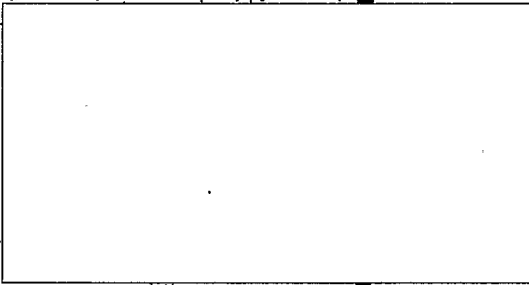


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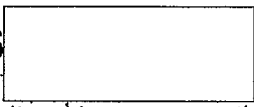


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Key Findings (U)

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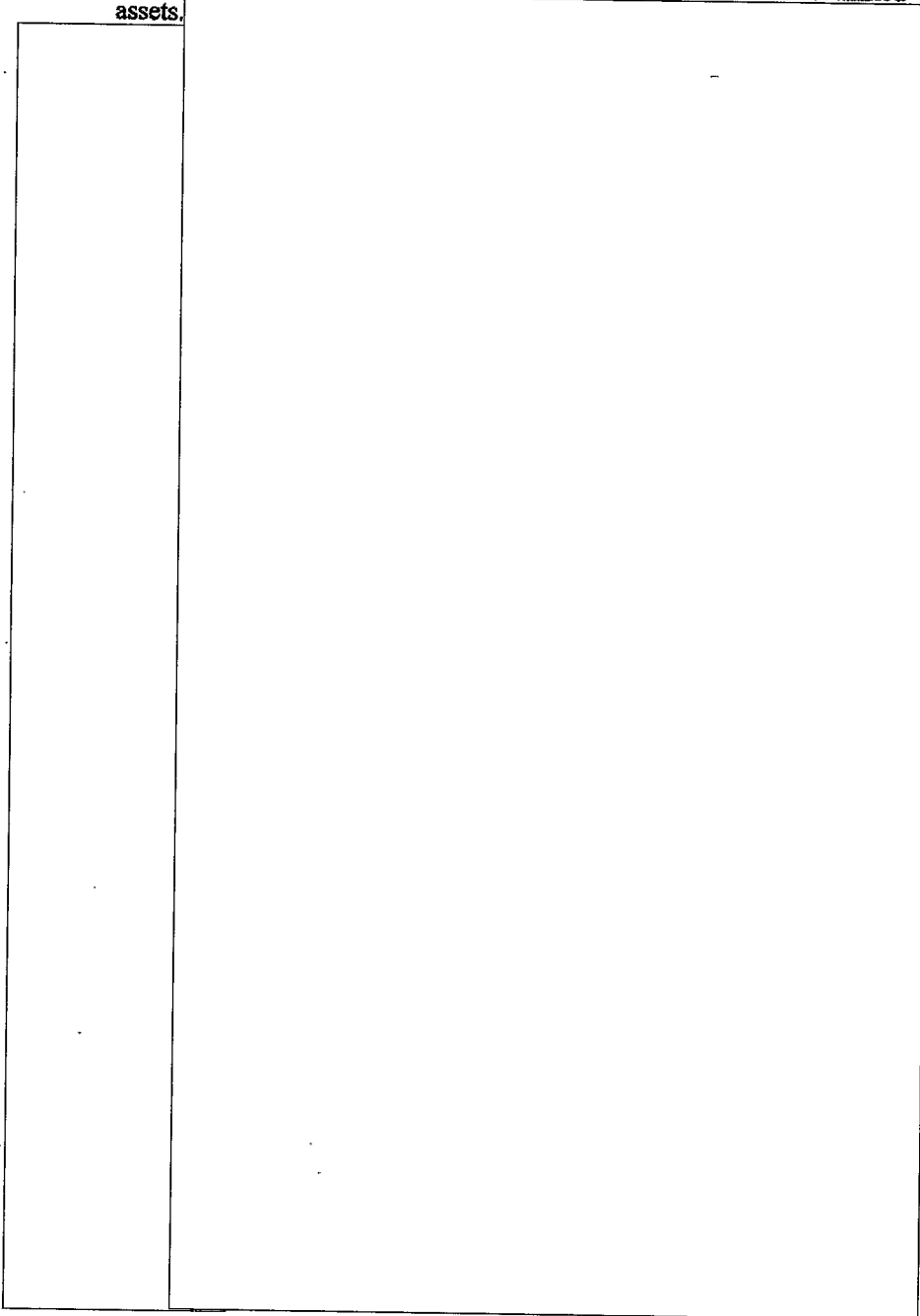
