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Date: Sat, 17 Sep 2005 15:12:45 -0400
To: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com>
CC: Krista Voigt <baderadm@chem.queensu.ca>

Hello, Alfred,

Judith's schedule reached me today and i am happy to see the 10 am slot you have reserved for me on September 23rd. Do you actually have 2 hours of time, i.e. till lunch? We would be happy to develop another "art and chemistry" discussion with our group as on the previous day which was a memorable one for me. It truly showed the no-fear approach of organic chemistry students to learn and appreciate good art and to relate how they became acquainted with you through Aldrichima Acta. Please let me know.

Regarding this topic, Sebastian Schutze and I have been planning to meet in order to initiate an "Art meets Chemistry" type of lecture series with interactions of interested students and faculty.

I have asked David Wardlaw twice to obtain the required letter for the renewal of the Bader Chair. There has been no action perhaps due to the August vacation period. My understanding is that this letter must follow the normal course of appointment documents and therefore must come from the offices of Bob Silverman and Alistair MacLean.

Looking forward to seeing you and Isabel. Anne also sends her best wishes.

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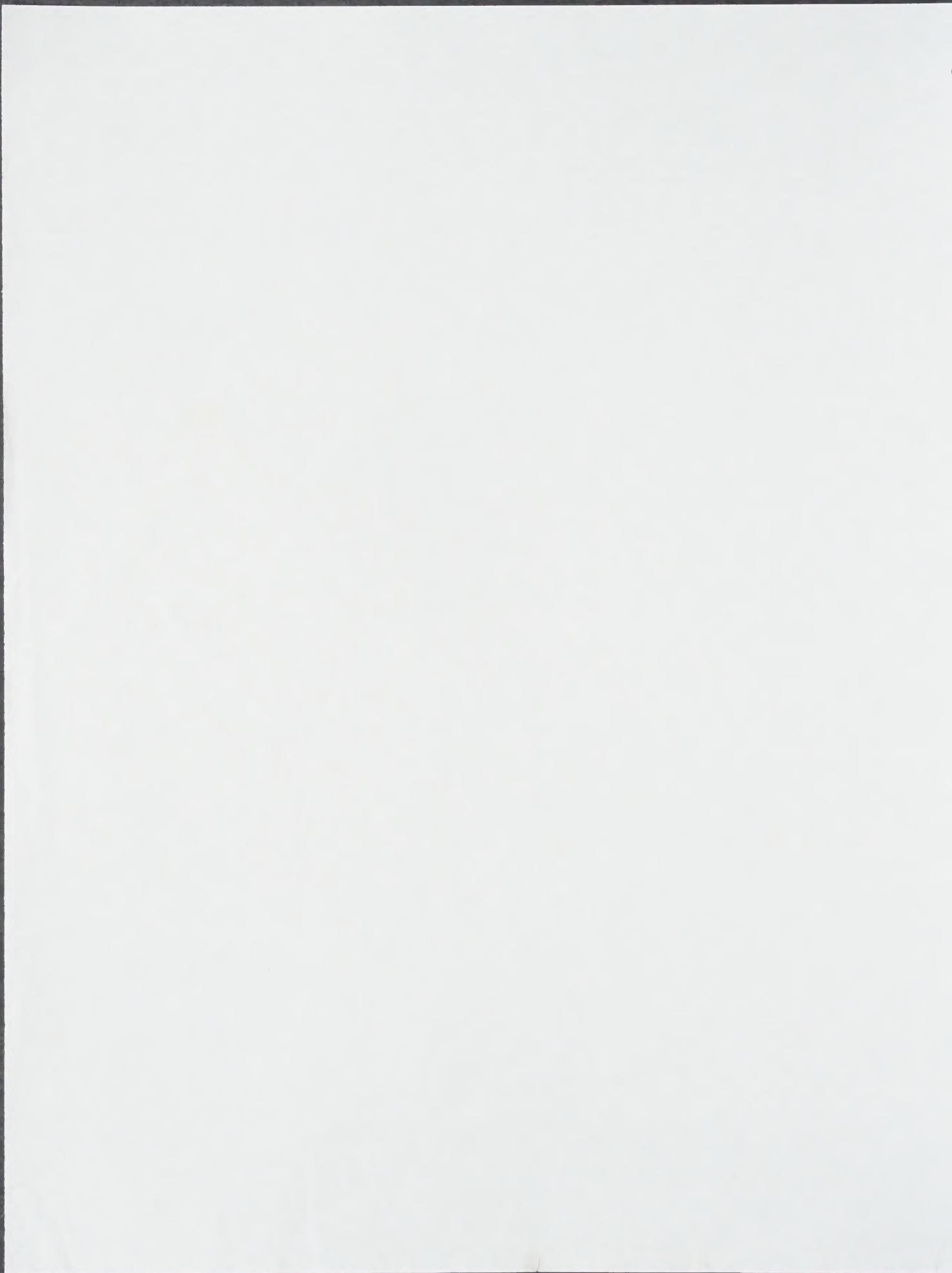
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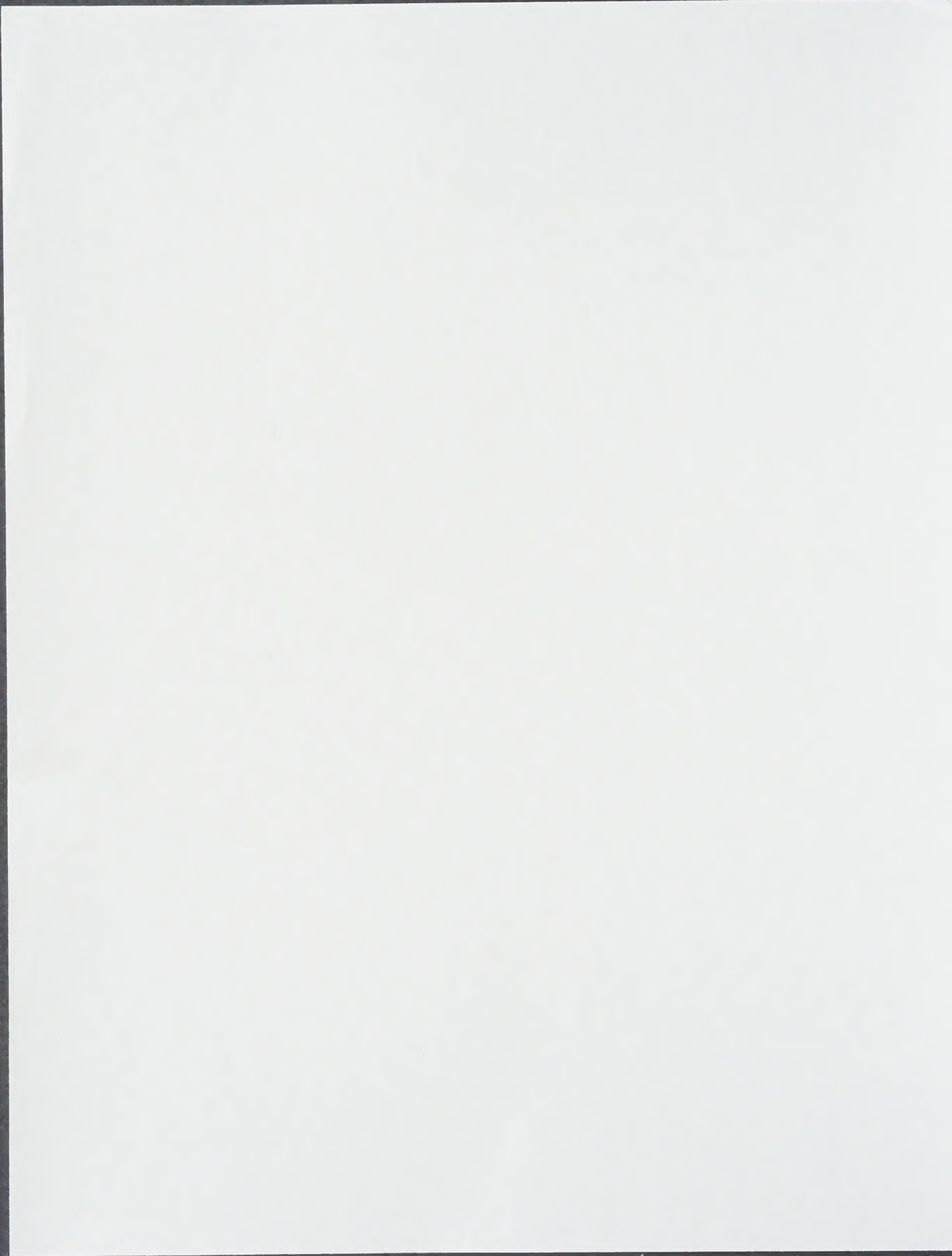
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Dear Dr. Alessi,

Thank you for your e-mail of today.

Professor Snieckus has told me that some of his students will discuss some of the *Aldrichimica Acta* covers. The "Nightwatch" was never on a cover and I would appreciate receiving the list of the *Acta* covers that will be discussed on Friday noon.

Also, could you please tell me whether the copy of the cyclopentylphenol<sup>en</sup> patent which I mailed to Professor Snieckus has been received.

Best wishes,  
Alfred Bader

Manlio Alessi wrote:

Hello Dr. Bader,  
I will have the pleasure to present "The Nightwatch" by Rembrandt in the occasion of your visit at Queen's University.  
I hope you and my colleagues will enjoy it.  
See you soon!

Manlio Alessi  
The Snieckus Group

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Cyclopentylphenol

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*



Dear Victor,

I chatted with Josh yesterday evening; he sounds like a very pleasant fellow. He is in the midst of checking the literature, I presume checking cyclopentenylphenol in CA year by year. That's what I would have done 40 years ago, but today there might be a better way.

Regarding the *Aldrichimica Acta* we do not have a website and I do hope that you want to discuss *Acta* covers before and including Vol. 25, No. 2, all of which had my paintings on the covers. After my expulsion from the company they used other museum's paintings, some of which I like and some of which I do not. But in any case I know much more about my own paintings.

To turn now to lecturers for next May: I hardly know Larry Overman, and when I see you next month I will show you some material that will explain to you why I would be very unhappy with David Evans and Koji Nakanishi.

Albert Eschmoser knows me well and we get along well but he was very unhappy when Sigma-Aldrich bought Fluka, of which he was a Director.

Would it not be possible after all to consider either Howard Alper or Ernest Eliel who are such close personal friends?

Other possibilities are Clark Still at Columbia, Jim Wuest who used to be at McGill and David Dolphin who used to be and still may be at the University of British Columbia.

The great advantage of Ernest Eliel would be that we were interned together in Canada, that he is certainly a brilliant chemist and my very good friend, and that he continues to help me with advice in philanthropy to chemists.

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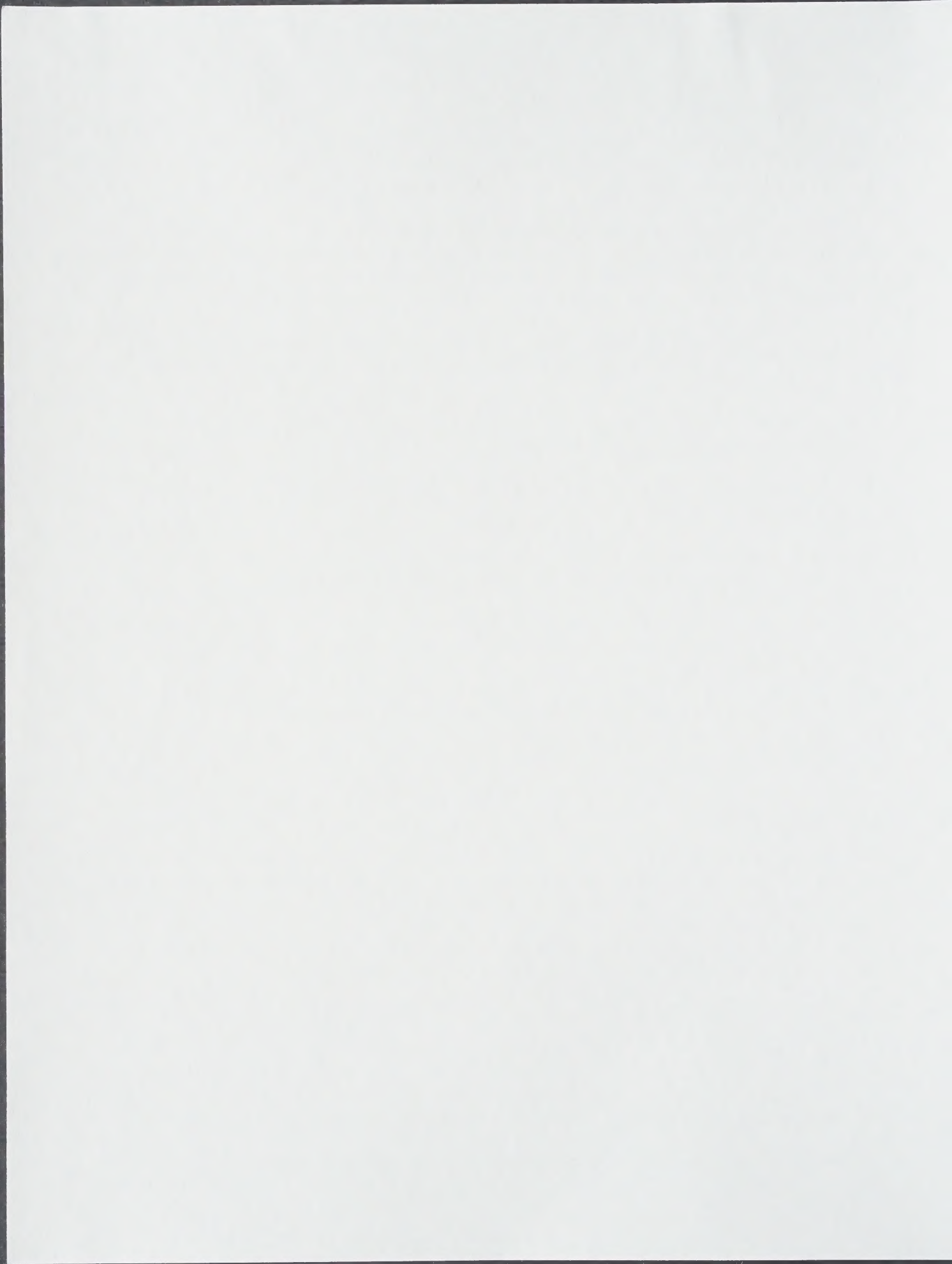
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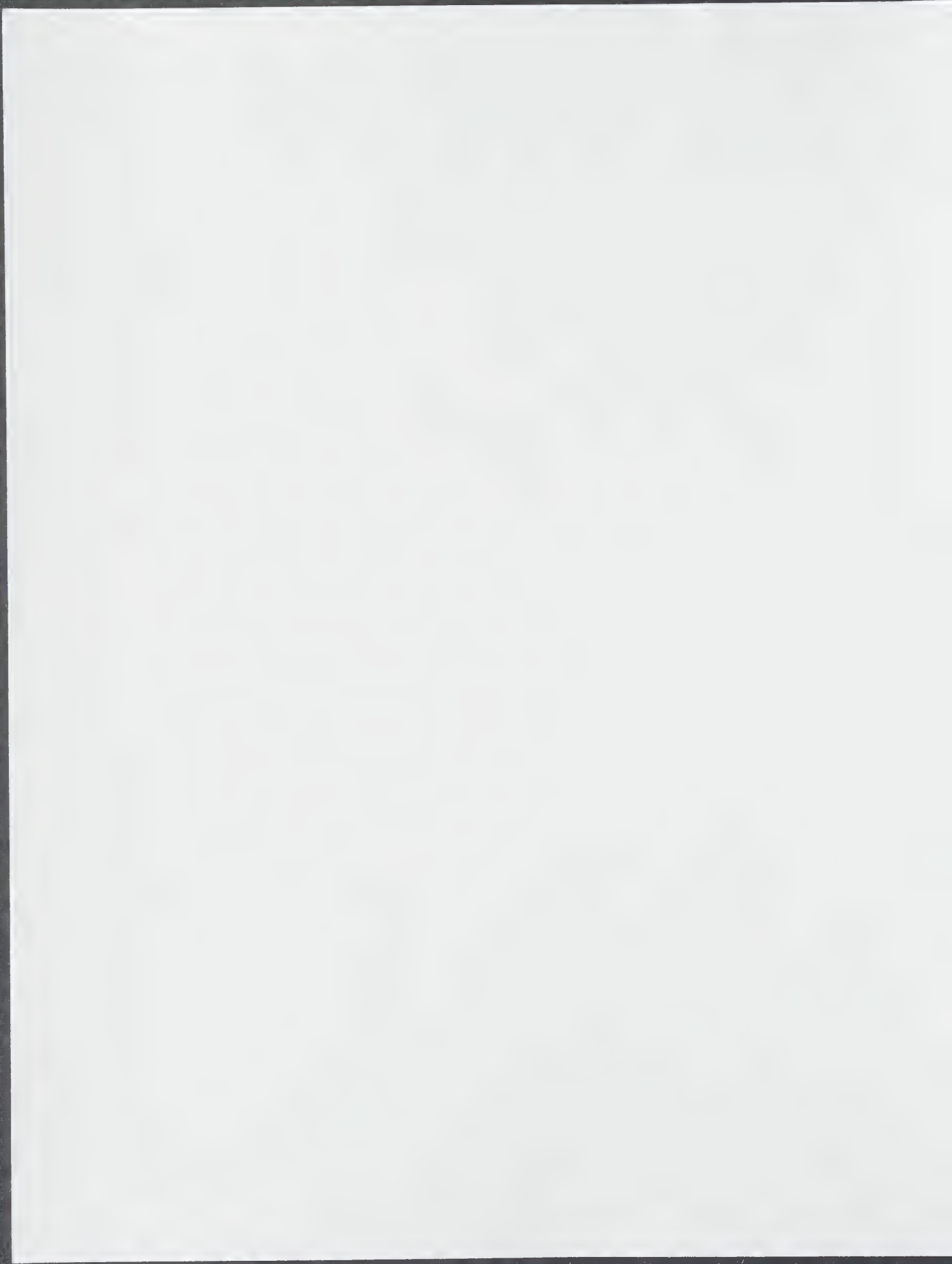
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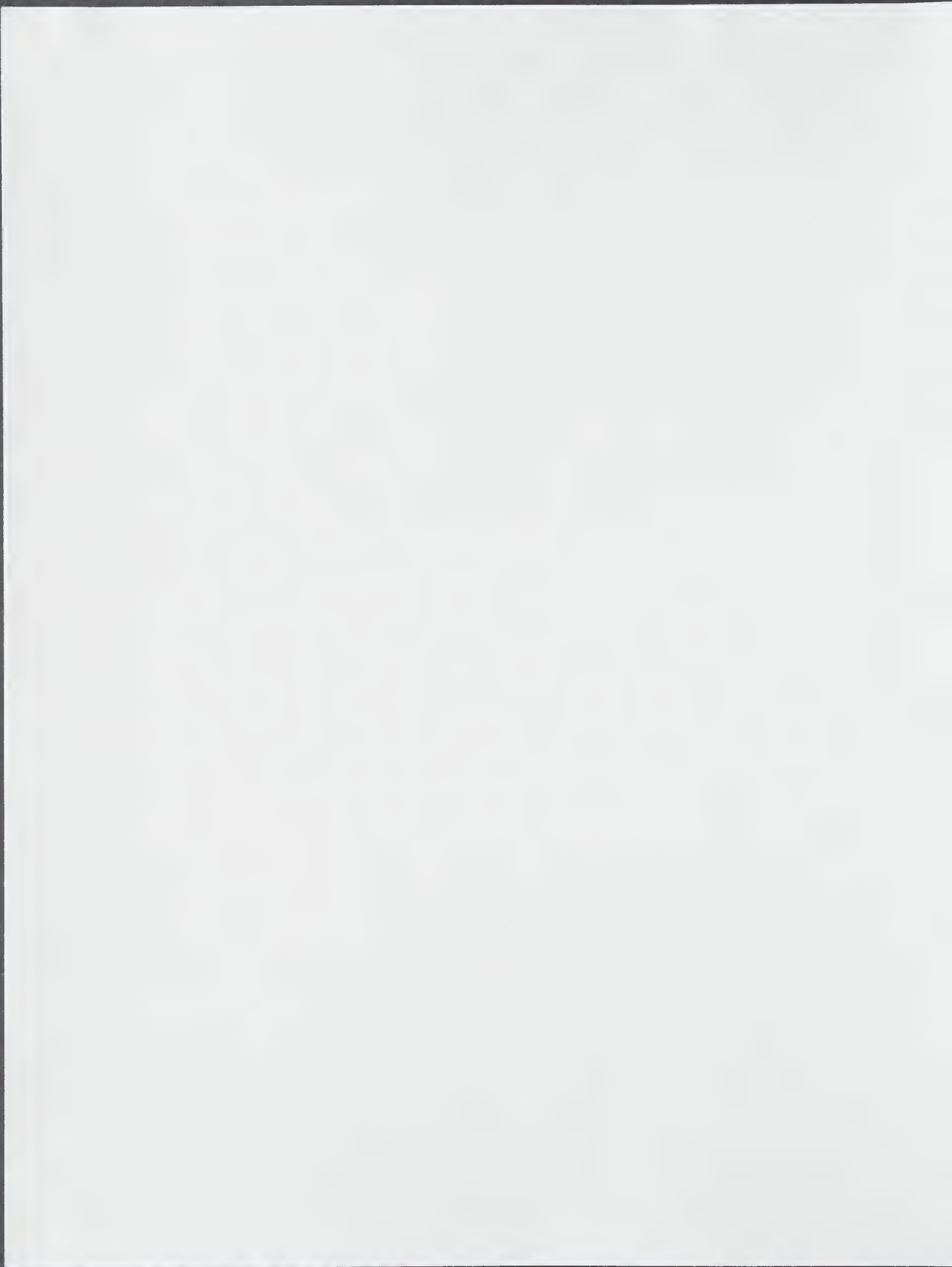














