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Professor Antonios TRAKATELLIS, a Greek Member of the European Parliament from the EPP Group, has been elected Chairman of the STOA Panel. The new Vice-Chairmen are David BOWE (UK, PSE) and Yves PIÉTRASANTA (FR, Greens).

## *Committees send in proposals for projects in 2000*

The Committees of the European Parliament have been submitting their project proposals for STOA's Workplan 2000. A Draft Workplan will be considered at the Panel meeting on 16 December 1999 in Strasbourg..

## *EPTA Council in Rome elects Germany to 2000 Chair*

At its annual meeting in Rome on 2 December, hosted by VAST at the Camera dei Deputati, the Council of the EPTA network elected the German parliamentary technology assessment agency TAB to take the chair in the year 2000.

## *Robert Magnaval*

Colleagues and friends of the late Robert Magnaval took part in a meeting at the DG for Research of the European Commission on 24 November 1999 to celebrate his life and work. Robert Magnaval regularly represented the former DGXII at meetings of the STOA Panel and was a greatly valued friend of STOA and the European Parliament. Mr Richard Escritt, Director, paid tribute to Robert Magnaval and presented a 'Livre d'Or' to Mme Magnaval.

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## NEWS

- **Antonios TRAKATELLIS elected Chairman of the STOA Panel**  
Professor Antonios TRAKATELLIS, a Greek Member of the European Parliament from the EPP Group, was elected Chairman of the STOA Panel at its meeting of Thursday, 18 November 1999 in Strasbourg. This came as part of the reconstitution of the Panel in the wake of the European elections of June 1999. David BOWE (UK, PSE) was elected first Vice-Chairman and Yves PIÉTRASANTA (FR, Greens) second Vice-Chairman. Professor TRAKATELLIS is a biochemist and medical scientist.
  
- **STOA Workplan 2000 in preparation**  
The STOA Panel will be considering its Draft Workplan 2000 at the meeting in Strasbourg on 16 December 1999. Following a letter of invitation to all Committee Chairmen from the Director-General for Research, Mr Enrico CIOFFI, project proposals have already been submitted by a number of Committees. Consideration of the Draft Workplan will probably continue at the Panel meeting on 20 January 2000.
  
- **EPTA goes high-tech for Annual Conference in Rome**  
The EPTA Annual Conference on 3 December 1999 had the honour of inaugurating the new high-tech equipment in the re-equipped Sala del Mappamondo in the Palazzo Montecitorio, home of the Camera dei Deputati in Rome. Every desk in this meeting-room for members of the Italian national parliament is equipped with its own built-in PC and Internet access. EPTA, the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network, has been chaired this year by VAST, the Italian partner in the network (Valutazione delle Scelte Scientifiche e Tecnologiche).

The Annual Conference was addressed by Mr Luciano VIOLANTE, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies. Both the Conference and the preceding day's annual meeting of the EPTA Council were chaired by Mr Umberto GIOVINE, a member of the Chamber and Chairman of VAST. Mr GIOVINE communicated a letter of good wishes to the meeting from the newly-elected Chairman of the STOA Panel, Mr TRAKATELLIS. The theme of the conference was Technology Assessment and parliamentary democracy. Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH made a presentation concerning recent STOA studies.

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## WORKING DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, PAPERS, BRIEFS

Work in Progress - The following Working documents are being presented to the STOA Panel in December:

### Workplan 1999

- Cost-benefit analysis of EU research and technological development programmes**, by Maurizio PEDRELLI and Daniela TAGLIORETTI, Pragmata, Reggio-Emilia, Italy  
Final Study, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/03/01, EN, December 1999, PE168.439/Fin.St./EN
- Genetically-modified food: Objectives for EU funded research and development**, by Jacques BLANCHET, INRA, Grignon, France  
Final Study, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/05/01, December 1999, PE168.441/ Fin.St./EN
- Crowd control technologies (An appraisal of technologies of political control)**, by Steve WRIGHT, Omega Foundation, Manchester, UK  
Interim Study, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/14/01/A, EN, December 1999, PE168.394/Int.St./EN
- Health risks posed by silicone implants in general, with a special attention to breast implants**, by Dr José MARTÍN-MORENO, National School of Public Health, Madrid, Spain  
Scoping Paper and Scoping Meeting Report, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/20/02, EN, December 1999, PE168.396/ Scop.Pap.&Scop.Meet.Rep.