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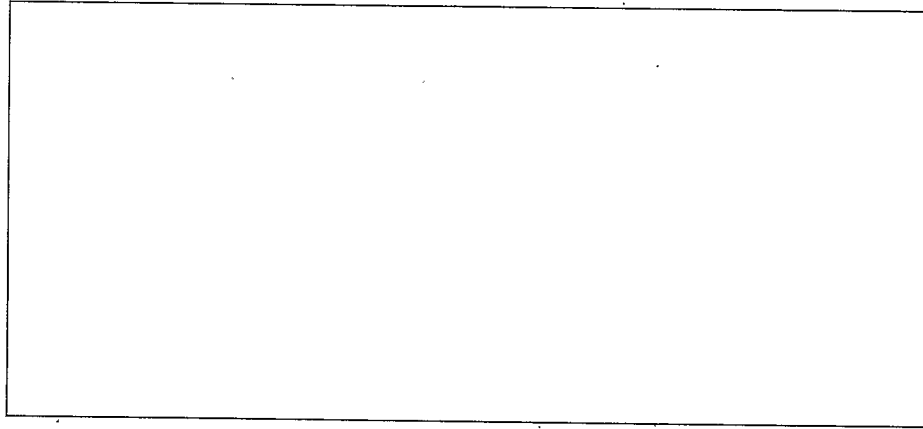


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A Major Source of Terrorist Funds [redacted]

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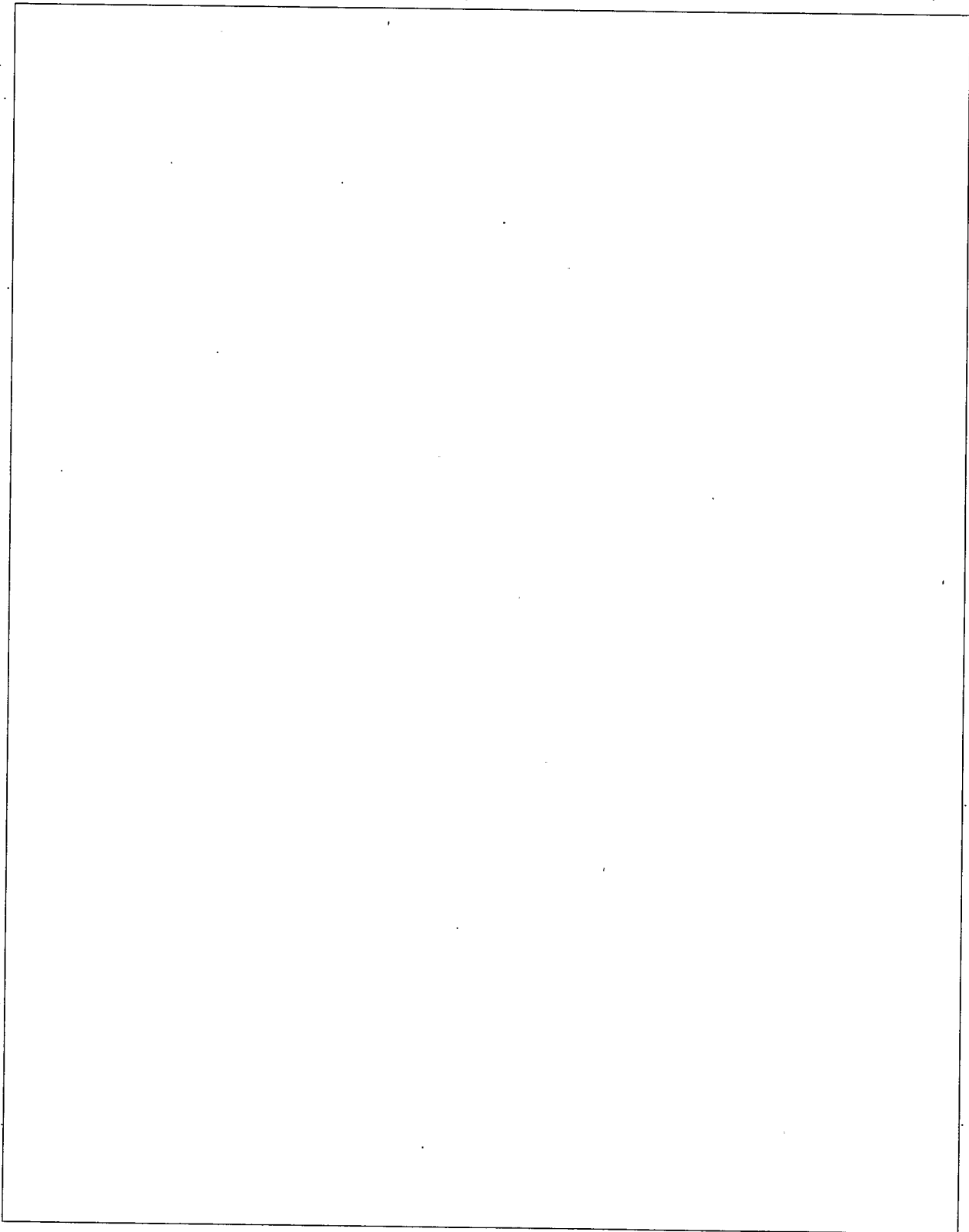
