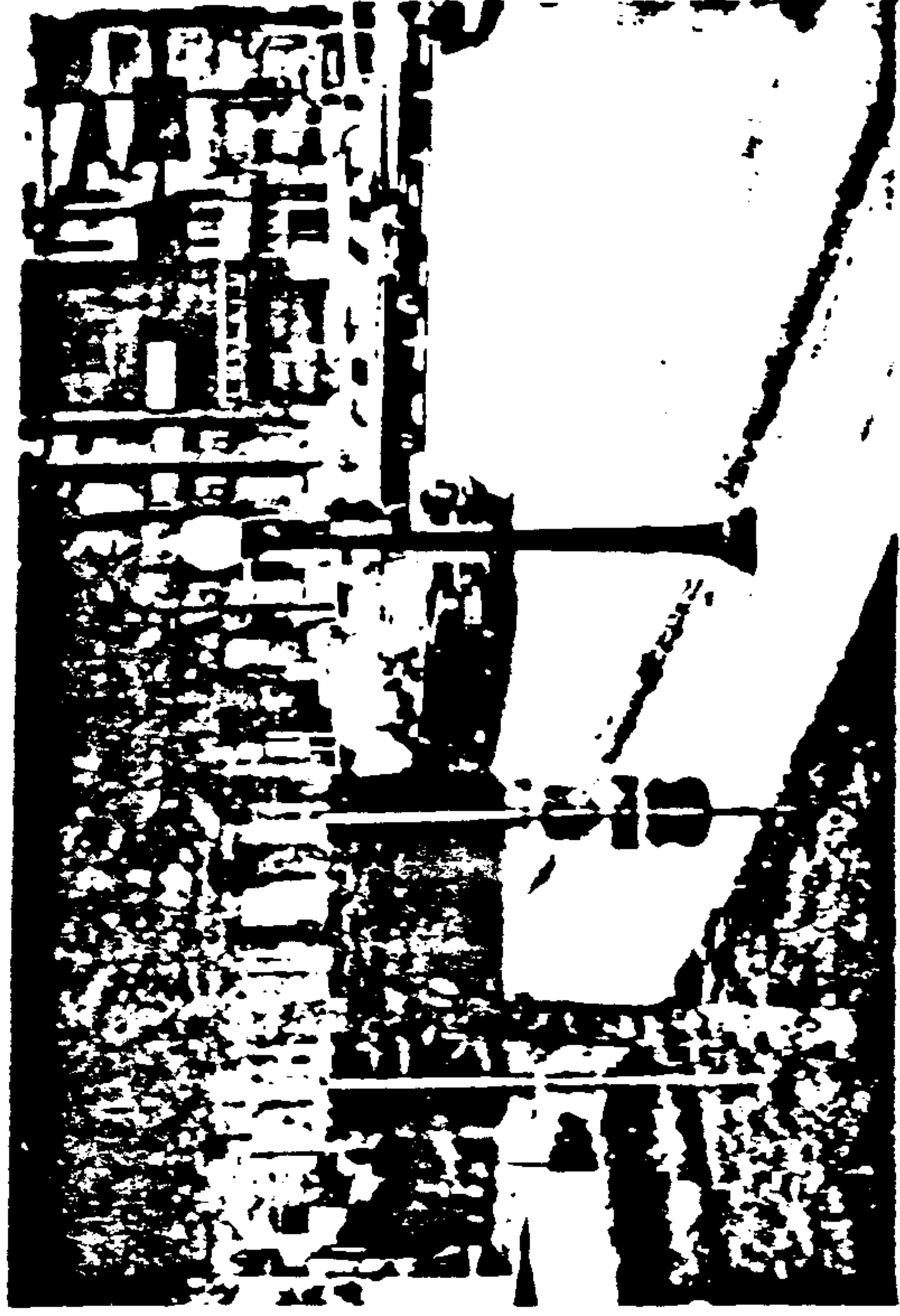
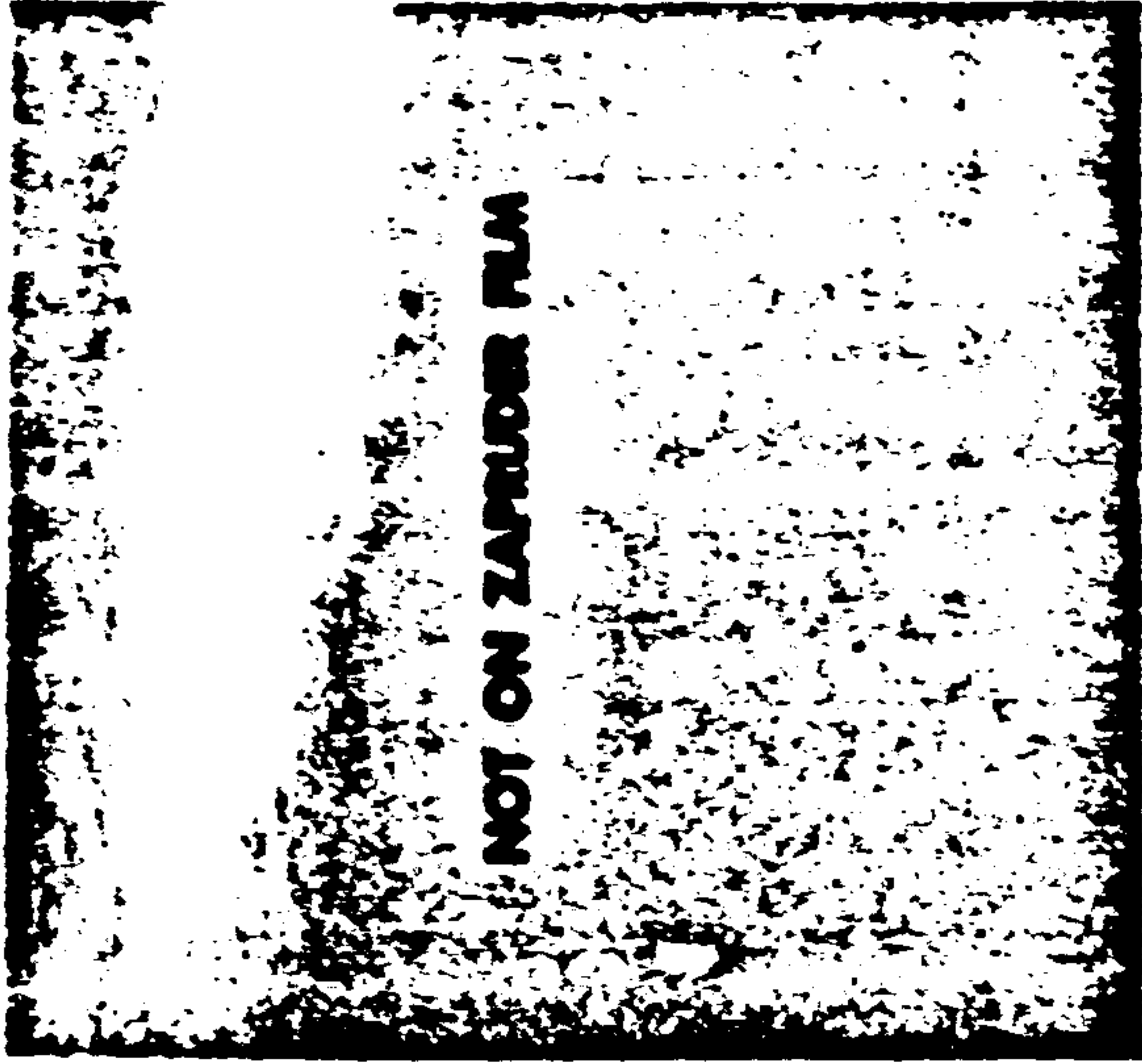


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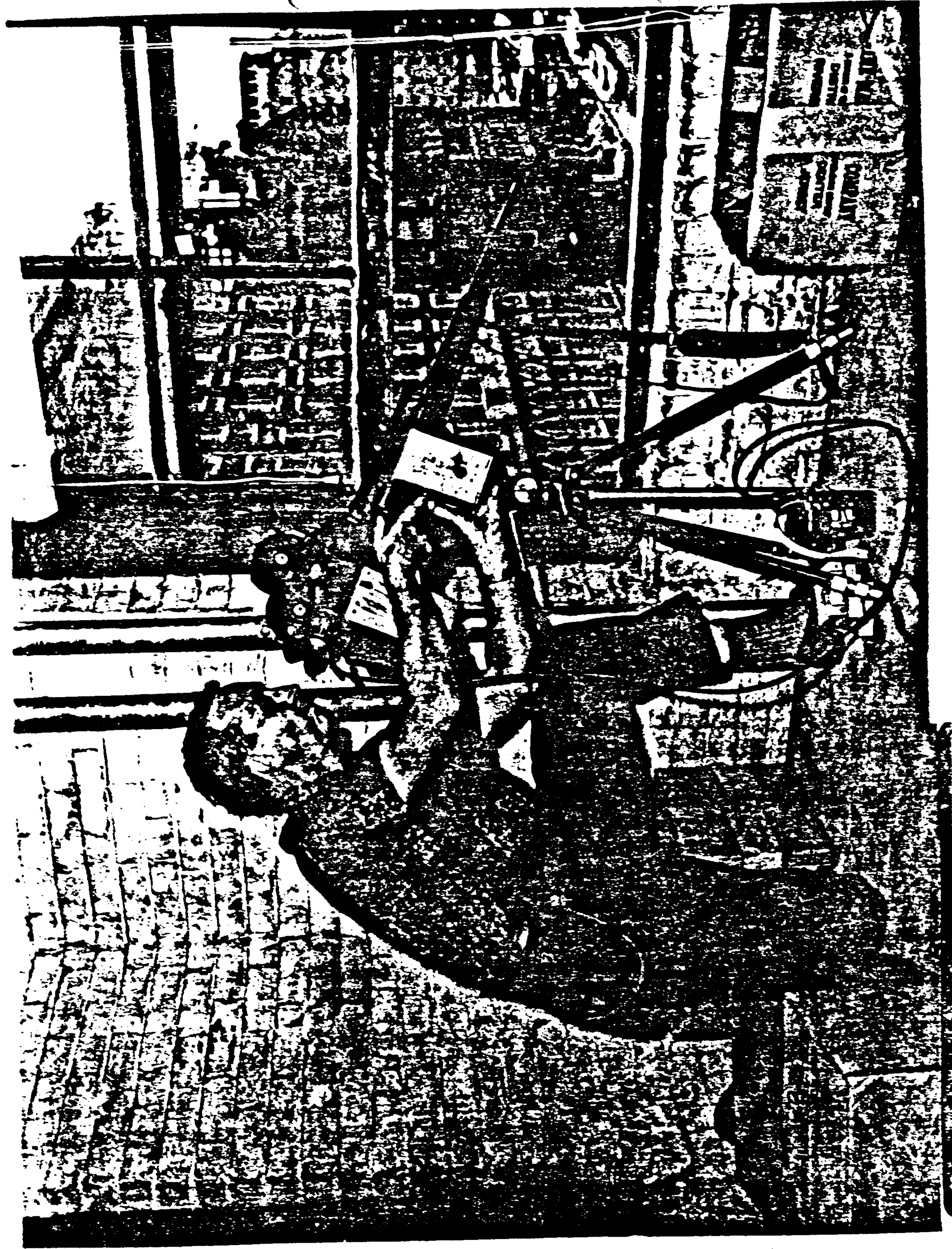


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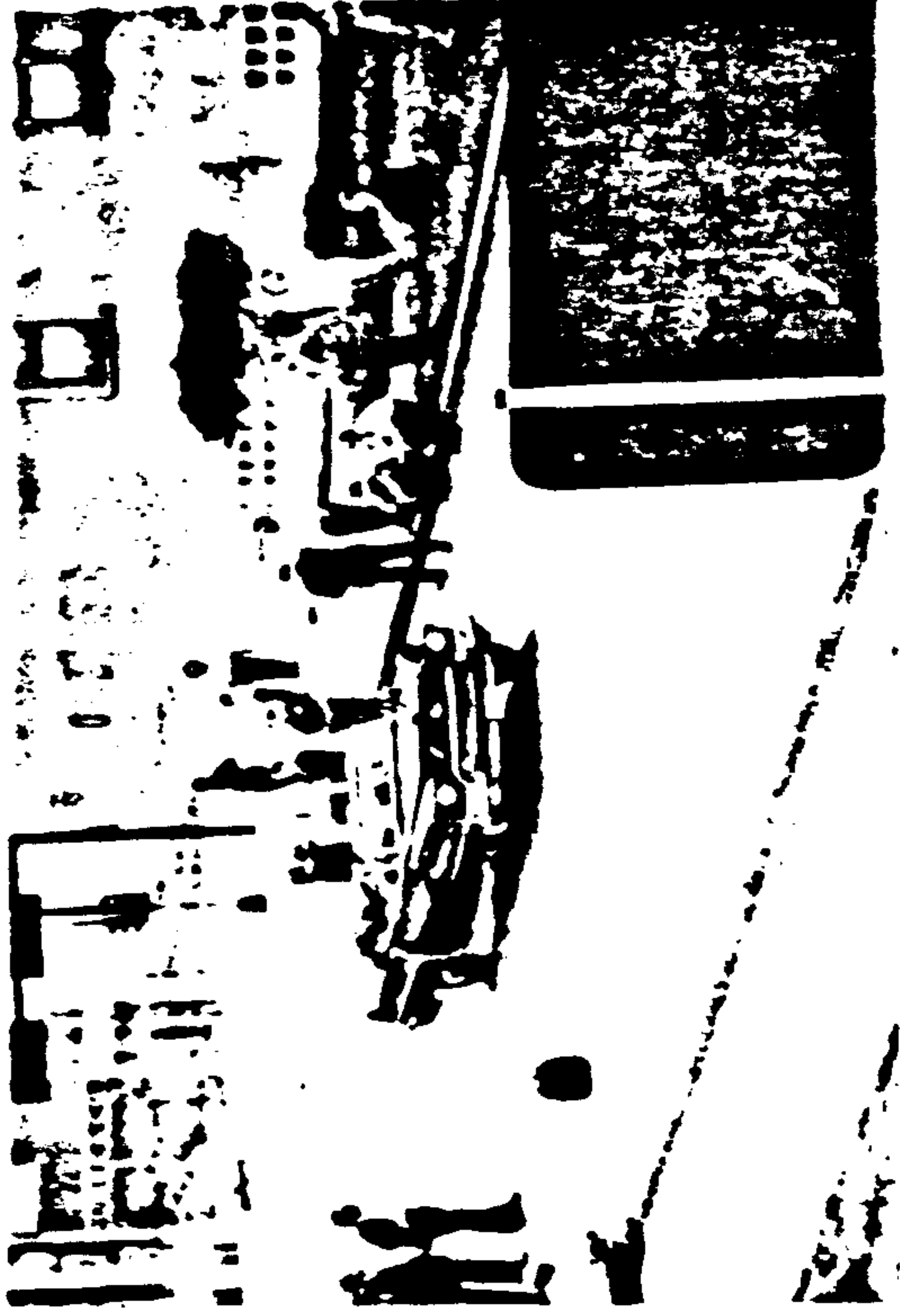
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DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	91.0 FT.
ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	40°10'
DISTANCE TO OVERPASS .....	447.0 FT.
ANGLE TO OVERPASS .....	-0°27'

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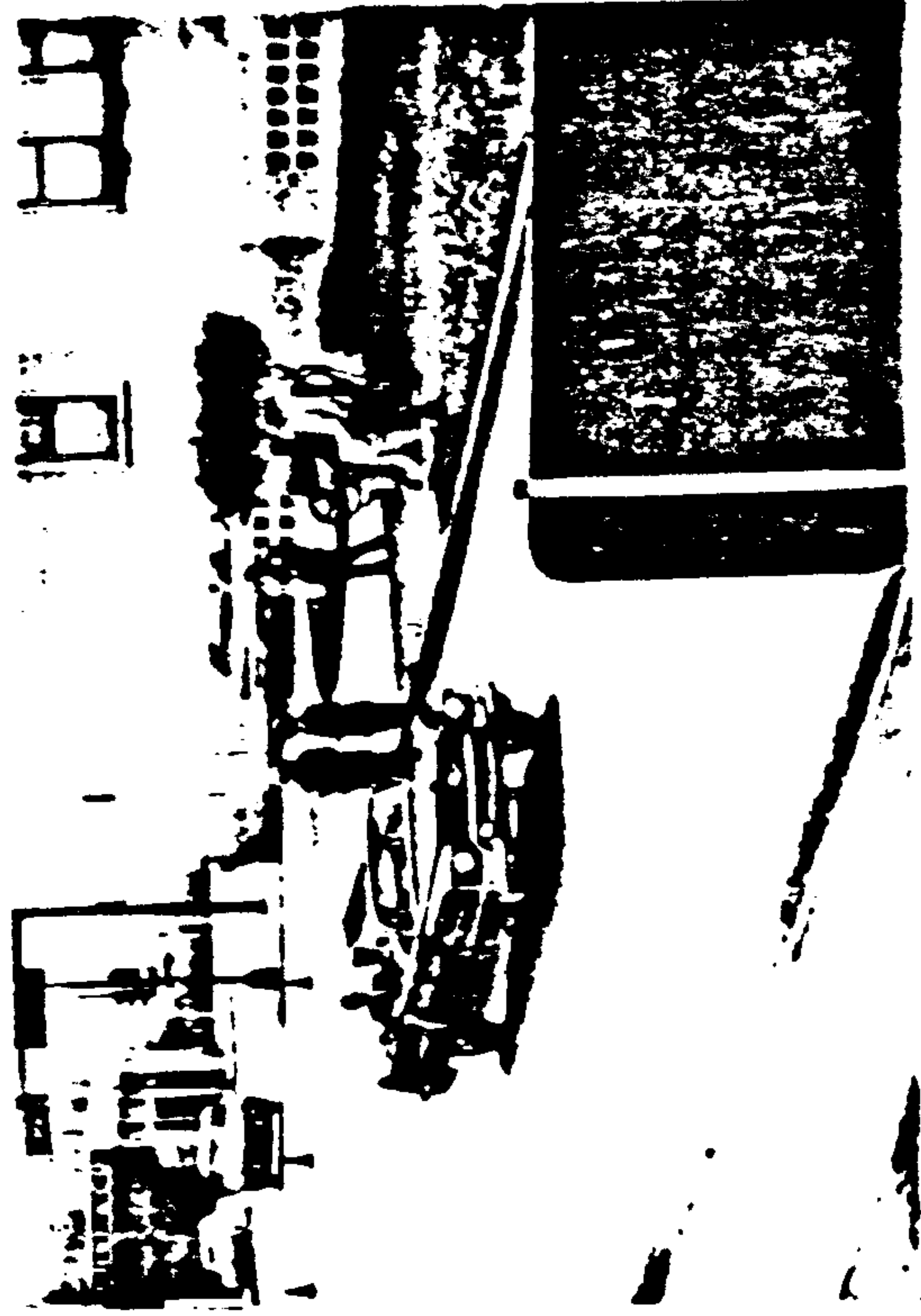
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DISTANCE TO STATION C .....	84.7 FT.
DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	137.4 FT.
ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	28°50'
DISTANCE TO OVERPASS .....	382.4 FT.
ANGLE TO OVERPASS .....	8°07'

# FRAME 161



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DISTANCE TO STATION C .....	95.8 FT.
DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	130.2 FT.
ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	20°52'
DISTANCE TO OVERPASS .....	301.5 FT.
ANGLE TO OVERPASS .....	8°07'

