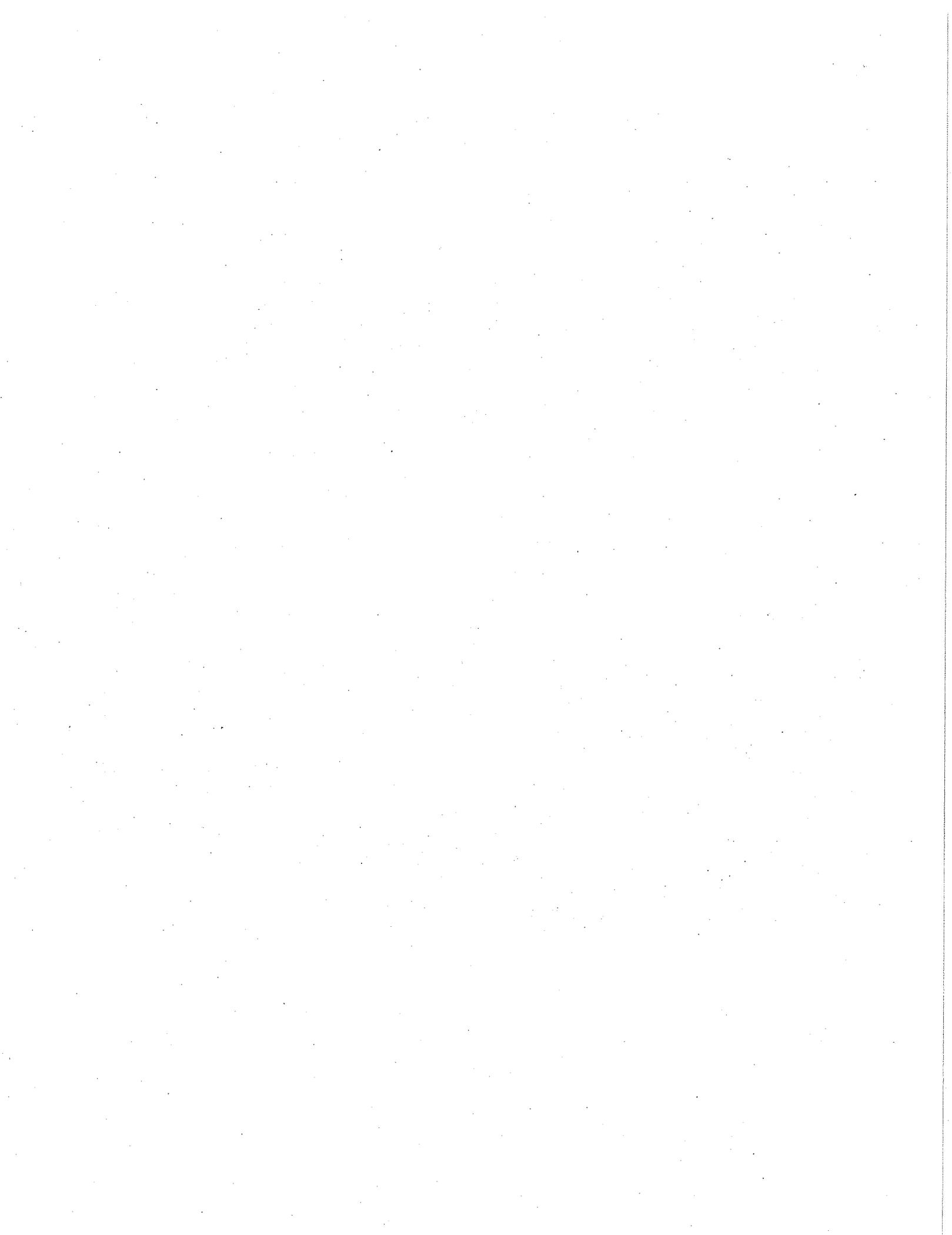
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1. The Portland Cement mine approved in the Empire Mountains will also be sending Trucks onto SR83. What will the cumulative effect of Rosemont traffic and Portland's traffic have on safety?
2. The interchange from I-10 onto SR83 is not the safest. It consists of sharp curves, and an intersection of I-10 traffic, frontage road traffic, and old Sonoita highway traffic. It can be a very confusing intersection. Shouldn't this interchange be redesigned to handle the large increase in traffic volume before people die?
3. Is the Arizona Department of Transportation involved in the mine approval process to ensure proper planning to account for the increased SR83 use and safety issues?
4. In Augusta's water plan dated 5/2007 they claim that in 2007 they would recharge 15,000 acre feet in the Santa Cruz Basin. What is the status of this claim?

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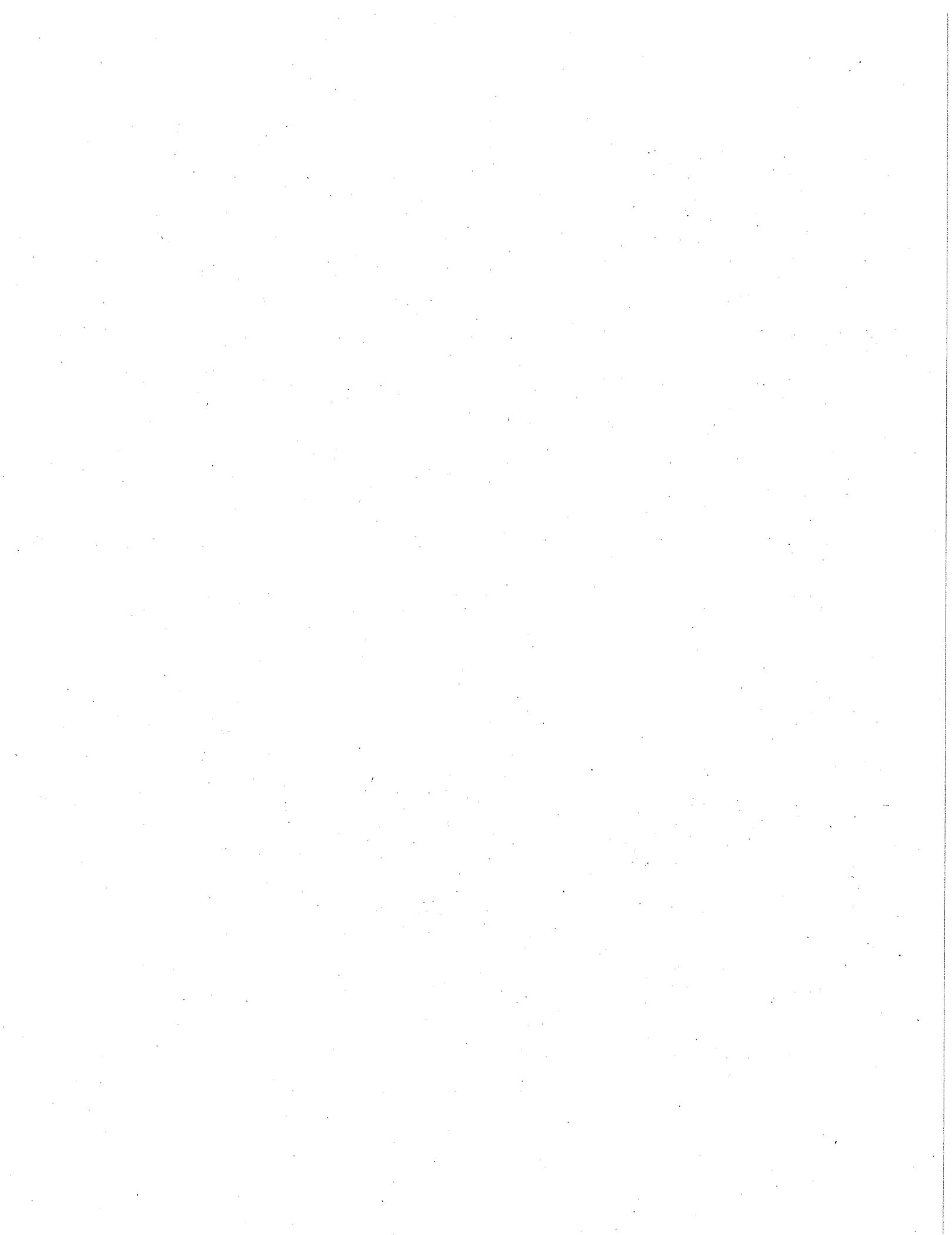
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1. A group of us visited the area recently and were told by subcontractors of Augusta Resources that there is no trespassing, that it is private land. The land they were on was clearly national forest land. Does August Resources have a right to stop the public from enjoying this land? Many people travel to Gunsight Pass daily. Augusta is already constructing new roads, putting up fences and other obstacles to prevent access. Is this legal? **THIS IS OUR LAND!**
2. Augusta Resources tries to gain public approval of the mine by advertising the jobs and tax revenue for both the state of Arizona and the Fed's. Does the study take into account the loss of tourism dollars and land values?