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*Clark Still  
Jim Wertz  
David Polym*

Thank you, Alfred. Embarrassingly, the mailed sheet was caught under a paper clip with another document.

I will invite Gilbert Stork. With regard to the other speakers at your Birthday Symposium, may I disagree with you?

Howard Alper has been a Distinguished Lecturer here very recently.

Ernest Eliel: while I would very much like to see him here (as I recall, you crossed the Atlantic on the same ship), he is not in the position to present a forefront chemical lecture which it would be my aim to achieve for students, faculty, and possibly chemistry departments and pharmaceutical industry from the surrounding area.

Ron Kluger: Ron is an excellent bioorganic and physical organic chemist but, again in context of the student population, I would prefer a synthetic organic chemist.

In sum, I am still attempting to match the previous symposium lineup. What would you think about one of the following:

Larry Overman, Irvine

David Evans, Harvard

Koji Nakanishi whom I met at the NYC ACS. I know that he is still doing excellent, far-reaching science, holds three NIH grants)

Albert Eschenmoser whom I have invited several times. It simply has not worked out to date.

Undoubtedly, you have other suggestions as well.

Another idea struck me: how about Oliver Sacks? This would be a lecture that would attract not only the university faculty but possibly the Kingston community. After you declined, I failed also to have Dr. Sacks come to Lithuania in 2002.

Thank you for your further thoughts.