# FRAME 166



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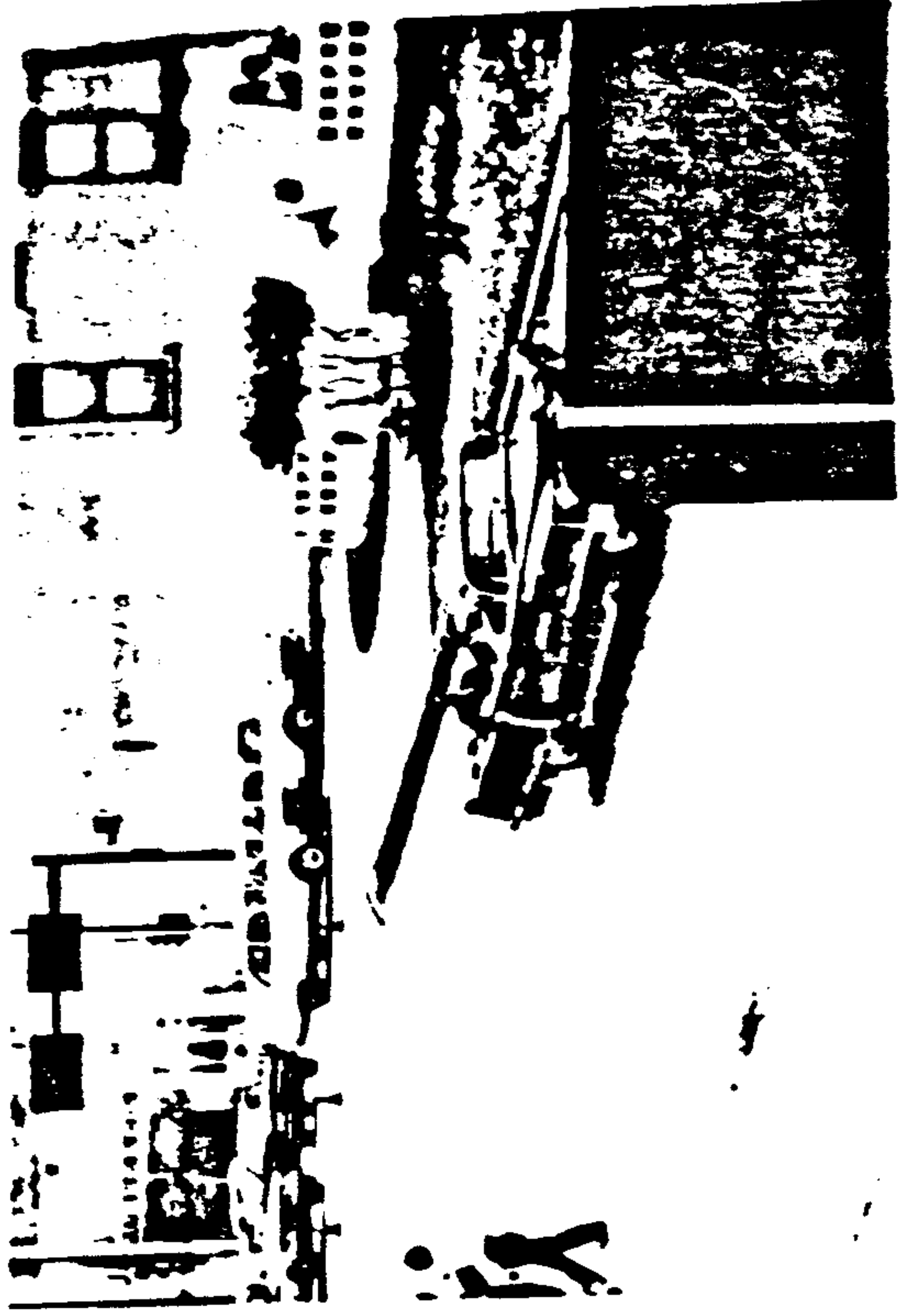


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DISTANCE TO STATION C ..... 114.0 FT.  
 DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 154.0 FT.  
 ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 24°14'  
 DISTANCE TO OVERPASS ..... 372.5 FT.  
 ANGLE TO OVERPASS ..... 4°09'

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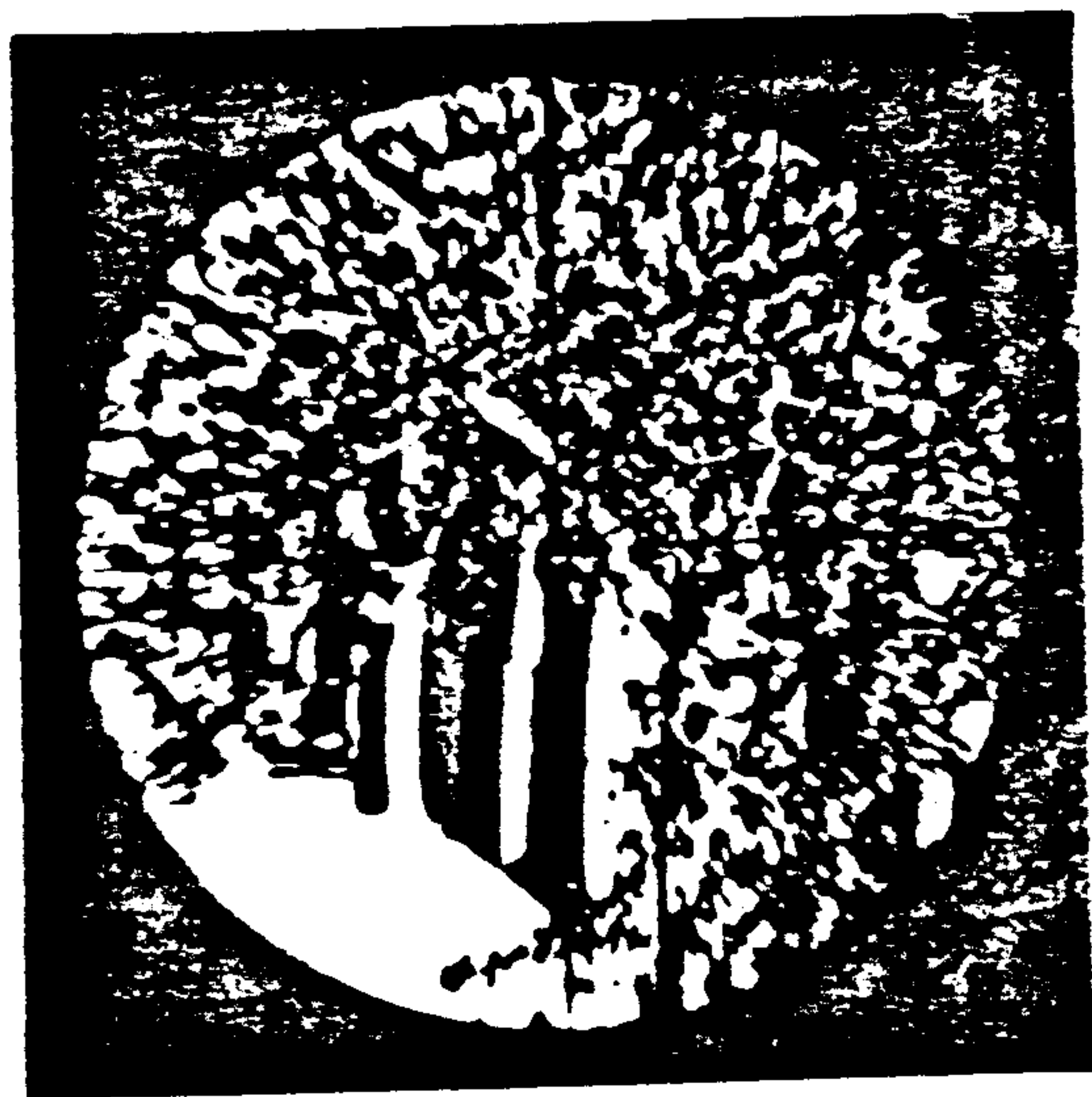


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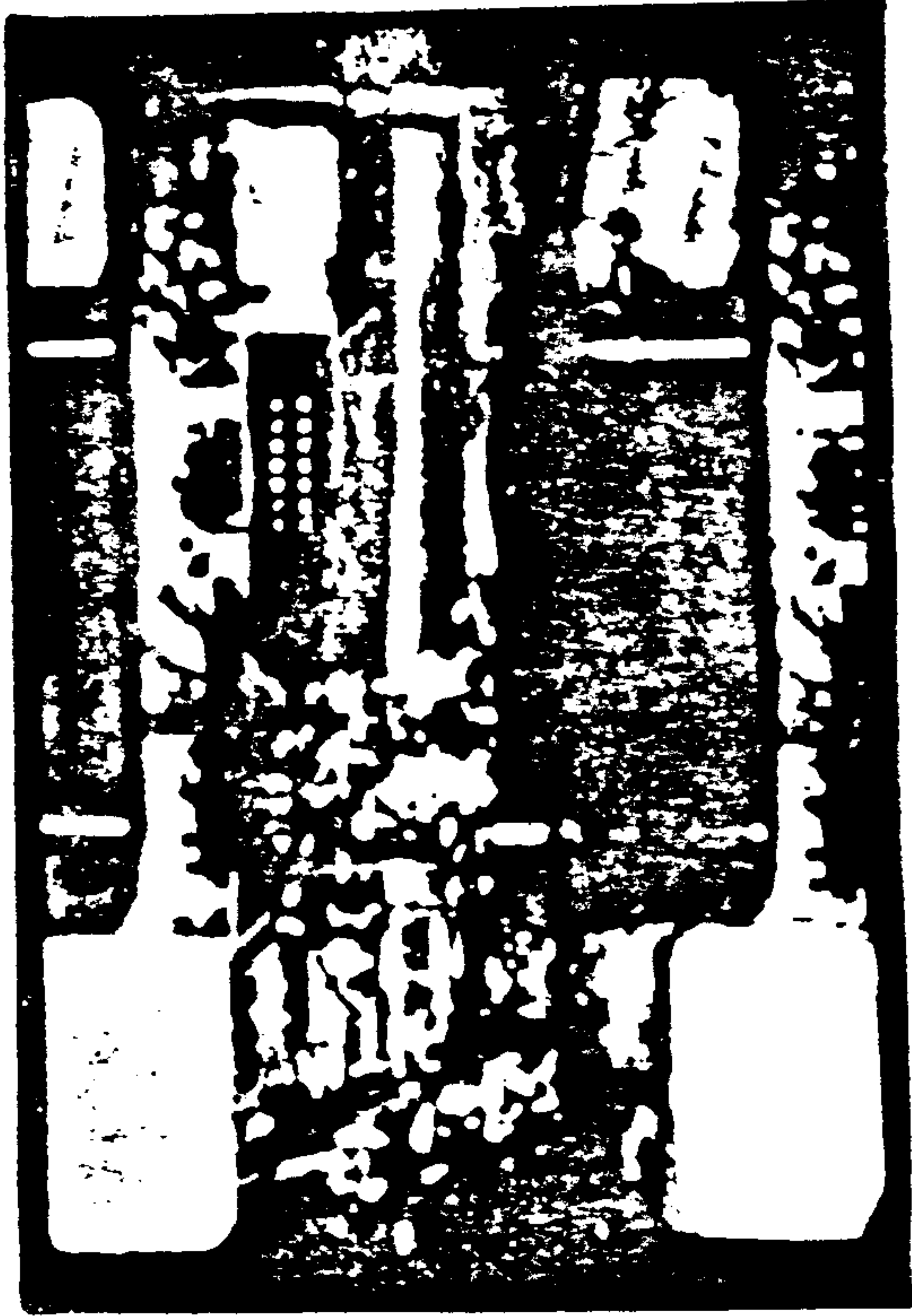
DISTANCE TO STATION 6 118.3 FT.  
DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW 180.3 FT.  
ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW 28°03'  
DISTANCE TO OVERPASS 371.7 FT.  
ANGLE TO OVERPASS 10°03'



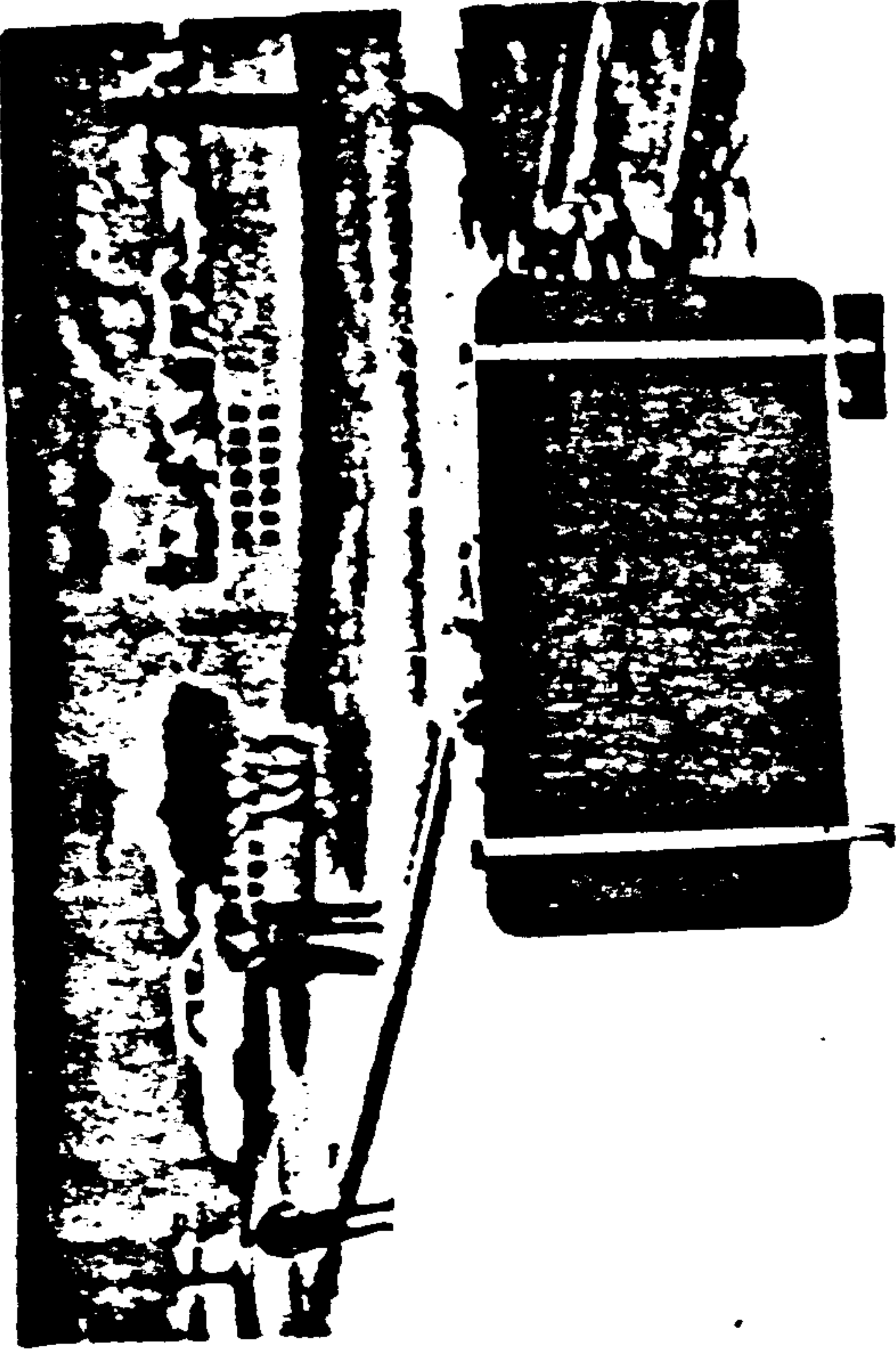
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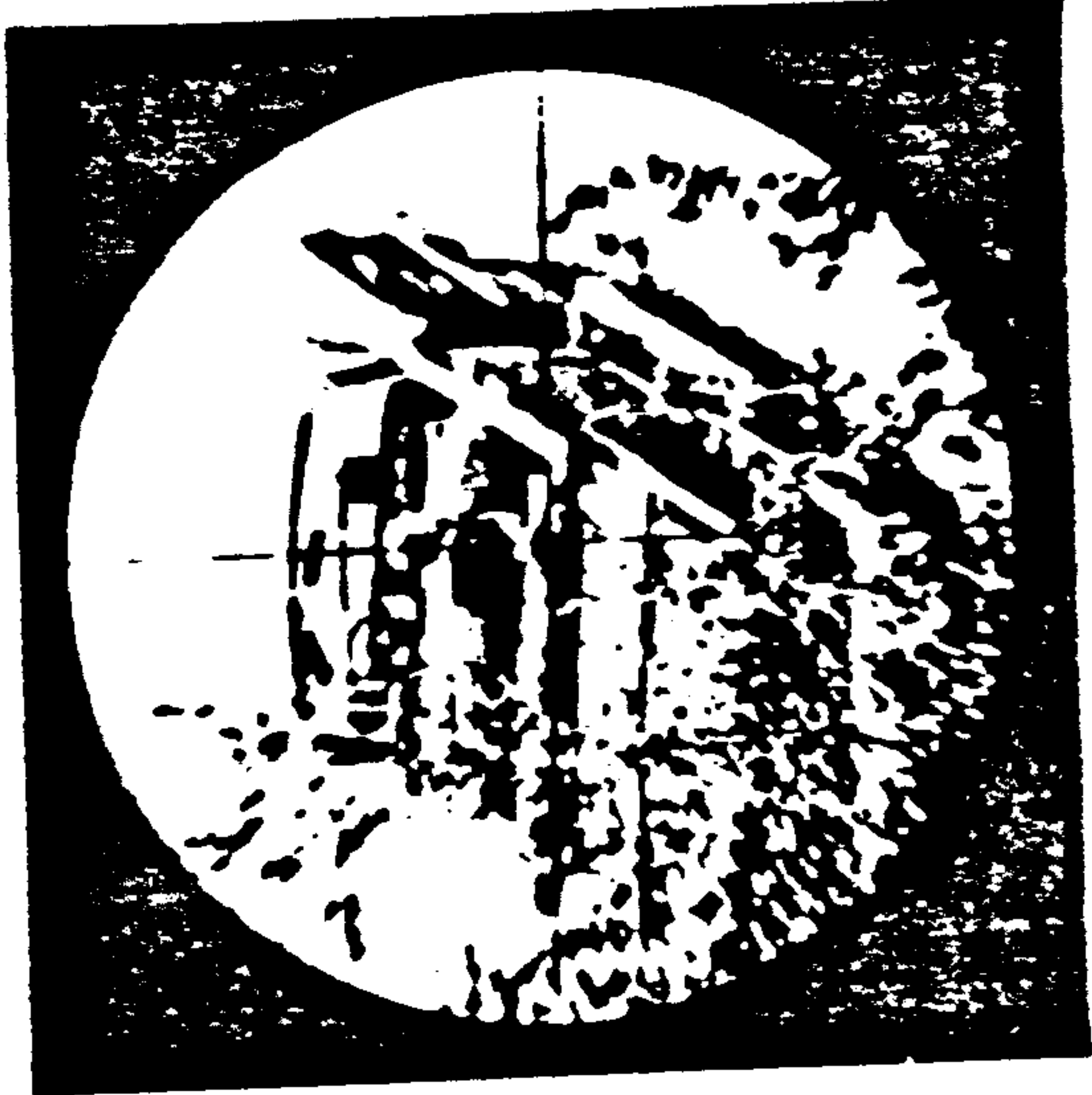




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DISTANCE TO STATION C ..... 130.0 FT.  
 DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 174.9 FT.  
 ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 21°50'  
 DISTANCE TO OVERPASS ..... 350.0 FT.  
 ANGLE TO OVERPASS ..... +0°12'