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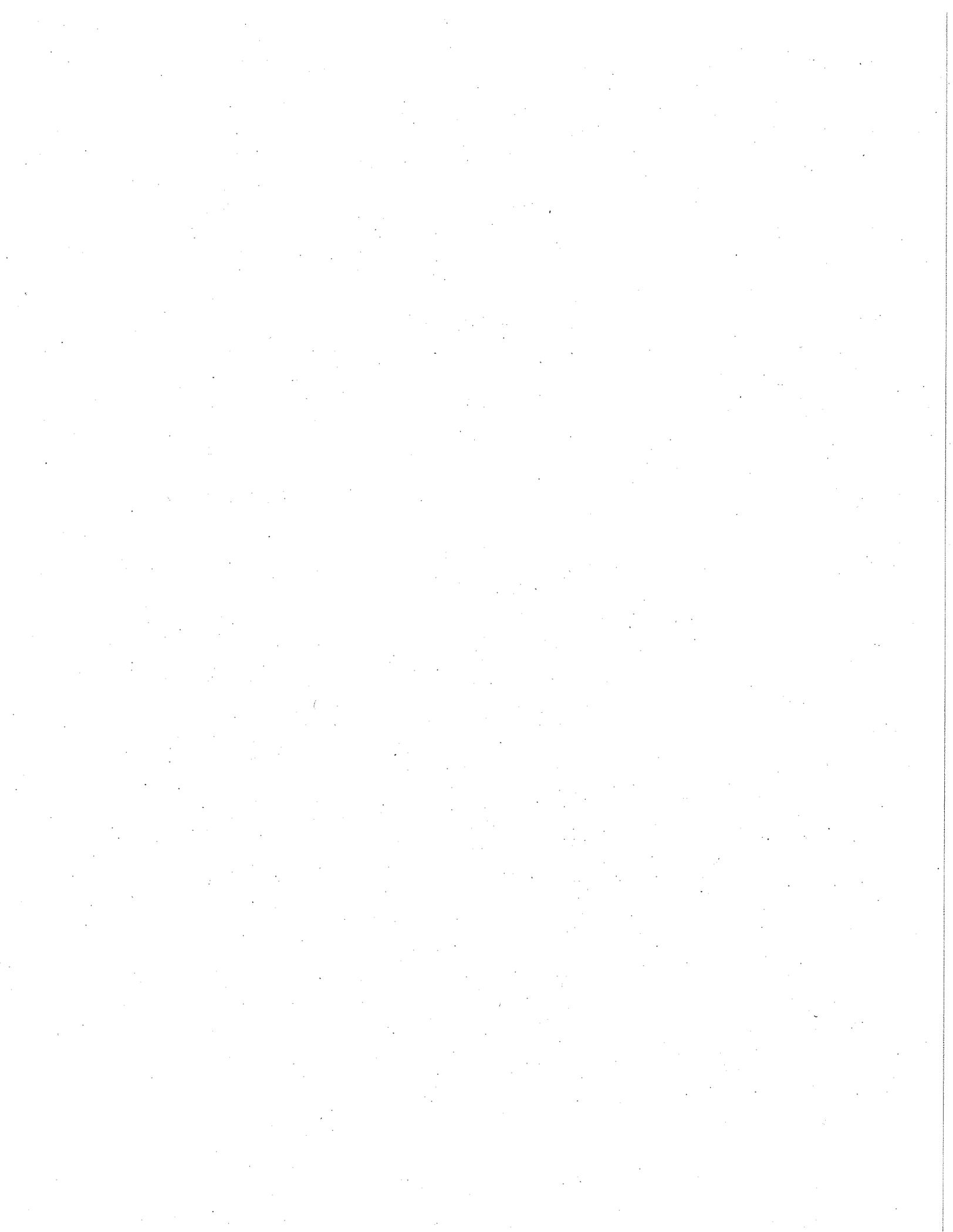
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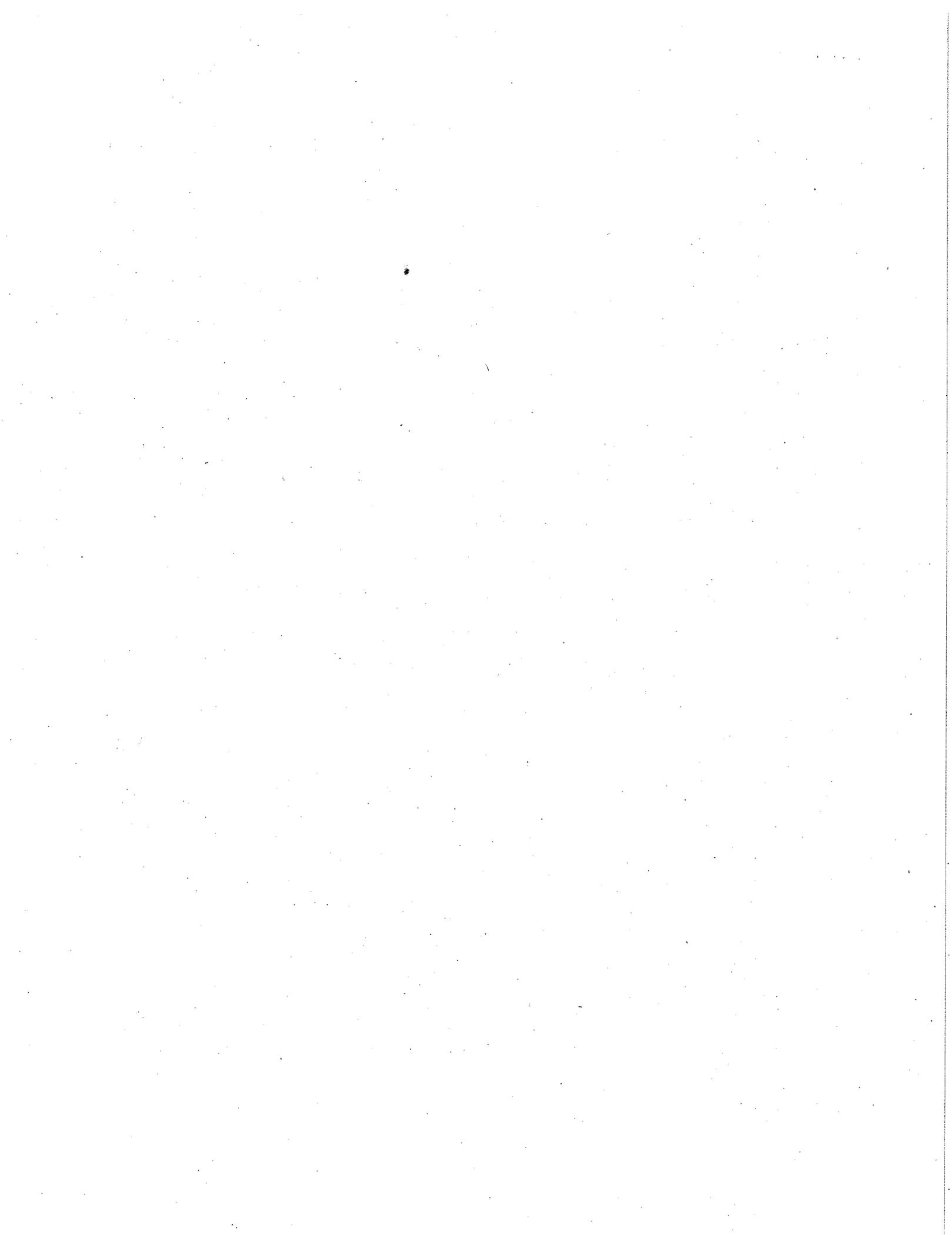
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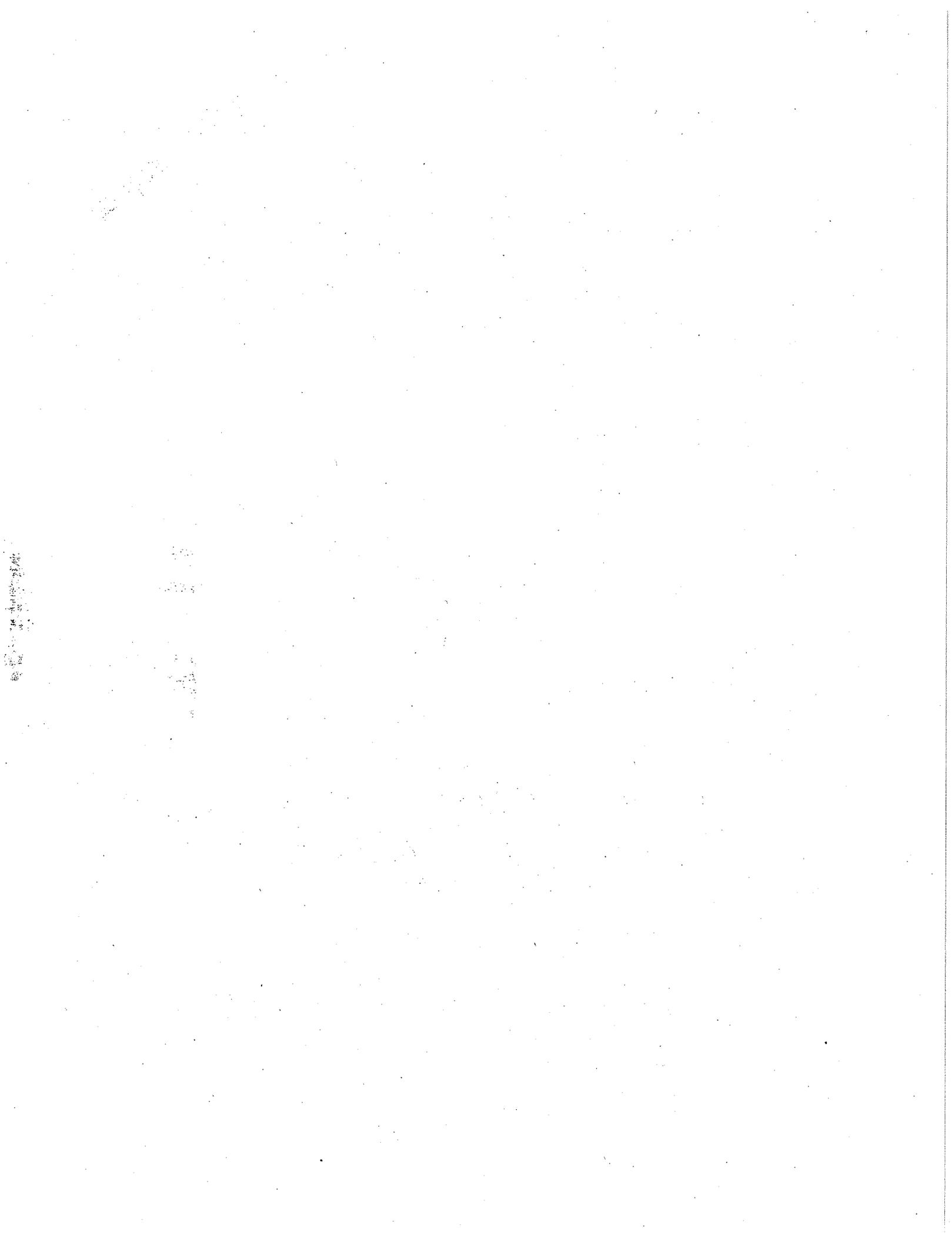
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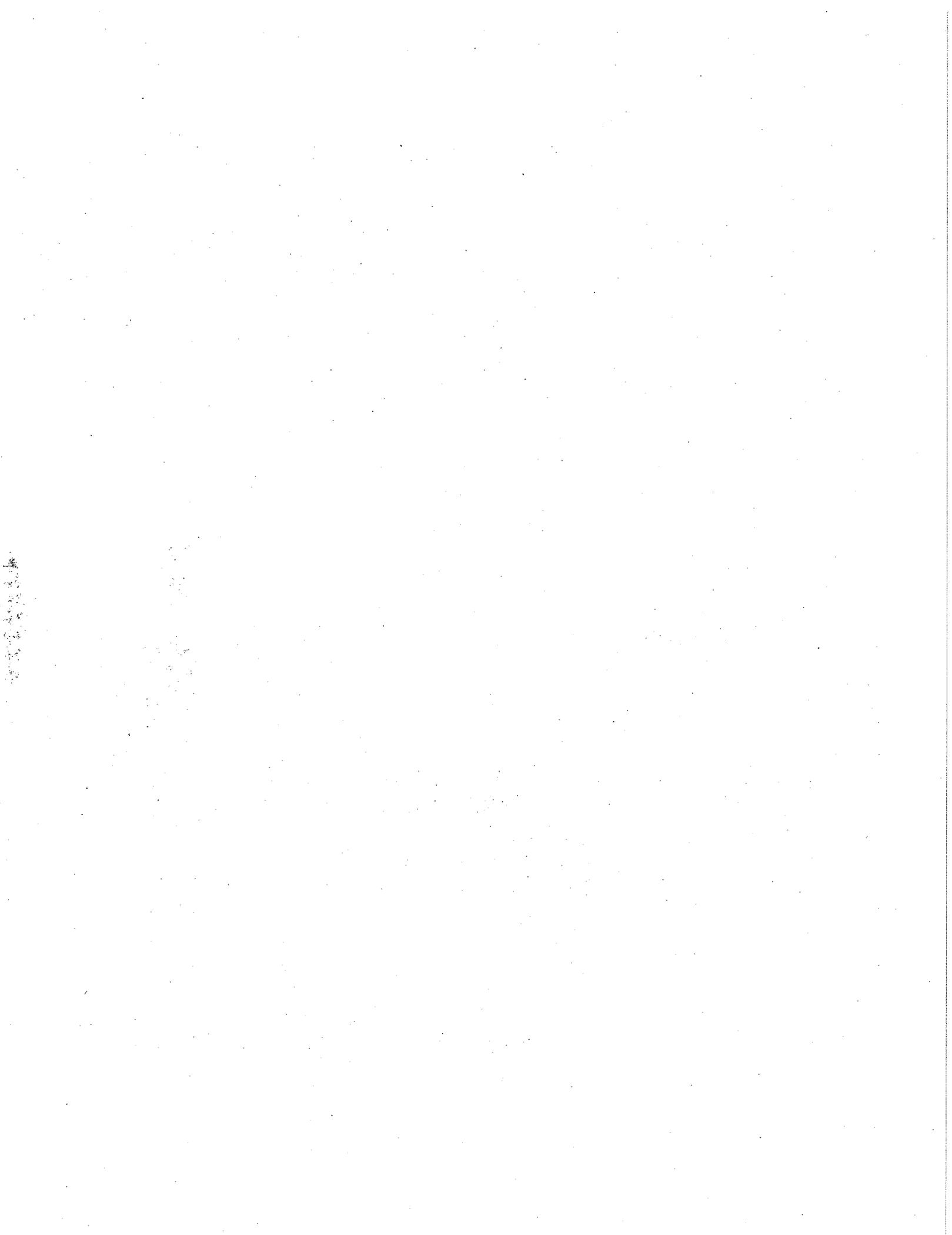