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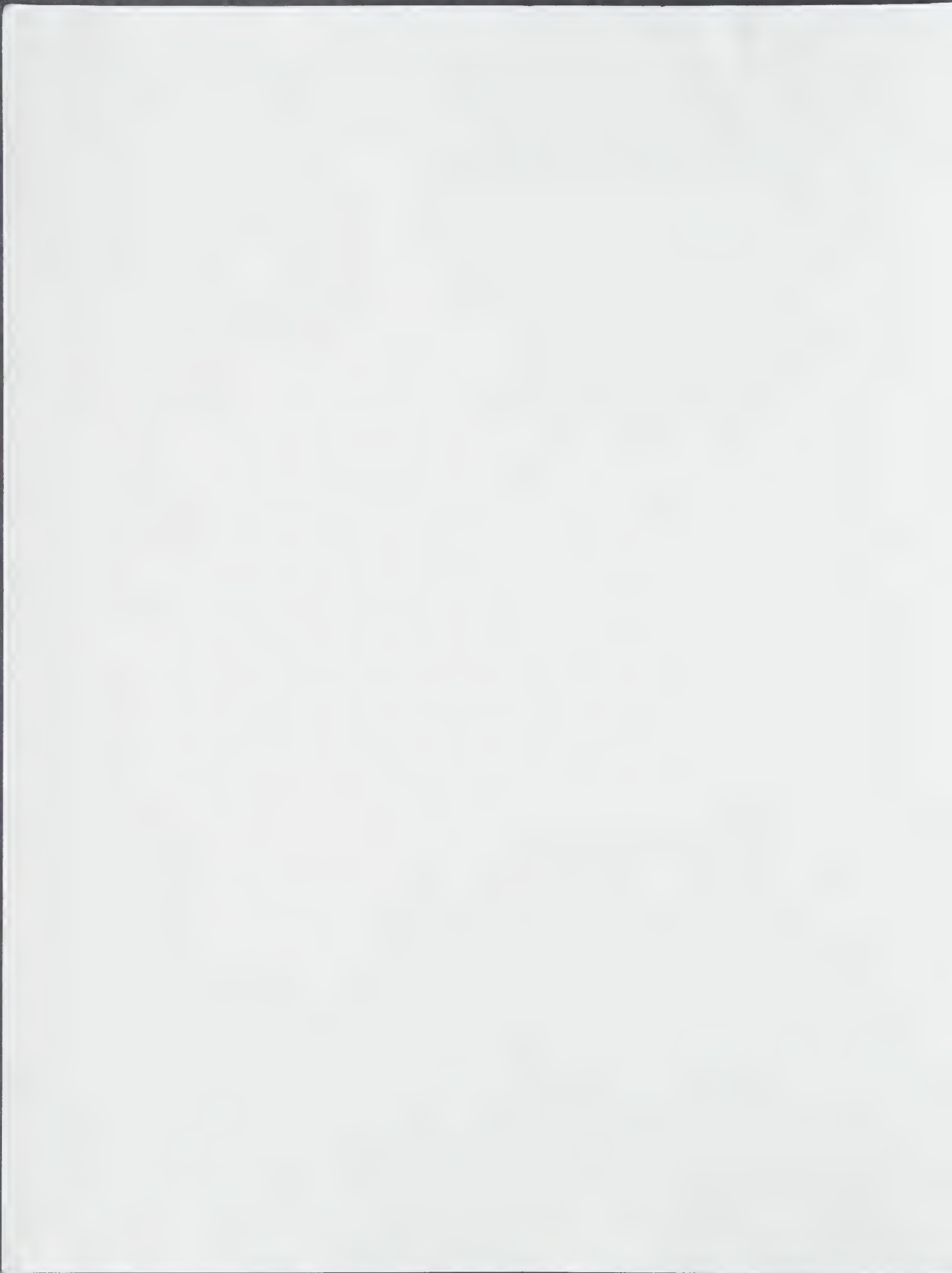
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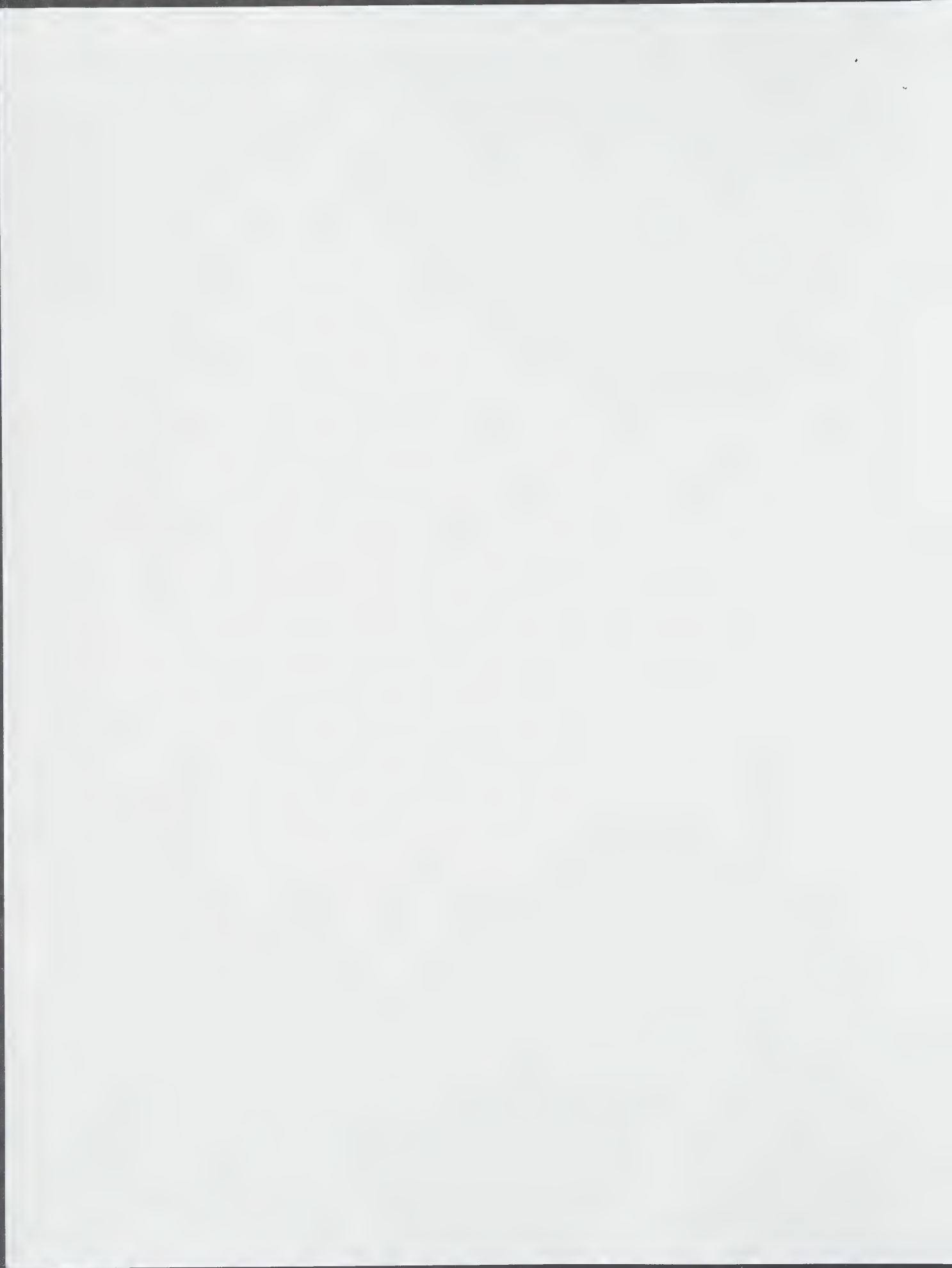
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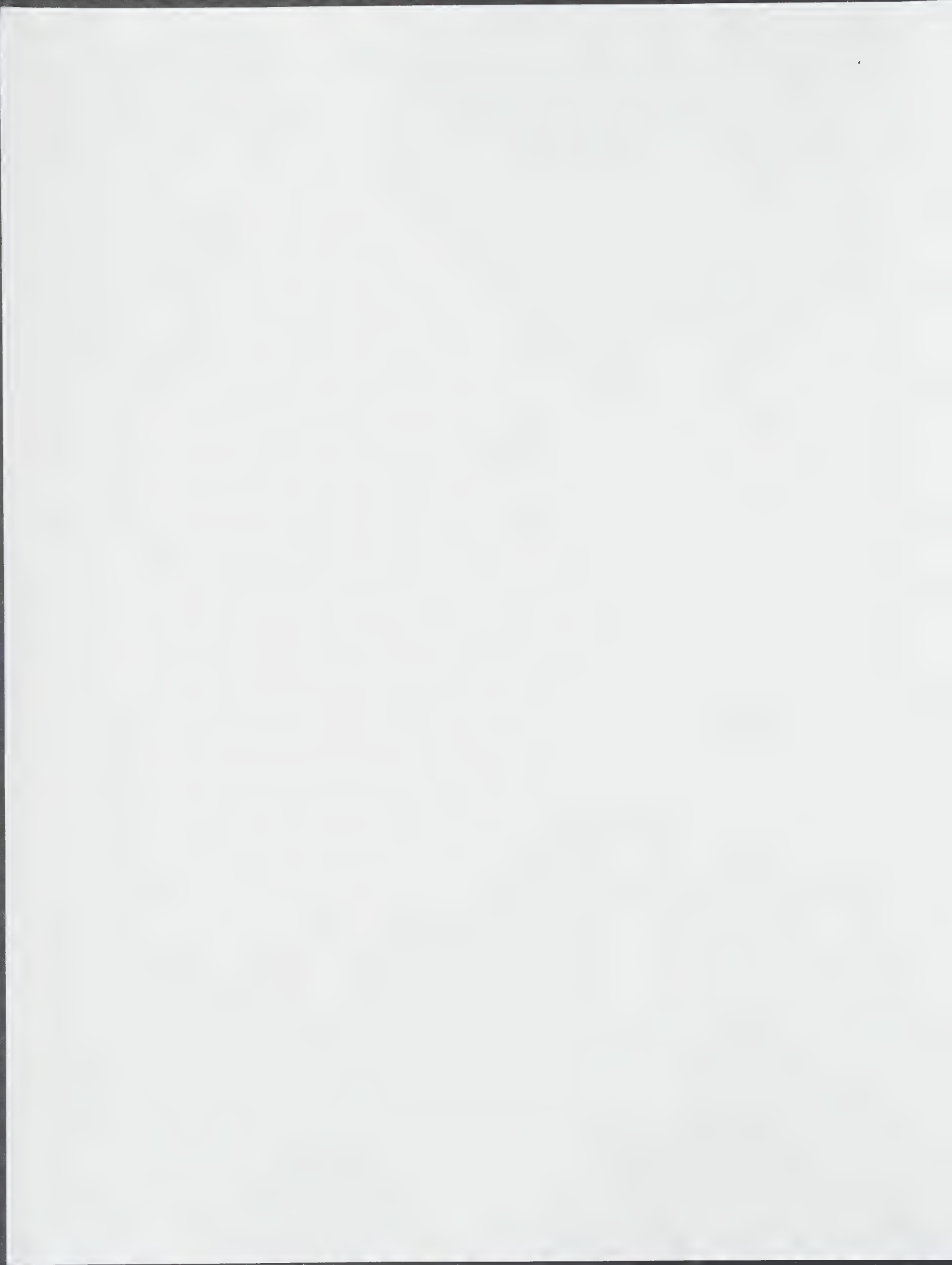
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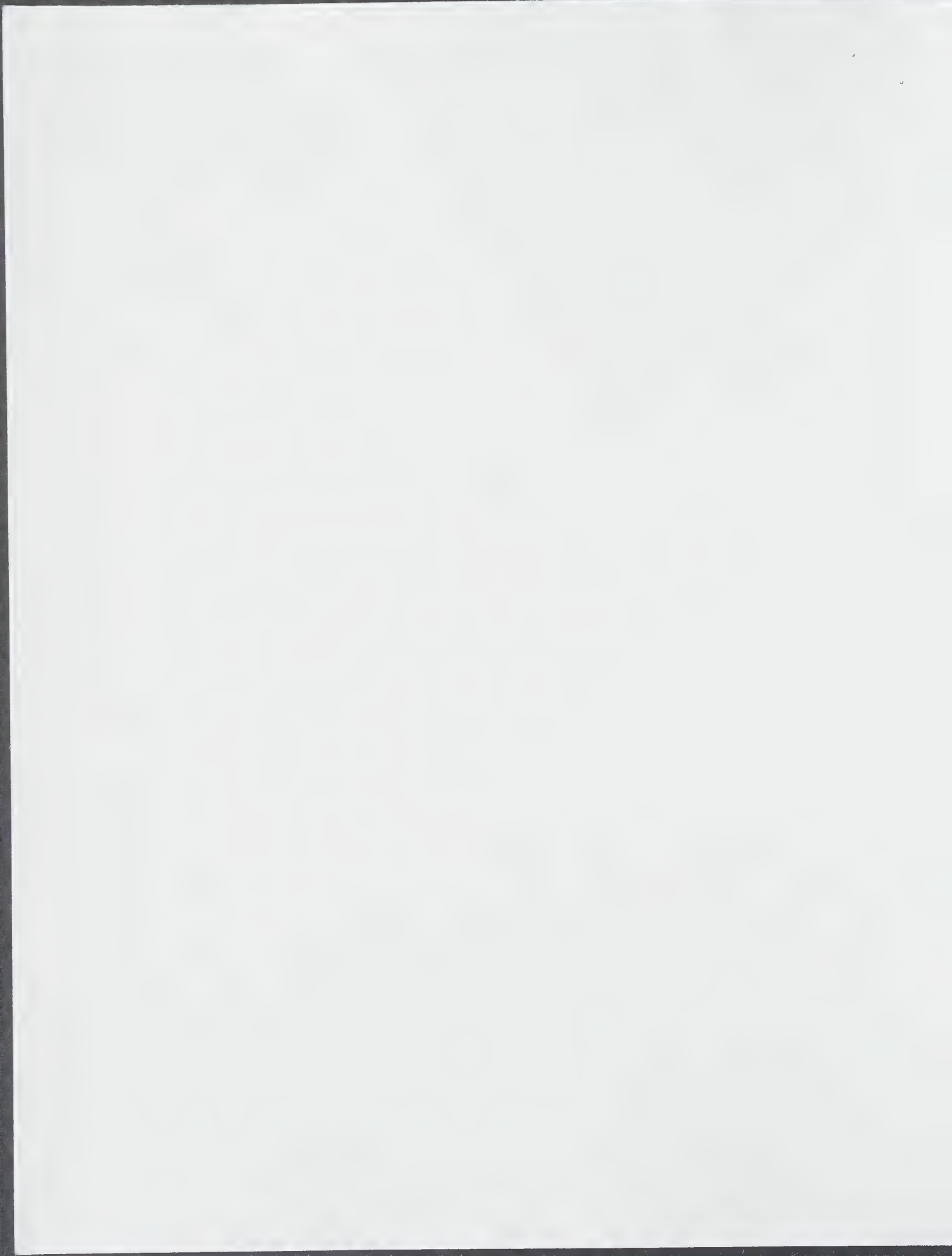
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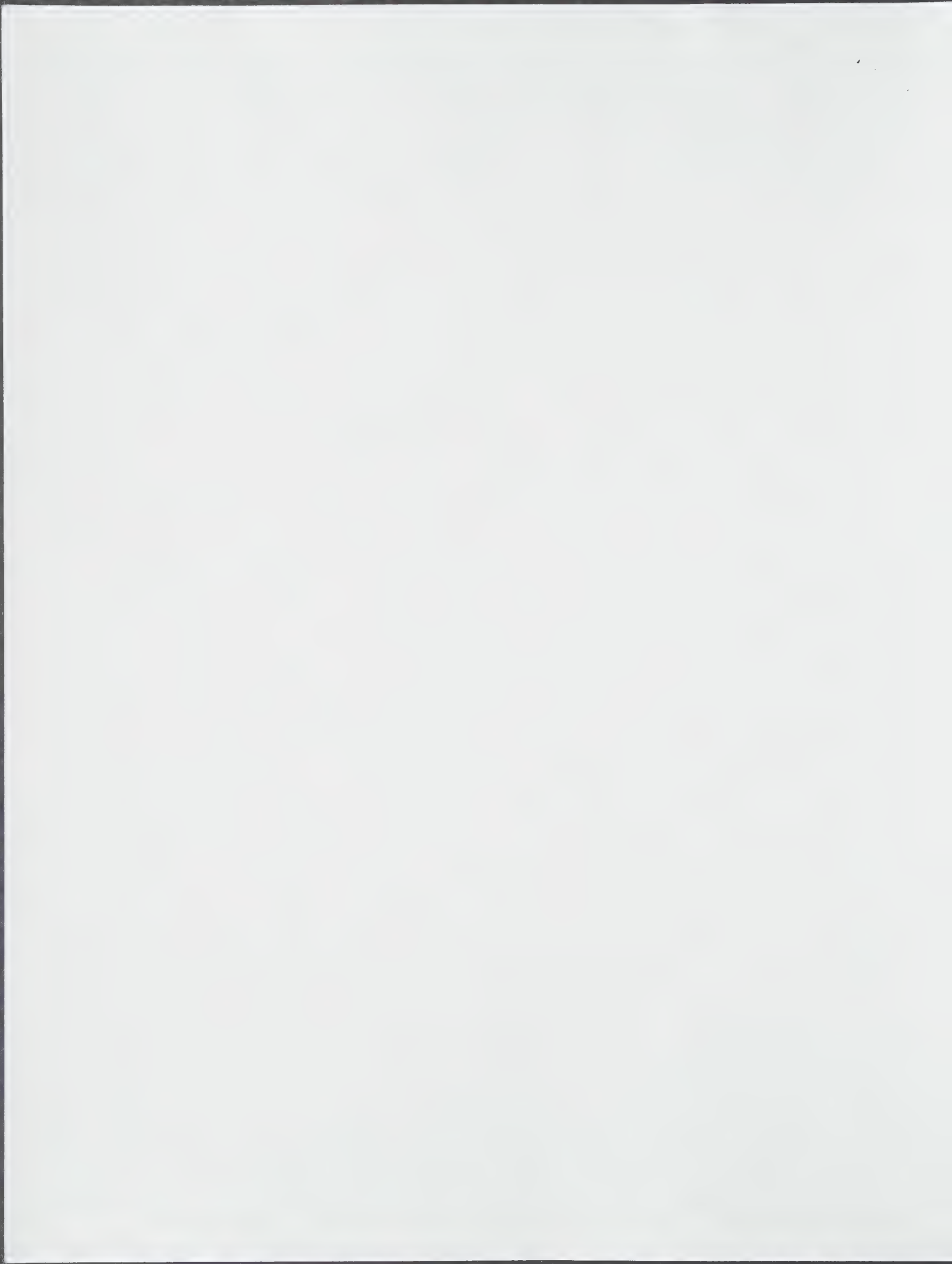
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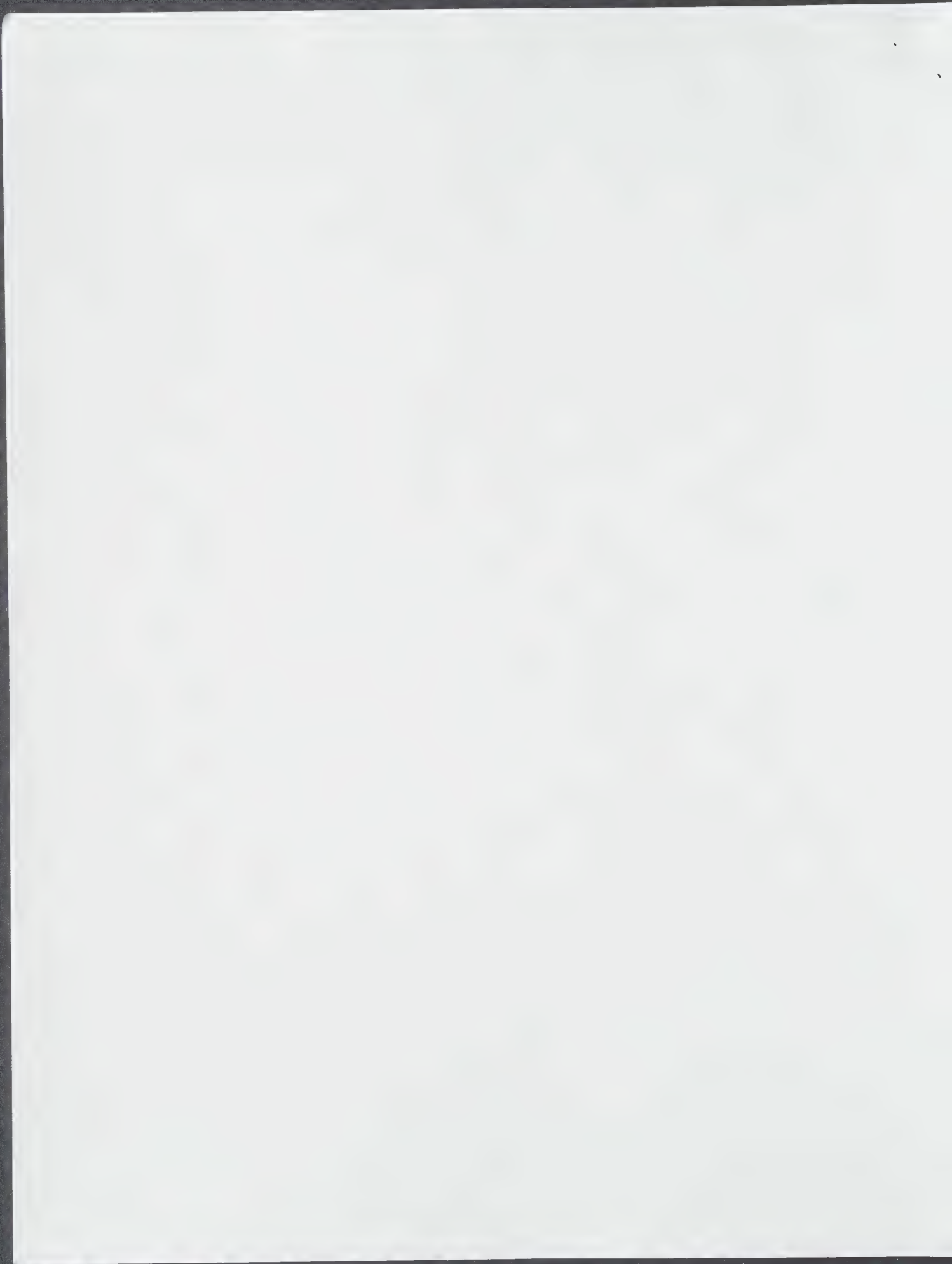
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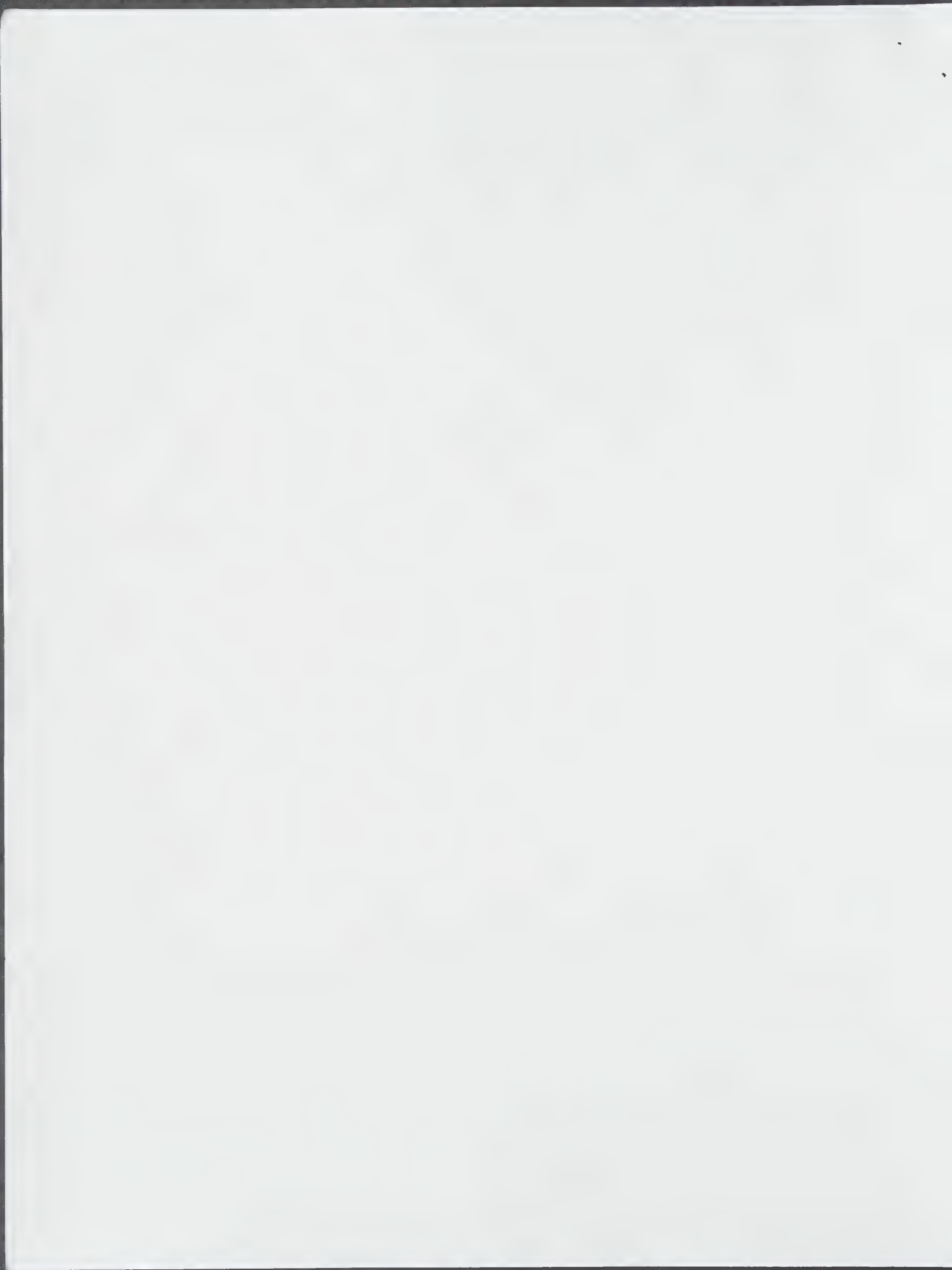
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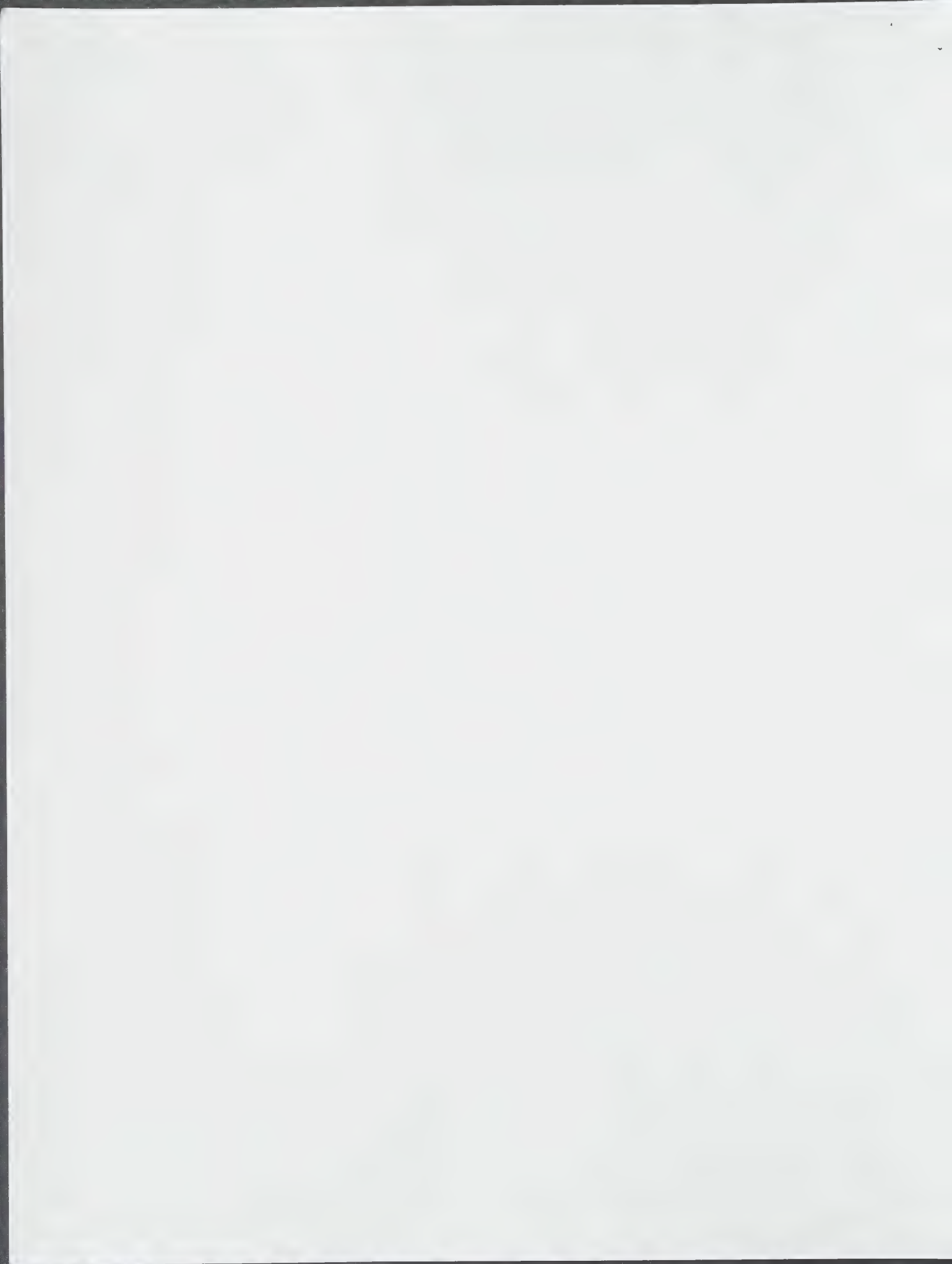


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Alfred, Hello,

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At 01:02 PM 9/4/2003 -0500, you wrote:

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| Thank you for your happy e-mail of today.

I think that I became interested in organic research through Norman Jones in my senior year in Engineering Chemistry.

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You will not be able to surpass Roald Hoffmann and Barry Sharpless in quality of their chemistry next May. Please give me a few days to think of four possibilities, one of whom should be Gilbert Stork.