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Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Islamic Charities

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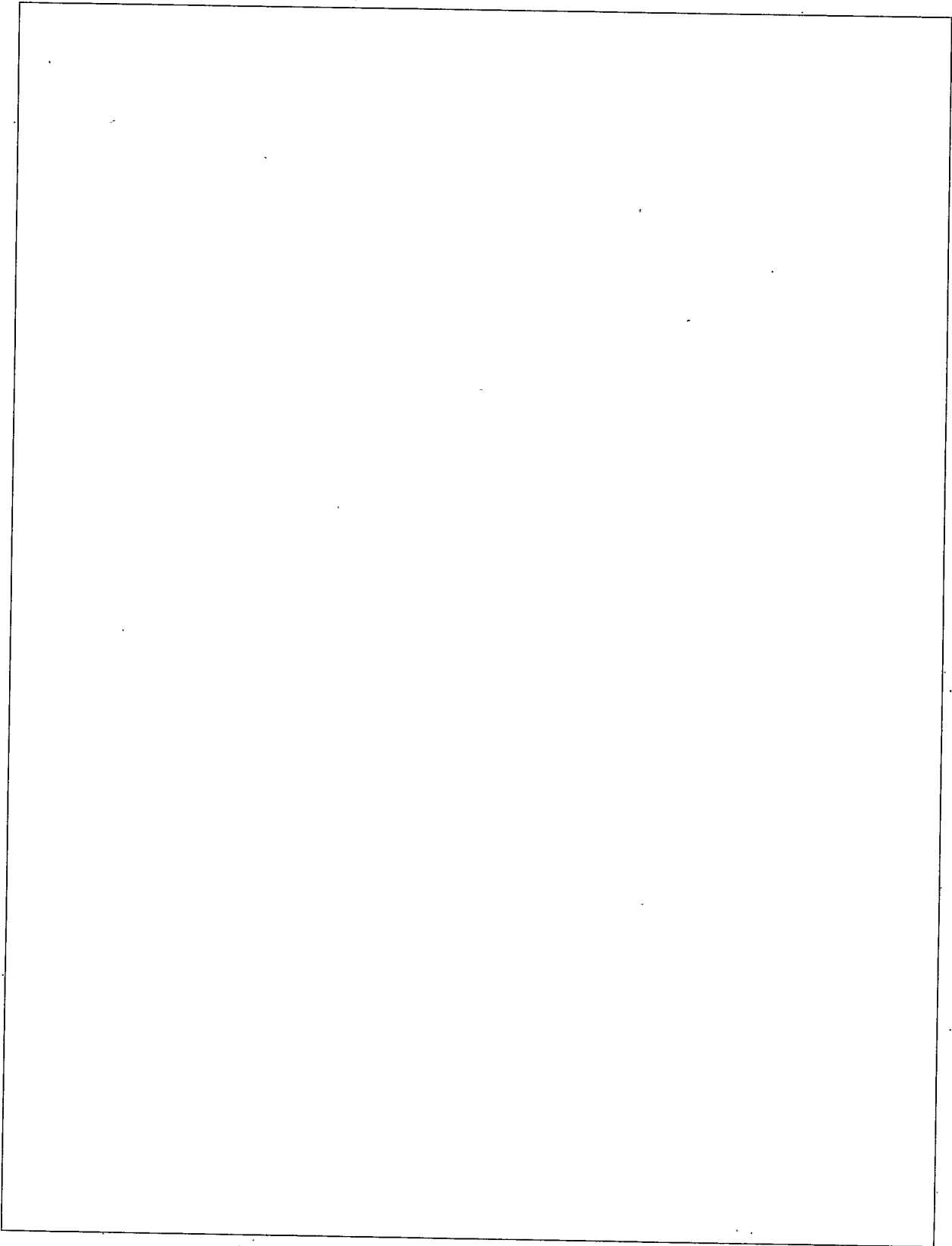
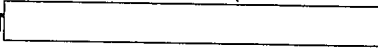
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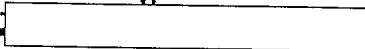