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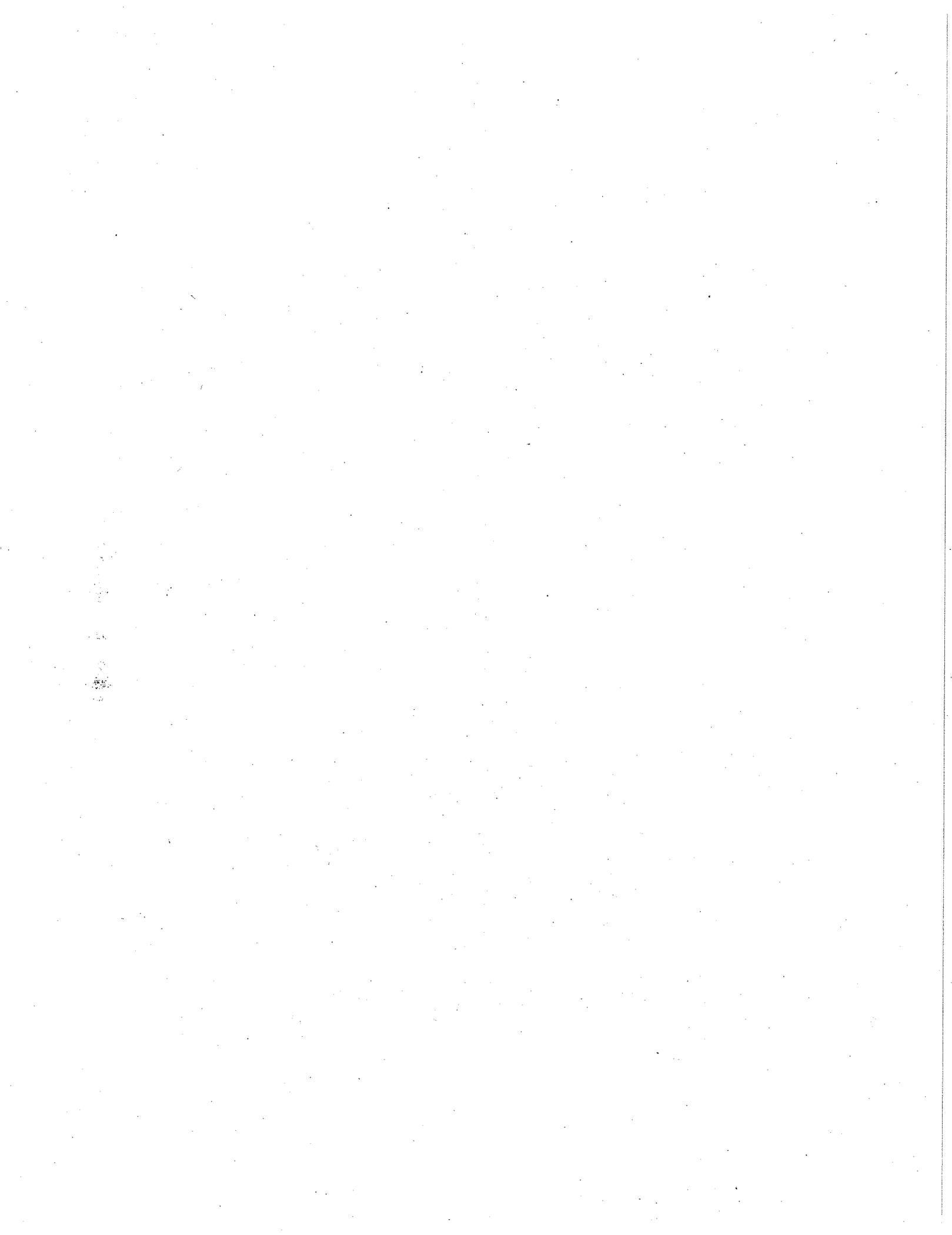
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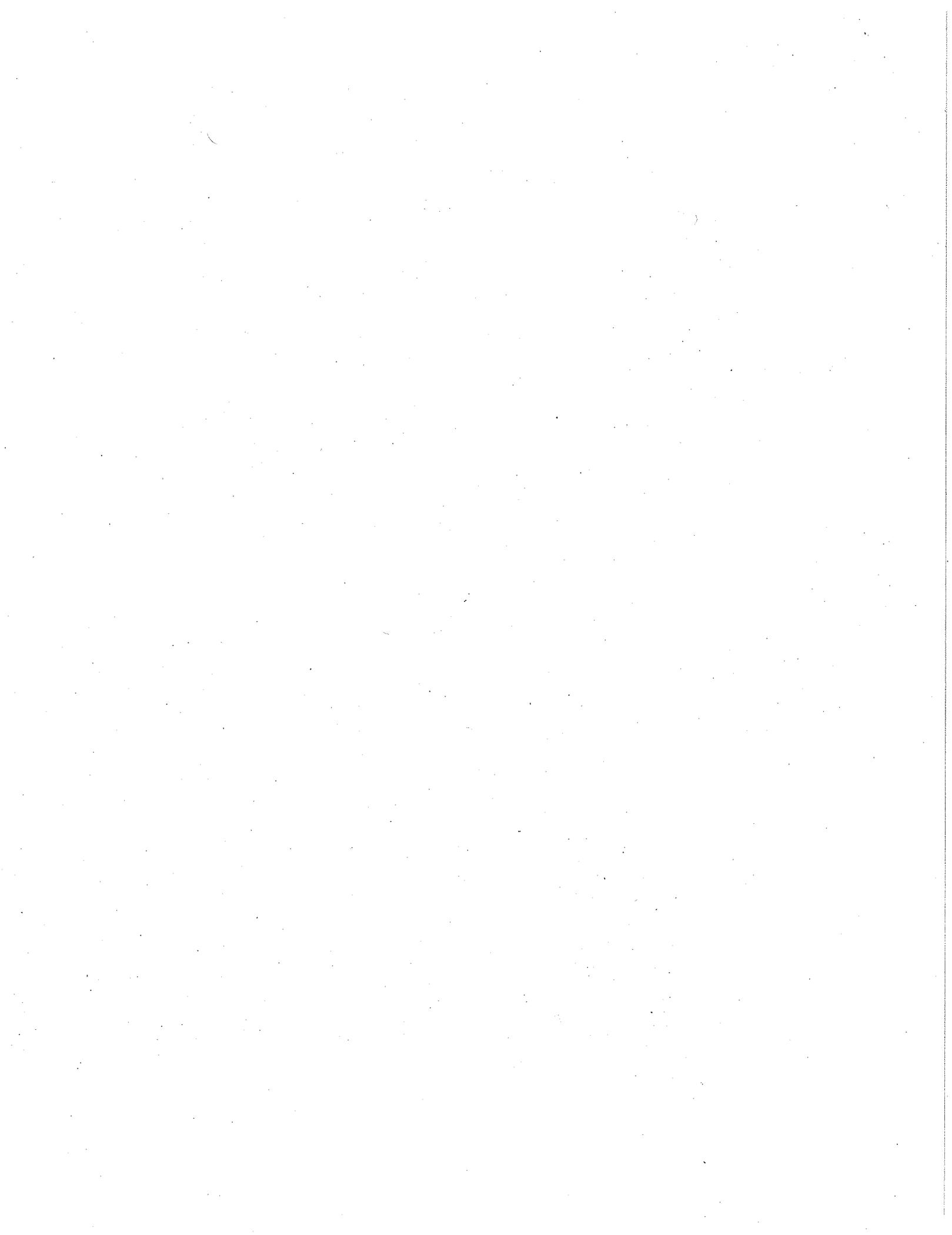
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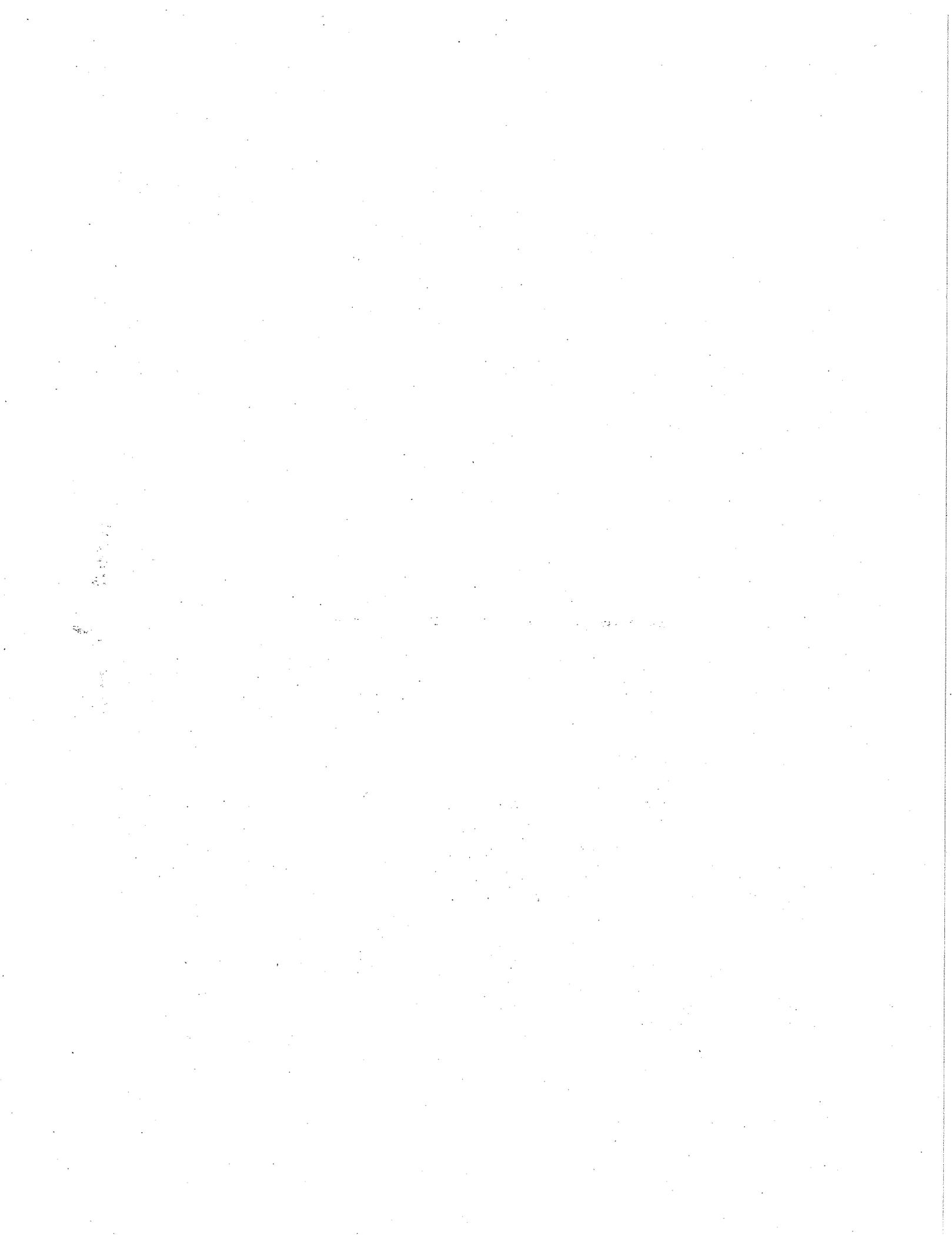
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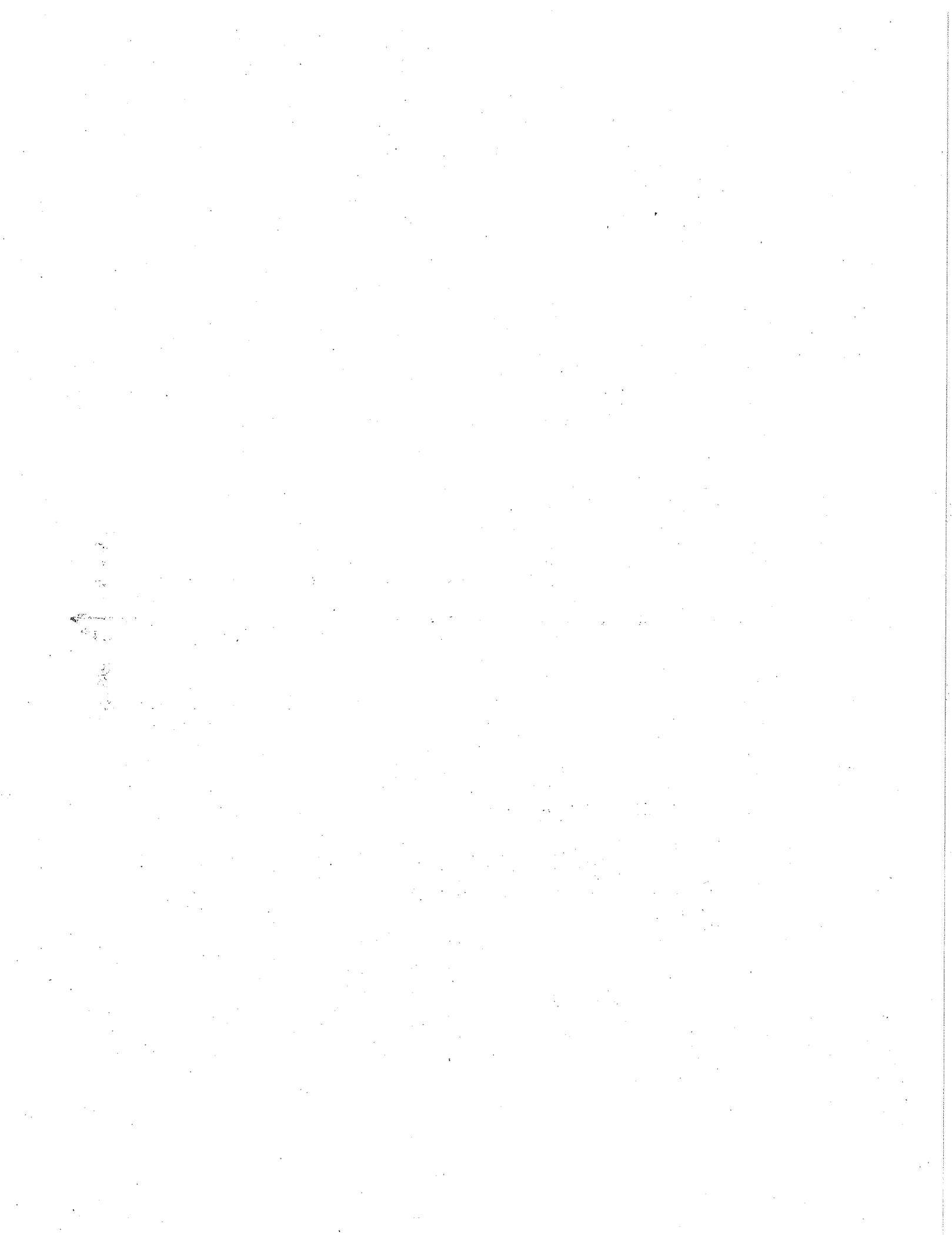