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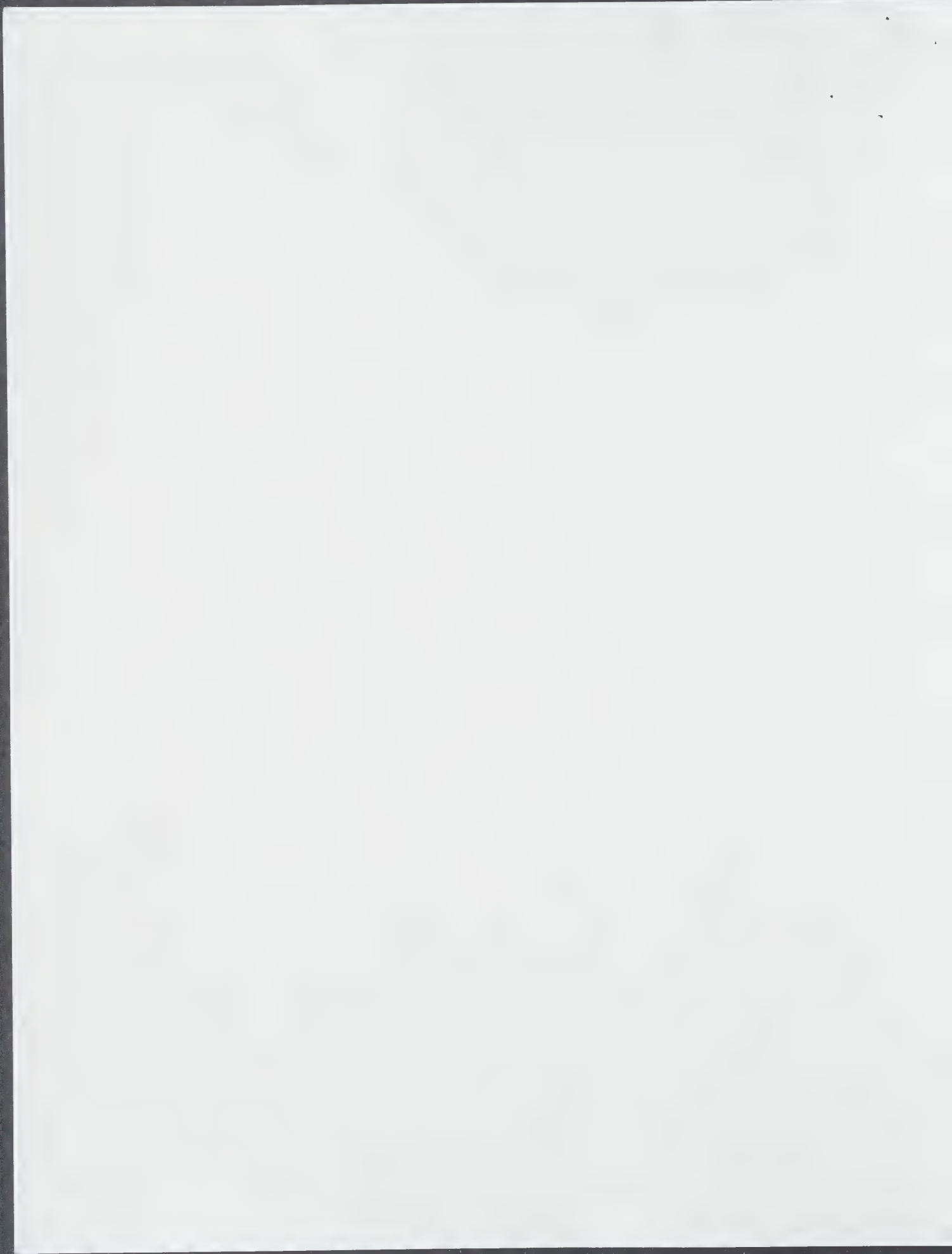
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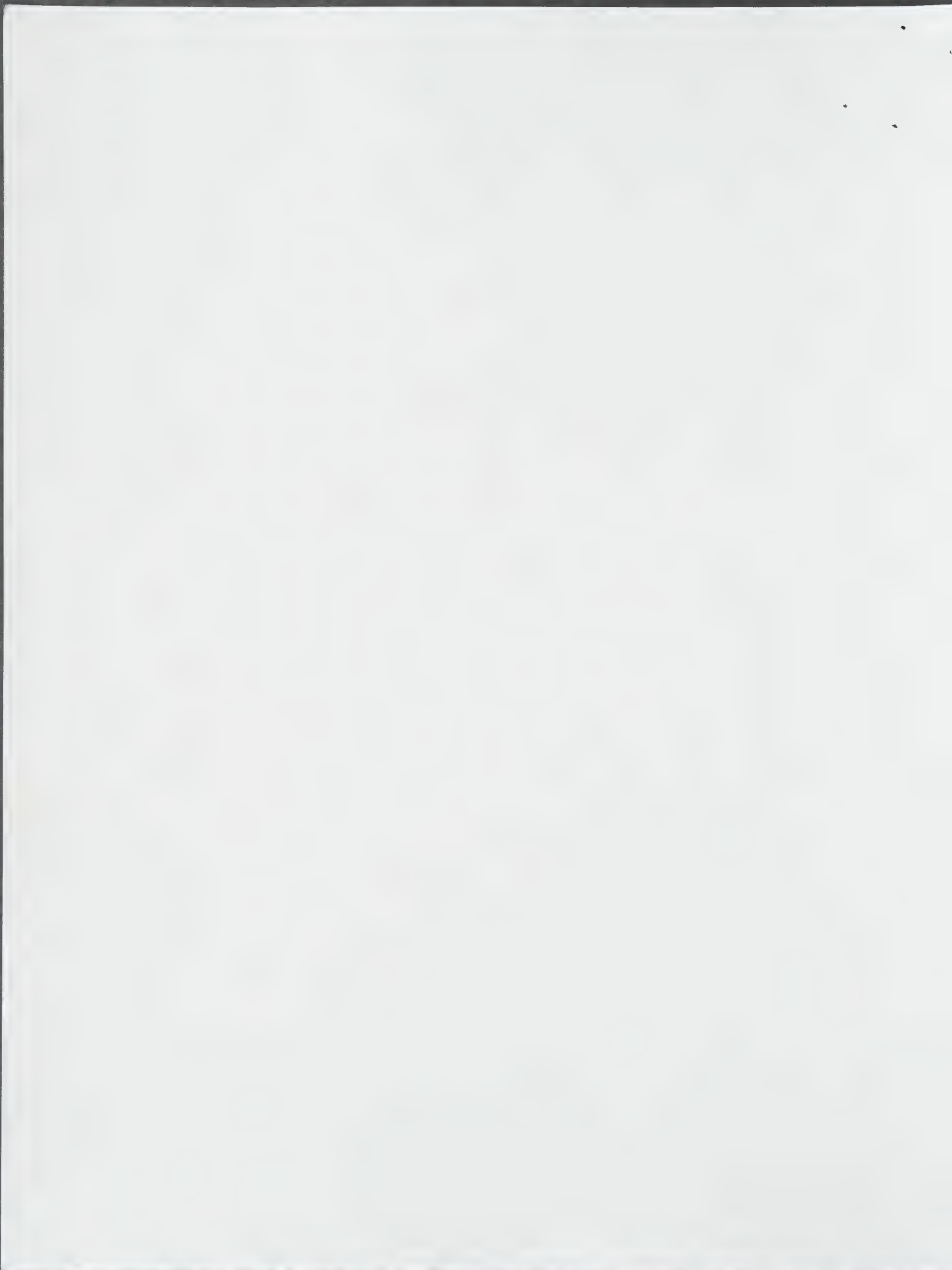
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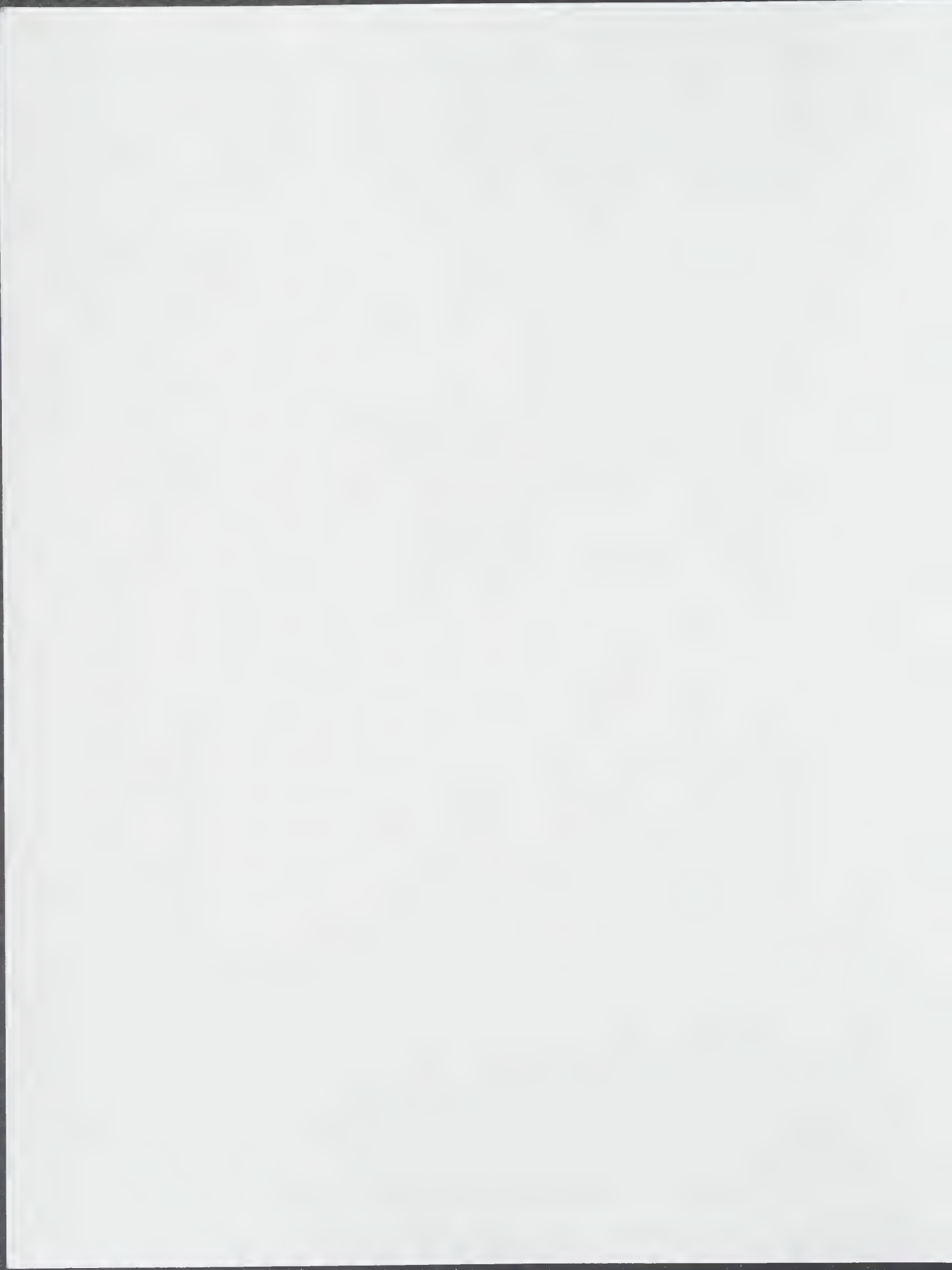
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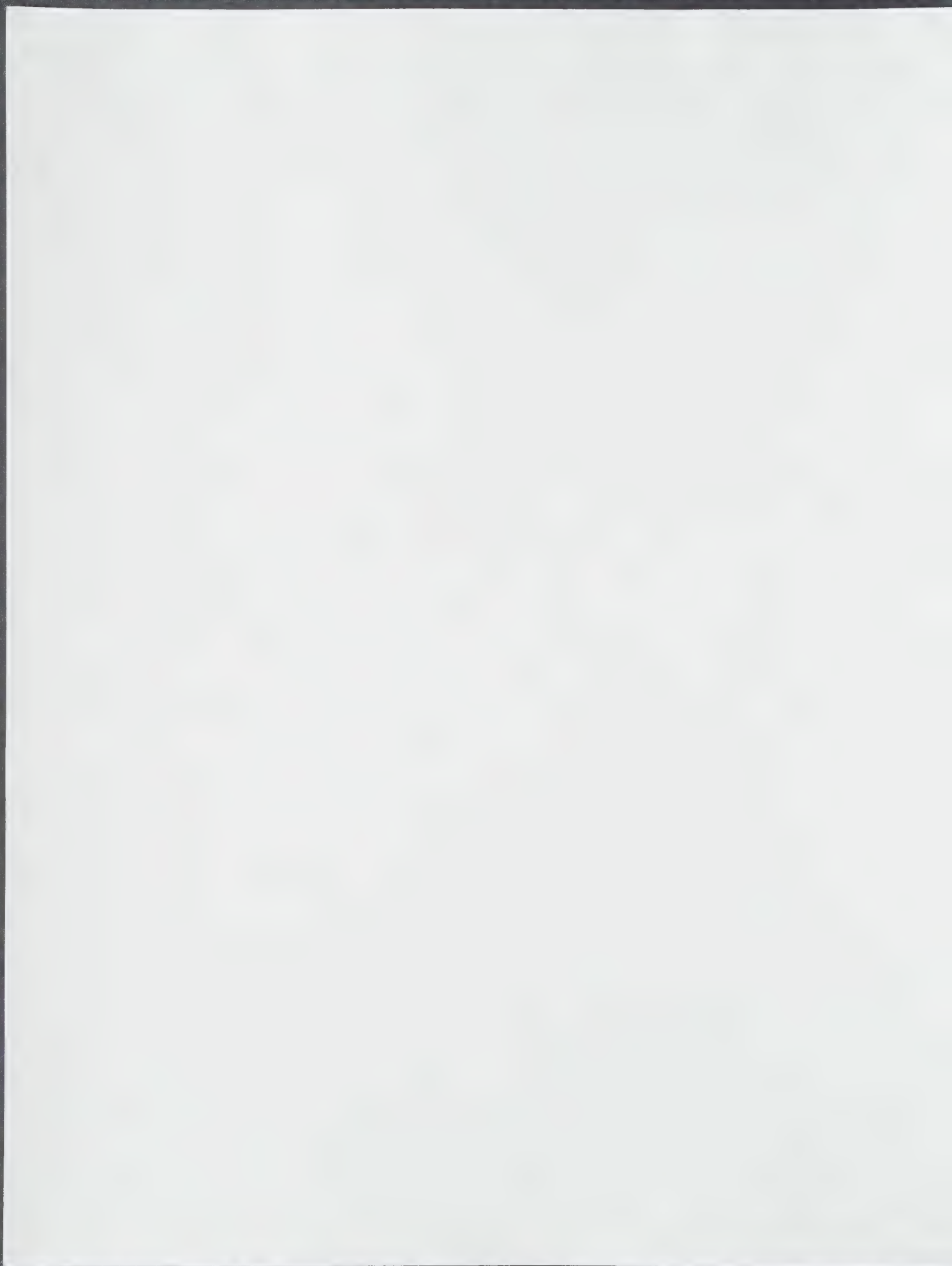
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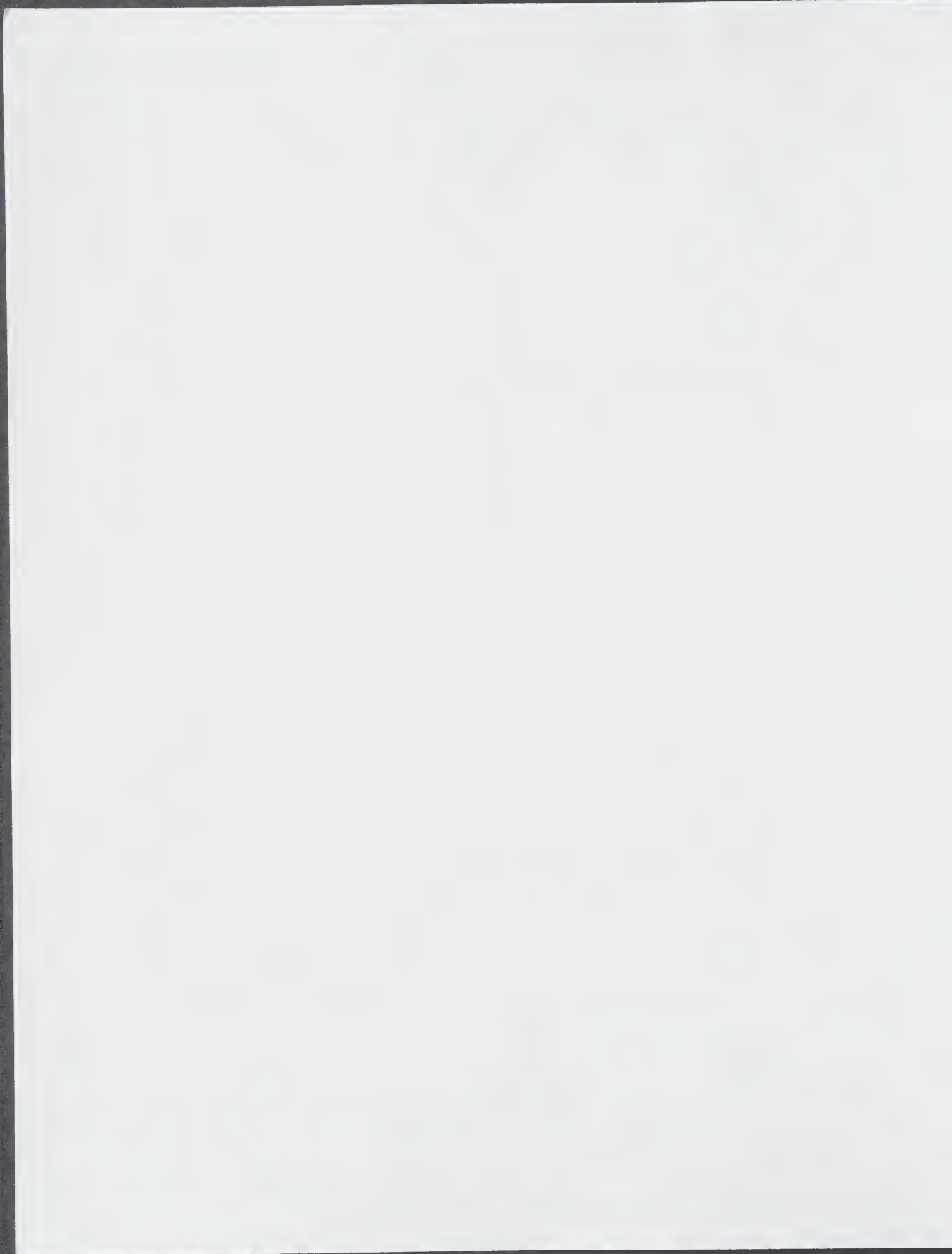
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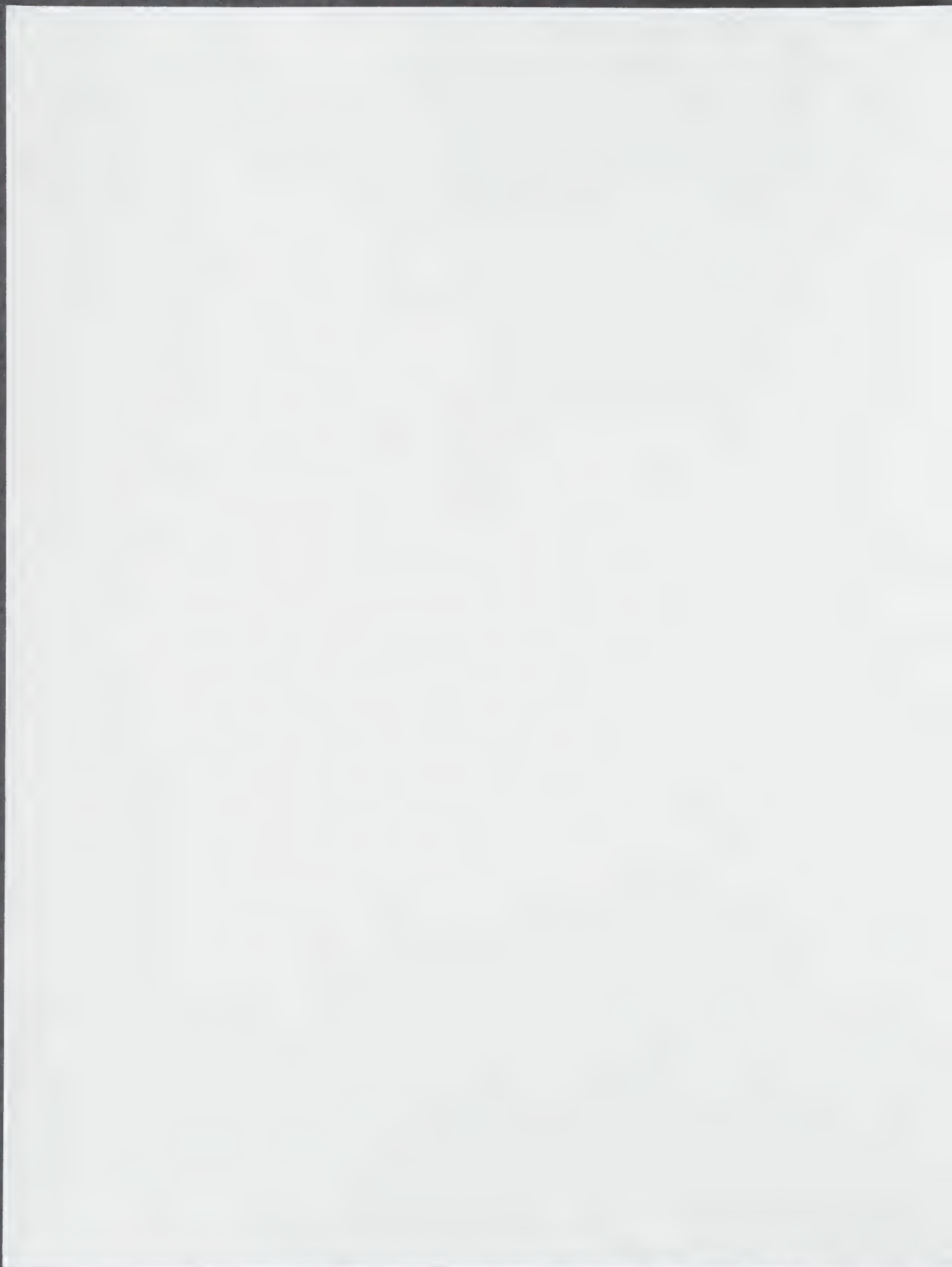
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From: "Josh Zaifman" <9jdz@qlink.queensu.ca>
Date: Tue, 30 Sep 2003 19:18:19 -0400
To: "Alfred Bader Fine Arts" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Hi Dr. Bader,

I've been searching the literature on reactions involving the cyclopentenylphenols of interest. There doesn't seem to be much on them at all, let alone their product from a reaction with hydrochloric acid. There are a couple of other sources (some patent literature and journal article on order) that I'd like to look through before I can be certain that there's no prior experience with the blue compound. So far, it seems to be a worthwhile study! I look forward to speaking with you next month. Attached below is the conversation between Dr. Snieckus and I.