# FRAME 207



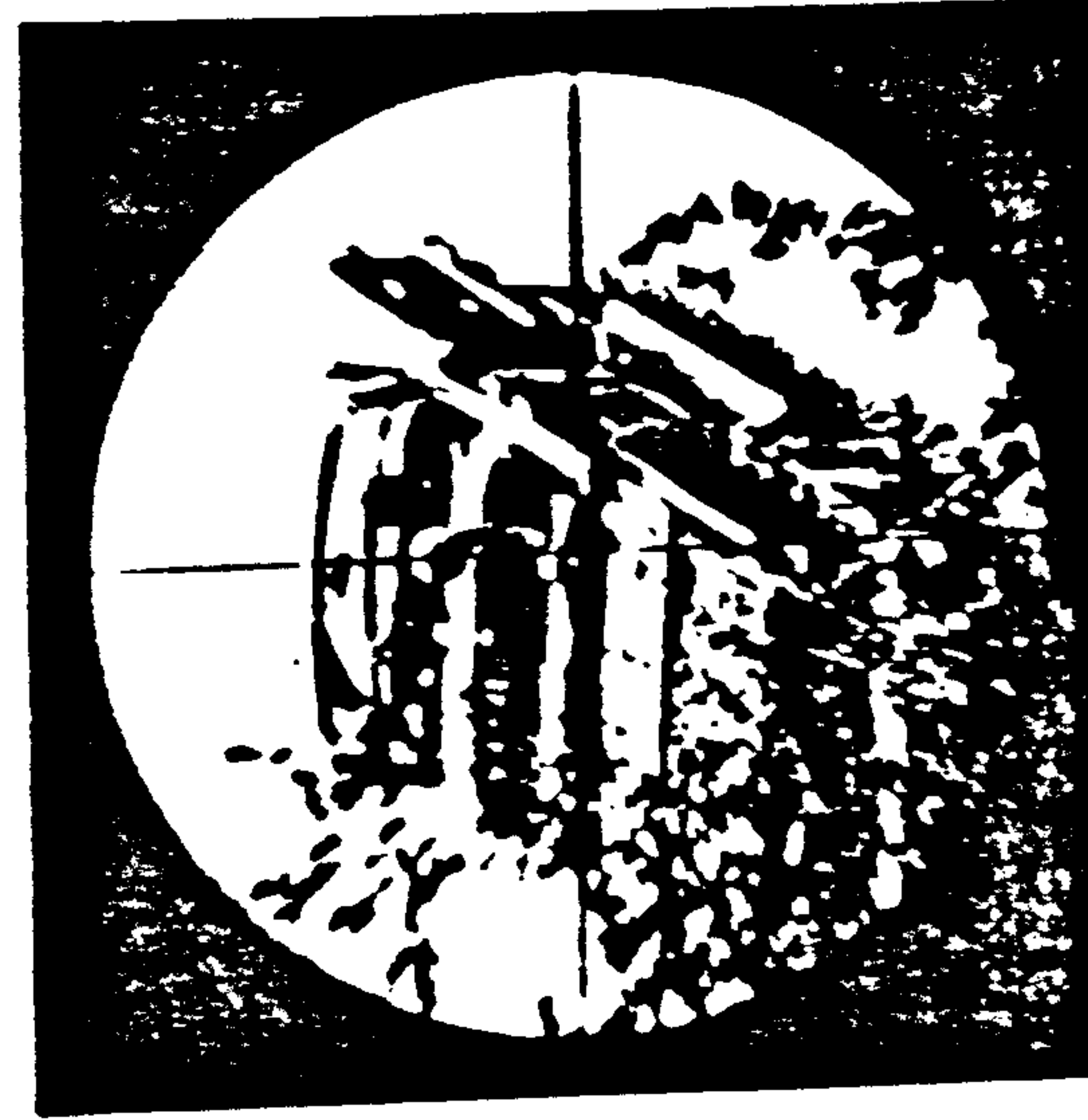


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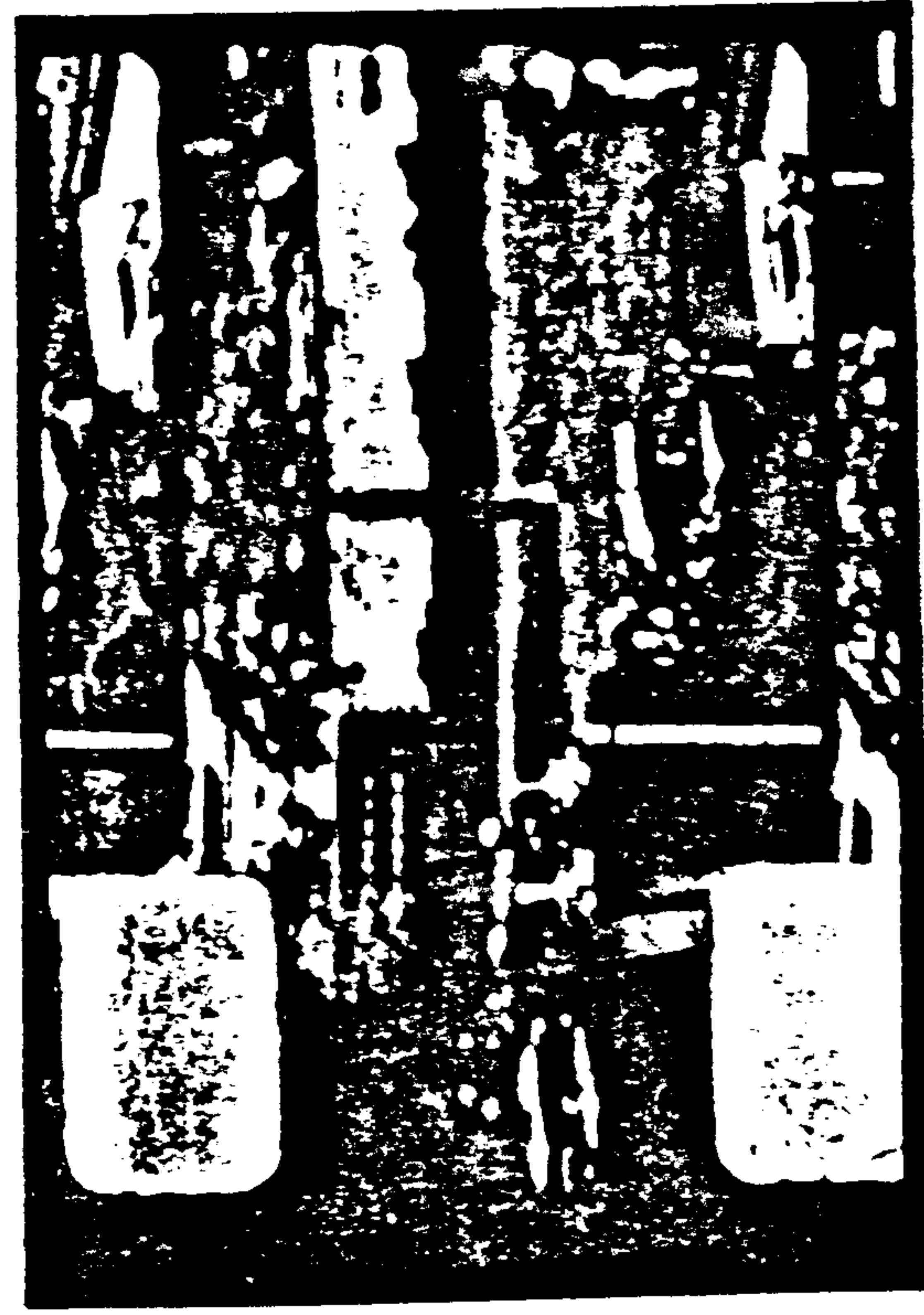
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DISTANCE TO STATION C 194.9 FT.  
 DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW 178.9 FT.  
 ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW 21°34'  
 DISTANCE TO OVERPASS 340.9 FT.  
 ANGLE TO OVERPASS + 8°22'

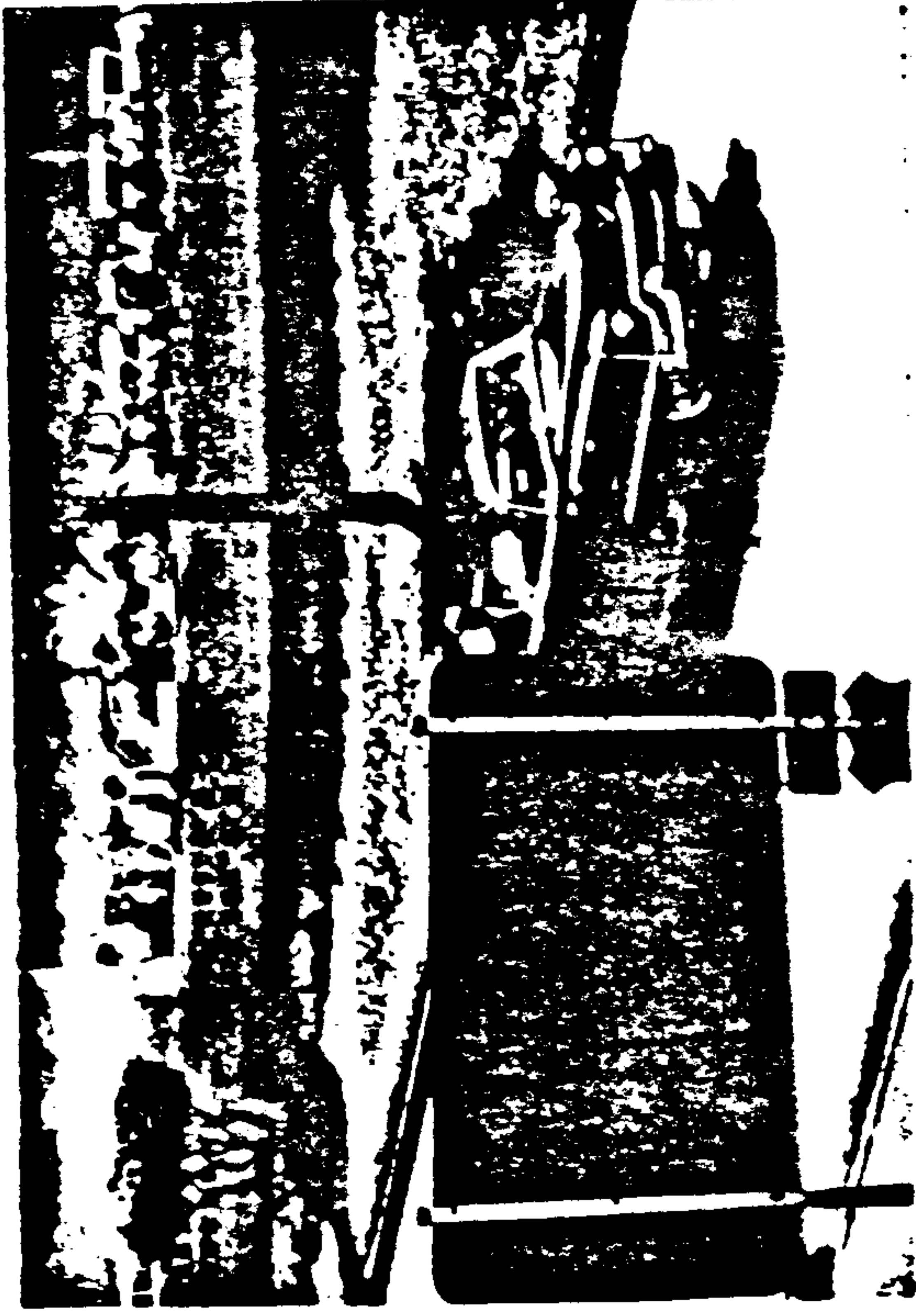


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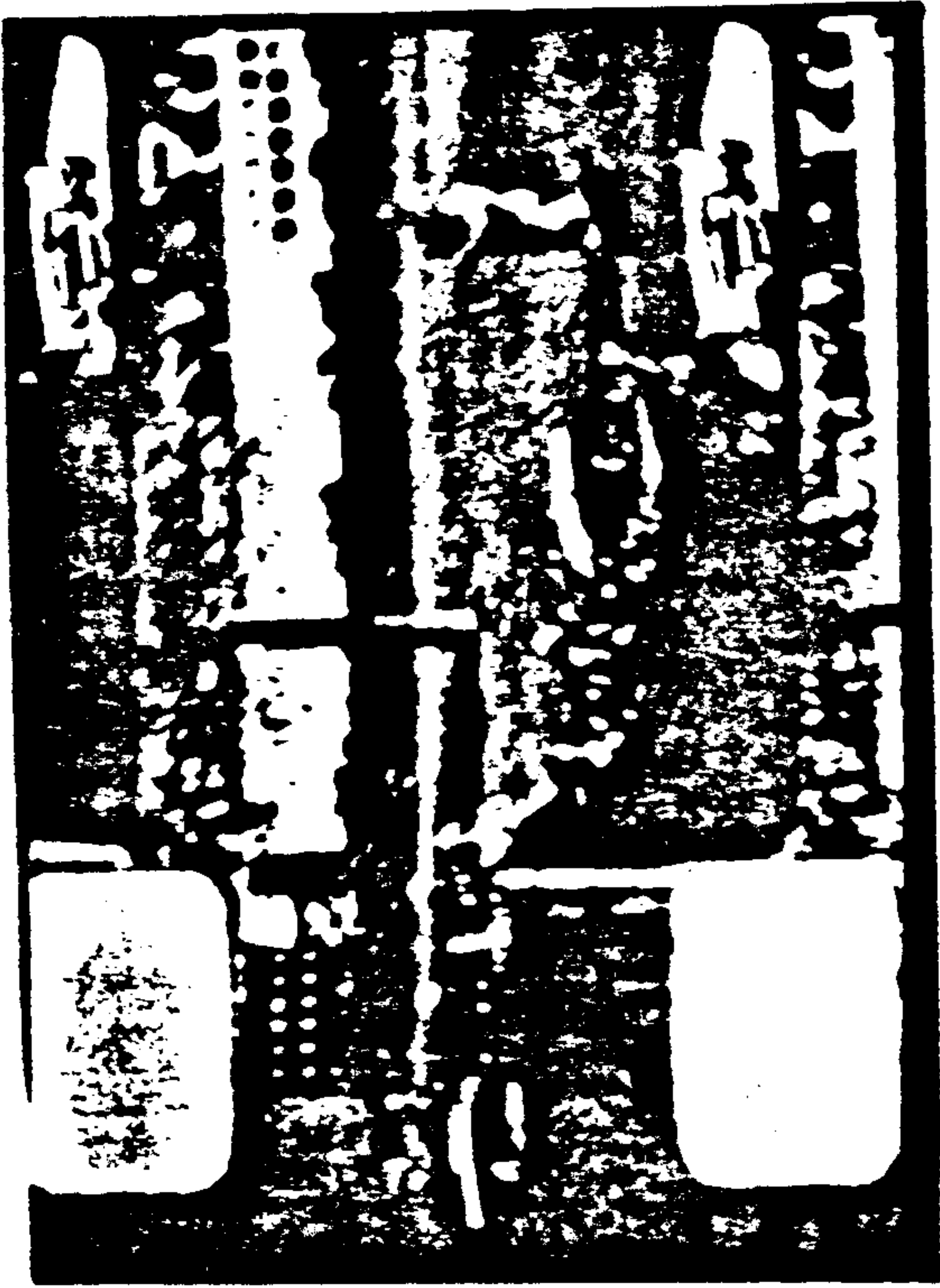


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DISTANCE TO STATION 6 1514 FT  
DISTANCE TO ROULE IN WINDOW 1065 FT  
ANGLE TO ROULE IN WINDOW 20°23'  
DISTANCE TO OVERPASS 3364 FT  
ANGLE TO OVERPASS 5°72'

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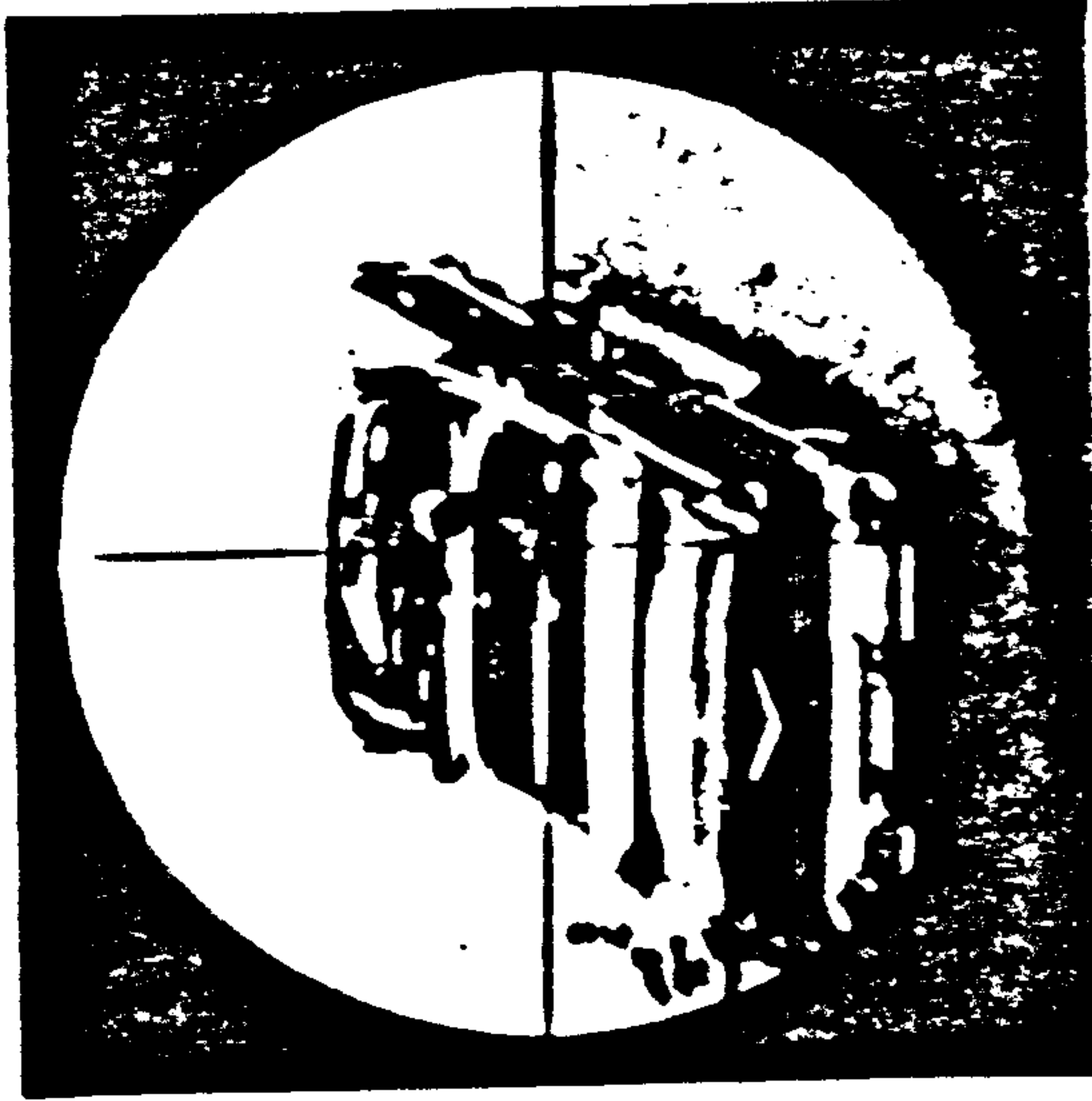




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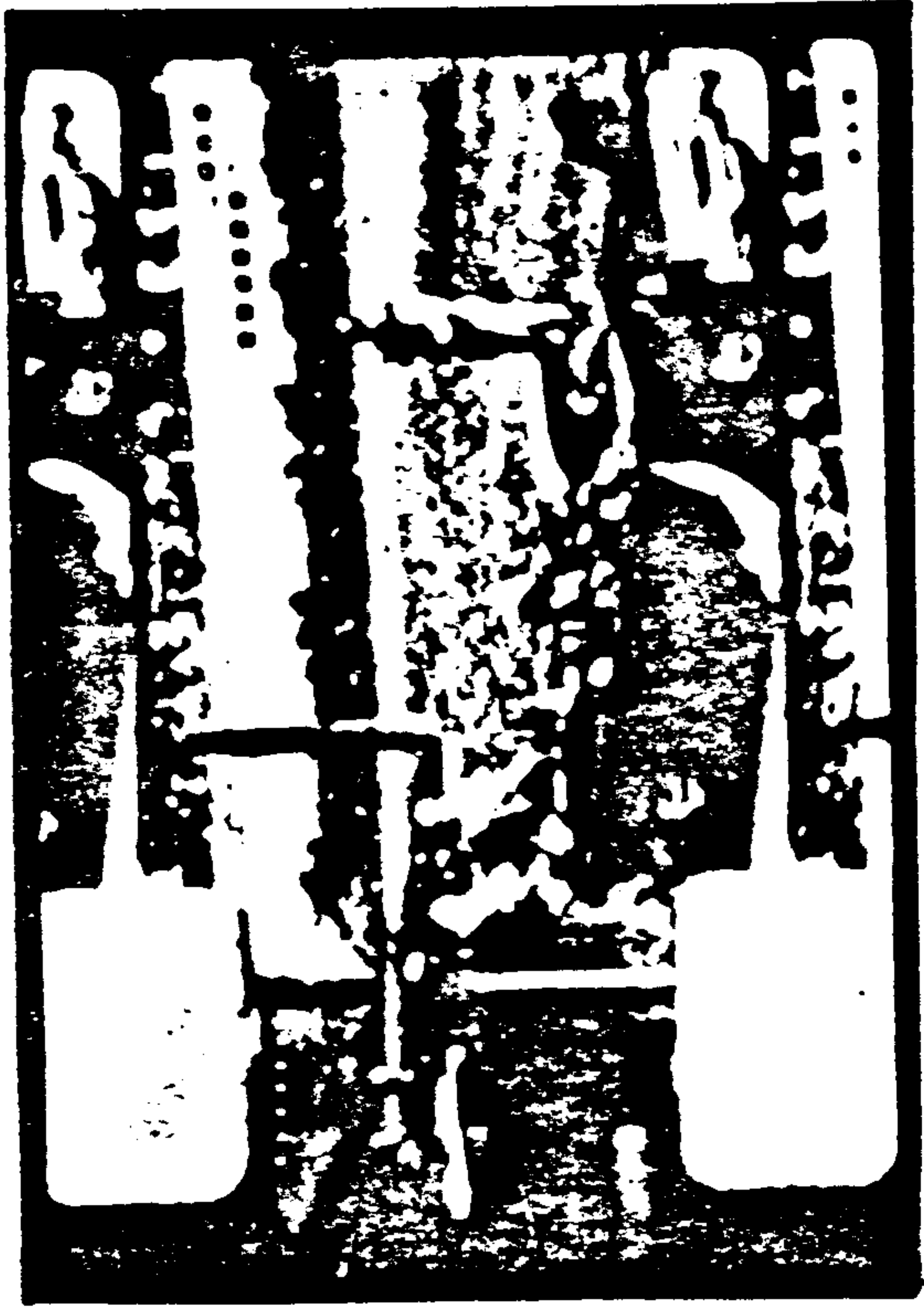
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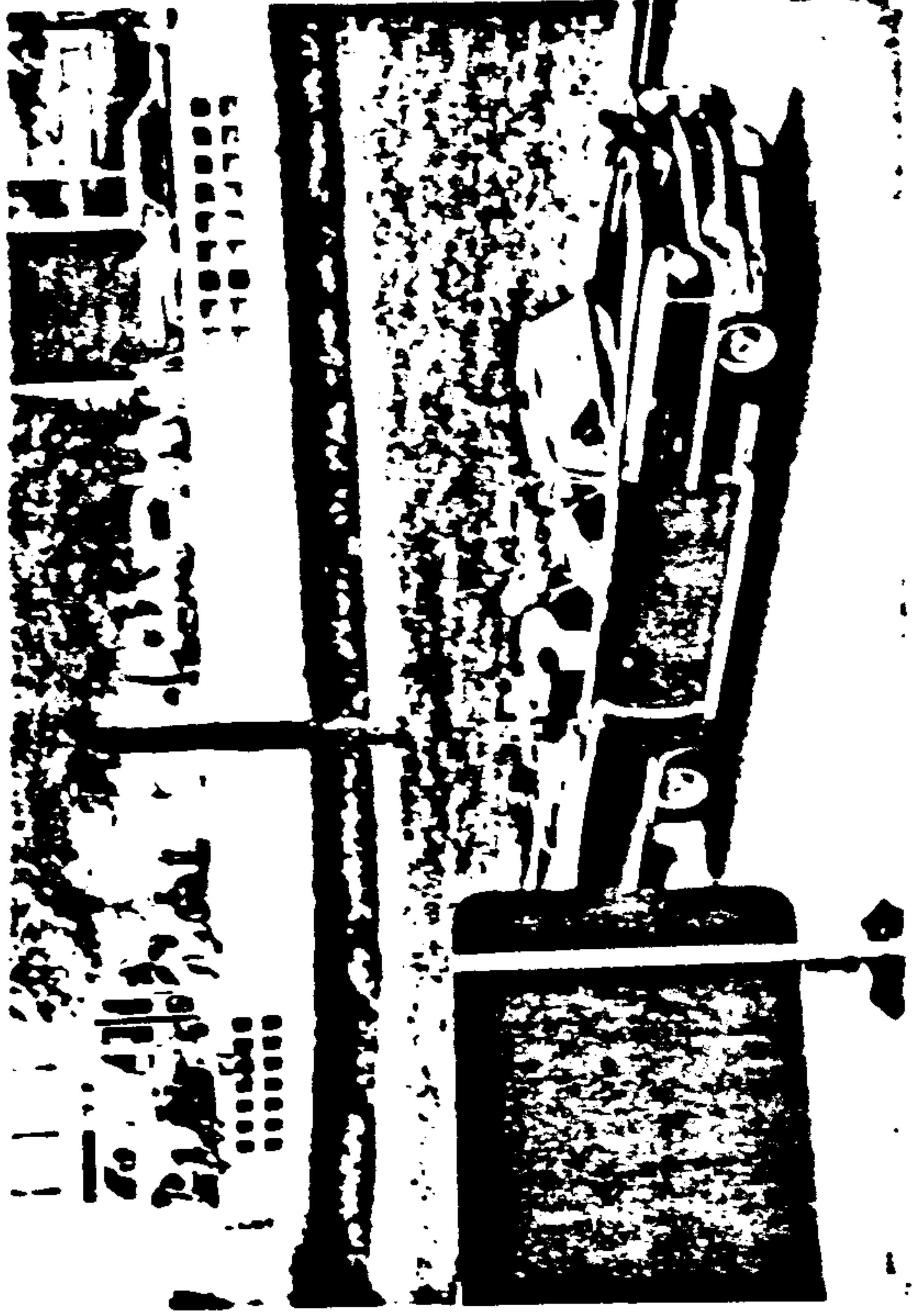
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DISTANCE TO STATION C 1530 FT.  
 DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW 1000 FT.  
 ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW 20° 11'  
 DISTANCE TO OVERPASS 3340 FT.  
 ANGLE TO OVERPASS 6° 20'