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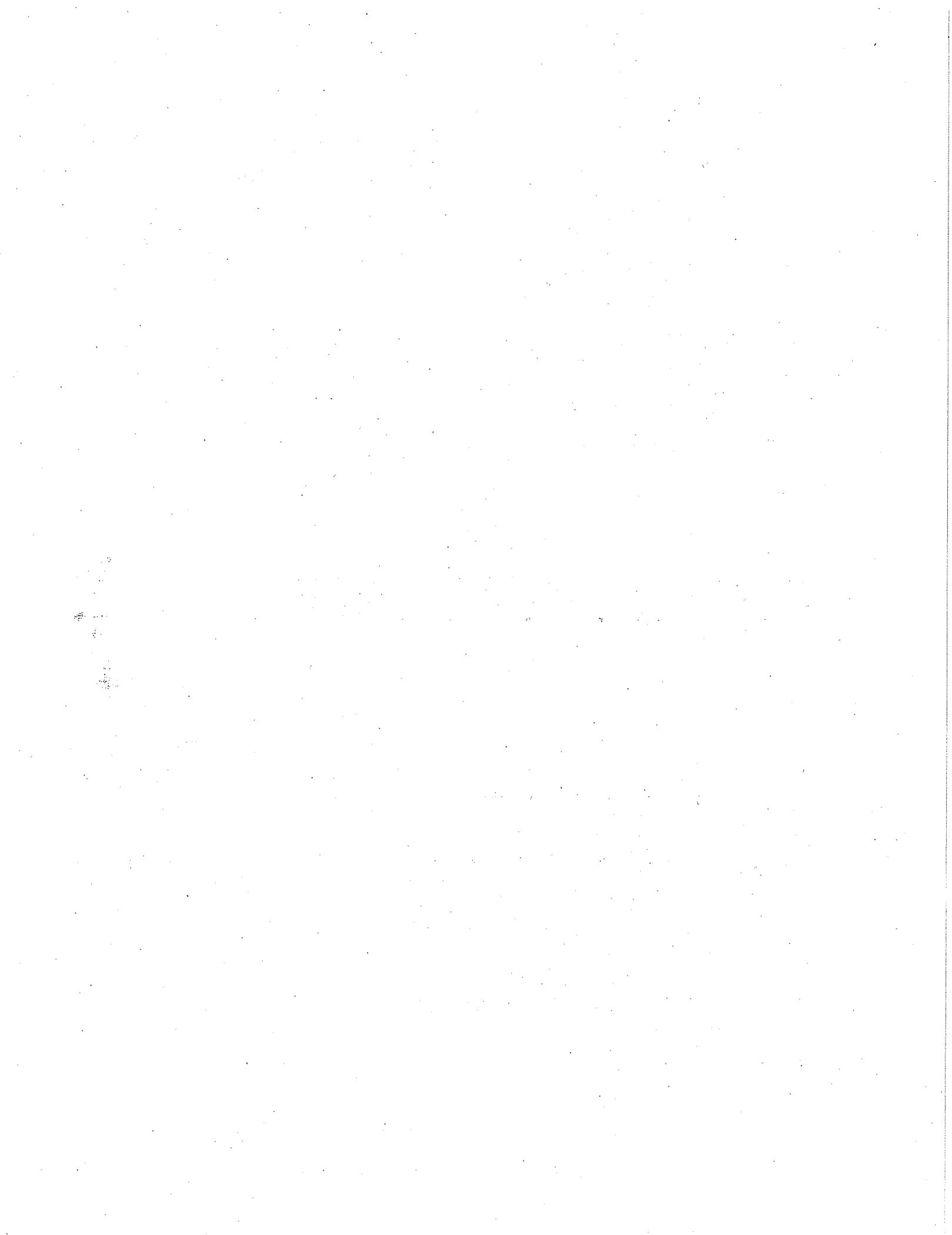
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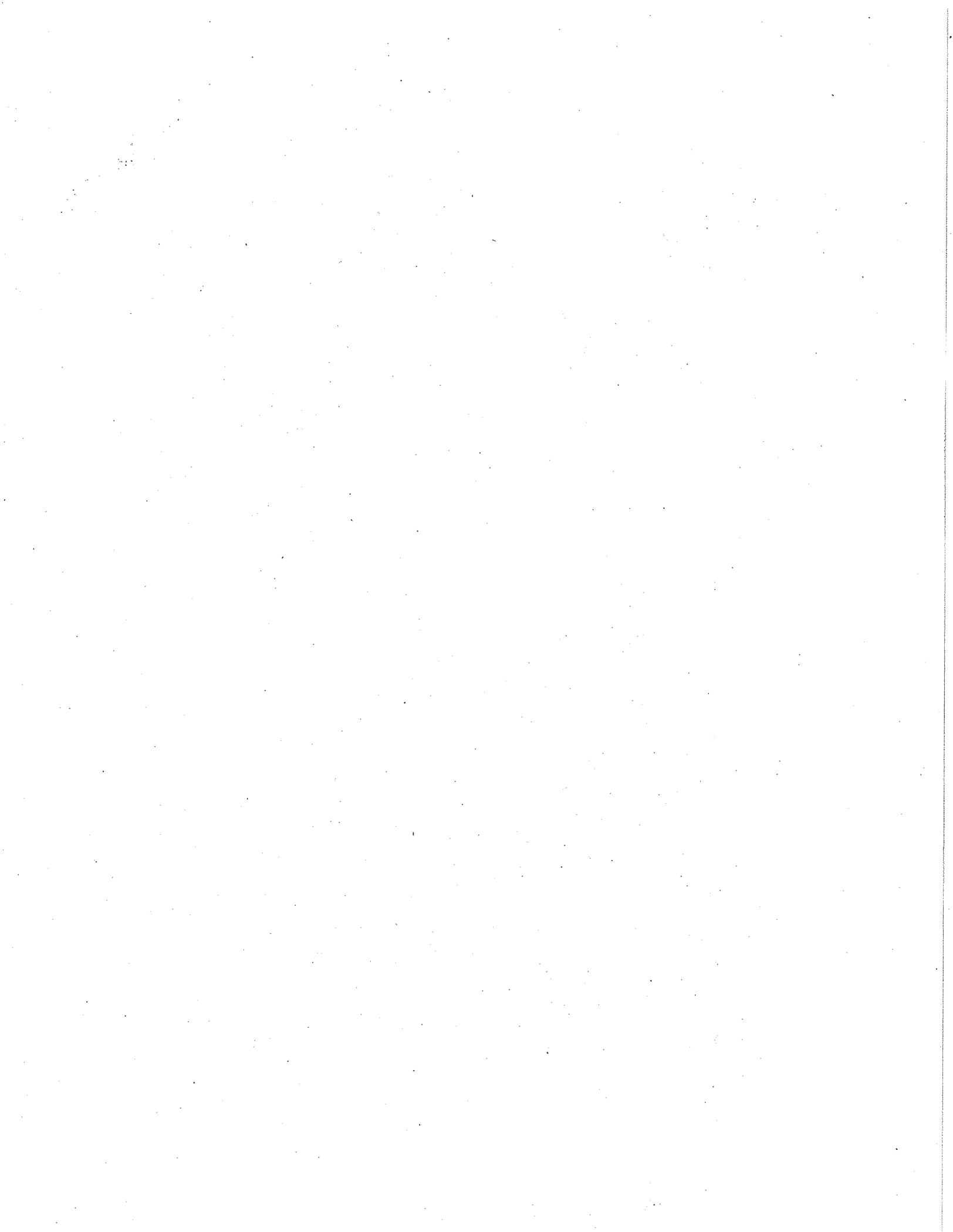
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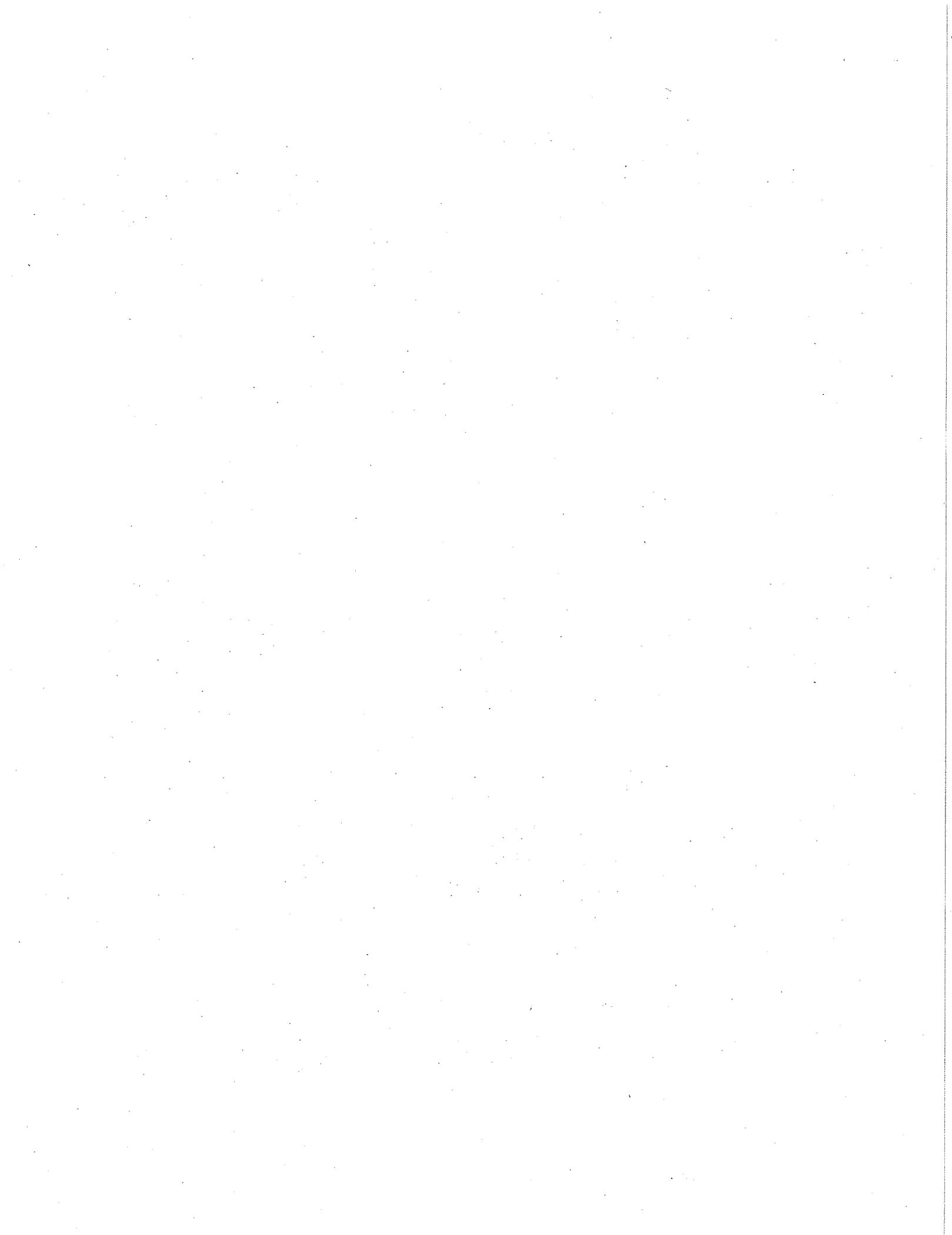
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1. The Portland Cement mine approved in the Empire Mountains will also be sending Trucks onto SR83. What will the cumulative effect of Rosemont traffic and Portland's traffic have on safety?
2. The interchange from I-10 onto SR83 is not the safest. It consists of sharp curves, and an intersection of I-10 traffic, frontage road traffic, and old Sonoita highway traffic. It can be a very confusing intersection. Shouldn't this interchange be redesigned to handle the large increase in traffic volume before people die?
3. Is the Arizona Department of Transportation involved in the mine approval process to ensure proper planning to account for the increased SR83 use and safety issues?
4. In Augusta's water plan dated 5/2007 they claim that in 2007 they would recharge 15,000 acre feet in the Santa Cruz Basin. What is the status of this claim?