Regards,
Josh Zaifman

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To: "Josh Zaifman" <9jdz@qlink.queensu.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2003 10:27 AM
Subject: Re: note from Alfred Bader

Great to hear, Josh! Then it will be an original study. You may wish to let Dr. Bader know.

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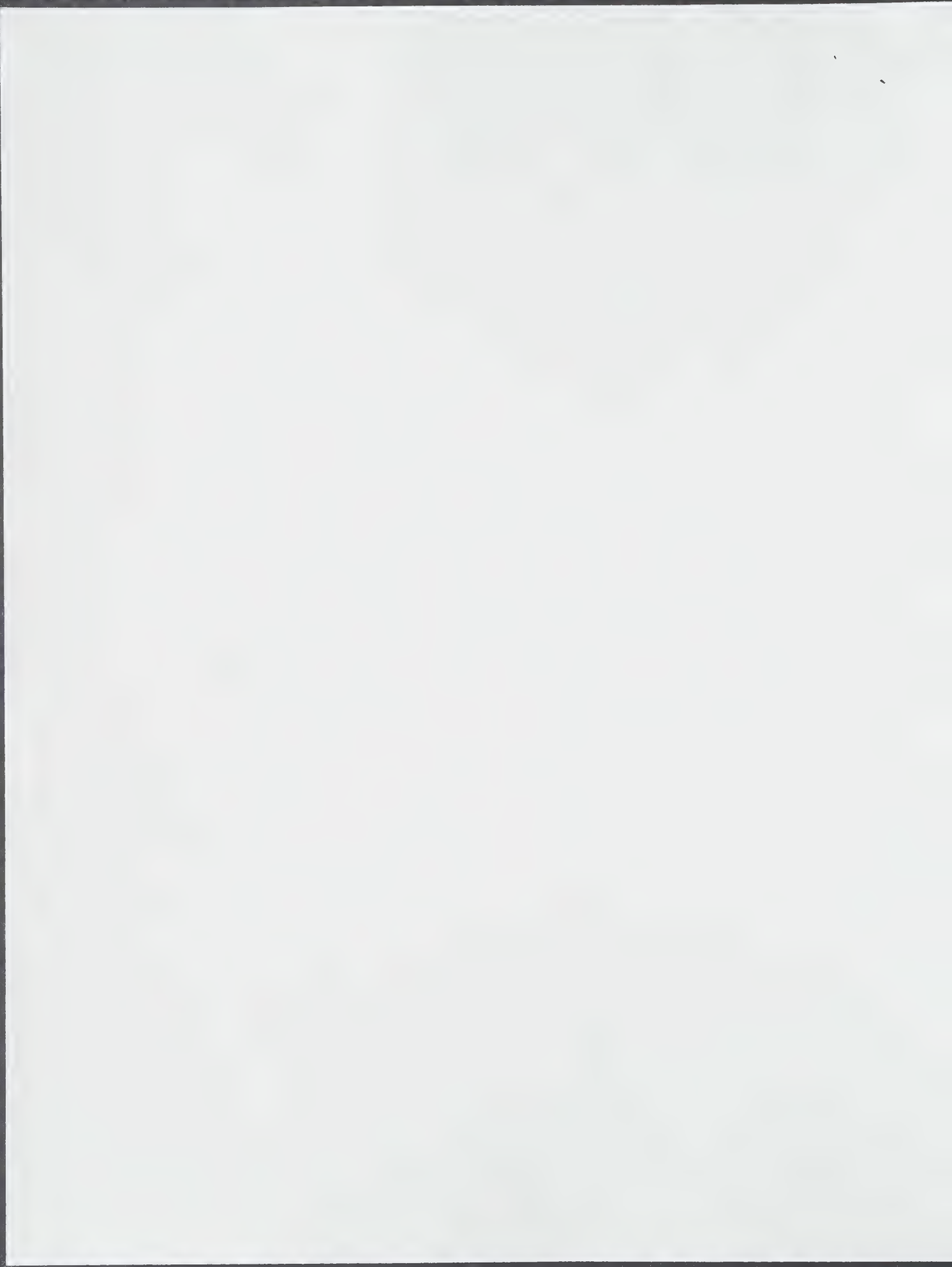
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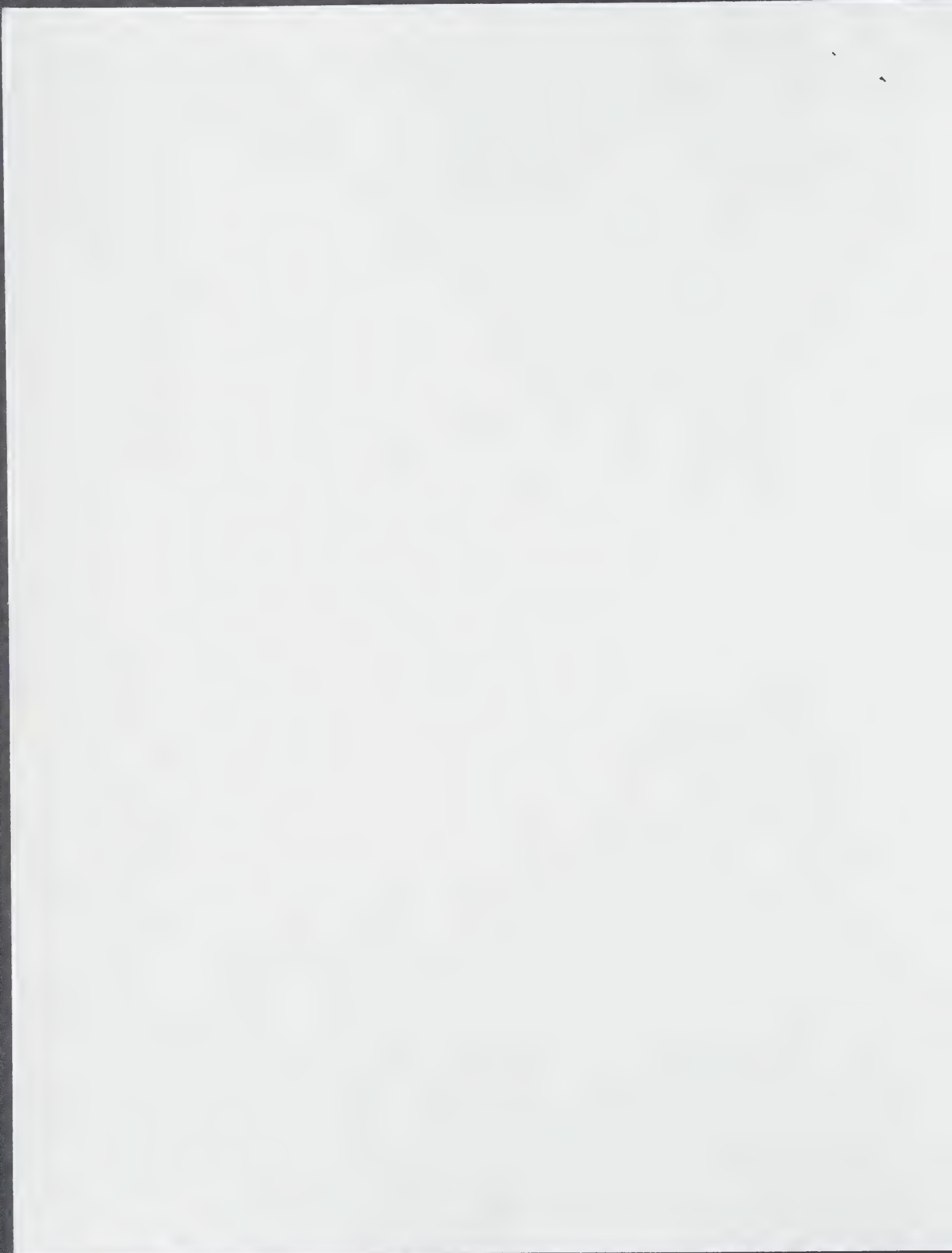
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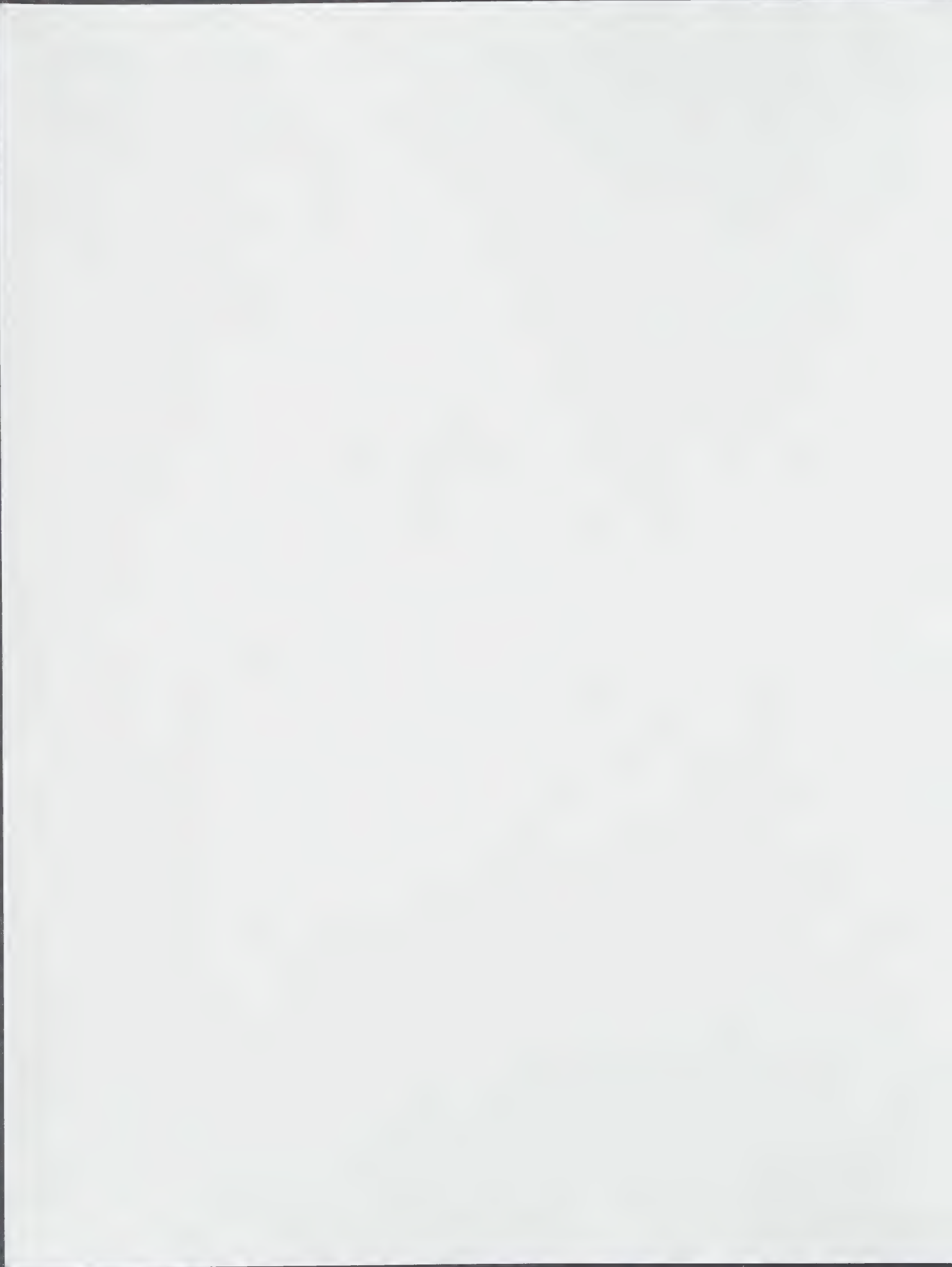
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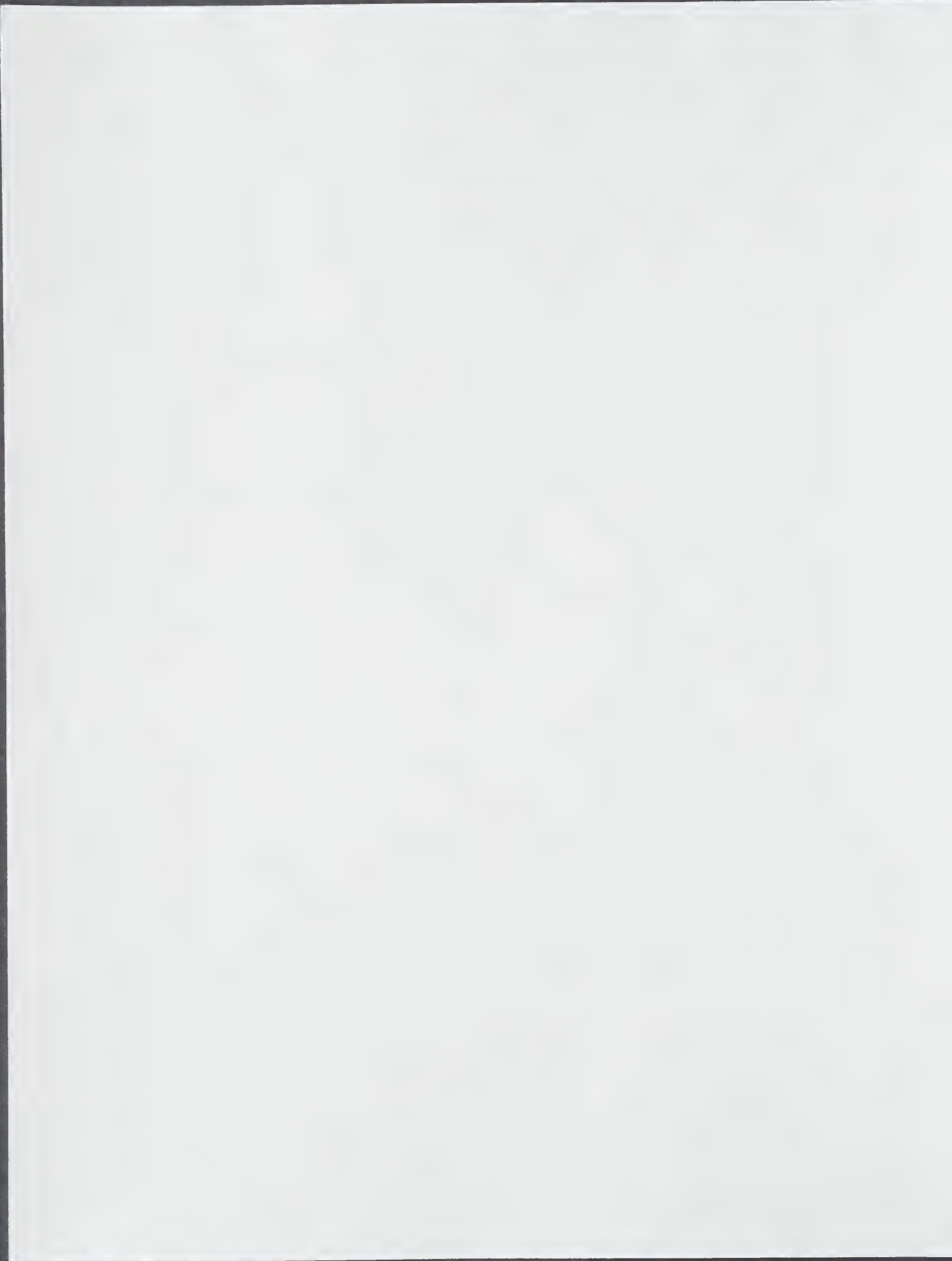
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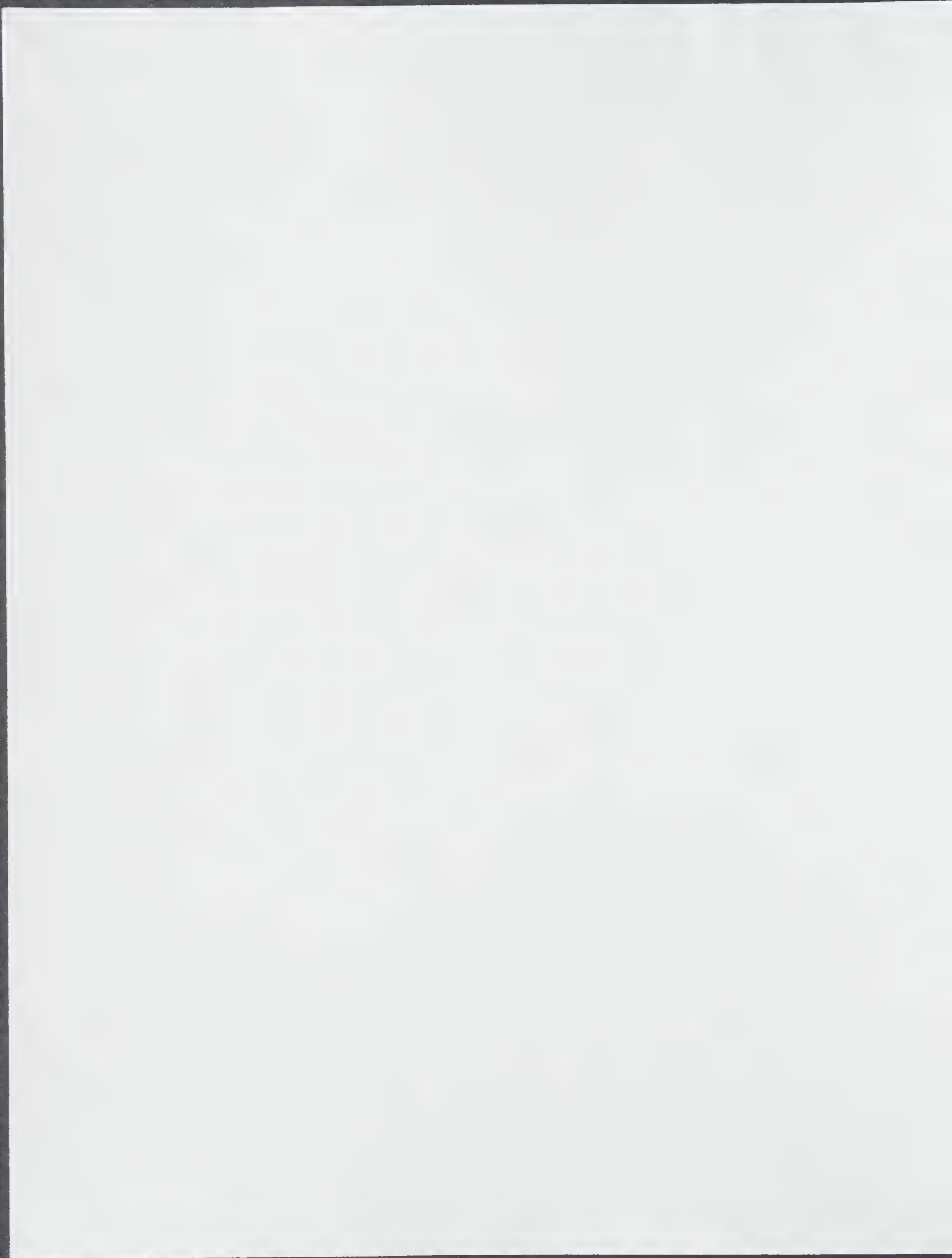
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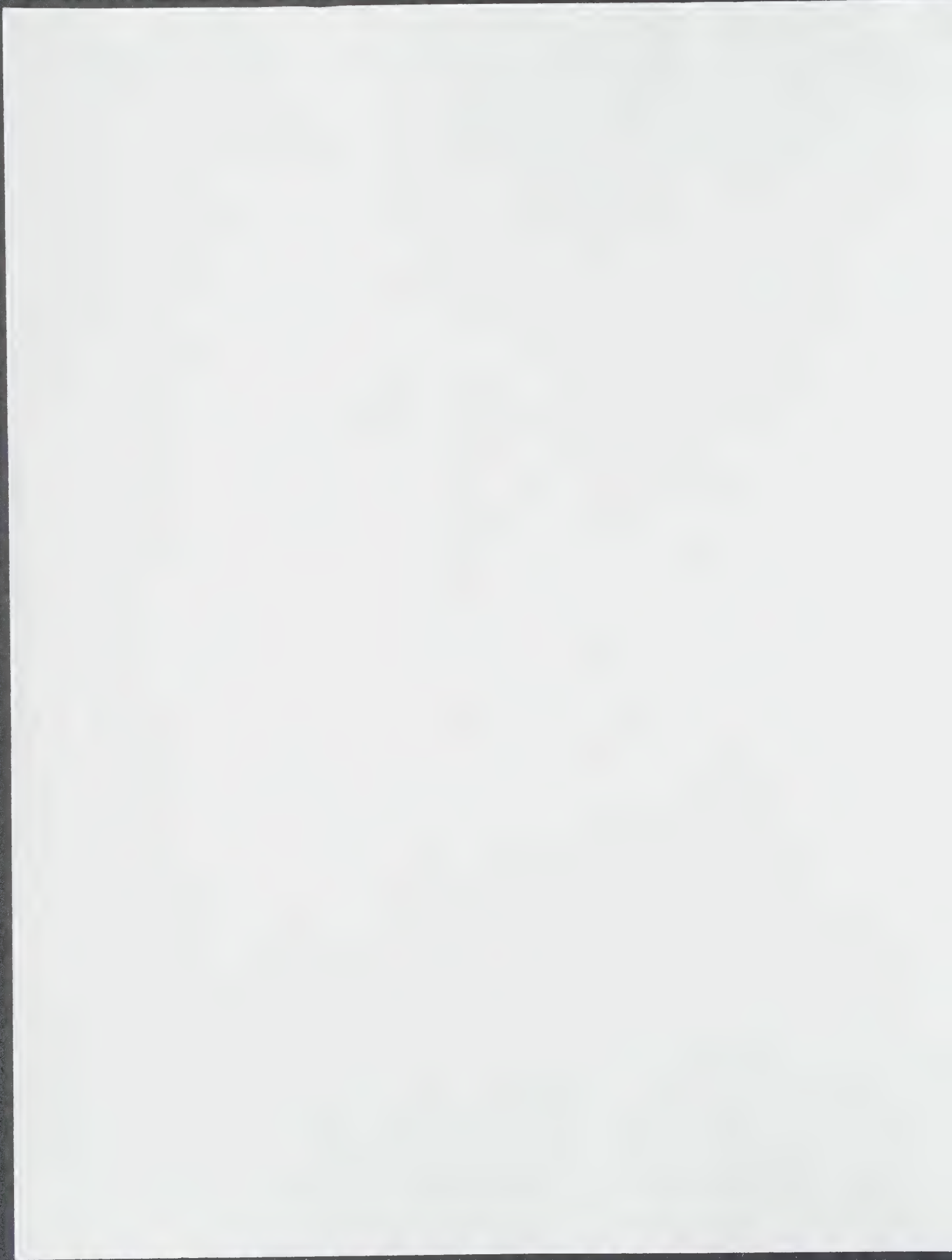
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But knowing you, I believe that you will have that checked in the library very quickly.

