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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE;
MISC. DASH INFORMATION CONCERNING: 00: DALLAS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE, FEBRUARY SIX, LAST.

THE NEW ORLEANS "TIMES-PICAYUNE," THE MORNING NEWS-
PAPER PUBLISHED AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., IN ITS FEBRUARY SEVEN
ISSUE REPORTED THAT FIVE WITNESSES WERE CALLED BY THE
PROSECUTION AND TESTIFIED DURING THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY
SIX.

THE FIRST WITNESS WAS IDENTIFIED AS EDWIN LEE MC GEHEE
DESCRIBED AS A BARBER FROM JACKSON, LA. MC GEHEE WAS
EXHIBITED A PHOTOGRAPH OF AN INDIVIDUAL AND IDENTIFIED IT
AS LEE OSWALD. MC GEHEE THEN TESTIFIED AT SOMETIME IN
"LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE,"
OSWALD CAME INTO HIS BARBER SHOP AND MC GEHEE WAS ALONE AT
THAT TIME. MC GEHEE TESTIFIED THAT PRIOR TO OSWALD ENTERING
HIS SHOP HE HAD OBSERVED AN OLD BATTERED CAR DRIVE UP AND
A MAN GET OUT OF THIS CAR. THERE WAS A WOMAN IN THE FRONT

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SEAT AND HE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A BABY BASSINET IN THE BACK SEAT. OSWALD REMAINED IN THE SHOP GETTING A HAIR CUT FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AND DURING THE CONVERSATION REFERRED OSWALD TO REEVES MORGAN, THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EAST FELICIANA PARISH, LA., ABOUT OBTAINING A JOB AT THE EAST LOUISIANA STATE HOSPITAL. HE TESTIFIED HE ALSO TOLD OSWALD THAT HE WOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF OBTAINING THIS JOB IF HE WERE A REGISTERED VOTER.

MC GEHEE TESTIFIED THAT THE FIRST TIME HE OBSERVED OSWALD'S PHOTOGRAPH WAS THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION AND HE TOLD HIS WIFE THAT HE RECOGNIZED OSWALD FROM SOMEWHERE. MC GEHEE TESTIFIED THAT HE LATER MENTIONED TO MORGAN THAT OSWALD WAS THE PERSON MC GEHEE HAD SENT TO MORGAN ABOUT A JOB. MC GEHEE ALSO TESTIFIED THAT HE DID NOT MENTION THIS INCIDENT TO ANY FEDERAL AGENTS UPON CROSS EXAMINATION BY THE DEFENSE. MC GEHEE DESCRIBED OSWALD AS A VERY NEATLY DRESSED AND CLEAN SHAVEN AND HE WAS IMPRESSED BY OSWALD'S

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NEAT APPEARANCE. MC GEHEE TESTIFIED THAT THE REASON HE HAD WAITED FIVE YEARS TO COME FORWARD WITH THIS INFORMATION WAS BECAUSE "NO ONE APPROACHED ME."

THE SECOND PROSECUTION WITNESS WAS IDENTIFIED AS REEVES MORGAN DESCRIBED AS A FOUNDRY WORKER FROM JACKSON, LA., WHO WAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EAST FELICIANA PARISH IN NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH SIXTY-FOUR. MORGAN TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD CAME TO HIS HOME IN THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST EARLY SEPTEMBER, SIXTY-THREE, INQUIRING ABOUT OBTAINING A JOB AT THE EAST LOUISIANA STATE HOSPITAL. HE TESTIFIED THAT HE CONVERSED WITH OSWALD FOR ABOUT TWENTY TO TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES AND TOLD OSWALD HE COULD NOT HELP HIM GET A JOB BUT THAT OSWALD SHOULD OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FORM AND TAKE A CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION. MORGAN TESTIFIED HE TALKED TO OSWALD AS LONG AS HE DID BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE OSWALD THE IMPRESSION HE WAS "BRUSHING HIM OFF." HE TESTIFIED THAT HE TOLD OSWALD THAT IT "WOULDN'T HURT" IN

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SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IF OSWALD WERE A REGISTERED VOTER.

MORGAN TESTIFIED THAT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY HE RECOGNIZED NEWSPAPER PICTURES OF OSWALD AS BEING THE SAME MAN WHO INQUIRED ABOUT THE HOSPITAL JOB. MORGAN TESTIFIED HE CONTACTED THE FBI THE DAY AFTER SEEING OSWALD'S PICTURE IN THE NEWSPAPER AND THE FBI "THANKED HIM" BUT TOLD HIM THEY ALREADY KNEW THAT OSWALD HAD BEEN IN THE VICINITY OF JACKSON AND THE FBI NEVER DID SEND ANYONE TO TALK TO MORGAN ABOUT THE MATTER.