### Workplan 1998

- Revitalising railways: Examples of failures and successes in the revitalisation of railways outside the EU**, by Lucio DI MARTINO, Aix-en-Provence, France  
Options Brief, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/10/01, FR, April 1999, PE 167. 953/O.B./FR
- In the past months STOA Scholars have produced Briefing Notes on the following topics:**
  - La pollution des eaux par les nitrates d'origine agricole vers une gestion durable des nitrates dans l'environnement par l'application de la directive 91/676/CEE, briefing n°20, WIP/99/11/022, PE 168.191
- Several translations in French and/or German of Working documents are also available.

## PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

The following Project Steering Group (PSG) will be holding a Scoping Meeting:

### Workplan 1999

- 99/14/01/A-B - Crowd control technologies / Prison technologies.** A combined Interim meeting - for the first part of this project - and Scoping Meeting - for the second part with the recently selected contractor - is planned to be held soon.
- The 7 urgent, additional projects added for Workplan 1999.** It is foreseen to organise Scoping Meetings for all these projects with the new contractors at the beginning of next year.

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

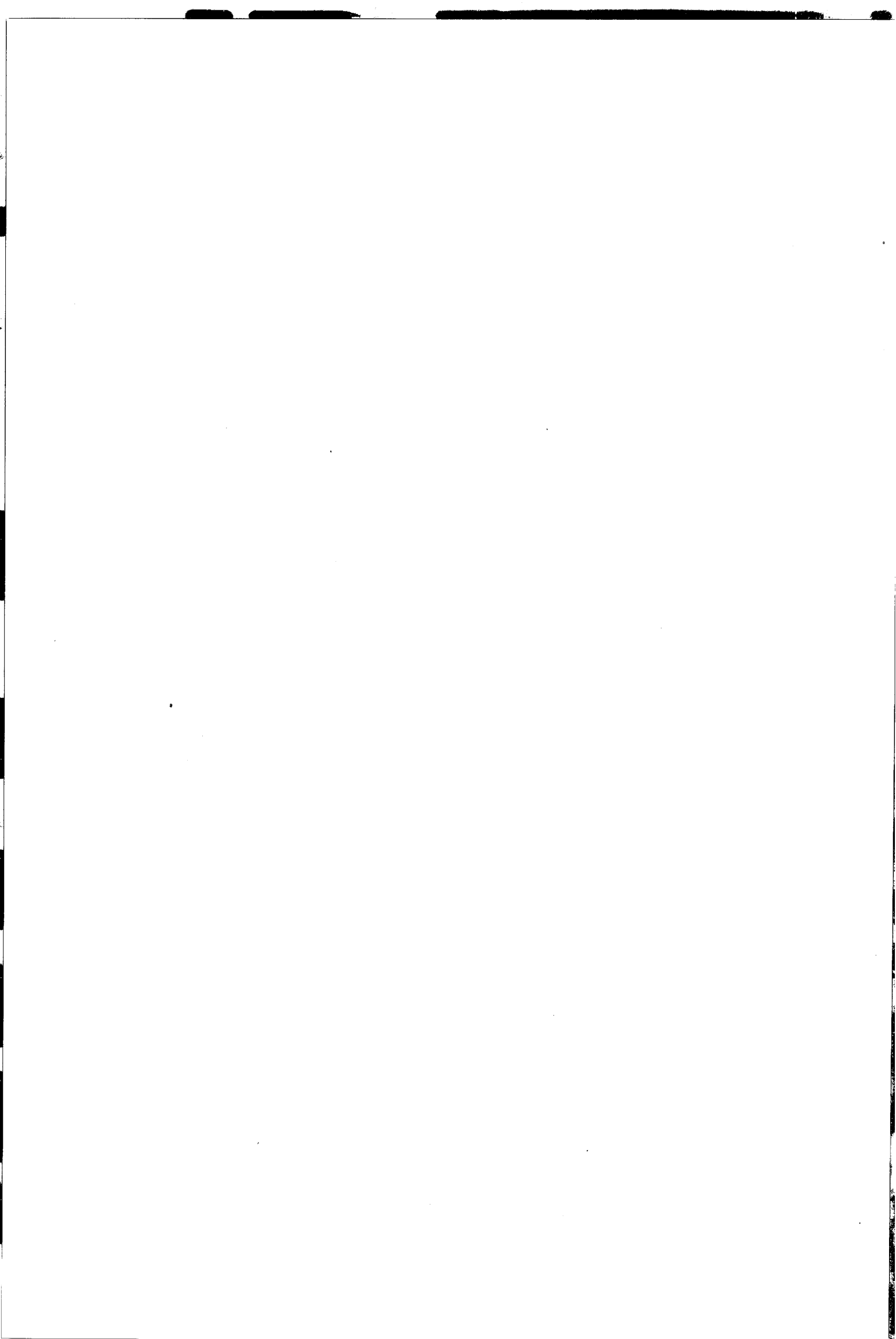
- Independence in later life: POST/Commission workshop planned for 31 January 2000**  
A joint workshop is being planned by the UK parliamentary TA body, POST (Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology) and the Directorate-General for Research of the European Commission on 'Independence in later life', to be held on 31 January 2000 in the Grand Committee Room of the Palace of Westminster from 09.00 to 17.00. It will be chaired by Dr Ian GIBSON, MP, Chairman of POST. Mrs Eryl McNALLY, MEP, has accepted an invitation to take part and make a presentation on recent STOA work in this field.

## OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- Mr Diego MERCADO VERGNES has left the Team. We wish him all the best for the future.
- STOA is however glad that Ms Andrea GRILL has joined the Team in Luxembourg. She is an Austrian Ramón y Cajal Scholar, with a degree in Biology and Ecology.

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Please address your requests for any of the documents listed above to Mr Frans SCHAERLAEKEN by fax (+352-4300.22418) or e-mail (fschaerlaeken@europarl.eu.int).



## STOA Workplan 1999: Table of projects

**NOTICE:** The numbering of the projects is based on the Committee Number in the way they were named and listed during the out-going EP in June 1999.

<i>Committee</i>		<i>Project title</i>	<i>Member responsible</i>
03/01	Budgets	Cost-benefit analysis of EU research and technological development programmes	SAMLAND, WYNN
04/01	Economic	Economic aspects of the development of technologies for the waste treatment industry	VON WOGAU, MALERBA
05/02	Research	Genetically-modified food: Objectives for EU funded research and development	SCAPAGNINI, ADAM
05/02		Use of new technologies and cost of water management in view of the new water directive of the EU	SCAPAGNINI, ESTEVAN BOLEA
06/01	External economic	The impact of rapid technological change in information technology on the stability of world trade and international capital flows	HERZOG, SEPPÄNEN
07/01	Legal	New technologies for the marketing and sale of medicines on the Internet and television networks	DE CLERCQ, MOSIEK-URBAHN
10/01	Transport	Technological options for a community strategy for a system of navigation by satellite (GNSS)	BAZIN, LANGENHAGEN
12/01	Culture	Linguistic diversity on the Internet: Assessment of the contribution of machine translation	PEX, ROBLES PIQUER
13/01	Development	Evaluation of agricultural or other technologies fighting against hunger and poverty	ROCARD, ROBLES PIQUER
14/01	Civil liberties	Crowd control and prison technologies (An appraisal of technologies of political control)	D'ANCONA, FORD
19/01	Women's rights	Women professionals in the media in the context of new technological developments	HAUTALA, McNALLY, HEINISCH
20/01	Petitions	Personal protective equipment at work	FONTANA, CAMISÓN ASENSIO
20/02		Health risks posed by silicone implants	FONTANA, SCHMIDBAUER, MILLER

## URGENT PROJECT PROPOSALS 1999

Proposals for urgent additional STOA projects made since the European elections of 13 June 1999 by Committees of the newly elected European Parliament and adopted by the new STOA Panel at its meeting of 19 October 1999 in Brussels