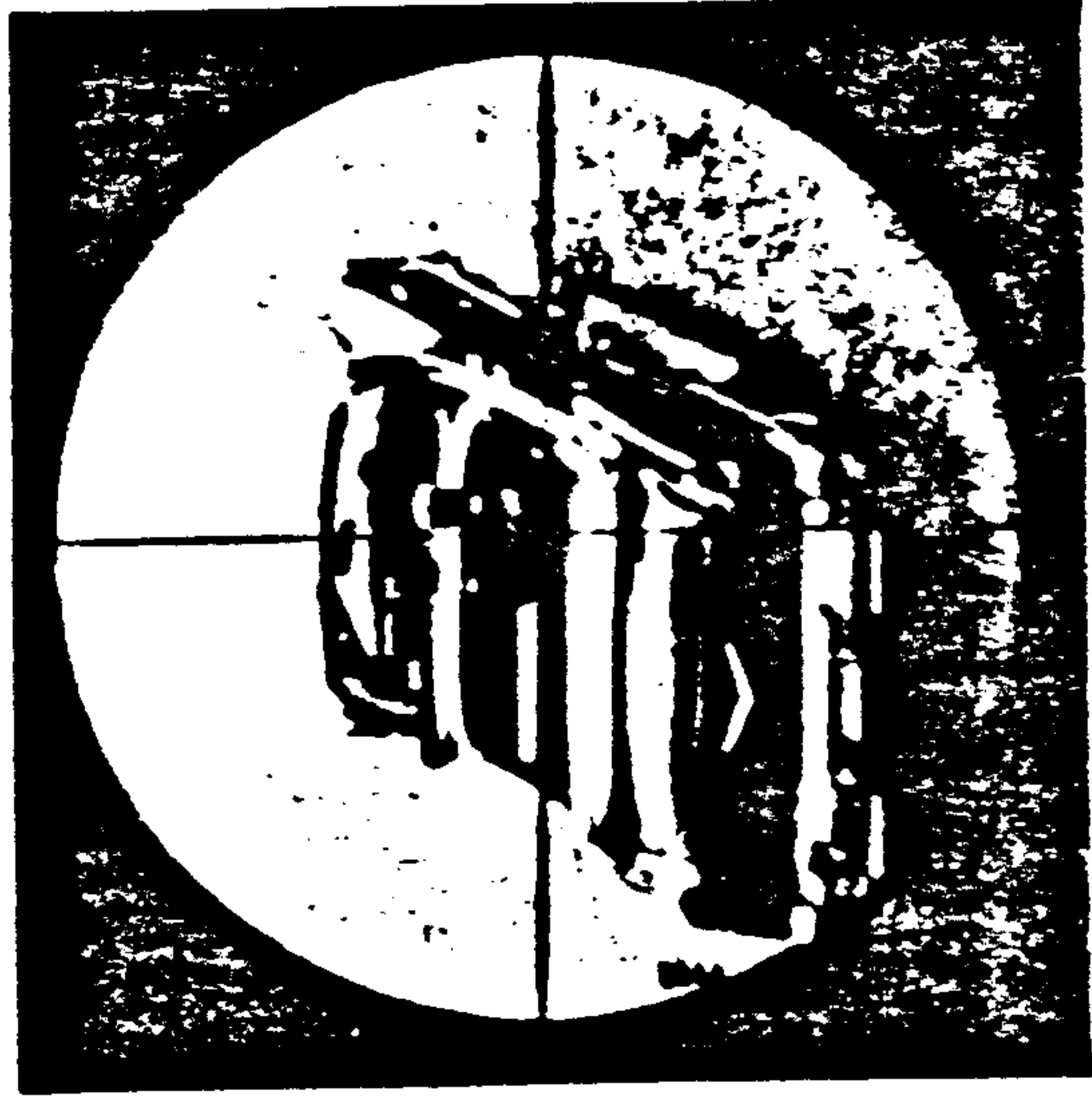
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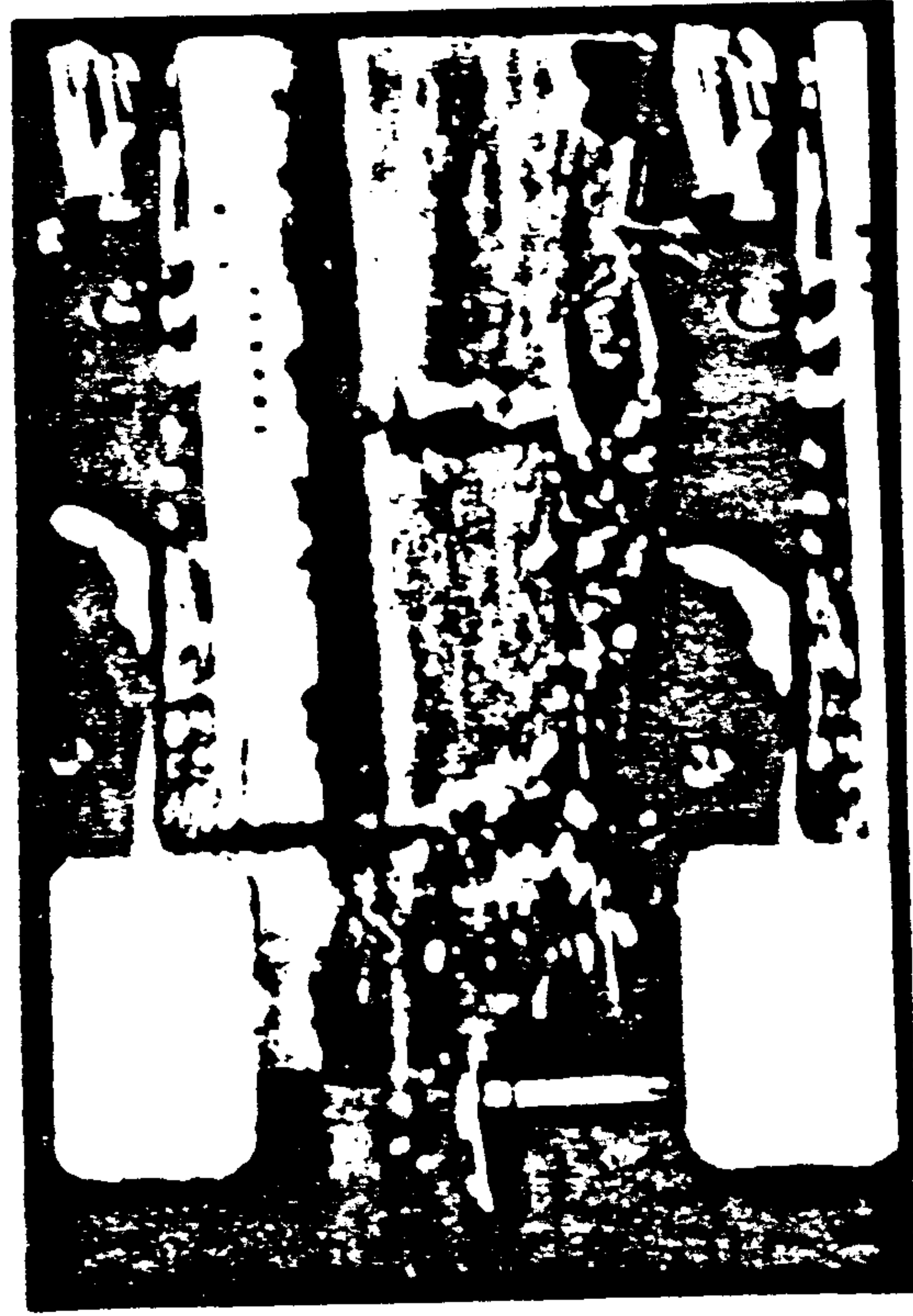


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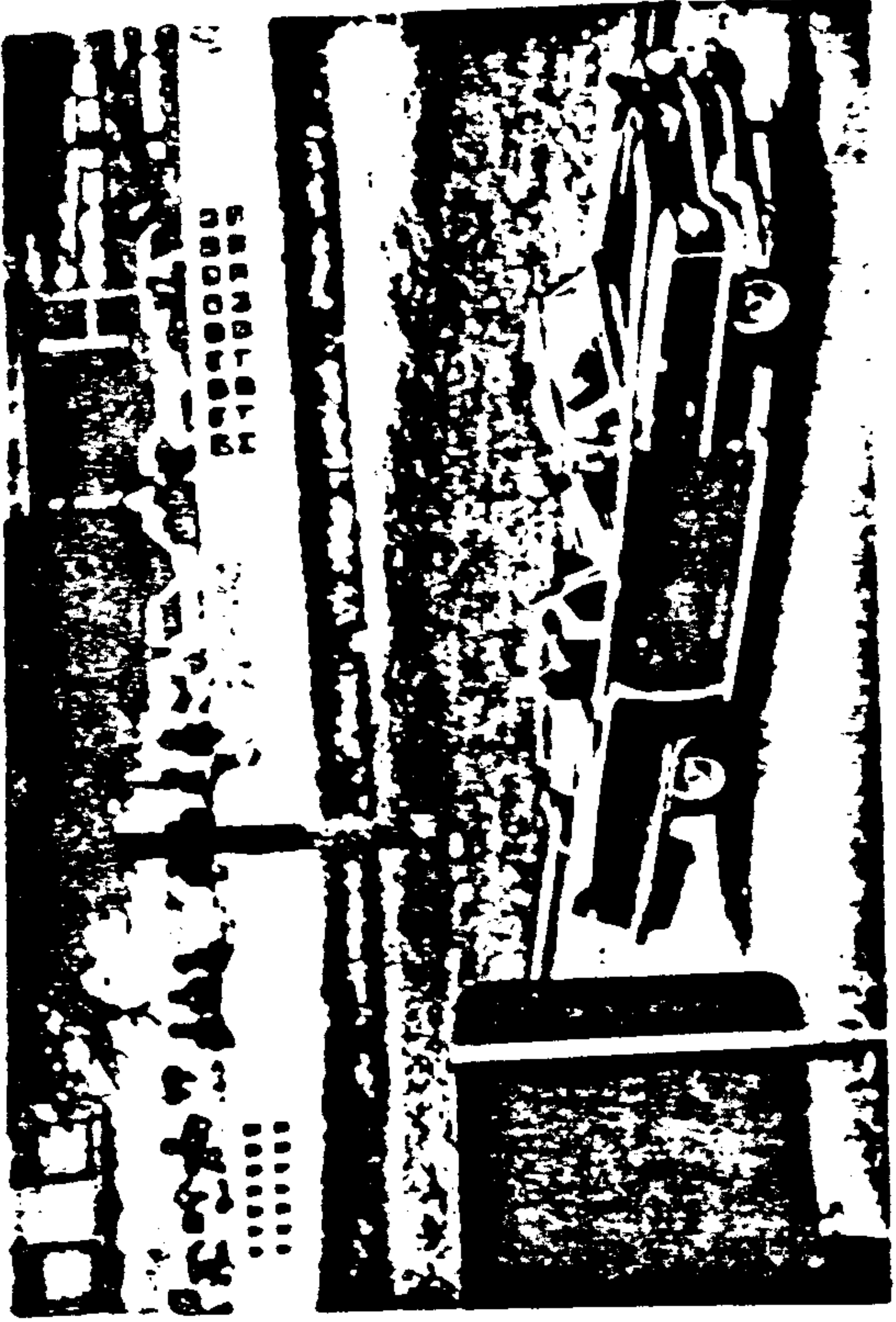
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DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	190.0 FT.
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DISTANCE TO OVERPASS .....	320.0 FT.
ANGLE TO OVERPASS .....	8°28'

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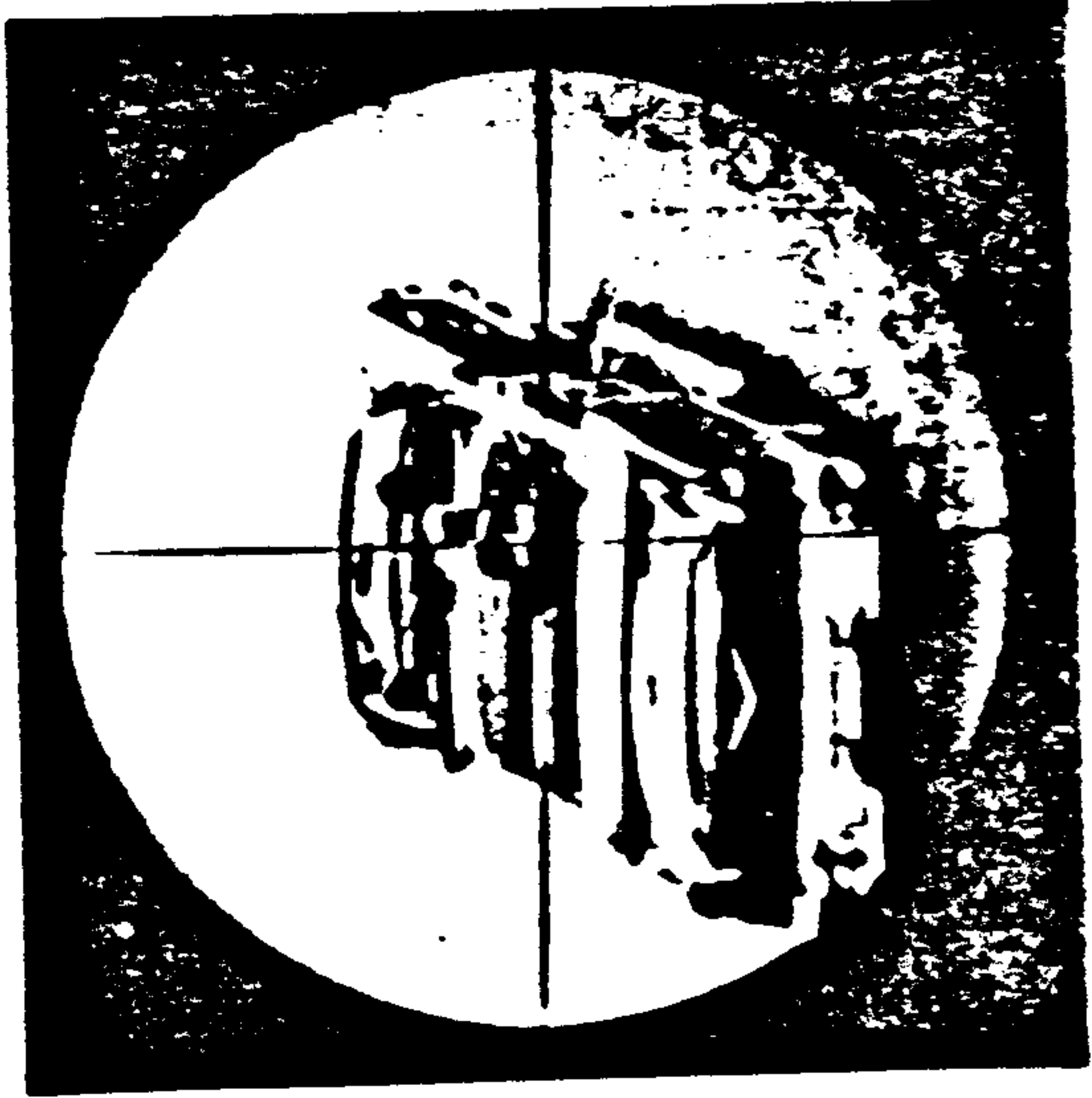




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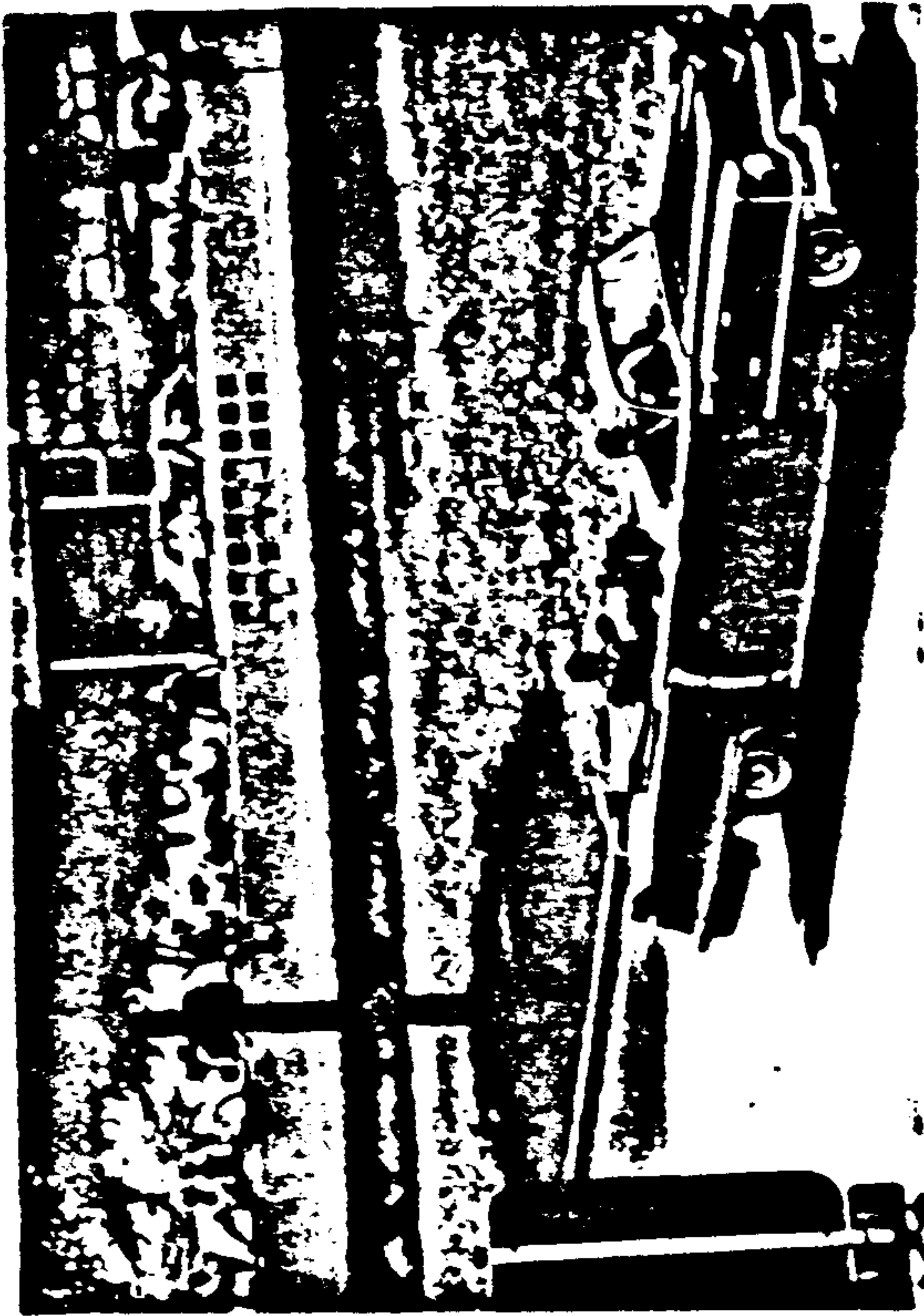
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DISTANCE TO STATION C ..... 182.3 FT.  
DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 180.0 FT.  
ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 19°28'  
DISTANCE TO OVERPASS ..... 320.0 FT.  
ANGLE TO OVERPASS ..... 8°30'