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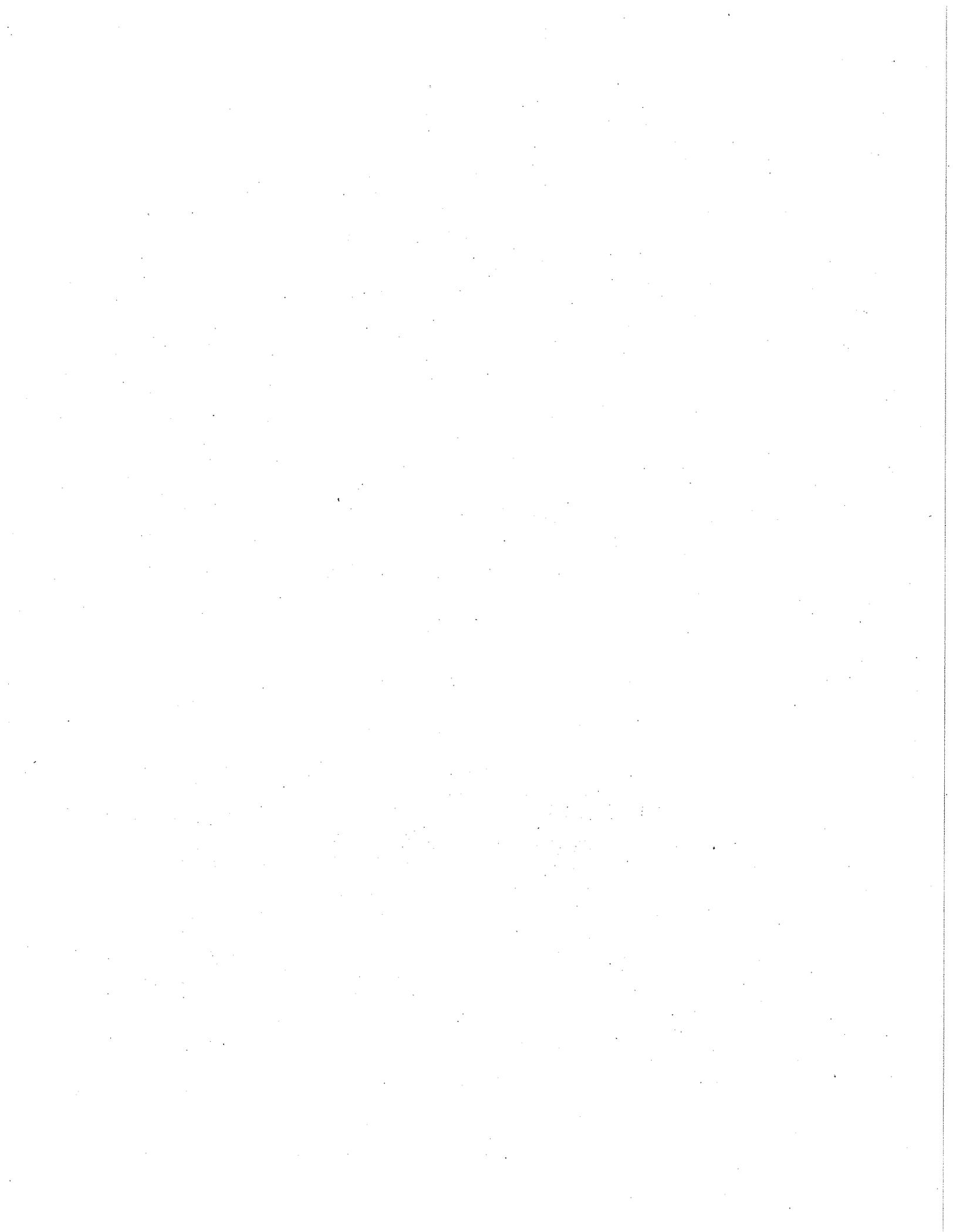
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1. A group of us visited the area recently and were told by subcontractors of Augusta Resources that there is no trespassing, that it is private land. The land they were on was clearly national forest land. Does August Resources have a right to stop the public from enjoying this land? Many people travel to Gunsight Pass daily. Augusta is already constructing new roads, putting up fences and other obstacles to prevent access. Is this legal? **THIS IS OUR LAND!**
2. Augusta Resources tries to gain public approval of the mine by advertising the jobs and tax revenue for both the state of Arizona and the Fed's. Does the study take into account the loss of tourism dollars and land values?
3. Mine blasting creates sonic booms. What times of day would Rosemont blast? If it effects nearby homes by cracking foundations and stucco, will Augusta pay for improvements that are necessary?

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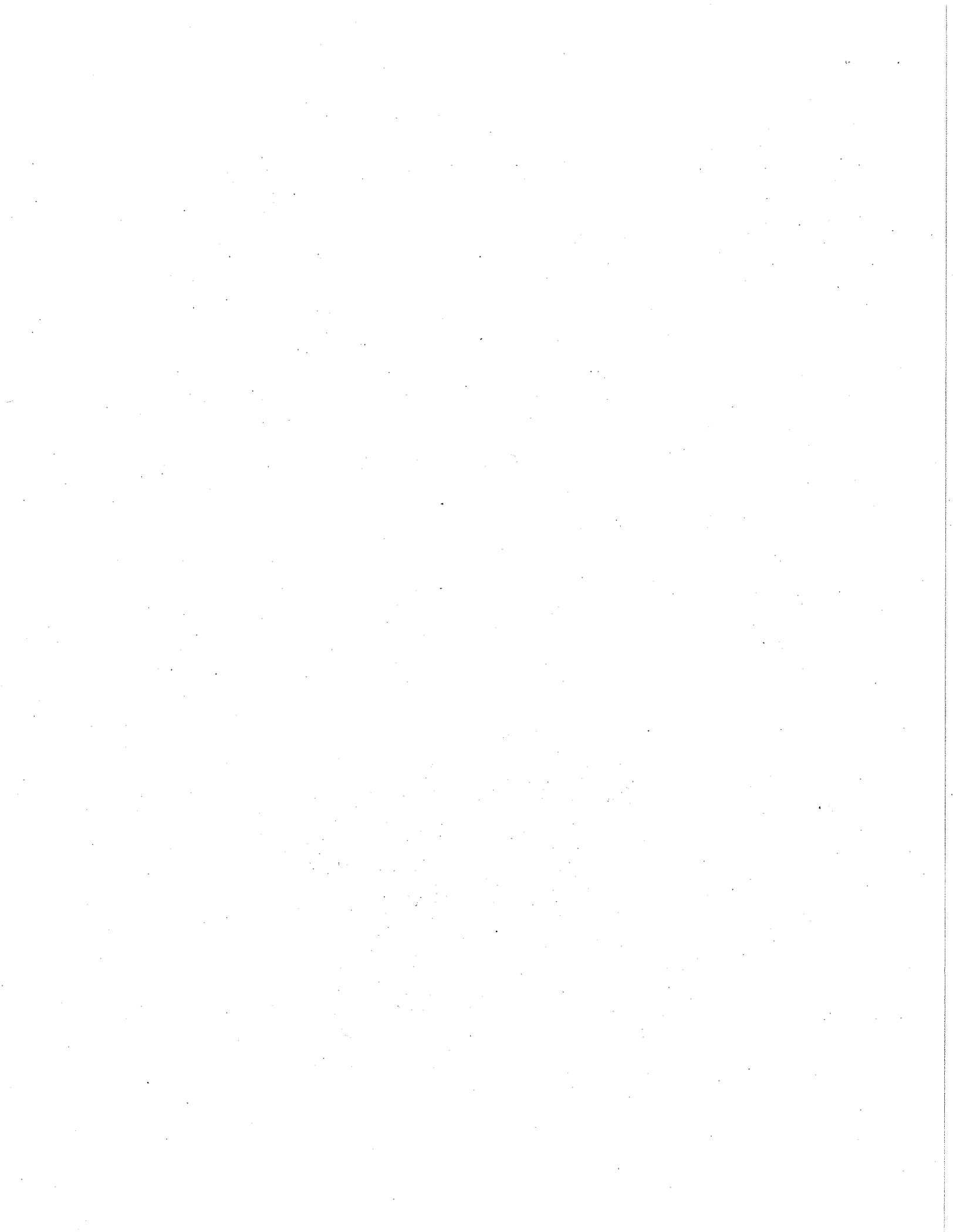
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1. If Augusta pursues the Peach-Elgin, Broadtop Butte, and Copper World prospects in the future how could their development combined with the Rosemont mine not drastically impact the scenic views?
2. If they don't plan to develop these mines in the future then will they donate the Peach-Elgin mine, Broadtop Butte mine, and Copper World mine properties to Pima County for conservation before the Rosemont mine proceeds?
3. The Arizona Department of Transportation has spent a great deal of taxpayer money to perform a Corridor Management Plan for the Sonoita/Patagonia Scenic route on SR83 and SR82. A vast amount of information is available in this report. Is the ADOT consulted during the approval process and the information they have compiled considered in the approval?
4. Augusta resources makes it clear that the people of Green Valley, Tucson, and Vail will not see the Rosemont Mine. If they have future plans for additional mines in the area shouldn't they be fair to the public and inform them of these plans and their impact? The Peach-Elgin mine will clearly be visible to residents of Green Valley.