THE THIRD PROSECUTION WITNESS IS IDENTIFIED AS JOHN
MANCHESTER, DESCRIBED AS THE TOWN MARSHAL OF CLINTON, LA. HE TESTIFIED THAT ONE DAY IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER, SIXTY-THREE, HE OBSERVED A BLACK CADILLAC VEHICLE PARKED NEAR THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE AT CLINTON. HE SAID HE WAS IN THE VICINITY OF THE VOTERS OFFICE BECAUSE A DRIVE WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS IN CLINTON TO GET MORE NEGROES ON THE VOTING ROLL. HE DESCRIBED THE CAR AS EITHER A SIXTY-ONE OR SIXTY-TWO. HE TESTIFIED THERE WERE TWO MEN SITTING

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IN THE FRONT SEAT AND UPON TALKING TO THE MAN BEHIND THE WHEEL THIS INDIVIDUAL REPLIED "HE WAS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART IN NEW ORLEANS." THEREAFTER MANCHESTER POINTED A FINGER AT CLAY L. SHAW WHO WAS SEATED IN THE COURTROOM AND IDENTIFIED SHAW AS THE PERSON BEHIND THE WHEEL IN THE CADILLAC. MANCHESTER DID NOT DESCRIBE THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL IN THE VEHICLE. MANCHESTER TESTIFIED THAT HE DID RECOGNIZE SHAW AGAIN WHEN HE SAW SHAW'S PHOTOGRAPH IN A NEWSPAPER AFTER SHAW WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

IN REPLY TO A DEFENSE QUESTION AS TO HOW HE COULD REMEMBER THE FACE OF A MAN HE FIRST SAW FIVE YEARS AGO AND FOR ONLY A PERIOD OF TWO MINUTES, MANCHESTER REPLIED THAT IT IS HIS JOB TO REMEMBER^B FACES AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE MAY NOT REMEMBER NAMES, HE DOES NOT FORGET FACES. UPON QUESTIONING BY THE DEFENSE MANCHESTER SAID HE DID NOT REPORT THIS INFORMATION TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES BECAUSE "IF THEY WANTED IT THEY SHOULD HAVE COME FOR IT."

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THE FOURTH PROSECUTION WITNESS WAS IDENTIFIED AS HENRY
E. PALMER, DESCRIBED AS THE EAST FELICIANA PARISH REGISTRAR,
OF VOTERS. PALMER TESTIFIED THAT DURING THE SUMMER OF NINE-
TEEN SIXTY-THREE OSWALD WAS ONE OF TWO WHITE MAN^E STANDING
IN A LONG VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AND WHICH LINE CONSISTED
PREDOMINATLY OF NEGROES. PALMER TESTIFIED THAT WHEN
OSWALD'S TURN IN LINE CAME OSWALD^D SHOWED HIM A UNITED STATES
NAVY IDENTIFICATION CARD AND TOLD PAMER HE WAS SEEKING A
JOB AT THE HOSPITAL IN JACKSON. PALMER SAID HE TALKED TO
OSWALD FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN^I TO TWENTY MINUTES DURING WHICH
TIME HE TOLD OSWALD THAT HE DID NOT HAVE TO BE A REGISTERED
VOTER TO GET THE JOB BUT THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF OSWALD
KNEW EITHER THE MAYOR OF JACKSON^A, OR A STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
OR THE BUSINTEE^S MANAGER OF THE HOSPITAL.

PALMER SIAD THAT DURING THE TIME OSWALD WAS STANDING
IN LINE HE SAW A BLACK CADILLAC PARKED OUTSIDE OF HIS
OFFICE CONTAINING TWO INDIVIDUALS. UPON BEING SHOWN A
PHOTOGRAPH OF DAVID FERRIE BY THE PROSECUTION, PALMER TESTIFIED
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THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH RESEMBLED THE MAN WHO WAS SEATED ON THE PASSENGER SIDE IN THE CADILLAC. WHEN ASKED IF SHAW RESEMBLED THE MAN BEHIND THE WHEEL, PALMER TESTIFIED THAT HE DID. PALMER FURTHER TESTIFIED THAT HE SAW THIS CAR ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS BETWEEN TEN THIRTY AM AND THREE THIRTY PM AND DURING THIS SAME PERIOD OSWALD WAS PRESENT IN THE REGISTRATION LINE. PALMER TESTIFIED THAT THE VEHICLE WAS GONE WHEN HE CLOSED HIS OFFICE AT FIVE FORTY-FIVE PM.