With best wishes as always,
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From: Victor Snieckus <snieckus@chem.queensu.ca>
Date: Wed, 22 Oct 2003 23:05:52 -0400
To: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com>
CC: Krista Voigt <baderadm@chem.queensu.ca>

Dear Alfred,

I regret to send you these news. I am still very hopeful for Gilbert Stork. The group is looking forward to seeing you in two days: they are prepared, as you know, to offer their personal description and insight into three pieces of your Aldrichimica Acta cover art. It will be wonderful to see you and Isabel.

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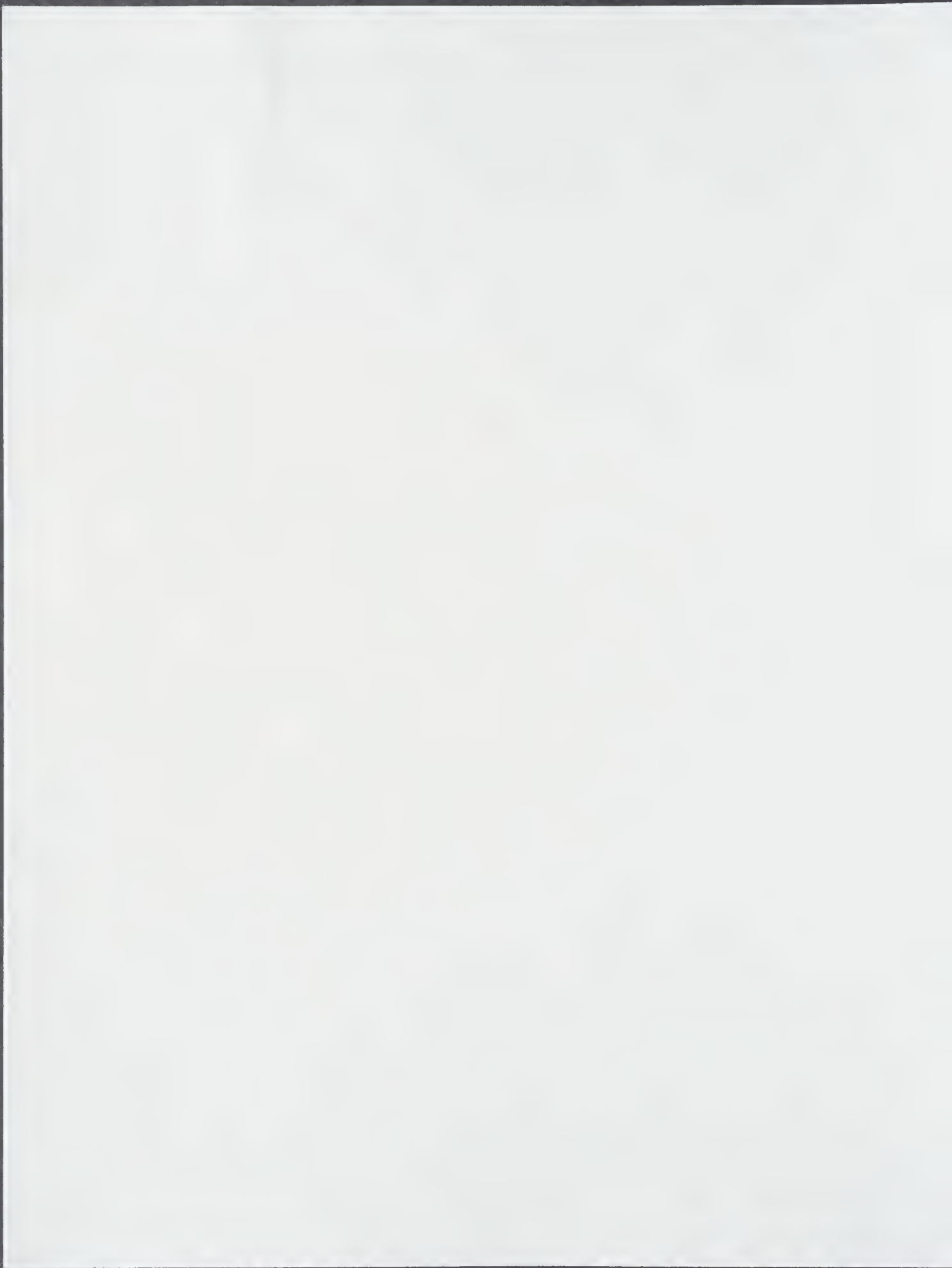
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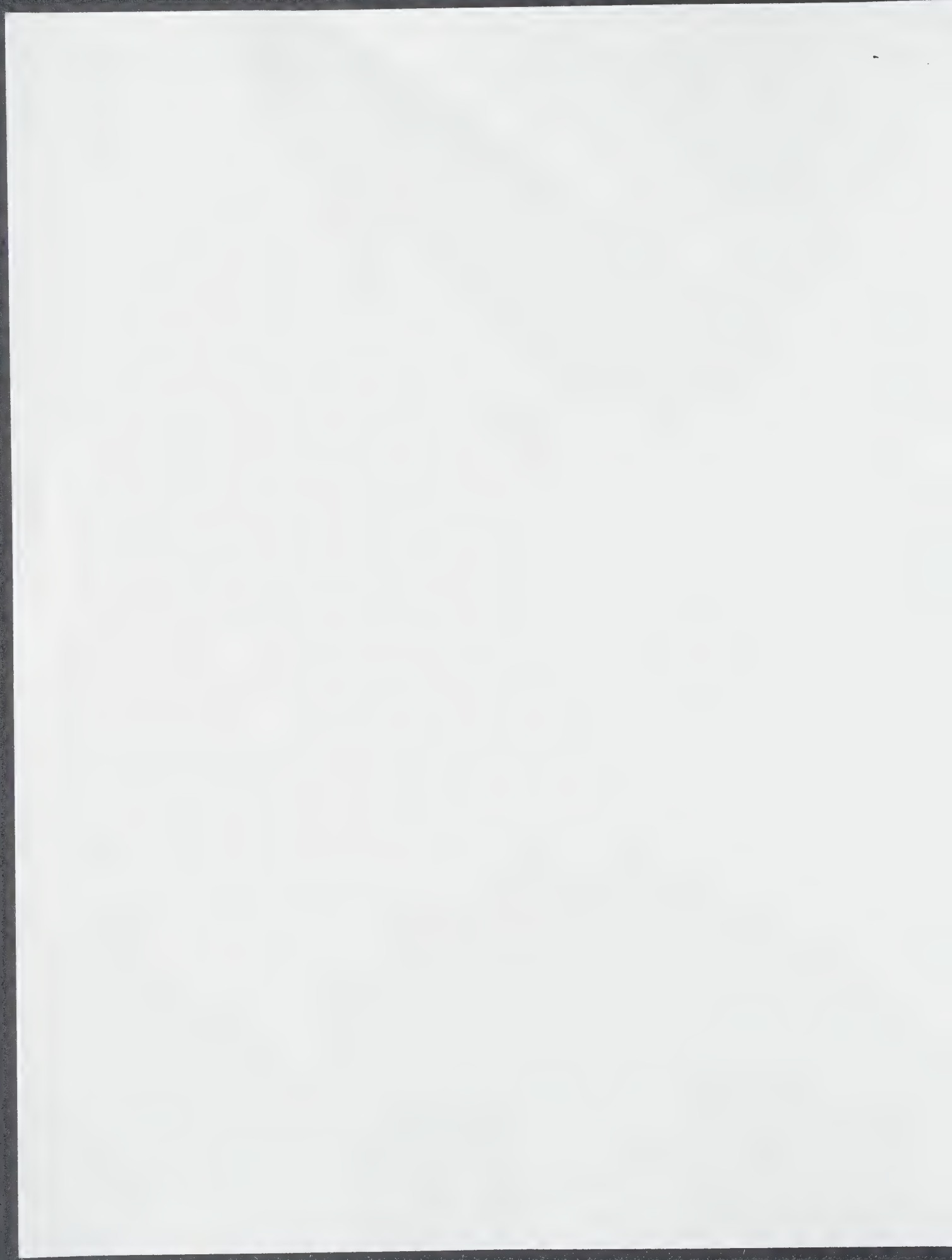
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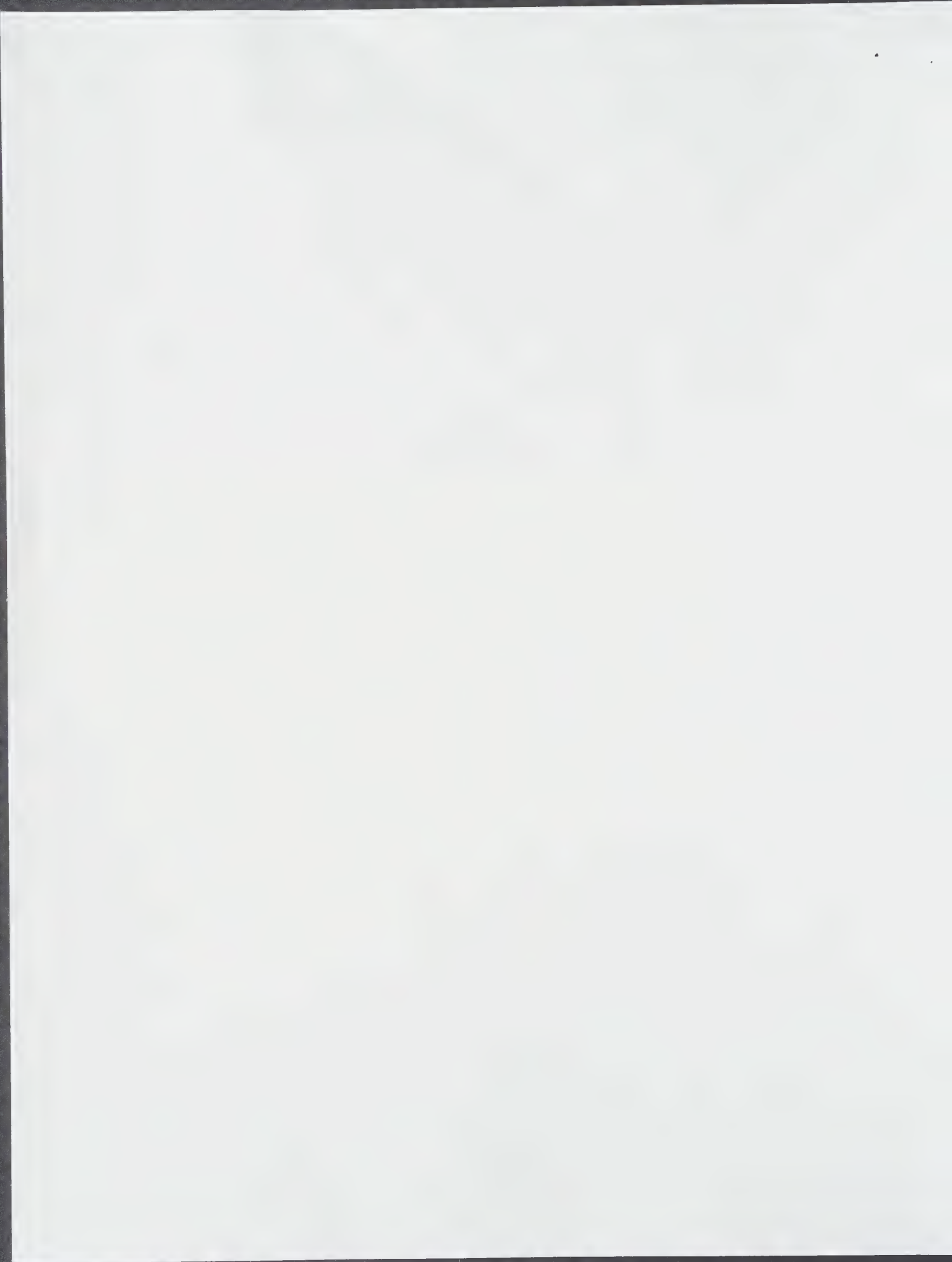
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I will do my best to find this paper in our library, Alfred and respond rapidly.

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At 02:40 PM 2/7/2003 -0600, you wrote:
Dear Victor,

How are the efforts for your new company coming along?

May I ask you for a favor? A very old friend of mine in Germany, one of the ablest hydrogenation chemists I ever knew, has now retired and is working on flaxseed--what an odd subject! He has asked me whether I could obtain for him a paper which he simply cannot find in Augsburg where he lives. The paper is by R.S. Bhatti: Nutrient composition of whole flaxseed and flaxseed meal. In: Flaxseed in Human Nutrition. (Cunnane SC, Thompson LU, eds), pp. 22-42, AOCS Press, Champaign, Illinois (1995).