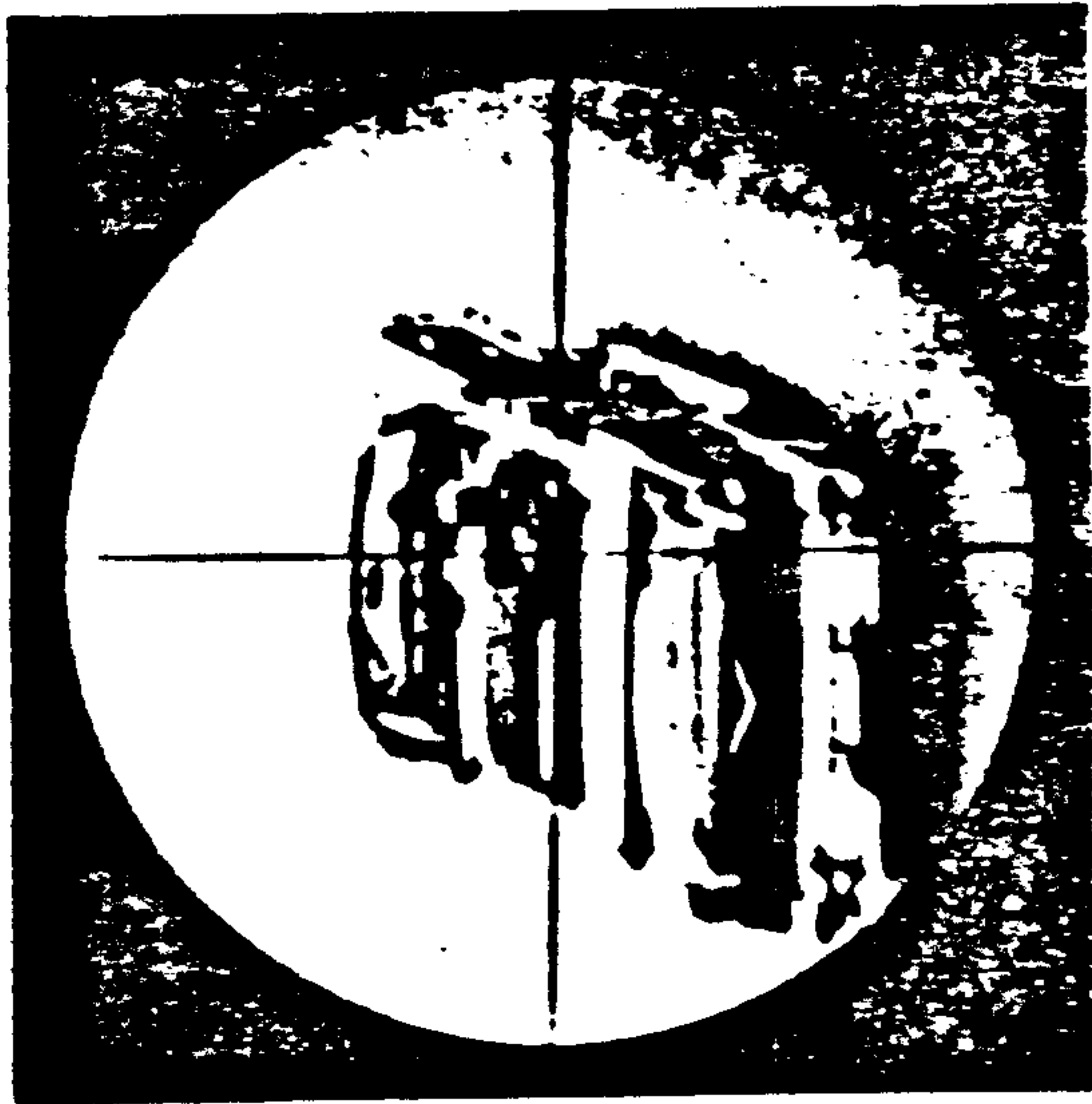
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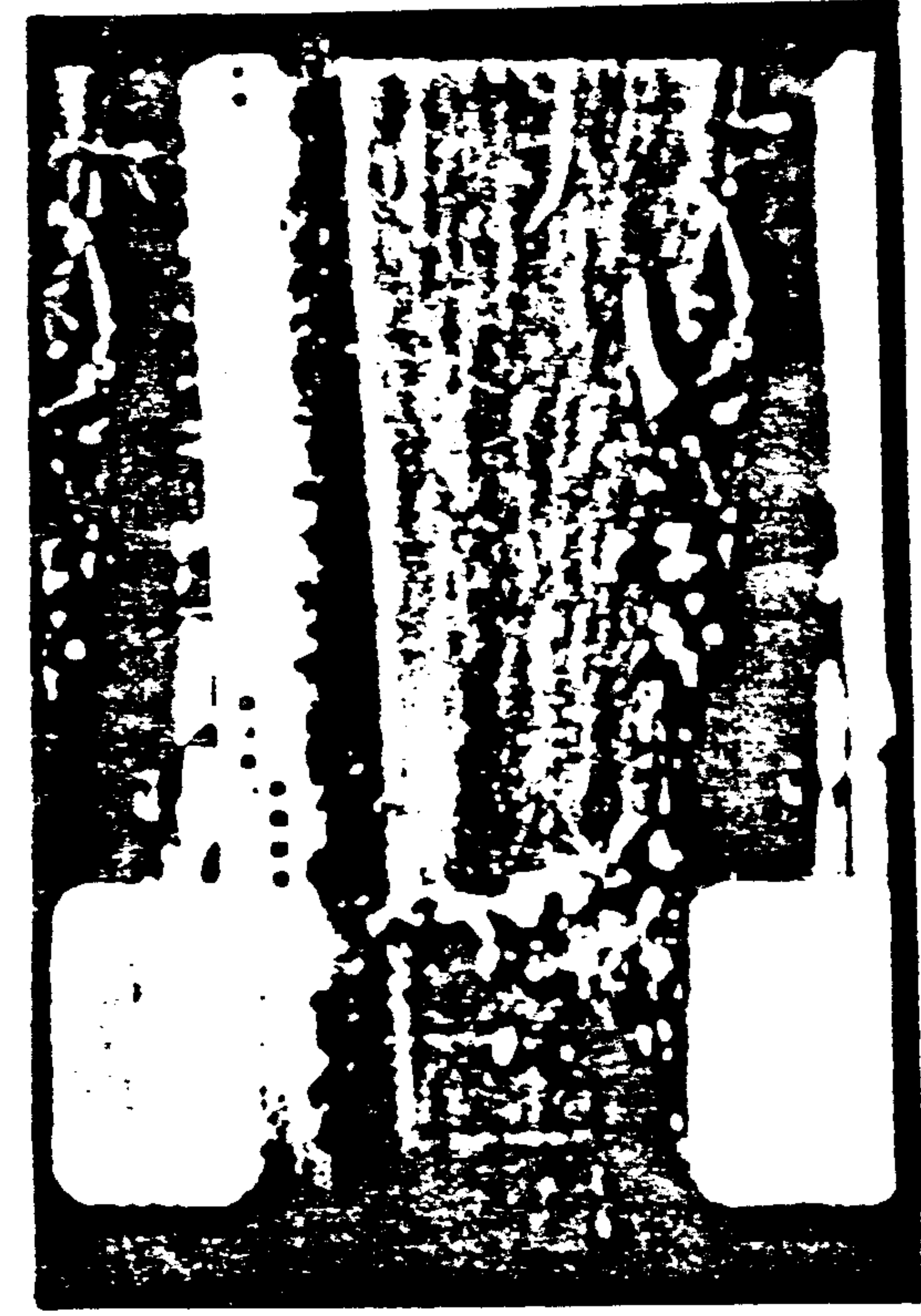


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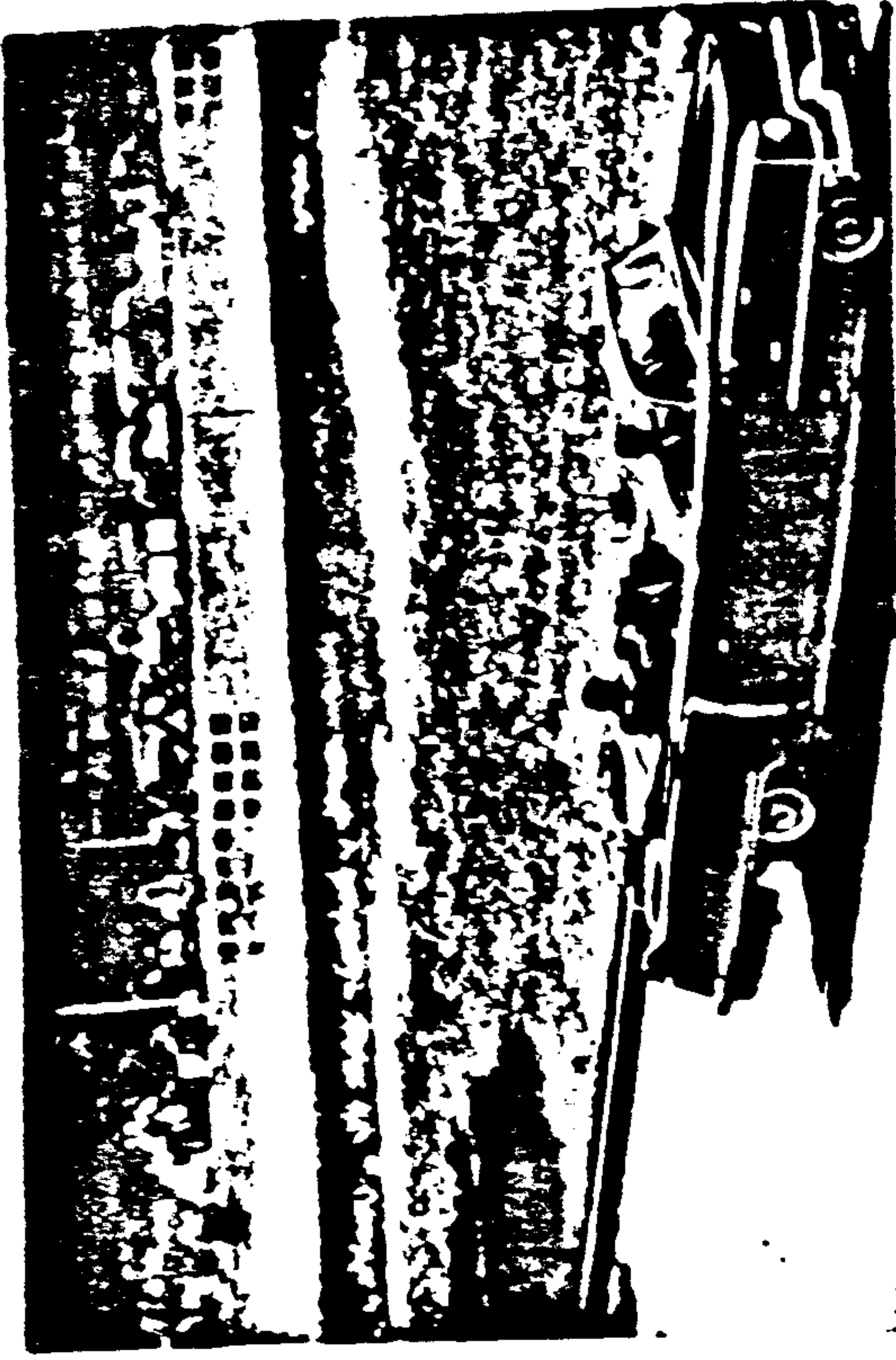
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DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	2043 FT.
ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	19° 01'
DISTANCE TO OVERPASS .....	3204 FT.
ANGLE TO OVERPASS .....	6° 34'

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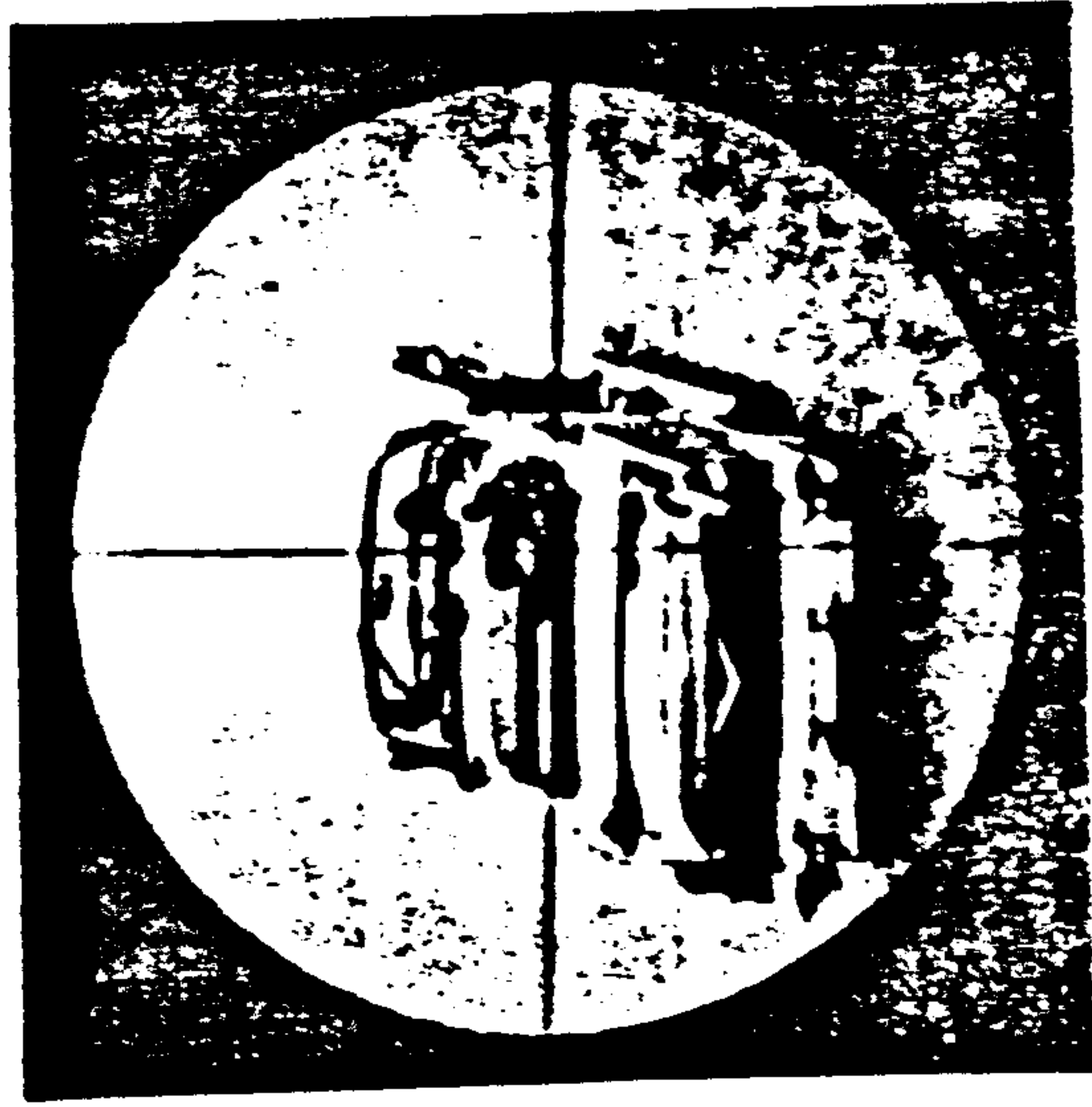




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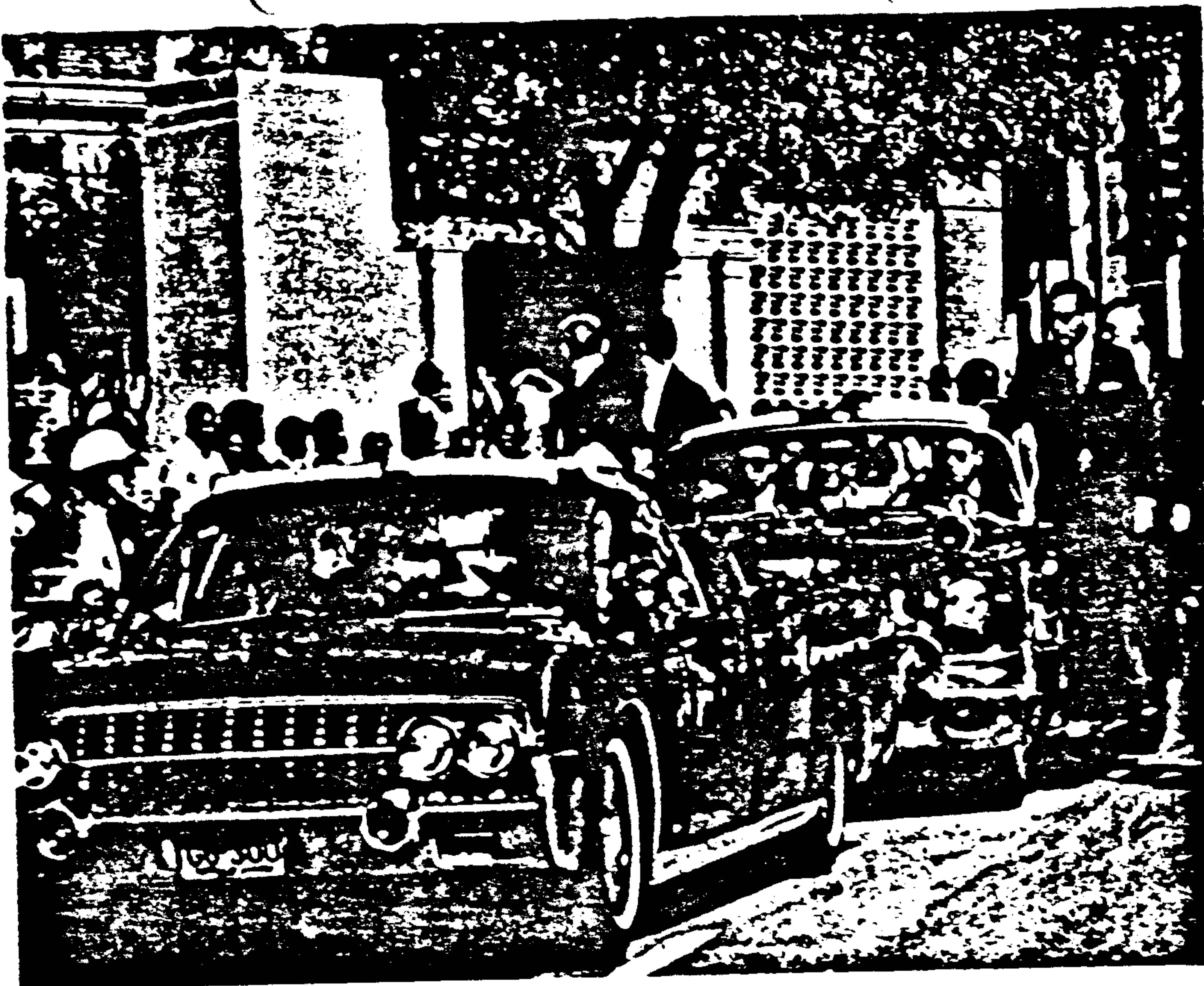