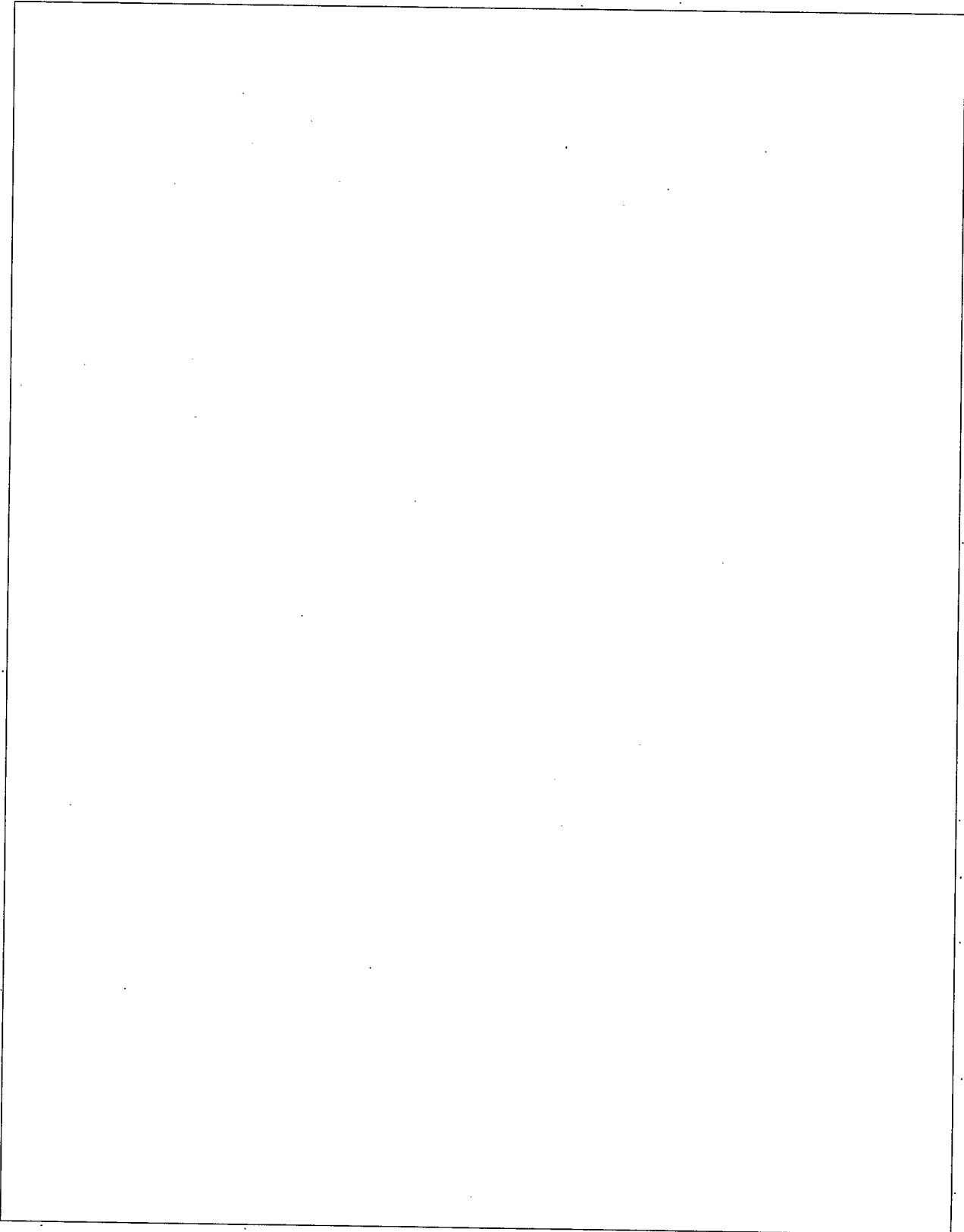
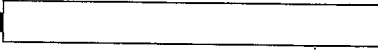
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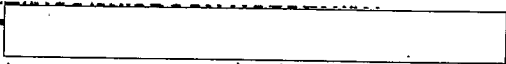
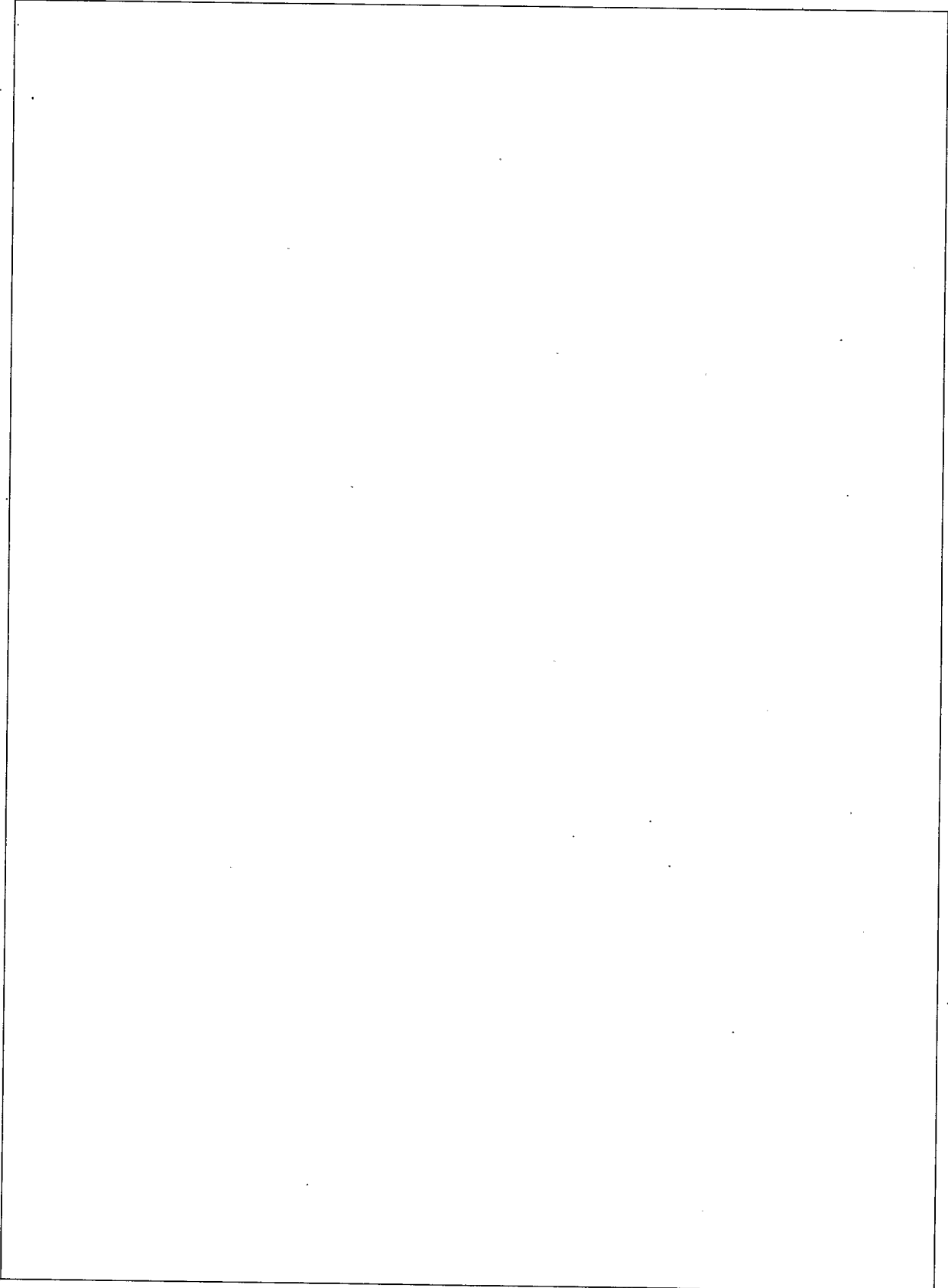
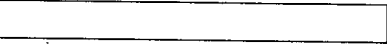