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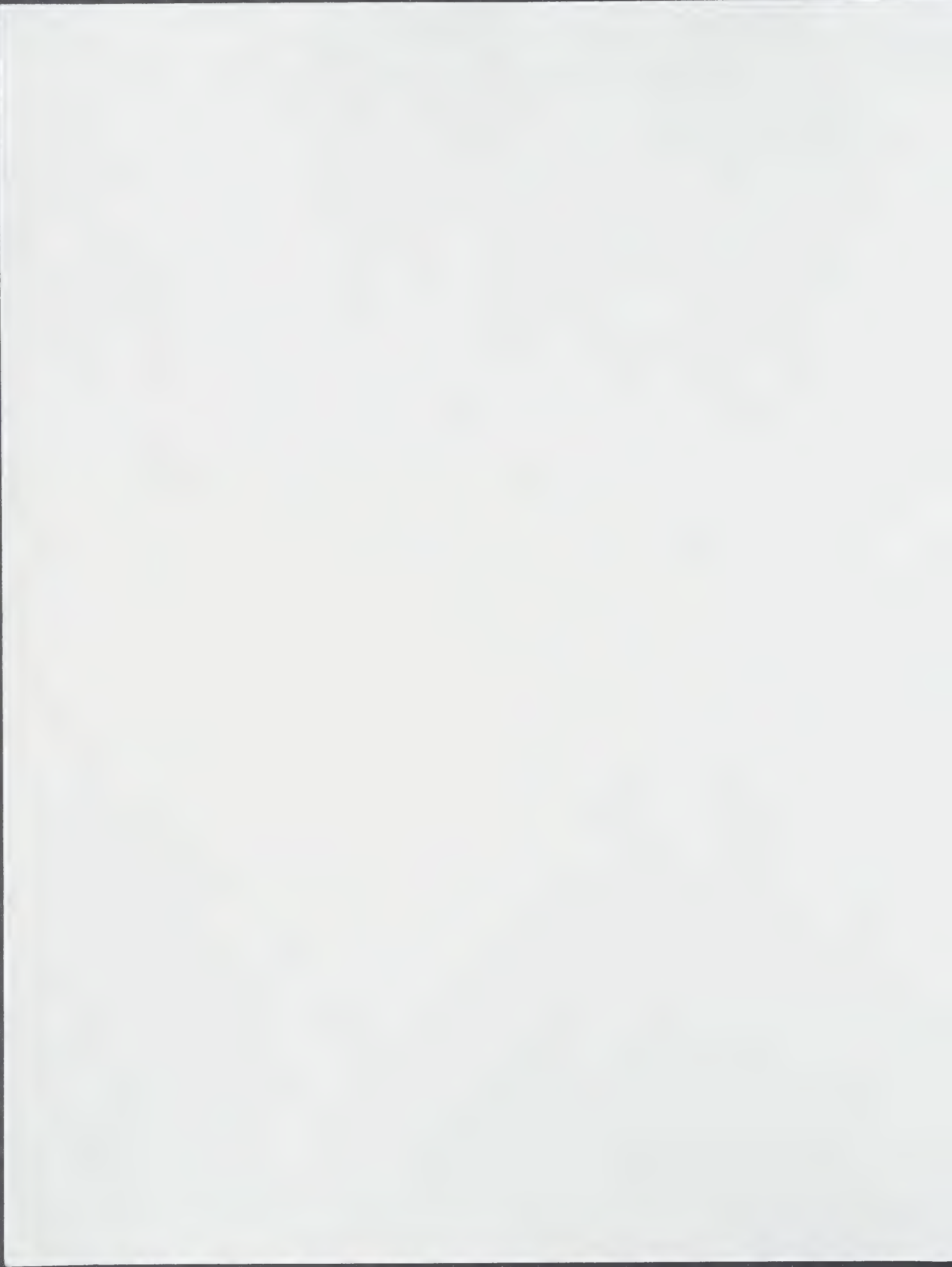
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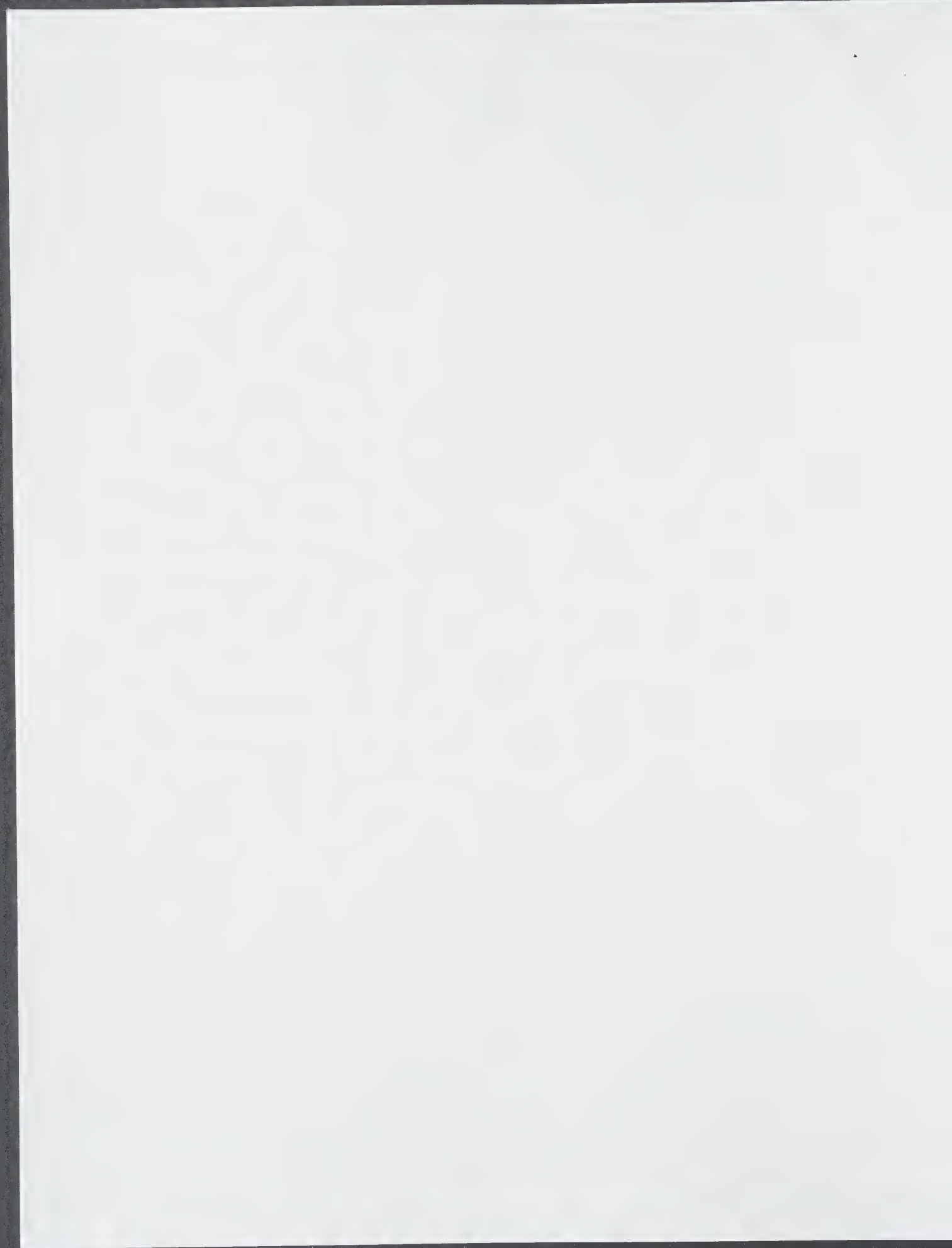
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Dear Victor,

Other chemists to consider for May are Ernest Eliel, Howard Alper and Ron Kluger.
I am sure that you know all of them and Howard and Ron are close to Kingston.

We so look forward to seeing you at the end of October and meeting Josh Zaifman.

Best wishes,
Alfred

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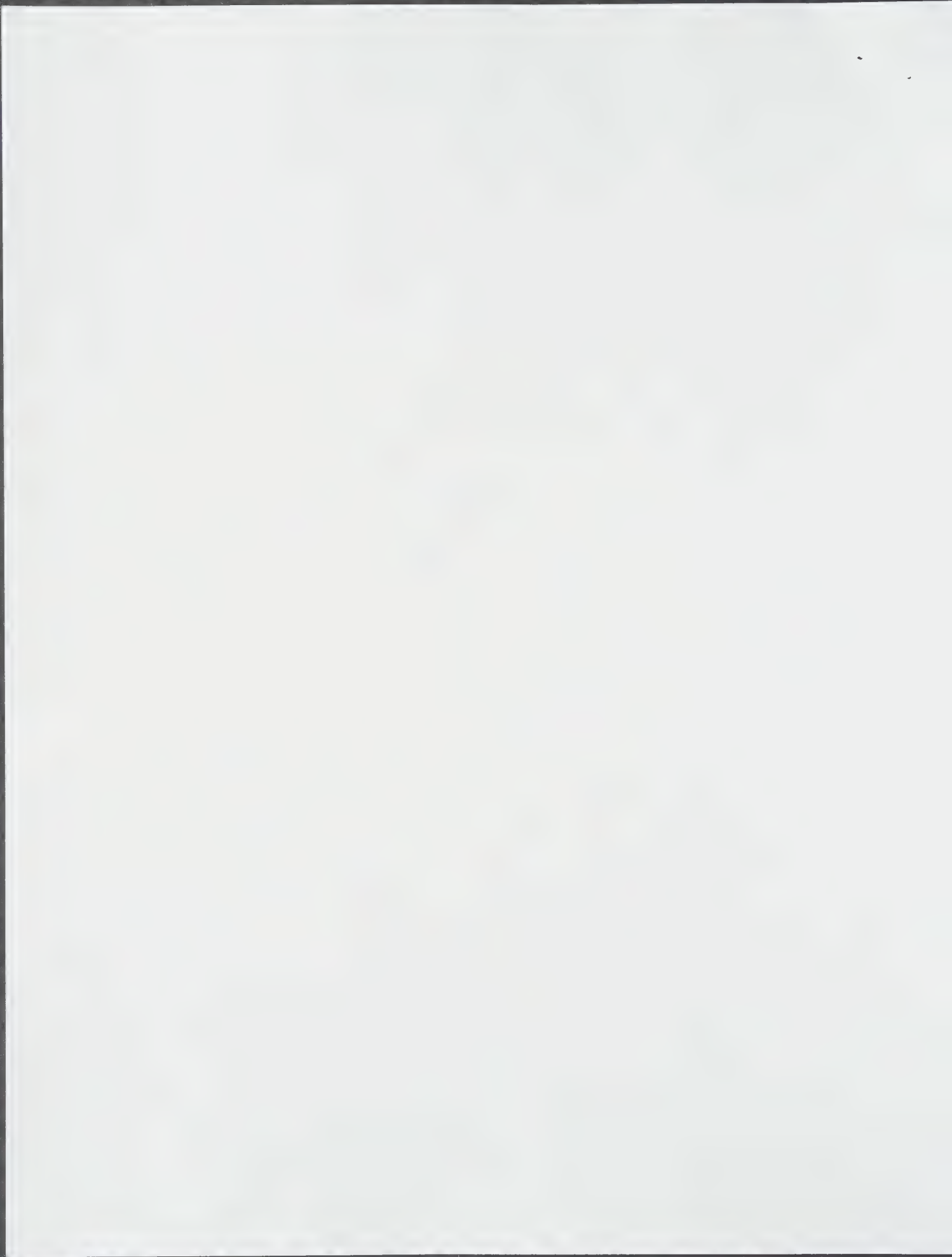
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**To:** "Alfred Bader Fine Arts" <baderfa@execpc.com>  
**CC:** "Victor Snieckus" <snieckus@chem.queensu.ca>

Hi Dr. Bader,

Dr. Snieckus mentioned that you'd like to talk to me sometime. It's probably inconvenient for you in the evenings (after 6 pm), but unfortunately that's the easiest and best time to contact me by phone between Monday and Friday. The weekends are also fine between 10 am and 10 pm. I apologize for confined schedule. I seem to be spending a lot more time on campus this year. I look forward to hearing from you in the future and hope I can provide some insight into the colourful compounds you discovered.

Best Regards,  
Josh Zaifman

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Re: Bader awards

**Subject: Re: Bader awards**

**Date:** Tue, 25 Apr 2000 16:52:30 -0400 (EDT)

**From:** Victor Snieckus <snieckus@chem.queensu.ca>

**To:** baderfa@execpc.com

Hello, Alfred and Greetings to Isabel,

Thank you for this timely reminder. In fact, there is an excellent student we are attempting to attract to Queen's from Memorial University whom I have just urged to submit an application. I also previously sent an email to selected Canadian organic chemists.

Thank you very much for establishing contact with Steve Branca regarding our new reagents, cumyl amine and CuPF<sub>6</sub>. He responded and someone else at Aldrich is testing out feasibilities.

I am also looking forward to seeing you and Isabel. The group will also be happy to greet you and talk to you - an event which is now becoming a tradition in its own right.

See you soon.

>Dear Victor,

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>Do you think that some Queen's students or some other Canadians from  
>some other Canadian universities will be applying for the Bader awards,  
>to go to first year graduate students?

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>You will recall that not a single student applied last year, except one  
>who wanted to come to the US.

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>We very much look forward to seeing you in a few days.

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>Withn best wishes I remain

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>Yours sincerely,

>Alfred Bader

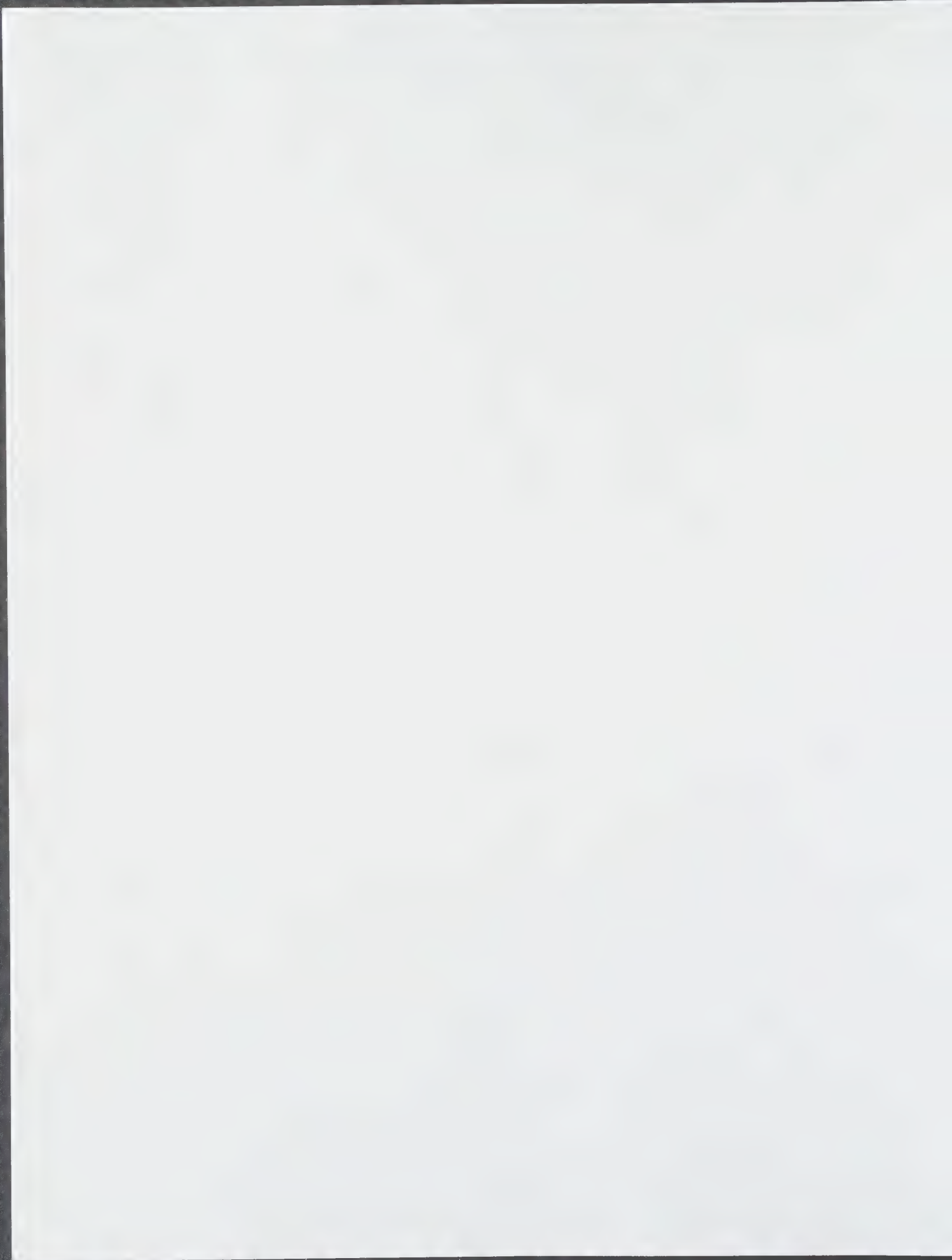
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**Subject: various**

**Date:** Sat, 28 Oct 2000 18:55:30 -0400 (EDT)

**From:** Victor Snieckus <snieckus@chem.queensu.ca>

**To:** baderfa@execpc.com

Dear Alfred,

I sit in my office this Saturday (waiting for the students to come in) and must write to you, while chuckling after reading the excerpt from Scharf's book, for two reasons:

a) thank you for communicating with Algirdas Sackus regarding compounds for Aldrich. I hope this works out.

b) that you will enjoy (have enjoyed?) Rodinsky's Room makes me happy. I also sent a copy to Roald who may beat you in reading it.

Hopefully, we can make the Bader Symposium a yearly, or at least a biannual, event.

Looking forward to continuing correspondence. Best wishes also to Isabel, please, also from Anne.