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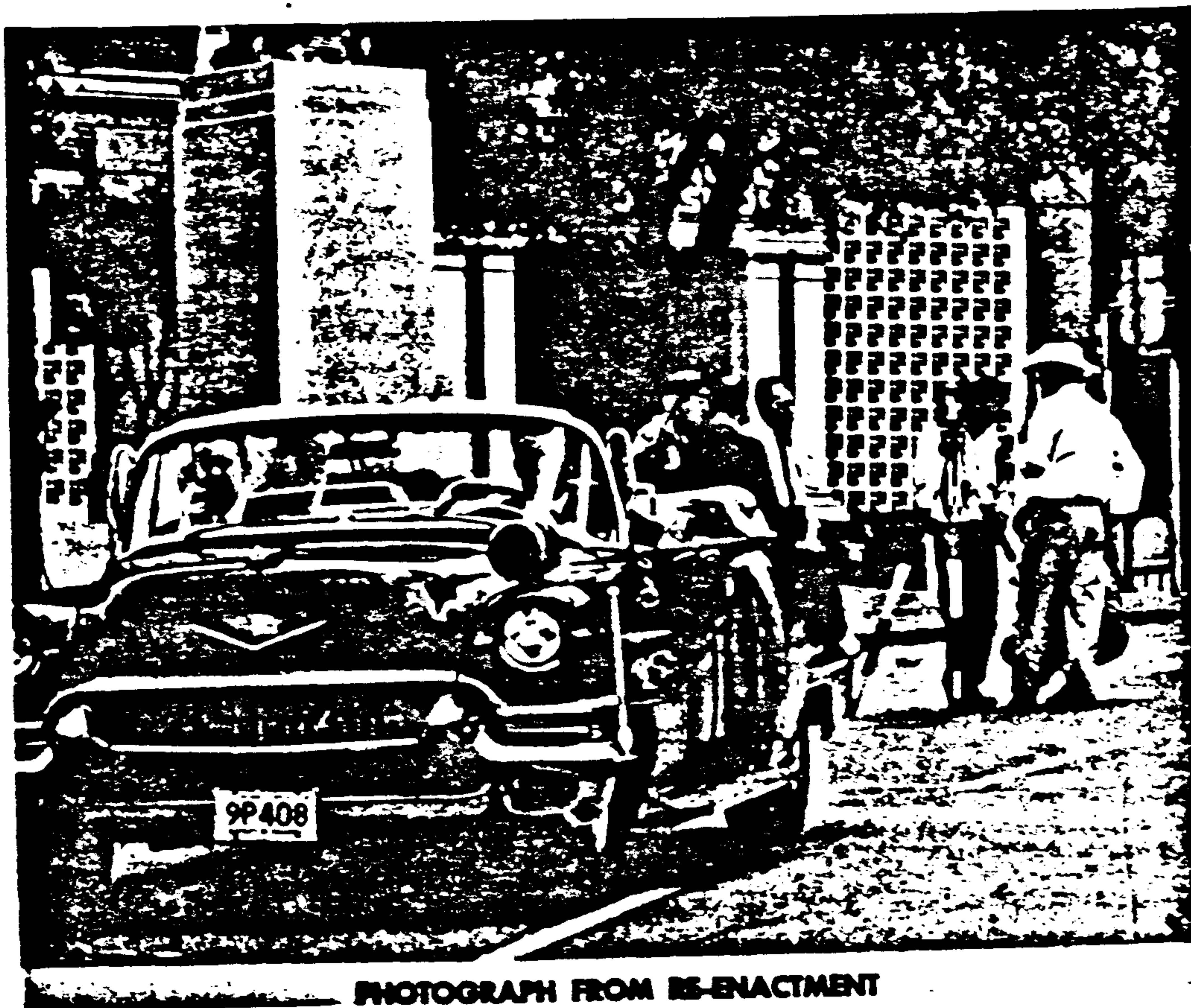
DISTANCE TO STATION C ..... 175.5 FT.  
DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 211.9 FT.  
ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 18°32'  
DISTANCE TO OVERPASS ..... 313.1 FT.  
ANGLE TO OVERPASS ..... 8°40'

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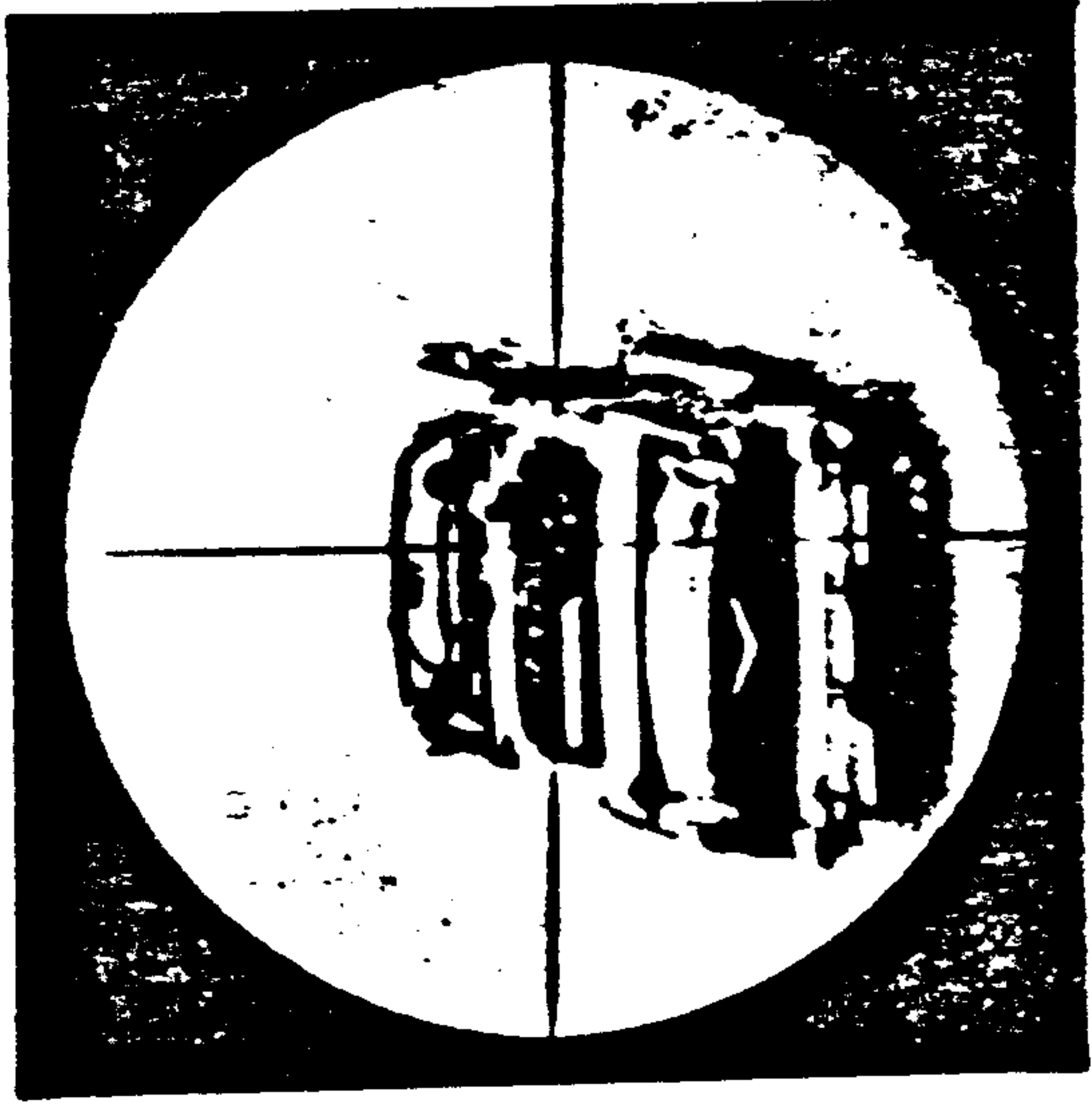




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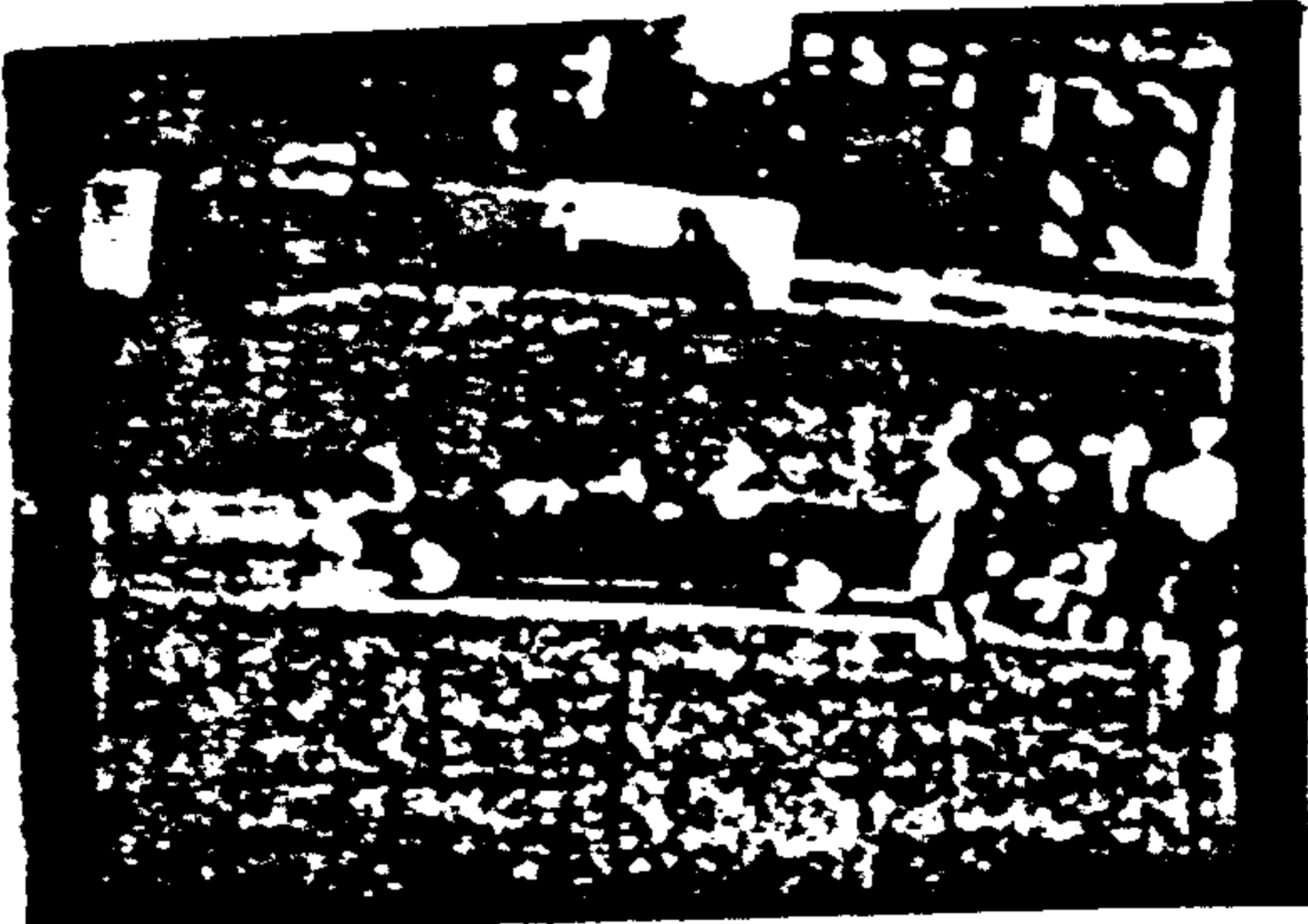
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DISTANCE TO STATION C ..... 101.9 FT.  
 DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 218.0 FT.  
 ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW ..... 18°03'  
 DISTANCE TO OVERPASS ..... 307.1 FT.  
 ANGLE TO OVERPASS ..... 8°44'

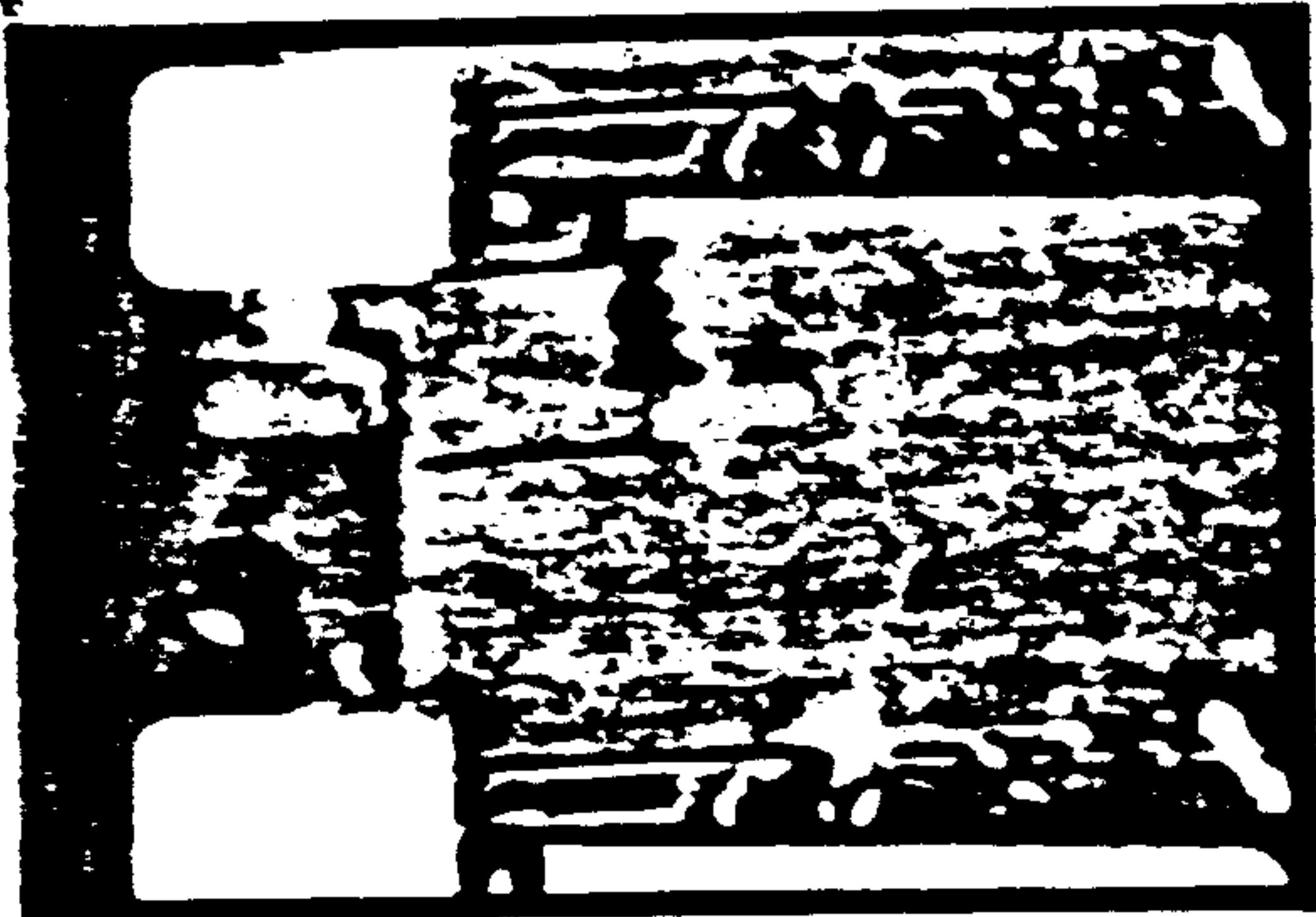
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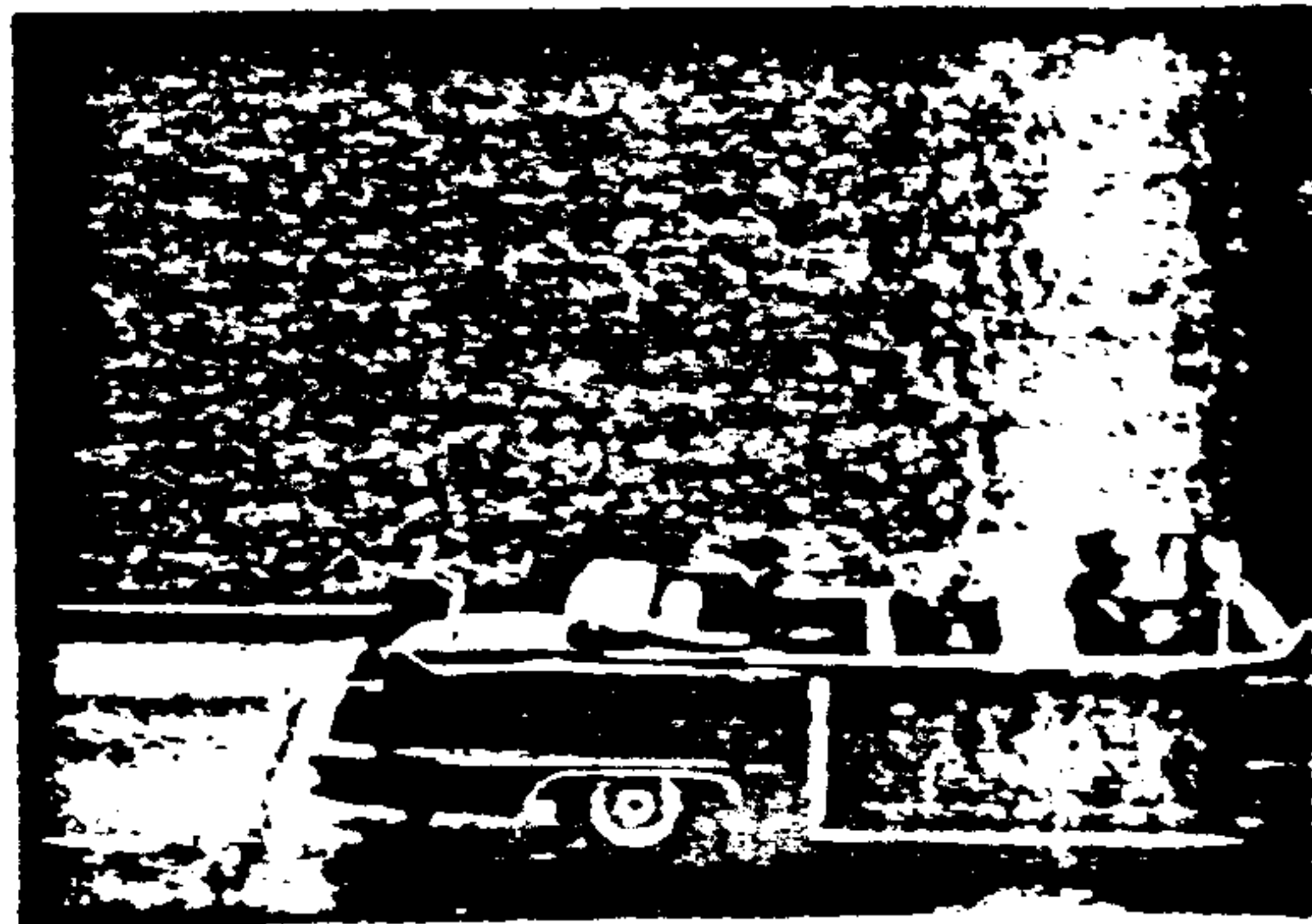
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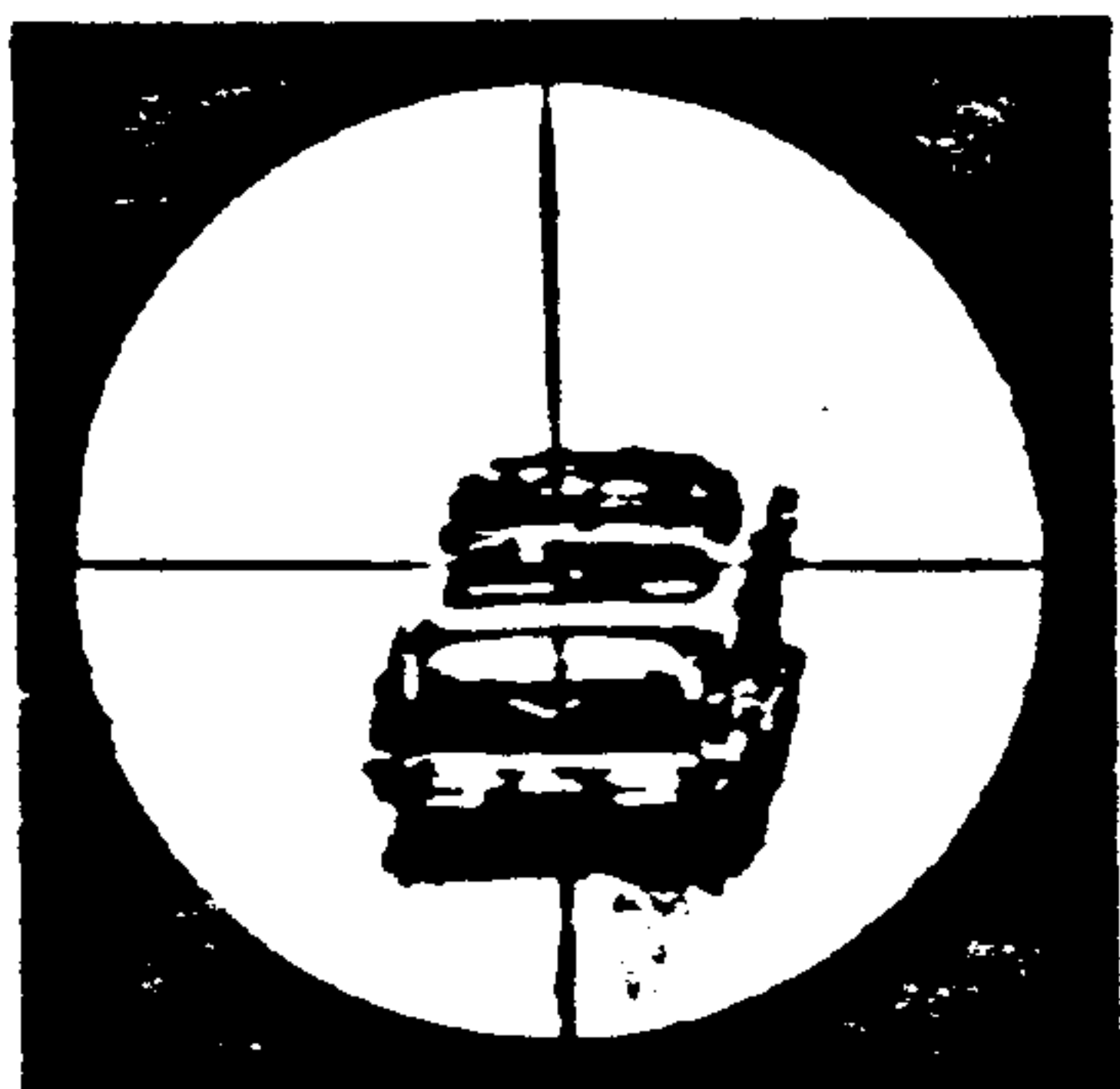
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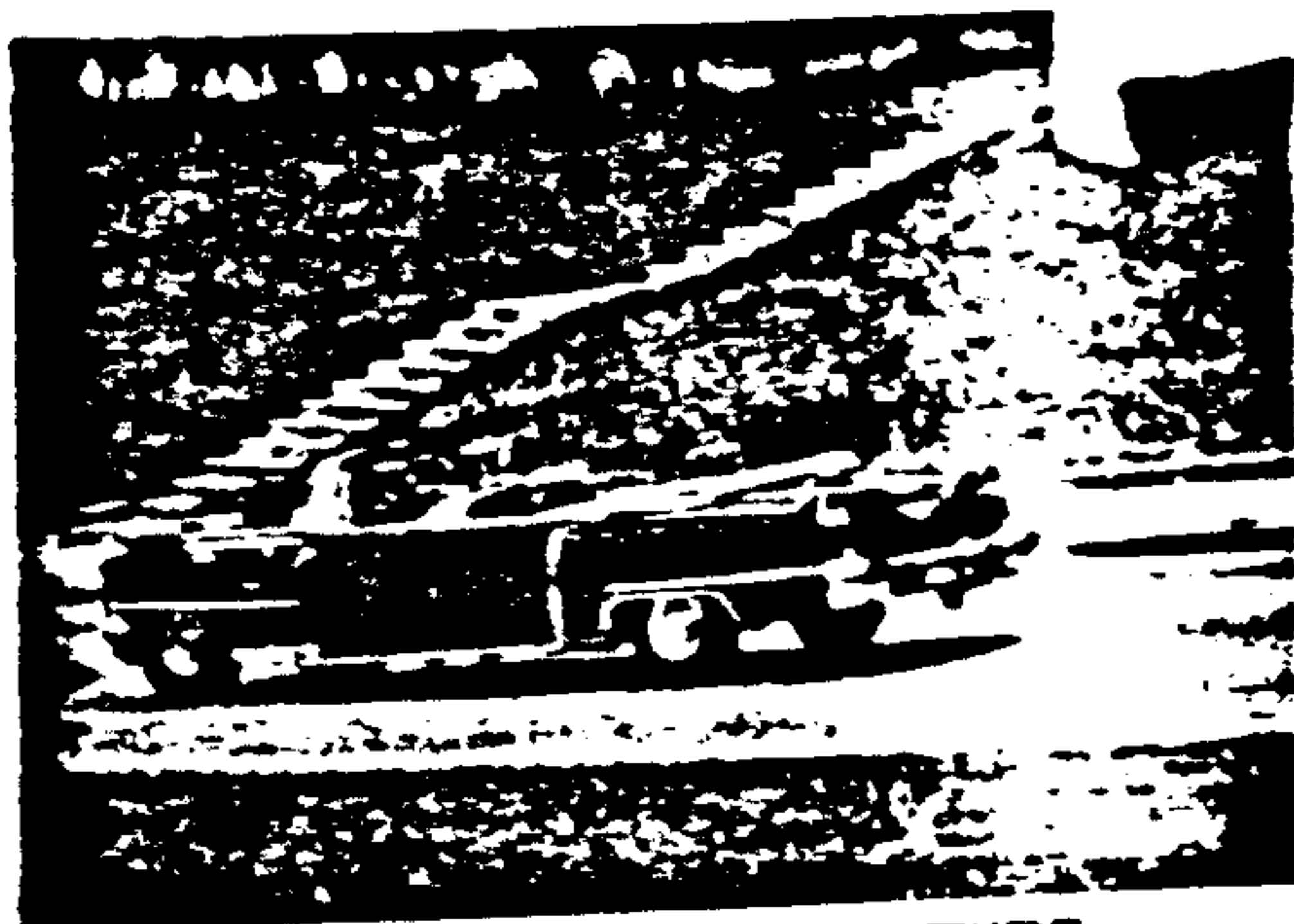
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DISTANCE TO STATION C .....	238.8 FT.
DISTANCE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	265.3 FT.
ANGLE TO RIFLE IN WINDOW .....	15°21'
DISTANCE TO OVERPASS .....	268.6 FT.
ANGLE TO OVERPASS .....	1°28'