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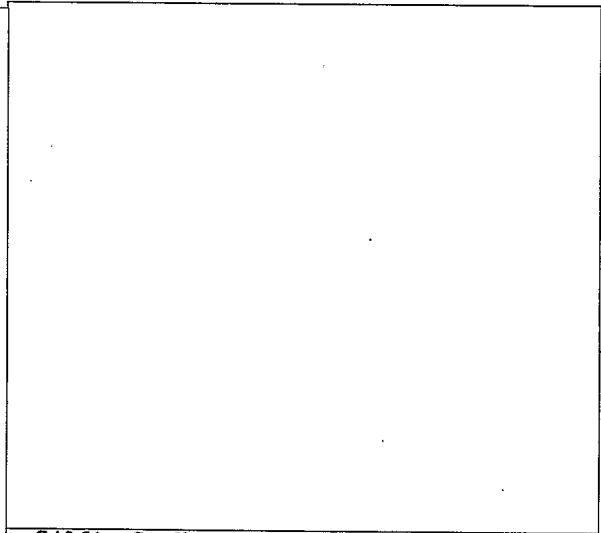
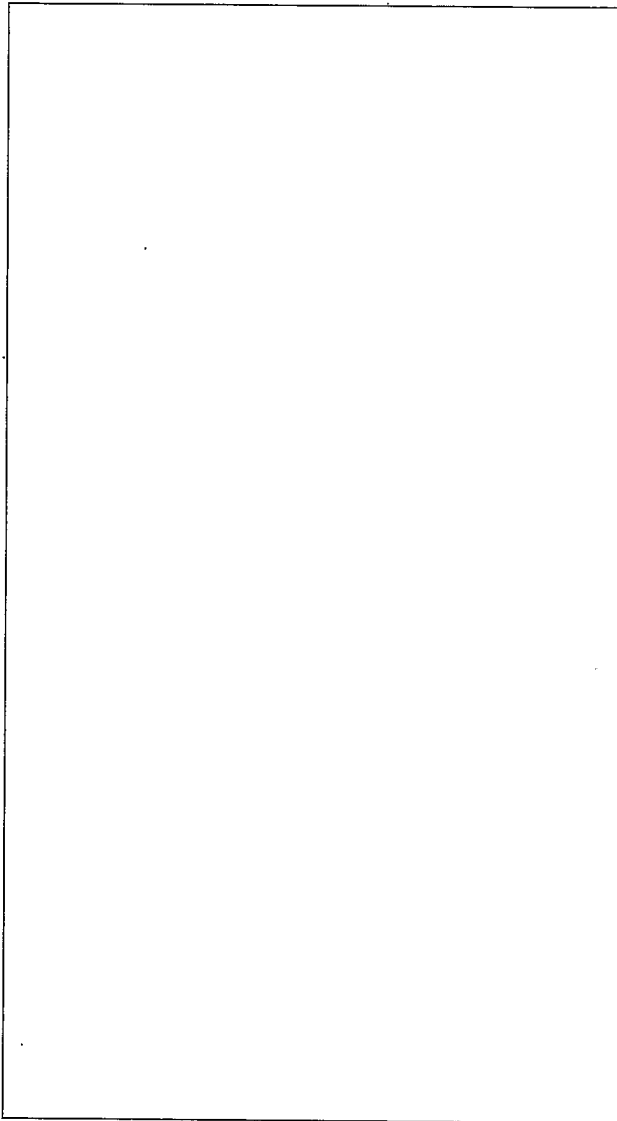
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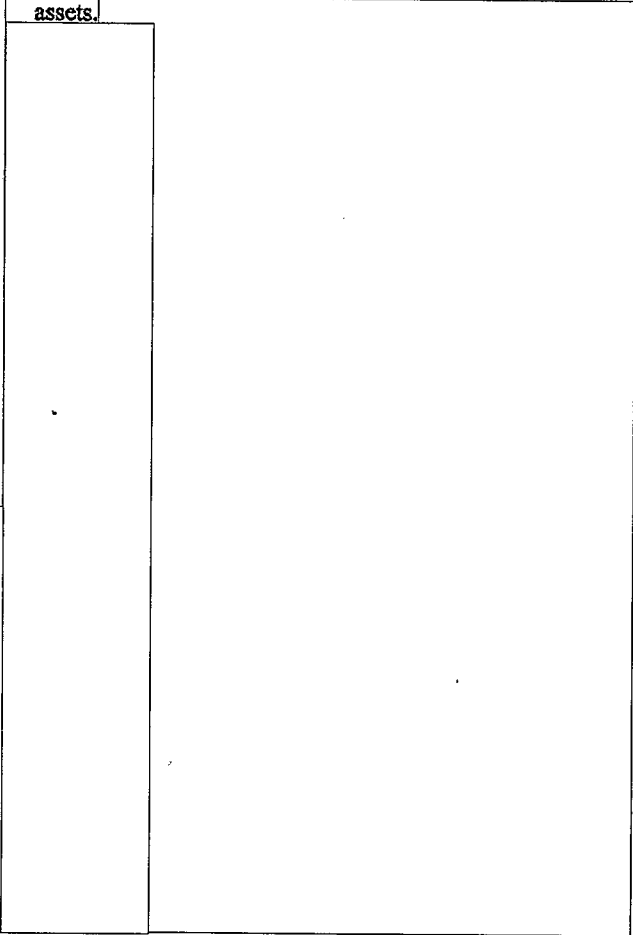
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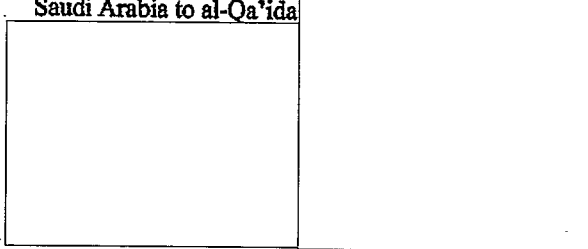