PALMER TESTIFIED THAT HE RECOGNIZED OSWALD'S PICTURE IN THE NEWSPAPERS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION BUT DID NOT RECOGNIZE SHAW'S PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE NEWSPAPERS AFTER SHAW WAS ARRESTED.

THE FIFTH⁴ PROSECUTION WITNESS WAS IDENTIFIED AS CORRI C. COLLINS, DESCRIBED AS A MAIL HANDLER FOR THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, IN BATON ROUGE, LA. COLLINS TESTIFIED THAT IN EITHER LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER, SIXTY-THREE, HE WAS AT THE TIME HEAD OF THE CLINTON CHAPTER OF THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY(CORE), WHICH WAS CONDUCTING
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A VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM IN CLINTON.

HE TESTIFIED THAT HE OBSERVED A BIG BLACK CAR DRIVE UP TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE AND WHEN SHOWN A PHOTOGRAPH OF A BLACK CADILLAC SAID, "THIS WOULD BE THE SAME CAR." HE TESTIFIED THAT IT WAS APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY TO TEN O'CLOCK AM AND THAT HE OBSERVED A MAN GET OUT OF THE BACK SEAT OF THE CAR AND ENTER THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE WHILE THE OTHER TWO MEN REMAINED IN THE CAR. UPON QUESTIONING COLLINS POINTED A FINGER TO SHAW AND IDENTIFIED SHAW AS THE PERSON BEHIND THE WHEEL OF THE CAR. UPON BEING SHOWN A PHOTOGRAPH OF FERRIE, COLLINS IDENTIFIED THIS PHOTOGRAPH AS THE OTHER MAN WHO WAS IN THE CADILLAC.

UPON QUESTIONING COLLINS BY THE DEFENSE, COLLINS STATED THAT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION HE HAD OBSERVED PHOTOGRAPHS OF OSWALD AND RECOGNIZED OSWALD AS THE INDIVIDUAL HE HAD OBSERVED IN CLINTON. COLLINS TESTIFIED HE DID MENTION TO A STATE POLICEMAN AFTER THE ASSASSINATION THAT HE HAD SEEN OSWALD IN CLINTON, AND THAT HE WAS NEVER QUESTIONED BY

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THE FBI. UPON BEING QUESTIONED BY THE DEFENSE AS TO HOW HE BECAME A WITNESS COLLINS REPLIED "THEY CAME TO ME A FEW MONTH^S AFTER THE DEFENDANT WAS ARRESTED." THE PROSECUTION OBJECTED WHEN THE DEFENSE ASKED COLLINS IF HE KNOW WHY HE WAS CONTACTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THIS OBJECTION WAS SUSTAINED BY THE JUDGE.

WHEN ASKED BY THE DEFENSE WHY HE HAD NOT COME FORWARD WITH THIS INFORMATION EVEN THOUGH HE WAS AWARE THAT EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING OSWALD AND THE ASSASSINATION, COLLINS REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT REPORT THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE "NO ONE ASKED ME." HE TESTIFIED "I FELT IF THEY WANTED TO KNOW THEY'S ASK ME." UPON QUESTIONING BY THE DEFENSE COLLINS STATED THAT WHEN HE FIRST SAW A PHOTOGRAPH OF SHAW HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE SHAW IMMEDIATELY. ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED AS HAVING SEEN THE MAN BEFORE. UPON STUDYING THE PHOTOGRAPH IT WAS THEN THAT HE BEGAN TO PLACE WHERE HE HAD SEEN SHAW.