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**November 2, 1959**

REF: [REDACTED] → **REFERRAL: STATE DEPARTMENT**

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SUBJECT: **CITIZENSHIP: Lee Harvey OSWALD**

Mr. Lee Harvey OSWALD, an American citizen, appeared at this Embassy October 11, 1959 and stated to Second Secretary Richard E. Snyder that he wishes to renounce his American citizenship and that he had applied to become a citizen of the Soviet Union. He presented to the interviewing officer his passport and the following signed, undated, handwritten statement, the original of which is retained by the Embassy (misspellings are as in original):

"I Lee Haroy (cq) Oswald do hereby request that my present citizenship in the United States of America, be revoked.

"I have entered the Soviet Union for the express purpose of applying for citizenship in the Soviet Union, through the means of naturalization.

"My request for citizenship is now pending before the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

"I take these steps for political reasons. My request for the revoking of my American citizenship is made only after the longest and most serious considerations.

"I affirm that my allegiance is to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

s/ Lee H. Oswald

Oswald is the bearer of Passport No. 1733242, issued September 10, 1959 (retained at the Embassy). The passport shows that he was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 18, 1939, and gives his occupation as "shipping export agent". Oswald gave his last address in the United States as that of his mother at 1936 Collinwood Street, Fort Worth, Texas. A telegram subsequently received at the Embassy for him indicates that a brother, Robert L. Oswald, resides at 7313 Davenport, Fort Worth, Texas. He stated that he was discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps on September 11, 1959. Highest grade achieved was corporal. Oswald evidently applied for his passport to the Agency at San Francisco while still in service. He stated that he had contemplated the action which he took for about two years before his discharge. He departed from the United States through New Orleans with the intent of traveling to the Soviet Union through Northern Europe. He states that he first applied for a Soviet tourist visa in Helsinki on October 14,

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that he applied for Soviet citizenship by letter to the Supreme Soviet on October 16 in Moscow. He stated that he did not mention his intent to remain in the Soviet Union to the Soviet Embassy in Helsinki at the time of his visa application.

Throughout the interview Oswald's manner was aggressive, arrogant, and uncooperative. He appeared to be competent. He insisted that he did not wish to waste time in discussion or answering questions concerning his "personal" affairs beyond what was directly related to divesting himself of his American citizenship. He was contemptuous of any efforts by the interviewing officer in his interest, made clear that he wanted no advice from the Embassy. He stated that he knew the provisions of U. S. law on loss of citizenship and declined to have them reviewed by the interviewing officer. In short he displayed all the airs of a new sophomore party-liner.

Oswald gave as the "principal reason" for his decision that "I am a marxist", but declined any further elaboration of his motives. However, other remarks bearing on his attitude were made during the interview. At one point he alluded to hardships endured by his mother as a "worker" and stated that he did not intend to have this happen to him. He also referred to himself several times as a "worker", but admitted that he had never held a civilian job, having entered the Marine Corps directly from junior year of high school. (He claimed to have completed high school while in service.) He stated that his service in Okinawa and elsewhere "gave me a chance to observe American imperialism." At another point he reacted sensitively when asked, in connection with his rank in the Marine Corps, whether he felt he should have had a higher grade.

Oswald categorically refused to discuss his family beyond stating that he was not married and that he has a mother in Texas. He had obliterated the address written on the inside cover of his passport and steadfastly refused to give any last home address until it was elicited by the "threat" that nothing could be done about his request to renounce his citizenship without this information. After giving the address noted above, he then confirmed that it was his mother's address. He would not say whether he had informed his mother and rebuffed any suggestion of concern for her.

Oswald offered the information that he had been a radar operator in the Marine Corps and that he had voluntarily stated to unnamed Soviet officials that as a Soviet citizen he would make known to them such information concerning the Marine Corps and his speciality as he possessed. He intimated that he might know something of special interest.

Oswald is presently residing in non-tourist status at the Metropole Hotel in Moscow awaiting the Soviet response to his application for citizenship. As his Soviet visa and militia registration expired on October 22, 1959, and have not been renewed, he is patently in a technically illegal residence status with the tacit consent of the Soviet authorities.

For what significance it may have, the foregoing was also the pattern in the Nicholas PETRULLI case (our Despatch 111, September 11, 1959). Having

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evidently concluded, after allowing Petrulli to languish "illegally" in a local hotel for a month, that he was no asset as a Soviet citizen, the Soviets suddenly invited him to depart, pointing out that he had "overstayed" his visa.

In view of the Petrulli case and other considerations, the Embassy proposes to delay action on Oswald's request to execute an oath of renunciation to the extent dictated by developments and subject to the Department's advice.

*Edward L. Freers*

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Charge d'Affaires, ad interim

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FOLLOWING IS SNYDER STATEMENT:

TO MY BEST RECOLLECTION I HAD TWO PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH OSWALD, ONE ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO EMBASSY TO ANNOUNCE HIS DEFECTION, SECOND A NUMBER OF MONTHS LATER WHEN HE REVISITED EMBASSY TO SOUND OUT POSSIBILITIES RETURNING TO UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, I CONDUCTED SEVERAL EXCHANGES OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM. ALL ASPECTS OF ABOVE WERE COVERED IN MY REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT. I WAS SOLE OFFICER HANDLING OSWALD CASE. FOLLOWING IS MY ROUGH RECOLLECTION TWO INTERVIEWS:

FIRST INTERVIEW:

(PRECISE DATE ON RECORD IN DEPARTMENT.) OSWALD VISITED EMBASSY ON OWN INITIATIVE AND WAS REFERRED TO ME AS SENIOR CONSULAR OFFICER. (FOLLOWING REMARKS NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER.) OSWALD STATED IN EFFECT THAT HE WISHED TO GIVE UP HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, THAT HE INTENDED TO BECOME A SOVIET CITIZEN AND TO SERVE SOVIET STATE, THAT HE WAS DOING THIS BECAUSE "I AM A MARXIST", THAT HE CONDEMNED OUR GOVERNMENT AND POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES AS IMPERIALISTIC, THAT HE ADMIRERD THE SYSTEM AND POLICIES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND DESIRED TO SERVE THE SOVIET STATE.

HE DELIVERED OVER HIS AMERICAN PASSPORT TO ME, AND SAID THAT  
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HE WANTED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO RENOUNCE HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. HE STATED DESIRE TO CONCLUDE MATTER QUICKLY, THAT HE HAD BEEN FOREWARNED I WOULD TRY TALK HIM OUT OF DECISION, THAT HE WANTED NO LECTURES FROM ME, DESIRED ENTER INTO NO DISCUSSION. I NEVERTHELESS ELICITED FOLLOWING FROM HIM.

OSWALD STATED HE HAD JUST COMPLETED TOUR DUTY WITH U.S. MARINE CORPS, I BELIEVE IN OKINAWA OR JAPAN OR BOTH, THAT HIS INTENT TO DEFECT TO THE SOVIET UNION WAS FIRM BEFORE DISCHARGE THAT HE APPLIED FOR AN AMERICAN PASSPORT FOR THIS PURPOSE (ALTHOUGH NOT SO STATED ON HIS APPLICATION) IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL IN US, I BELIEVE SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES, FOLLOWING HIS DISCHARGE. I BELIEVE HE STATED HE PAID BRIEF VISIT TO TEXAS BEFORE DEPARTING FOR SOVIET UNION VIA WESTERN EUROPE.

SOURCE HIS "MARXISM", I BELIEVE HE ATTRIBUTED TO "SONU BOOKS" AND OTHER MATERIALS HE HAD WHILE IN MARINE CORPS AND POSSIBLY BEFORE. OSWALD STATED HIS EYES HAD BEEN OPENED TO THE WAY AMERICA OPPRESSES AND COLONIZES FOREIGN PEOPLES FROM OBSERVING OUR ACTIONS IN OKINAWA. HE REFERRED THROUGHOUT IN CONDEMNATORY AND CONTEMPTUOUS TONES TO HIS OWN COUNTRY AND IN LAUDATORY TERMS TO SOVIET UNION. I RECALL STRONG IMPRESSION HE USED SIMPLE MARXIST STEREOTYPES WITHOUT SOPHISTICATION OR INDEPENDENT FORMULATION. HE REFERRED, I BELIEVE, TO EARLIER POVERTY AND HARD LIFE OF MOTHER AS PARTIAL RATIONALE FOR ATTITUDES. AT SAME TIME I BELIEVE I HAD IMPRESSION HE HAD LITTLE AFFECTION FOR AND FELT NO PARTICULAR OBLIGATION TOWARD HIS MOTHER.

OSWALD STATED THAT HE WAS AN ELECTRONICS SPECIALIST OR SOMETHING SIMILAR IN MARINES AND THAT HE INTENDED MAKE ALL HIS SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT, IN EFFECT DECLARING INTENTION COMMIT A DISLOYAL ACT. I BELIEVE HE DID NOT CLAIM TO POSSESS KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION OF HIGHLY CLASSIFIED NATURE.

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I DID NOT TAKE OSWALD'S RENUNCIATION ON THAT DAY, GIVING HIM AS REASON, I BELIEVE, THAT EMBASSY THEN CLOSED AND PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED SOME TIME. I TOLD HIM THAT IF THAT HIS INTENT RENUNCIATION COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED FOLLOWING DAY OR ANY OTHER TIME HE APPEARED WHEN EMBASSY OPEN. REAL REASON NOT TOLD OSWALD WAS THAT IN MY JUDGMENT COMMON SENSE AND SOUND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ADVISE AGAINST IMMEDIATE ACTION ON REQUESTS FOR RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP WHERE SUCH ACTION BY CONSUL MIGHT IN EFFECT ABET INDIVIDUAL ACTING OUT OF SUDDEN QUIXOTIC OR IRRATIONAL IMPULSE OR OTHER TRANSIENT INFLUENCE TO COMMIT IRREVOCABLE ACT OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCE. THIS A PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION MOSCOW WHICH MAGNET FOR CERTAIN DEFECTION-PRONE QUIXOTIC TYPES OF UNCERTAIN MENTALITY AND DOUBTFUL EMOTIONAL STABILITY. FURTHER CONSIDERATION IS POTENTIAL POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES WHICH CAN RESULT FROM RENUNCIATION BY SUCH PERSON NOT POSSESSING PERMANENT SOVIET RESIDENT STATUS. (EARLIER PETRULLI CASE ILLUSTRATES POINTS.)

OSWALD DID NOT PRESENT HIMSELF AT THE EMBASSY AGAIN BEFORE DEPARTING FROM MOSCOW FEW DAYS LATER BUT I HAD ONE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM ADDRESSED TO HOTEL IN MOSCOW WHERE HE STAYED. THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS IN DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS.

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WHILE DIFFICULT ISOLATE REACTION TO AND ESTIMATION OF OSWALD AT THAT TIME FROM FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS ENGENDERED BY HIS SUBSEQUENT ACTS, I BELIEVE CAN ACCURATELY CHARACTERIZE HIS DEMEANOR ON FIRST ENCOUNTER AS ARROGANT AND DEFIANT. HE STRUCK ME AS INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE, UNINTELLECTUAL, EXCESSIVELY ASSERTIVE, INTENSE AND HUMORLESS. HE USED NO PROFANITY AND MAINTAINED SELF-CONTROL. THE OVERALL IMPRESSION WAS ONE OF OVERBEARING ARROGANCE AND INSUFFERABLE ADOLESCENCE.

SECOND INTERVIEW:

OSWALD VISITED ME AT EMBASSY A NUMBER OF MONTHS LATER, FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE, TO INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBILITIES AND CONDITIONS HIS RETURN TO UNITED STATES. (COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S FILES.) I BELIEVE THIS INTERVIEW BRIEFER THAN FIRST ONE, LASTING PERHAPS 10 OR 15 MINUTES. ON THIS OCCASION HE DISPLAYED LITTLE OF ARROGANCE, CONTEMPTUOUSNESS AND ALL-AROUND OFFENSIVENESS OF FIRST ENCOUNTER. HE STILL DISPLAYED CHARACTERISTIC COCKSURENESS. HE STATED, IN EFFECT, THAT HE HAD NOT SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED ANY HIS BASIC IDEAS BUT DESIRED TO RETURN TO UNITED STATES. HE STATED WAS WORKING IN A FACTORY IN MINSK WHERE HE HAD BEEN SETTLED BY SOVIET GOVERNMENT AFTER HIS DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW, THAT HE HAD ACQUIRED WIFE WHO WAS SOVIET CITIZEN, THAT HE INTENDED SHE ACCOMPANY HIM TO UNITED STATES. WHILE I RECALL FEWER DETAILS THIS INTERVIEW, IT WAS DEVOTED IN PART

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TO QUESTIONING BY ME OF OSWALD IN ATTEMPT TO MAKE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER HE HAD COMMITTED ACT WHICH MIGHT CAUSE LOSS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. I BELIEVE THAT I CONCLUDED IN MY REPORT TO DEPARTMENT ON THIS INTERVIEW THAT I FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT HE HAD ACQUIRED SOVIET CITIZENSHIP OR COMMITTED ANY OF ACTS SPECIFIED BY LAW WHICH CAUSE LOSS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. I BELIEVE THAT OSWALD DEMANDED AS "CONDITION" RETURN TO UNITED STATES ASSURANCE HE WOULD NOT BE PROSECUTED. I BELIEVE I TOLD HIM THAT THOUGH I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE ANY OUTSTANDING CHARGE AGAINST HIM THAT NO SUCH ASSURANCE COULD OR WOULD BE GIVEN, THAT IF HE WERE FOUND TO BE U.S. CITIZEN BY THE TIME HE WAS PREPARED LEAVE SOVIET UNION HE COULD RETURN TO UNITED STATES ON SAME BASIS AS ANY OTHER AMERICAN CITIZEN. I BELIEVE THAT I VERIFIED AT THAT TIME THAT THE SOVIET INTERNAL PASSPORT WHICH HE POSSESSED WAS OF THE TYPE ISSUED TO PERSONS NOT CITIZENS OF THE SOVIET UNION. OSWALD'S DEemeanOR DURING SECOND ENCOUNTER WAS CONSIDERABLY SUBDUED. I DO NOT RECALL THAT HE WAS CONTRITE, BUT HE DID NOT EXHIBIT EARLIER DEFIANCE. I BELIEVE HE GAVE SOME INDICATION DISILLUSIONMENT WITH FACTS OF LIFE IN SOVIET UNION AS THEY HAD APPLIED TO HIM IN PRECEDING MONTHS, AND I BELIEVE HE REMARKED LACONICALLY SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS PRESENCE IN MY OFFICE MUST GIVE ME SOME SATISFACTION. I BELIEVE THAT AT END OF INTERVIEW OSWALD INDICATED THAT HE INTENDED APPLY IN NEAR FUTURE FOR PERMISSION LEAVE SOVIET UNION TO RETURN TO UNITED STATES. I BELIEVE GMOI# HAD SOME FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM BEFORE I DEPARTED FROM MOSCOW ON TRANSFER IN JULY 1961, AT WHICH TIME, TO BEST KNOWLEDGE, HE STILL RESIDING MINSK.

ABOVE RECOLLECTIONS NECESSARILY SKETCHY. IF CONFLICT IN ANY PARTICULARS WITH FACTS AS REPORTED BY ME AT THE TIME AND NOW IN DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS, THE LATTER IS THE ACCURATE ACCOUNT.

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, UNMARRIED AGE 20 PP 1733242 ISSUED SEPT 10, 1959 APPEARED AT EMB TODAY TO RENOUNCE AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, STATED APPLIED IN MOSCOW FOR SOVIET CITIZENSHIP FOLLOWING ENTRY USSR FROM HELSINKI OCT 15. MOTHER'S ADDRESS AND HIS LAST ADDRESS US 4936 COLLINWOOD ST., FORT WORTH TEXAS. SAYS ACTION CONTEMPLATED LAST TWO YEARS. MAIN REASON "I AM MARXIST". ATTITUDE ARROGANT AGGRESSIVE. RECENTLY DISCHARGED MARINE CORPS. SAYS HAS OFFERED SOVIETS ANY INFORMATION HE HAS ACQUIRED AS ENLISTED RADAR OPERATOR.