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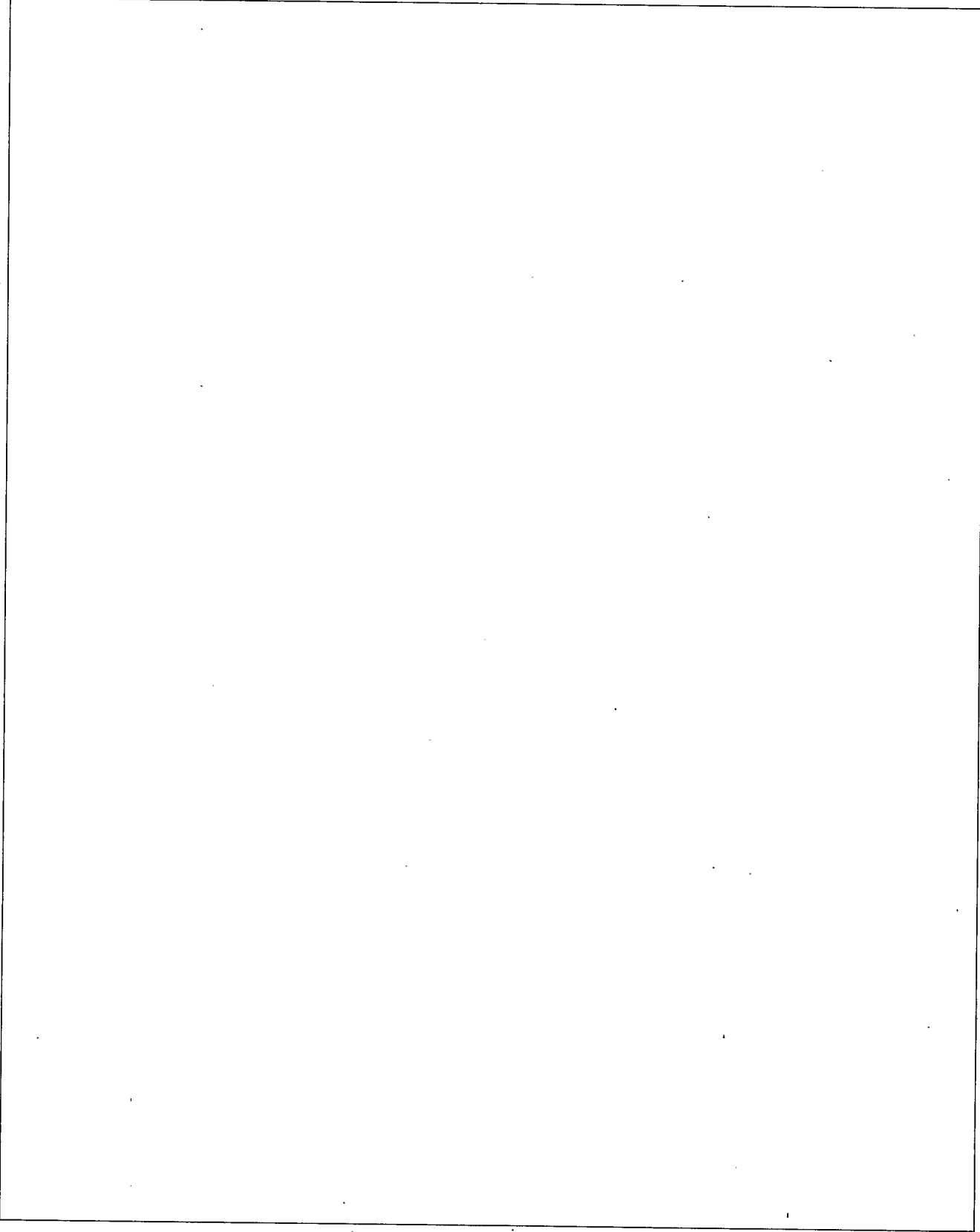
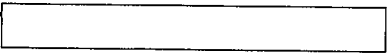


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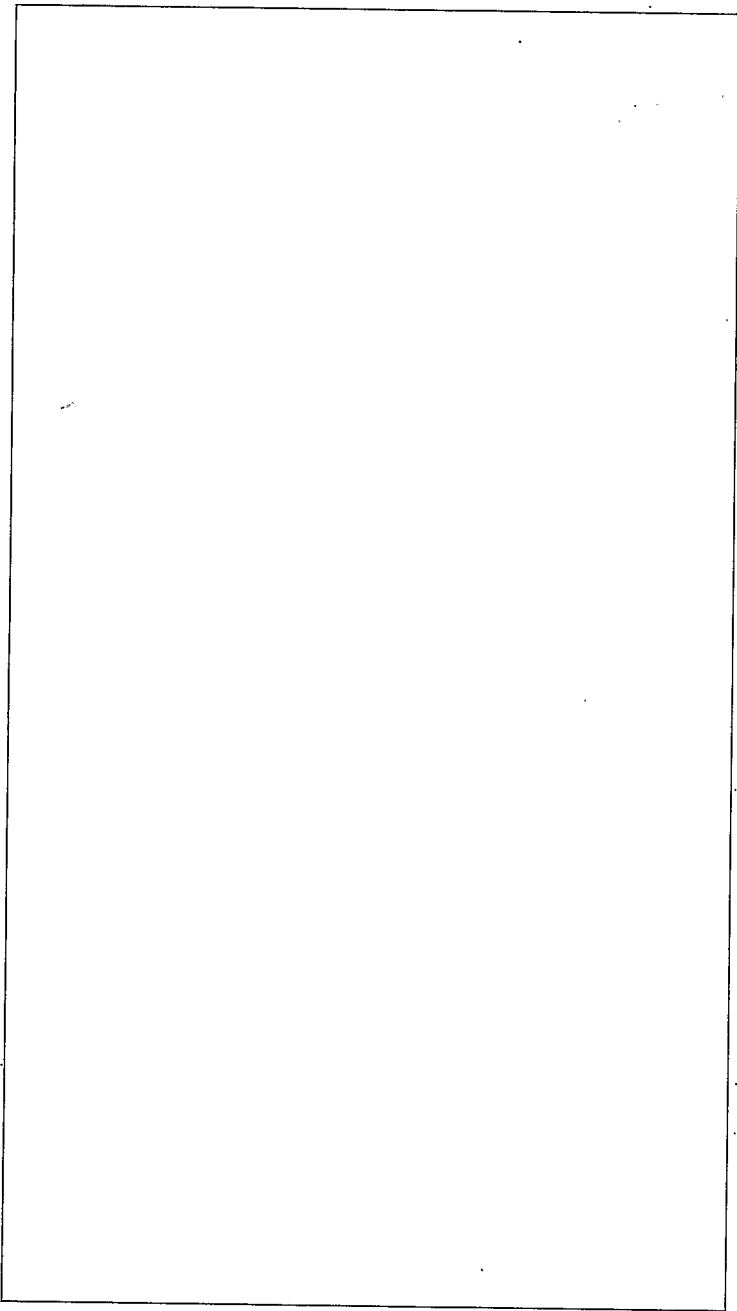
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Appendix A