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BOS, the eclectic chemical and cultural meeting on synthesis just completed in Lithuania has received a thumbs up! For details and plans for BOS 2, please visit <http://www.chem.queensu.ca/dupont/index.htm>

For details on another favorably received conference in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, version 2001, visit <http://www.mbcfoundation.org>

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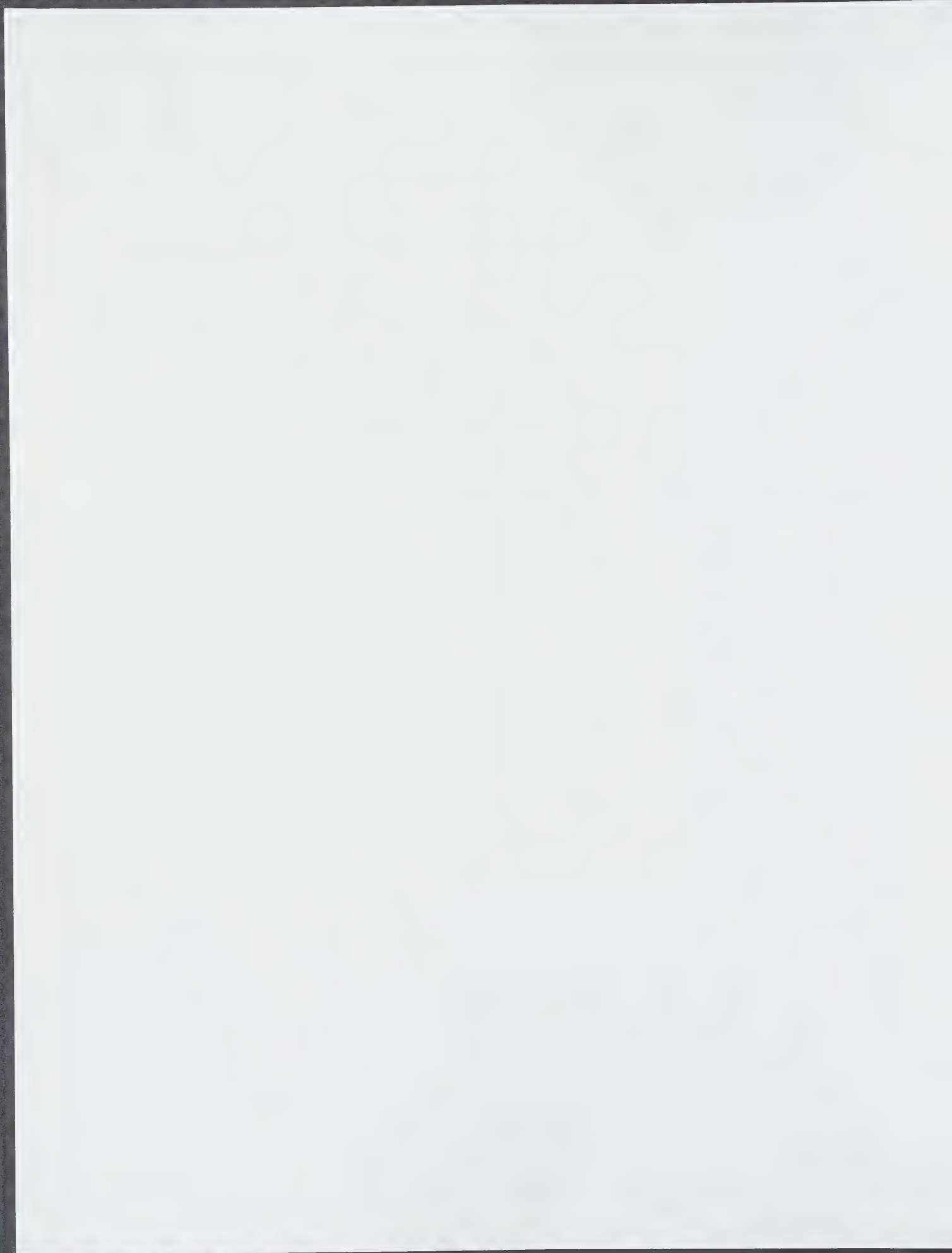
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October 18, 2000

Dr. Alfred Bader  
Suite 622, Astor Hotel  
924 East Juneau Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

Dear Alfred:

I hope that you do not find me too rude for not writing earlier regarding your symposium.

As I anticipated, Roald Hoffmann and Barry Sharpless kept the audience at full attention with their lectures. What was particularly gratifying was the fact that, aside from the expected presence of chemists, they attracted a rather diverse audience. Barry stimulated us with his usual forward-looking themes; Roald, whom I had heard only once before, gave us food for thought on the intertwining of chemistry, culture, and religion. Thank you for your comments to conclude the first Bader Symposium at Queen's.

Thank you for the wonderful Rembrandt lecture at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre which I had not heard in such detail before.

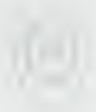
The next Bader Symposium may still be in Frost Wing but for 2003, we will host you in our new building for which the official (there is a very deep hole as you no doubt saw) ground-breaking ceremony took place yesterday.

With best wishes for all of your activities together with Isabel.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victor".

Victor Snieckus

cc: David Wardlaw, Acting Department Head, Queen's University  
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October 18, 2000

Professor Roald Hoffmann  
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14853-1301

Dear Roald:

On behalf of our chemistry department, I wish to express our gratitude for your lecture and participation in the Alfred Bader symposium with Barry Sharpness. I regret my delayed response.

As we all anticipated, you delivered a marvelous lecture on the topic of Tyrian purple and the cultural and religious connections. Coincidentally, I saw a review on a new book in this area which I append for your interest. From your lecture, as David Wardlaw noted in his closing comments, we came away richer in knowledge and appreciation of a chemically interesting topic. I will certainly incorporate some of your story into my undergraduate course next term. Also just struck me that I forgot to mention a fact, possibly already known to you, that there is a rich one-room museum at the Blackeley ASTRA/ZENECA (originally ICI) site near Manchester of the Perkin lab books, dyes, and many other memorabilia.

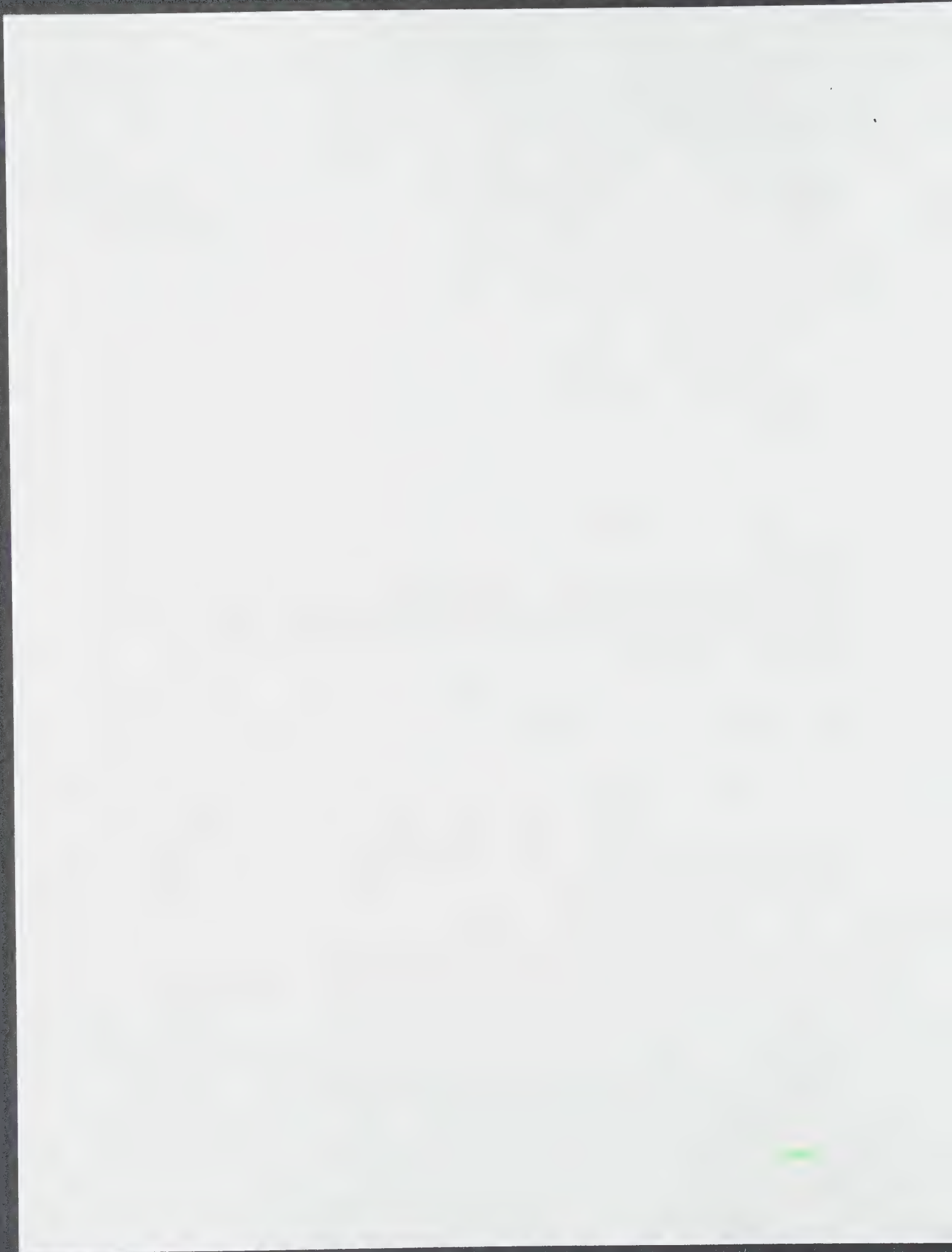
Best wishes for the continuation of your success in disseminating scientifically related knowledge to enrich all of us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor".

Victor Snieckus

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Dear Paul:

## **Re: Boehringer-Ingelheim Distinguished Lecture: Barry Sharpless**

Your participation, with Michael Bös and Youla Tsantrizos, at the Boehringer-Ingelheim Distinguished Lecture was certainly memorable for me and my colleagues in view of the Inaugural nature of the event. The occasion was amplified by the presence of Roald Hoffmann and the fact that it celebrated Alfred Bader.

We are most grateful that you agreed to making this occasion a combined event in spite of the little time that you, Michael, and Youla had with Barry. I suppose I should be happy that, after attempting to have him lecture at Waterloo for 25 plus years, it finally occurred. Hearing Roald Hoffmann and Alfred Bader were also enlightening events.

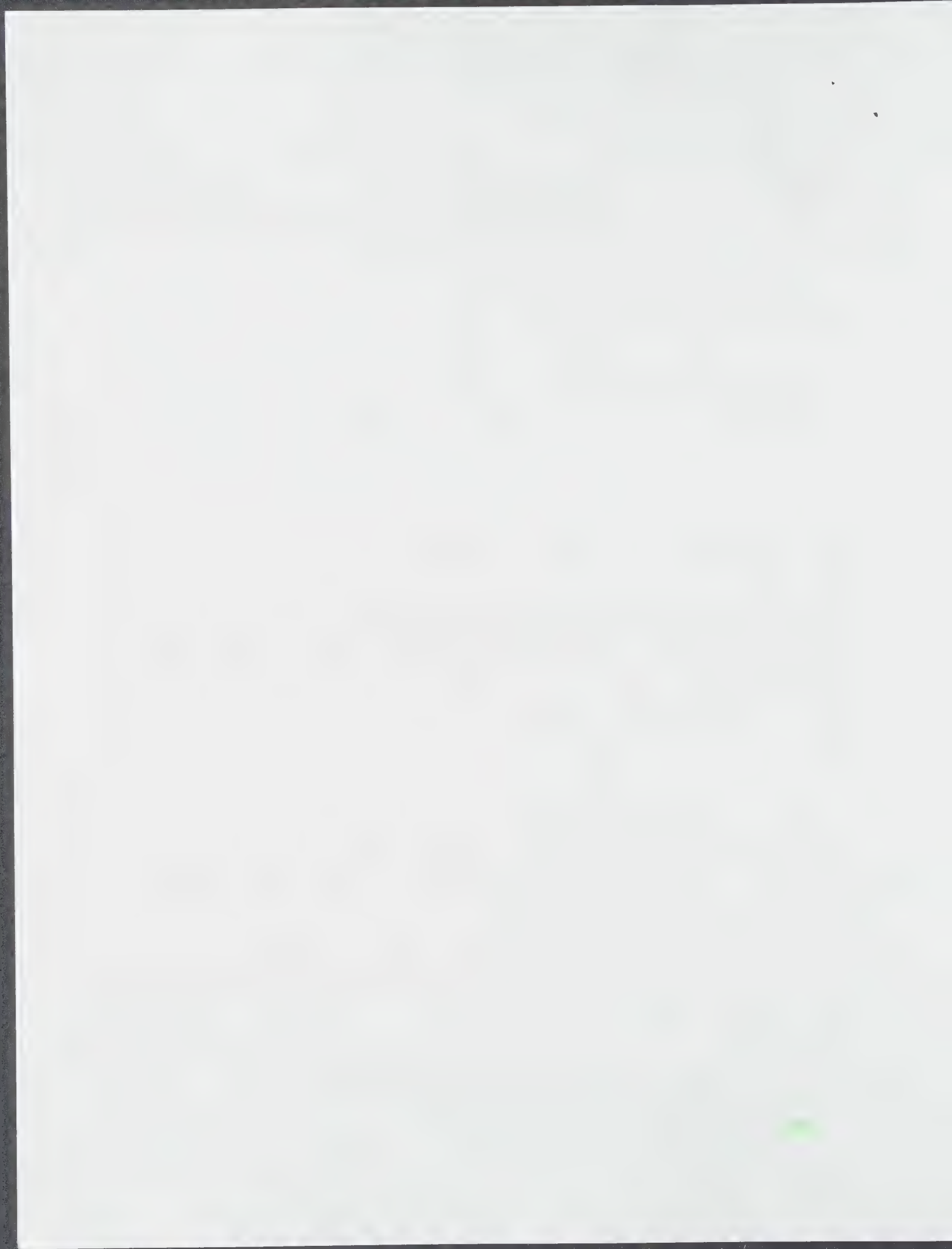
We look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> BI lecturer and trust that the practice of a visit to your labs will then be initiated. In 2003, we hope to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> in our new building for which the ground breaking ceremony occurred yesterday.

Best wishes for your multifaceted work, as always.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victor".

Victor Snieckus

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Dear Barry

**Re: Boehringer-Ingelheim Distinguished Lecture: Barry Sharpless**

I hope that your taxi ride to Syracuse and the follow up trip to Europe (France?) went uneventfully.

On behalf of Boehringer-Ingelheim and our chemistry department, I express our gratitude for your BI Inaugural Lecture and participation in the Alfred Bader symposium with Roald Hoffmann. As usual, you gave us a rich smorgasborg of chemistry and reflection of where synthesis can/should be heading. I found it particularly stimulating and I heard similar comments from my students and colleagues. After, 25 plus years of attempts to have you lecture at Waterloo, I finally succeeded. I am certain that the day in honor of Alfred was the key ingredient.

We hope that there will be a second visit to Queen's at which we can have more time for discussion with you on chemistry of mutual interest (which is all of it). Best for your continuing paths, click or not click, and hello to Jan. It was good to have a chance to talk with her during the luncheon.

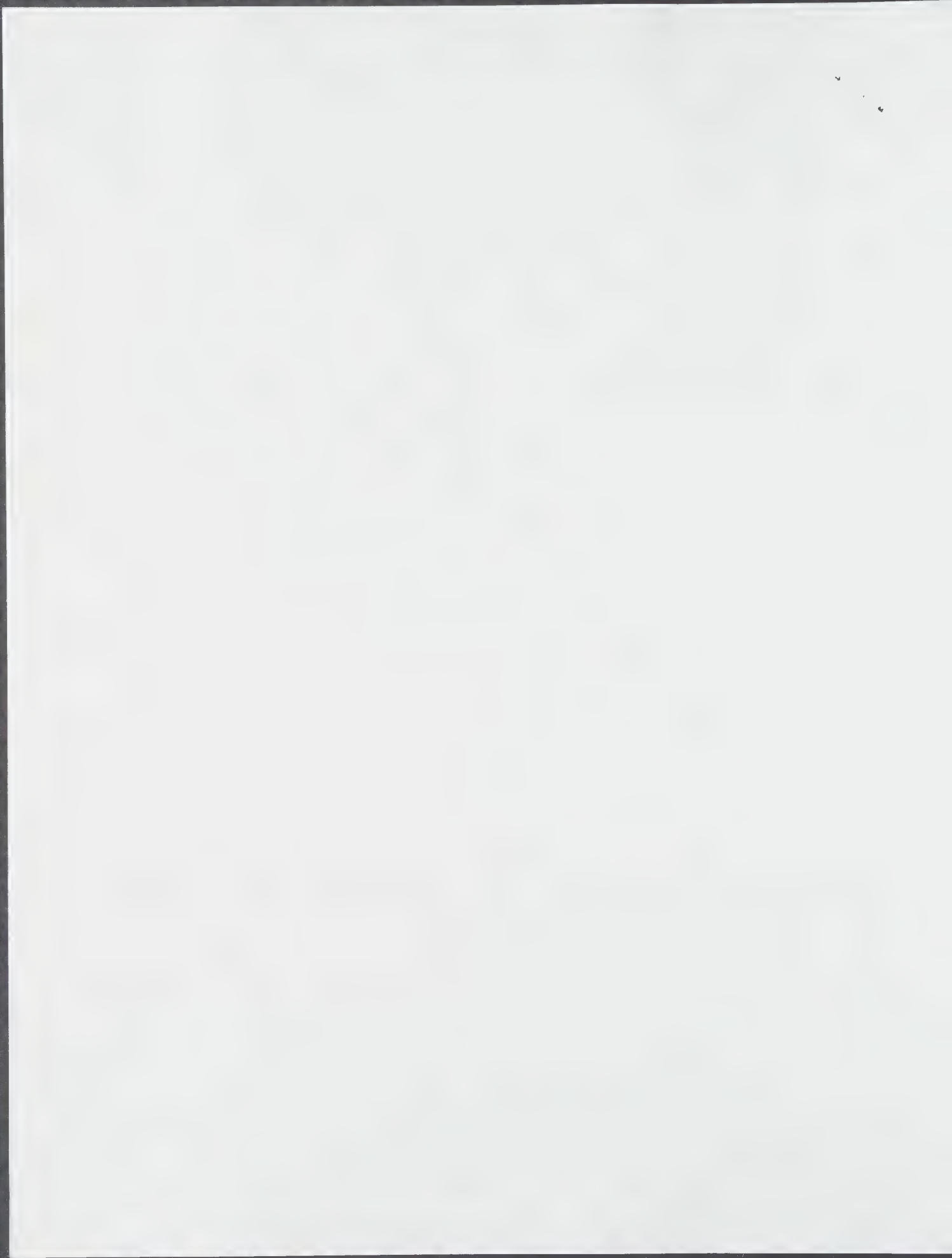
Best regards,

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October 20, 2000

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Dear Victor,

Thank you so much for sending me that book *Rodinsky's Room*, which I will read with great pleasure during the next few days.

It is a small world: when I looked at the beginning of the book there I saw a story, copy enclosed. It is by a very able writer whose book about Poland I liked so much that I purchased 10 copies to share with my friends, one of them Roald Hoffmann.

With all good wishes I remain

Yours sincerely,

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The Truth Is In There

To: Alfred BADER Date: Oct 1/00

Re: Book

Dear Alfred, while in London, my son Davinus described to me the works of Iain Sinclair, a person who walked the streets of that city since 1920 and wrote about his observations. He also mentioned his book with R. Lichtenstein and I immediately thought you would have an interest in it! So here it is. I hope you do not have it.

Victor.



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Jan.

Dear Mother  
I received your letter of the 10th and was  
glad to hear from you. I am well and  
hope these few lines will find you the same.  
I have not much news to write at present.  
The weather here is very cold and  
the snow is deep. I have not been  
out much lately. I will write again  
when I have more news to tell.  
Love  
Your affectionate son  
John

Woody & Carol Fischbach  
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October 22, 2000

Dear Alfred:

Carol and I would like to thank you again for allowing us several months to pay for the wonderful Terborch and the delightful cabinet picture by Eglon van der Neer.

We are often reminded that without your generosity, we would not have an art collection to enjoy.

Best wishes,

Woody & Carol

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