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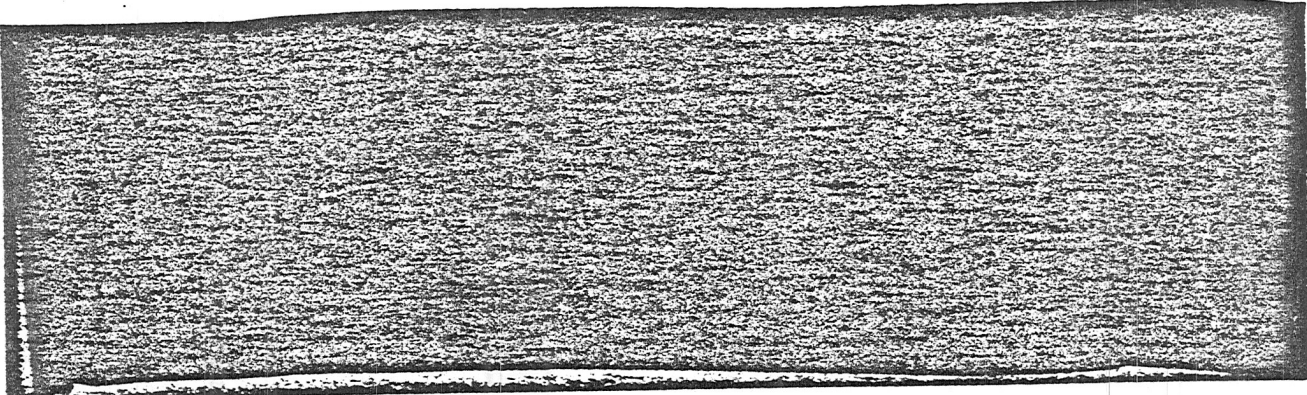
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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[REDACTED] THAT CORRI C. COLLINS WAS IDENTIFIED THROUGH NEWSPAPER ARTICLES IN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER, SIXTY-THREE, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EAST FELICIANA CHAPTER OF CORE. IN SEPTEMBER, SIXTY-THREE LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE ATTEMPTING TO HAVE COLLINS PLACED UNDER AN INJUNCTION PROHIBITING ACTIONS OF CORE. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REVEAL THAT DURING THIS TIME COLLINS HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT CLINTON ON OCCASIONS AND DURING CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY.