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<b>Committee Ref. n°</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>
JURI 01	Digital technology evolution and its impact on the EU entertainment and media sectors
JURI 02	The impact of electronic commerce on the competitiveness of SMEs in the European Union
INDU 01	Physiological and environmental effects of electromagnetic radiation
INDU 02	Ethical implications of research involving human embryos
INDU/ENVI 03	European policy on food safety
ENVI 01	Recycled cooking oils: Assessment of risks for public health
ENVI 02	Dioxins and PCBs: Environment and health effects



## STOA Panel

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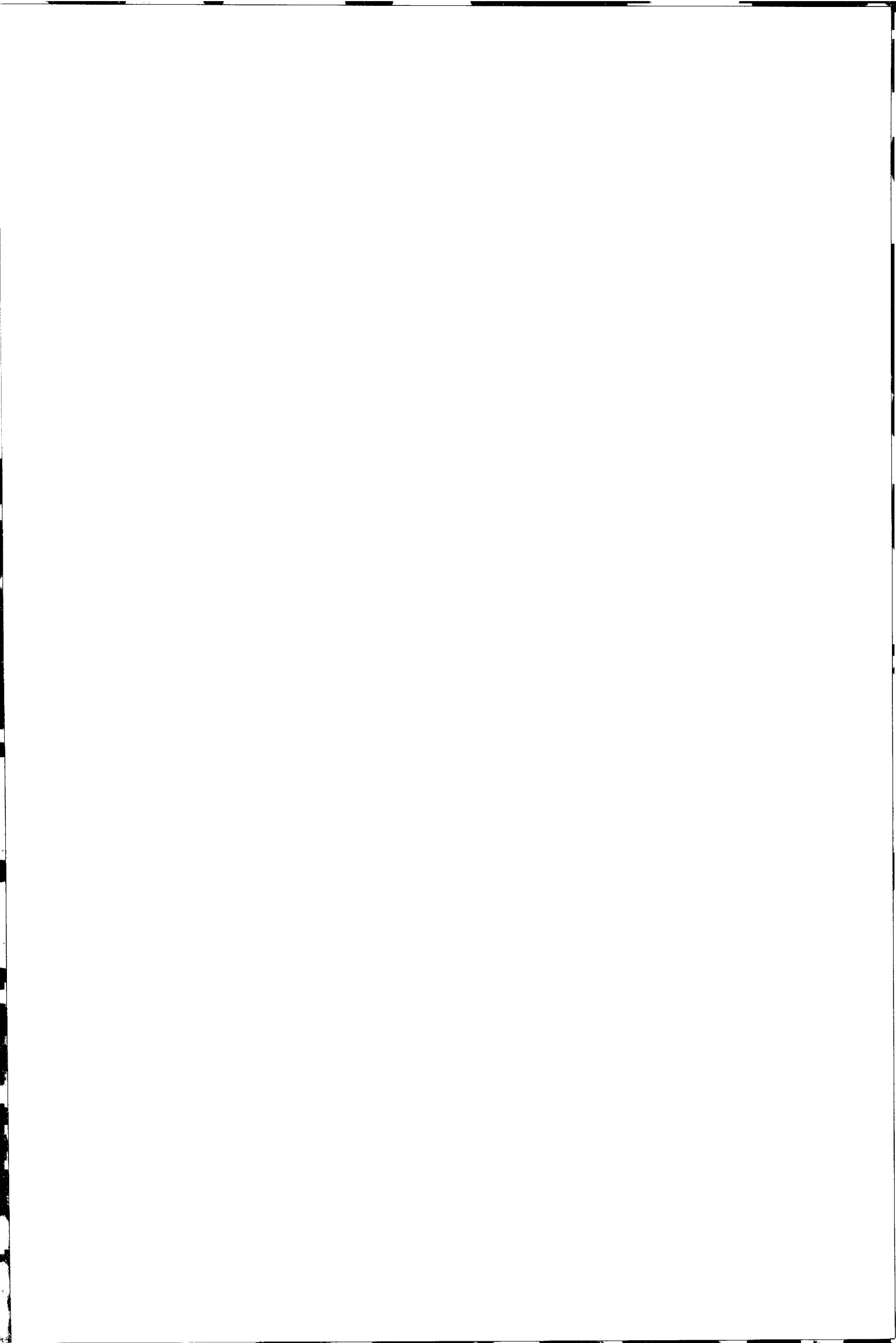
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