IN VIEW PETRULLI CASE WE PROPOSE DELAY EXECUTING RENUNCIATION UNTIL SOVIET ACTION KNOWN OR DEPT ADVISES. DESPATCH FOLLOWS. PRESS INFORMED.

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## MEMO FOR THE FILES

Nov. 17, 1959

Pricilla Johnson of MANA asked me today about Oswald. I gave her a general run down of the outlines of the case as I knew they were known to the public, suggesting that she also check with Korengold for any factual details I might have omitted and which were already generally known.

She told me that on Sunday, May 15, she had spent several hours talking with Oswald and that she had left it with him that she was available if he wanted somebody to talk to again.

Her general impression of Oswald was the same as ours has been. His naivete about what he can expect here is balanced by a rather carefully worked out set of answers and a careful reserve about saying things he feels he shouldn't. He made one interesting comment to her to the effect that he had never in all his life talked to anyone so long about himself. She remarked that although he used long words and seemed in some ways well read, he often used words incorrectly, as though he had learned them from a dictionary. He told her that his Soviet citizenship was still under consideration, but that the Soviets had already assured him that he could stay here as a resident alien if he so desired. They are also looking into the possibility of getting him into a school. He said that in any case he would never return to the United States. He also said that he had had a dependency discharge from the Marines to earn for his mother, but had come right here instead. He said that his reason for taking this step was that he had seen imperialism in action against minority groups; to wit, Communists, negroes, and workers. Miss Johnson asked him whether it had occurred to him

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to desert from the Marines, since he had apparently intended so extreme a step as this anyway. He said that he did not wish to do anything "illegal". It was her opinion that he might have been consciously or not trying to leave a loophole for himself. Along this line she had also told her that he did not intend to come back to the Embassy, <sup>yet</sup> He seemed very much annoyed at the Embassy for having prevented him from formally giving up his citizenship.

Miss Johnson was particularly interested in picking me up on what she called a discrepancy in his statements: at different times he had said that the Embassy had not allowed him to give up his citizenship because it had been too busy and again on another occasion because we could not do it until he had heard from the Soviets/ I explained that the law required that <sup>about their decision.</sup> we not withhold the right to give up citizenship, but that the regulations and common sense <sup>also</sup> required that we ~~try~~ be sure that someone was not going to take any such serious step without due consideration and understanding of what he was about. I said that we had duly informed Oswald that he had a right to come in and give up his citizenship.

I also pointed out to Miss Johnson that there was a thin line somewhere between her duty as a correspondent and as an American. I mentioned Mr. Korengold as a man who seemed to have known this difference pretty well. I said that if someone could persuade Oswald at least to delay before taking the final plunge on his American citizenship, or for that matter Soviet citizenship, they would be doing him a favor and ~~save~~ <sup>doubtless</sup> the USA as well. She seemed to understand this point. I believe that she is going to try and write a story on what prompts a man to do such a thing.

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PS (11/19/59) Priscilla J. told me since that O. has been told he will be leaving the hotel at the end of this week; that he will be trained in electronics; that she has asked him to keep in touch with her; that he has showed some slight signs of disillusionment with the SU, but that his "hate" for the US remains ~~very~~ strong although she cannot fathom the reason.

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Nov. 3 1959

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I, Lee Harvey Oswald, do hereby request that my present United States citizenship be revoked.

I appeared in person, at the consulate office of the United States Embassy, Moscow, on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, for the purpose of signing the formal papers to this effect. This legal right I was refused at that time.

I wish to protest against this action, and against the conduct of the official of the United States consular service who acted on behalf of the United States government.

My application, requesting that I be considered for citizenship in the Soviet Union is now pending before the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R..

In the event of acceptance, I will request my government to lodge a formal protest regarding this incident.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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MOSCOW

Lee Harvey Oswald





Гостиница „МЕТРОПОЛЬ“

г. Москва

I do hereby request that my present citizenship in the United States of America, be revoked.

I have entered the Soviet Union for the express purpose of applying for citizenship in the Soviet Union, through the means of naturalization.

My request for citizenship is now pending before the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

I take these steps for political reasons.

My request for the revoking of my American citizenship is made only after the longest and most serious considerations.

I affirm that my allegiance is to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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American Embassy,  
Moscow, U.S.S.R.,  
October 20, 1959.

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Dear Mr. Foster:

The Webster case (our Rematch No. 224) has pointed up the question here as to how far the Embassy ought to go in "defection" cases in seeking to document the loss of citizenship of persons like Webster in view of the often dubious circumstances surrounding such actions under the conditions prevailing in the Iron Curtain.

Webster appears to have lost citizenship under Sec. 349 by "obtaining naturalization in (the USSR) upon his own application." The regulations say that it is the Department's "desire" that, if possible, the consular officer document this with an official statement from the appropriate foreign authority confirming the performance of the act. It is the sense of the regulations, I believe, that the documentation of the loss be left with as few legal holes as possible.

The question arises whether in view of the special humanitarian and political considerations the handling of cases of "defection" or voluntary expatriation of Americans to the USSR, we ought to temper the "normal" consular guide lines with a bit of Talleyrand's dictum of "surtout pas de zèle" in order to leave such avenues to repatriation as possible open to future contingency. On this basis we are inclined, although under the premises of the Webster case there is no present indication that it would make any material difference, to leave the matter of proof of the acquisition of Soviet citizenship to the future course of events.

Libero Ricciardelli (Department's A-37, August 12, 1959) is another current case in question. The only evidence we have on Ricciardelli is based on statement purportedly by him in the Moscow News of July 22, 1959, in which he renounced his American citizenship and accepted Soviet citizenship. Under ordinary procedure we would

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D. E. Foster, Esquire,  
Officer in Charge,  
USSR Affairs,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D. C.

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seek official confirmation that he had assumed Soviet citizenship upon his own application and submit this to support a certificate of loss of nationality. The passive approach which I have so far taken, so much out of the dictates of time as of policy, is to take no action concerning his citizenship unless and until he contacts the Embassy, or the Department specifically directs us to do so.

We would appreciate any thoughts you may have on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Snyder  
American Consul

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Dear Bob:

I refer to your letter of October 28, 1959 to Gen. Easter, in which you discussed action which the Embassy should take in documenting the loss of citizenship by persons who have "defected" (Webster, Oswald cases, etc.). Gen. has been looking into this matter but departed on leave yesterday before this reply could be typed.

We were in the process of preparing a reply, when we learned that the Passport Office had sent a confidential ~~memorandum~~ on the case of Lee H. Oswald which it believed answered your questions. However, upon reading this ~~memorandum~~, I see that it refers only to the responsibility falling on the Embassy by reason of Section 1959 of the revised statutes to accept a citizenship renunciation when an American citizen makes known his wishes to this effect. Your question regarding the leeway which the Embassy has in pursuing the question of proof of acquisition of foreign citizenship has not been commented upon.

From our discussions with the Passport Office relative to these recent renunciation cases, I gather that you have raised a delicate question. We have gone quite fully into our position in SOV over the years of giving liberal interpretations to any regulations which pertain to the status of Americans in the Soviet Union. I am quoting below PFT's guidance in this matter.

"Here it seems that the opportunity to be 'lenient' is not considered to be available because specific provisions of law are involved which give us no discretionary authority. It would hardly seem reasonable, to say the least, to expatriate a man in a friendly country and not do so in an 'unfriendly' country for the same expatriative act. We cannot do this and could get into serious trouble if we were to do it. Failure to act in a proper manner in the knowledge of specific actions could result in exclusion or deportation action by INS such to our embarrassment at a later date.

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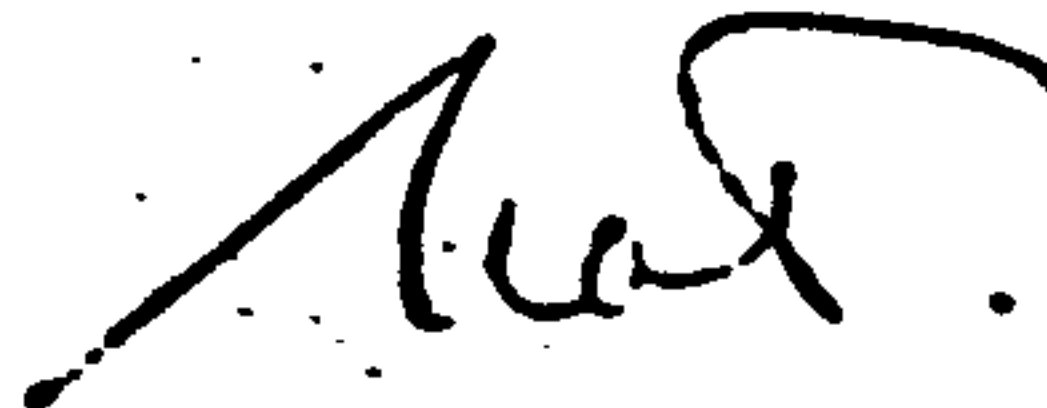
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"The securing of evidence necessary to establish a firm case of loss of citizenship is your responsibility and ours too. Whenever a case is before you for consideration you must expend the necessary effort to obtain evidence which establishes the real facts beyond any reasonable doubt. Such evidence is sometimes difficult to obtain and sometimes impossible. When it is difficult to obtain, the extra effort necessary has to be expended. When it is impossible to obtain, you can record what you have and if the case fails for the want of evidence, then so be it.

"In the Webster case the evidence has been strengthened by affidavits from Rand and Eockhinder. It is expected that the certificate of loss of citizenship will be approved. Your statement has been corroborated by them under oath."

Perhaps you should consider every case on its own merits and follow through in accordance with your best judgment keeping, however, the Passport Office thoroughly informed so that they can interpose other instructions if they believe this is necessary.

Sincerely yours,



Nathaniel Davis  
Acting Officer in Charge  
USSR Affairs

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\* Lee Harvey Oswald. Is despatch enroute? If not pouch soonest and report date, pouch invoice and registration number.

For Embassy's Information Only: If Oswald insists on renouncing US citizenship Section 1999 Revised Statutes precludes Embassy withholding right do so regardless status his application pending Soviet Government and final action taken Petrulli case.

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PT/FZA-130-Oswald, Lee Harvey

*John T. White*

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ATTENTION INVITED TO AMEMB MOSCOW DISPATCHES 234 DTD 2 NOVEMBER AND 224 DTD 26 OCTOBER CONCERNING THE RENUNCIATION OF US CITIZENSHIP AND REQUEST FOR SOVIET CITIZENSHIP BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD FORMER MARINE AND [REDACTED] OSWALD STATED HE WAS RADAR OPERATOR IN MARCORPS AND HAS OFFERED TO FURNISH SOVIETS INFO HE POSSESSES ON US RADAR.

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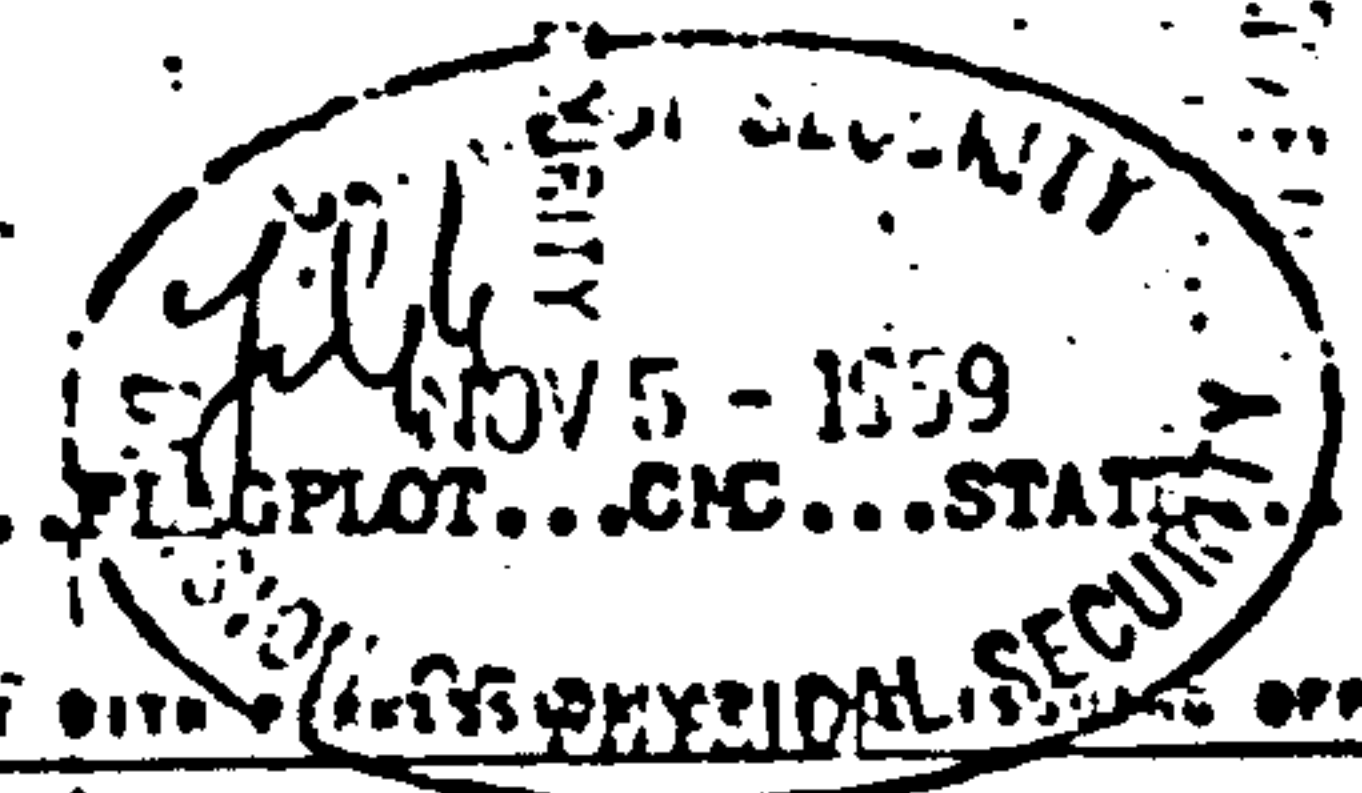
\* [REDACTED] OSWALD is PFC Inactive Marine Corps Reserve with obligated service until 8 December 1962. LEE HARVEY OSWALD attended Aircraft Control and Warning Operator Course in 1957. Served with Marine Air Control Squadrons in Japan and Taiwan with duties involving ground control intercept. Job description code indicates he is aviation electronics operator. No record of clearance at HQ, Marine Corps but possibility exists he may have had access to CONFIDENTIAL info. OSWALDS service number 1653230, DOB 18 October 1939 at New Orleans, released to inactive duty 11 September 1959, home of record 4936 Colliwood Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Has brother, John Edward PIC, 11313239 on active duty in USAF. Request significant developments in view of continuing interest of HQ, Marine Corps and U. S. intelligence agencies.

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American Embassy,  
Moscow, U.S.S.R.,  
November 6, 1959.

Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald,  
Room 233,  
Metropole Hotel,  
Moscow.

Dear Mr. Oswald:

Reference is made to your letter of November 3, 1959 in which you request to be divested of your American citizenship.

As you were informed at the time of your visit to the Embassy on October 31, 1959, it is a principle of the American Government that the right of expatriation is a natural and inherent right of any person and that the manner prescribed by law for renunciation of American citizenship is the execution of oath before a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in the established form.

You are again informed that you may appear at the Embassy at any time during normal business hours and request that the Embassy prepare the necessary documents for renunciation of citizenship. The Embassy hours are as follows: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday.

Very truly yours,

*RS*  
Richard E. Snyder  
American Consul

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Embassy received today following letter dated November 3 from Lee Harvey OSWALD, who at latest report still residing Metropole Hotel:

"I, Lee Harvey Oswald, do hereby request that my present United States citizenship be revoked.

"I appeared in person, at the consulate office of the United States Embassy, Moscow, on Oct 31st, for the purpose of signing the formal papers to this effect. This legal right I was refused at that time.

"I wish to protest against this action, and against the conduct of the official of the United States consular service who acted on behalf of the United States government.

"My application, requesting that I be considered for citizenship in the Soviet Union is now pending before the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.. In the event of acceptance, I will request my government to lodge a formal protest regarding this incident."

s/ Lee Harvey Oswald

Embassy replying Oswald by mail acknowledging his letter and reiterating right of Amdit to renounce as expressed section 1999 revised

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statutes. Pointing out that only renunciation in manner prescribed by law is valid, and that, as he was informed at interview on Oct 31, if he appears at the Embassy on a normal business day and so requests the necessary documents would be prepared.

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Lee Harvey OSWALD believed departed from Metropole Hotel within last few days. Had earlier mentioned intention to depart to American correspondent who had maintained contact with Oswald in Metropole. Correspondent suggested Oswald keep him informed of future whereabouts. Oswald left apparently quietly and with no forwarding address. Correspondent states that Oswald appeared in last conversation last week not to have altered intent to accept Soviet citizenship, but may have purposely not carried through original intent to renounce American citizenship in order to leave crack open. No known Soviet publicity on case. No information whether Soviet citizenship acquired. Department will be informed of further developments.

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# OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

Date: March 21, 1960

TO: Embassy MOSCOW

FROM: Department of State

SUBJECT: WELFARE-REPRESENTATIVES: Lee Harvey Oswald

REF: Embassy's despatch 234 dated November 2, 1959.

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There are enclosed copies of correspondence between the Department and Representative Jim Wright concerning the subject.

The Embassy is requested to report the subject's present circumstances as such information may be available in order that the Department may reply to Representative Wright. If feasible, the substance of Mrs. Oswald's letter should be made available to her son.

Enclosures:

1. From Mrs. Marguerite Oswald dated March 6, 1960.
2. Department's reply to Representative Wright.

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Ronald Lee  
Harvey

March 21, 1960

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Dear Mr. Wright:

I have received your communication of March 9, 1960 in which you enclosed a letter from Mrs. Margarite Oswald, 1605 Eighth Avenue, Fort Worth, concerning her son, Lee Harvey Oswald, who is understood to be residing in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

A copy of Mrs. Oswald's letter has been forwarded to the American Embassy at Moscow with the request that that office endeavor to obtain a report concerning her son's present welfare and to assure him of Mrs. Oswald's continuing desire to assist him should he decide in the future that he wishes to return to the United States.

I shall write to you again as soon as a report concerning Mr. Oswald is received from the American Embassy at Moscow.

The enclosure to your communication is returned copies having been made for the Department's files.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Kacmar, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

From Mrs. Margarite Oswald  
dated March 6, 1960.

The Honorable  
Jim Wright,  
House of Representatives.

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In reply refer to  
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Dear Mrs. Oswald:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 7, 1960 concerning your son, Lee Harvey Oswald, who is understood to be residing in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

A copy of your letter addressed to Representative Jim Wright has been forwarded to the American Embassy at Moscow with the request that that office endeavor to obtain a report concerning your son's present welfare and inform him of your continuing desire to help him.

As soon as a report is received from the Embassy, I am sure you will hear from Representative Wright.

Sincerely yours,

George N. Hamilton  
Chief  
Protection and Representation Division

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald,  
1605 Eighth Avenue,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

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# OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

Date: June 22, 1960

TO: Embassy KMGOM

FROM: Department of State

SUBJECT: WELFARE INTERACTIONS: Lee Harvey Oswald

REF: Department's transmittal slip (DS-4) of March 29, 1960 and previous.

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Please inform the Department whether the Embassy has been successful in communicating with Mr. Oswald as requested in the referenced communication.

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# OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

TO: Department of State

Date: July 6, 1960

FROM: Ambassador HOSCH

SUBJECT: WELFARE-INTERACTIONS: Lee Harvey Oswald

REF: Department's transmittal slip (DS-4), March 29, 1960; Department's  
OI, June 22, 1960 and previous

The matter raised in the Department's referenced OI was the subject of the Embassy's Confidential OI of the same subject to the Department dated March 23, 1960 and of the Department's OI to the Embassy of May 10, 1960, SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP & RESIDENCE: Lee Harvey Oswald. In accordance with the second paragraph of the latter OI no further action has been taken on this matter by the Embassy, nor has the Embassy received any other communication in the case from the subject or from persons in the United States.

New address for Mrs. Marguerite Oswald  
Box 305  
Boyd, Texas.

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# OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

Date: March 28, 1960

TO: Department of State

FROM: Embassy MOSCOW *PLS*

SUBJECT: WELFARE-WHEREABOUTS: Lee Harvey Oswald

REF: Embassy's despatch 234 dated November 2, 1959

*See memo  
Oswald 1/27/60*

*PPT*

The Embassy has had no contact with Oswald since his departure from the Metropole Hotel in Moscow in November, 1959, and has no clue as to his present whereabouts.

The Embassy has no evidence that Oswald has expatriated himself other than his announced intention to do so, and the Embassy is, therefore, technically in a position to institute an inquiry concerning his whereabouts through a note to the Foreign Office. We believe, however, that there might be less utility in such an approach than if the Embassy were to transmit to the Foreign Ministry, in connection with a formal inquiry or simply alone, a personal letter to Oswald from his mother with the request that it be forwarded to Oswald. This technique appears to have been effective in the case of ██████████

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The Embassy will withhold action pending the Department's views on the above suggestion.

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