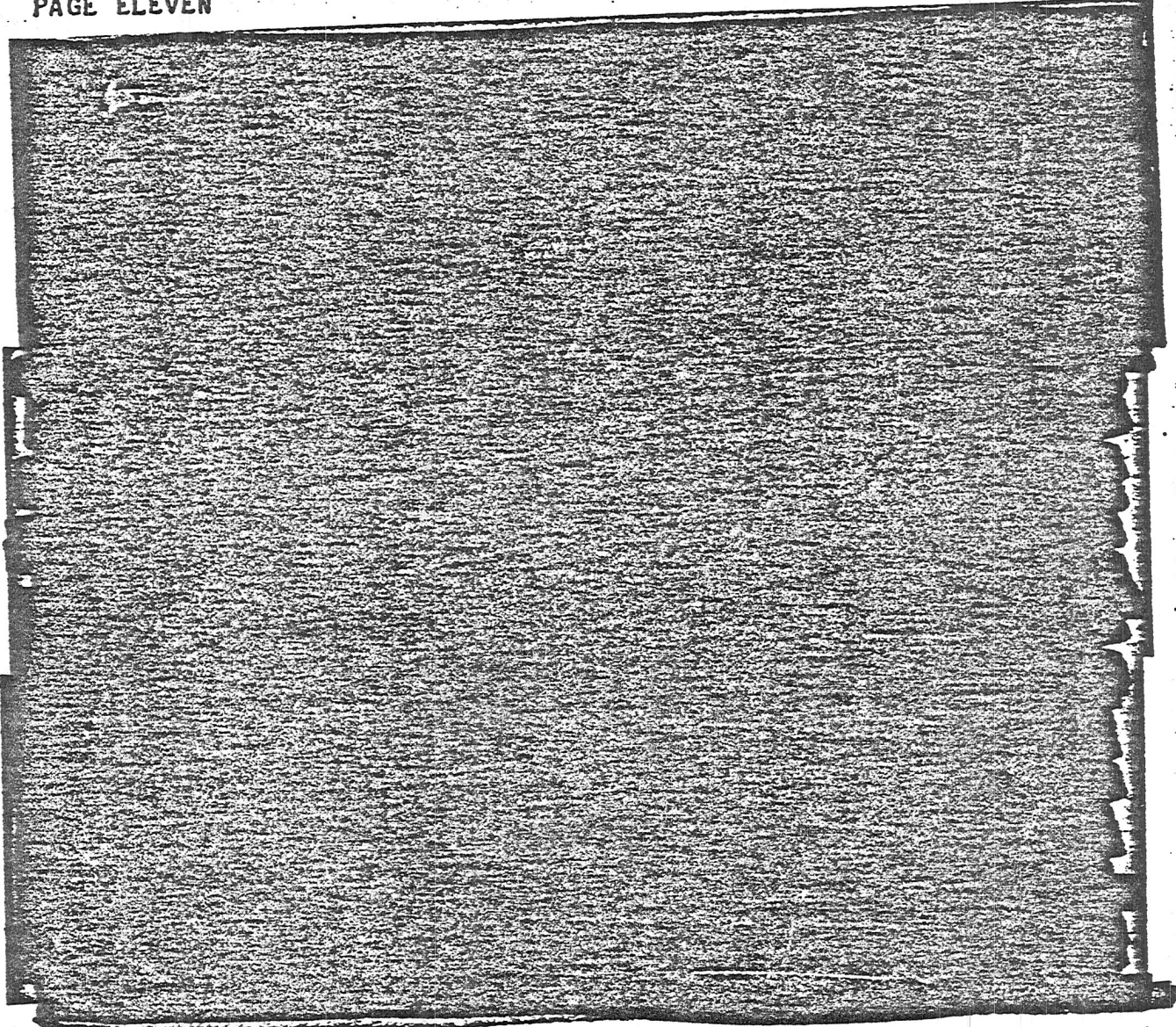


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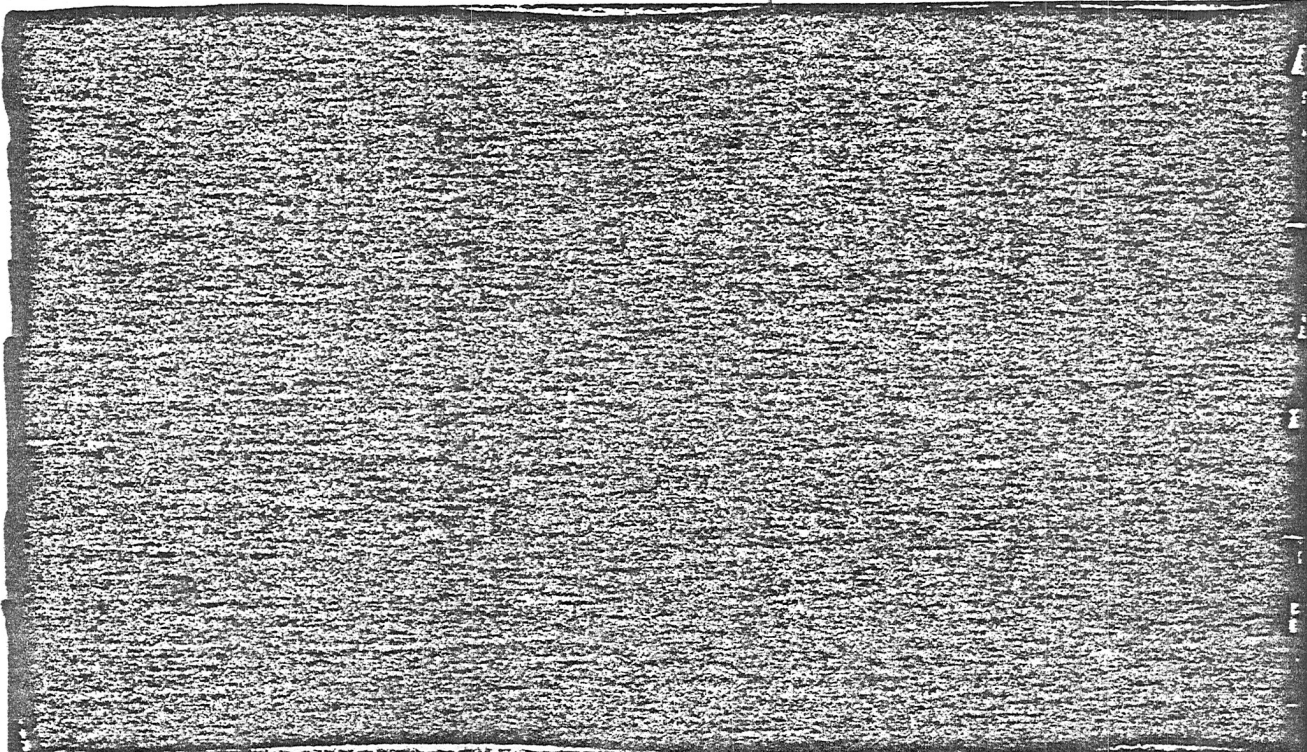


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