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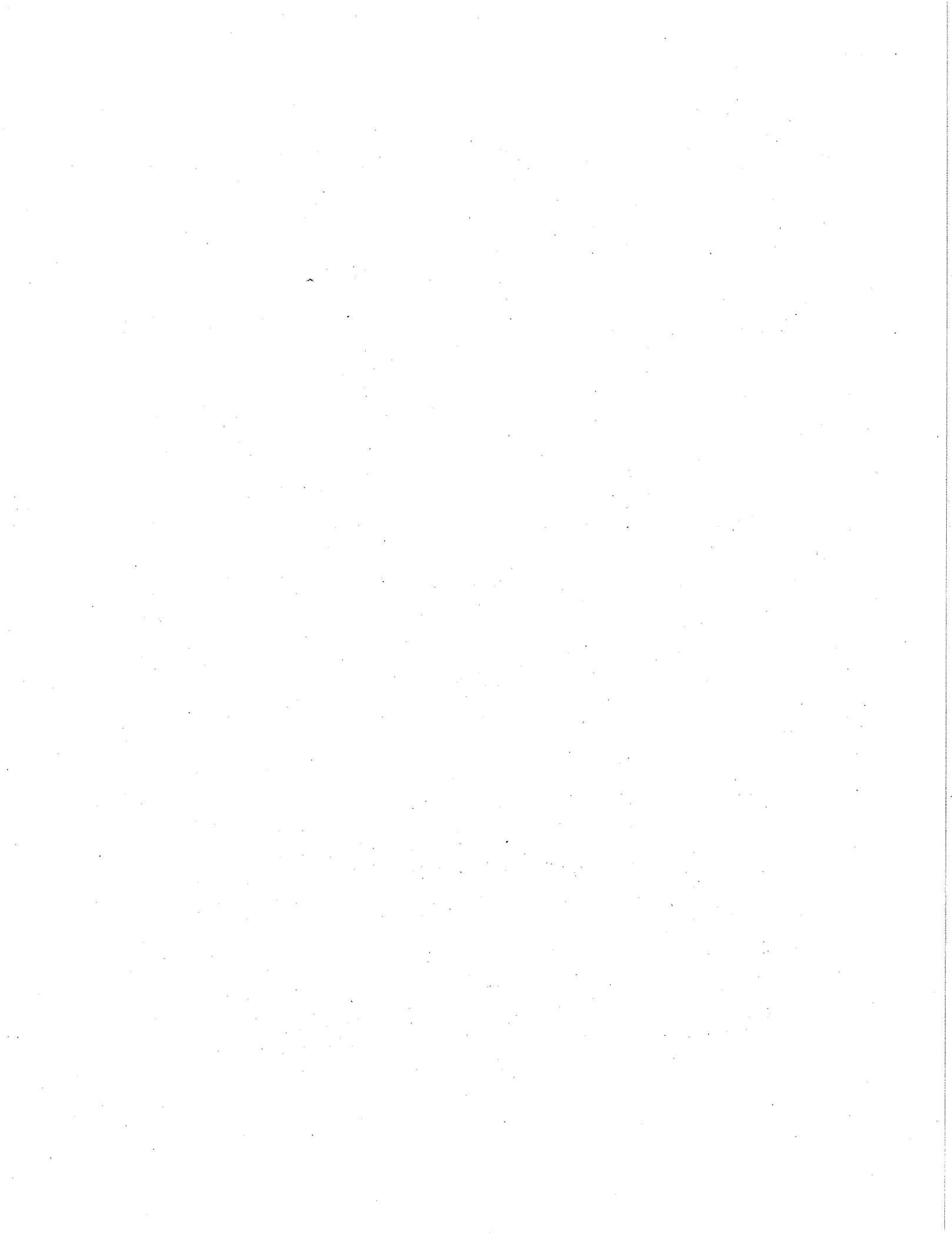
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1. The School buses are on the road M-F from 6:00AM to 8:30AM, 11:00AM to 12:00PM and from 1:00PM to 6:00PM. Will trucks carrying ore or explosive supplies to the mine travel on the road during these hours?
2. Will the I-10 Marsh Station Bridge be updated to eliminate the oversized loads now routed through SR83, or will these loads share this dangerous winding road with Augusta's trucks?
3. Will passing lanes be installed anywhere along SR83 to allow traffic to pass slower moving trucks?
4. How much more frequently will road maintenance be required on SR83 due to the volume of heavy trucks if the Rosemont mine is approved?
Since it is a two lane highway construction has a major impact on travel times and safety.
5. Can SR83 in its present state support the loads and volume that Augusta has presented?
6. Wouldn't it be better and less intrusive on the current SR83 travelers to improve it before opening the mine so it can handle the additional volume of heavy trucks, perhaps make it a concrete highway in the sections supporting heavy trucks?

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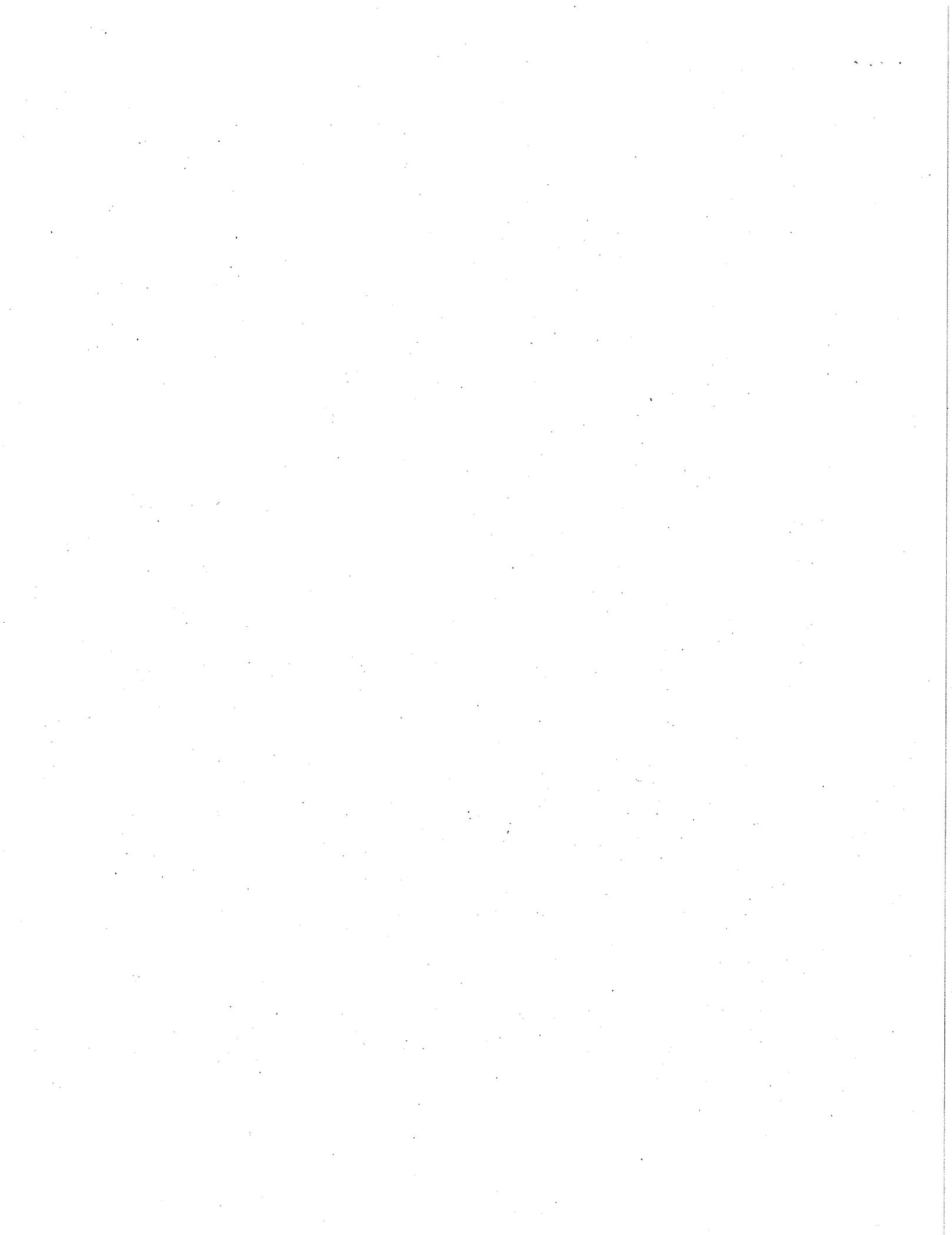
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I don't understand how a foreign mining company can be allowed to dump mine tailings on our National Forest. It seems that they have purchased the Rosemont Ranch, and they can mine their purchased property. However the water is coming from areas distant from the mine, and the water is precious in the Tucson valley - 6,000 Acre Feet is a trillion gallons a year, unbelievable this is even being considered. Absolutely UNBELIEVABLE

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Below are several tips for making effective comments.

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- Be specific so the reviewer clearly understands your concerns.
- Statements such as "I am concerned about the amount of additional traffic this will cause" are useful in generating issues that can be analyzed.
- Statements such as "Don't do this" or "I like this" are not useful in generating issues that can be analyzed.
- The better you understand the proposal, the more focused and site-specific your comments will be.
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