Collection Efforts [redacted]

US and Coalition efforts to identify donors and fundraisers will continue to be key to sustaining progress on terror finance and curbing the tens of millions of dollars of Saudi donations

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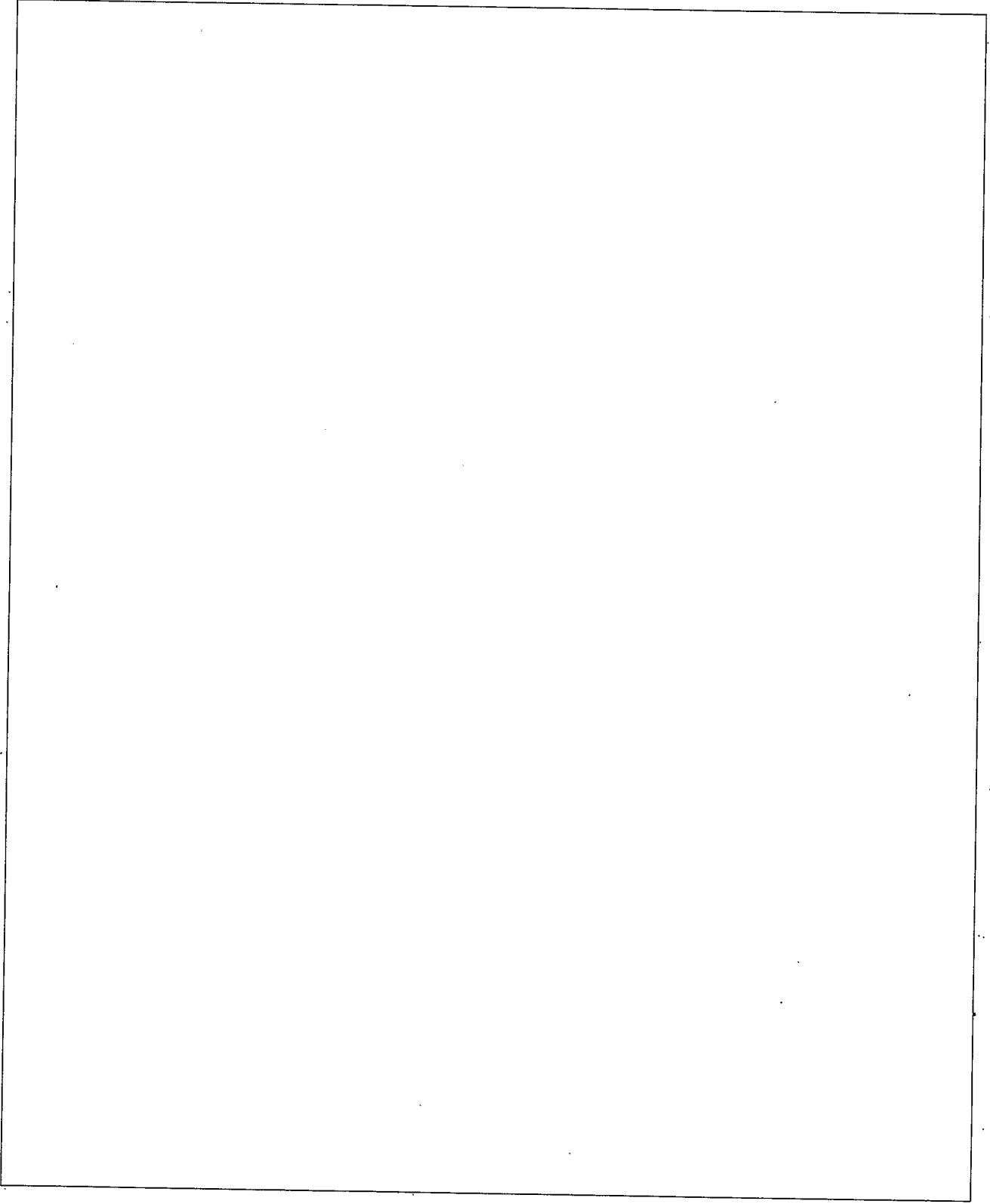
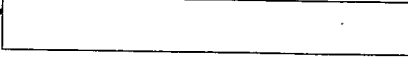
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Collecting against or disrupting conduits such as banks and NGOs will also be critical to identifying donors and crippling the financial networks supporting al-Qa'ida

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