

SELECTED SLORC ORDERS

The following are the direct translations of some written orders sent from SLORC army units to villages. These orders include demands for forced labor on roads and at army camps, extortion money, food, building materials, and intelligence. For every order reproduced here, hundreds more are issued every week; these should be seen only as a small representative sampling. Most of the orders are addressed to Chairmen and Secretaries of Village Law and Order Restoration Councils (VLORC / Ya Wa Ta) and from the Township Law and Order Restoration Council (TLORC / Ma Wa Ta). These are local levels of SLORC administration. A "village tract" includes all the villages in a sub-area of the township. While the Township LORC consists of SLORC officials under direct military control, the Village LORC members are appointed, often against their will, by the local military. They are responsible for providing forced laborers, money, materials, intelligence, etc. as demanded by the military and the Township LORC, and they are the first to be arrested and tortured if they fail to do so. These orders show the systematic, widespread, and consistent nature of SLORC abuses throughout all rural areas of the country. Most of these orders were typed, copied and sent to villages throughout the township. Where necessary for safety, details have been blanked out with 'xxxx' or 'yyyy'.

Order 1

Stamp:

Date: 19-3-96

No: 62 IB

Note: Come without fail at the fixed

time.

To:

Chairman

xxxx village

23-3-96 - At 10 a.m. you must arrive at xxxx village for the meeting. Do not come up with any excuse that you failed to come. If you fail to come, we warn you that serious action will be taken.

[Sd.]

Intelligence - Corporal

Order 2

Date: 21-3-96

TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT MATTERS

To:

U xxxx
Chairman
xxxx village
Chin State

23-3-96 - At 10 a.m. you must arrive at xxxx village for the meeting. Do not come up with any excuse that you failed to come. If you fail to come, gentleman, we warn you that serious action will be taken.

Note: Come without fail at the fixed time. Attendees must not be women. No representatives or delegations.

[Sd.]

Intelligence - Sergeant
No. 62 IB

Order 3

Township Law & Order Restoration Council
Than Tlang
Ref. # 1/4-5/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah)
Date: 12 December 1996

To:

Chairman / In-Charge
Ward/Village Law & Order Restoration Council
xxxx village
Than Tlang township

Subject: Invitation for a meeting

- 1) For the Student Sports Festival fund and in accordance with the decision taken by the Chin State Law & Order Restoration Council, Than Tlang township must come to dig the road from Haka to Gangaw. They must come to dig 22,500 *kyin* for the car road in the first week of January.
[1 *kyin* = 10 x 10 x 1 feet of dirt or stone]
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2) If you have difficulties in coming to work, others must be hired and the price is 200 kyats for one kyin of ordinary soil. After deducting the wage for one day, you must come along with 135 kyats unit price for each *kyin*.

3) The meeting will be held in the community hall of the Township Law & Order Restoration Council group on 18/12/96 at 1:00 p.m. The village tract LORC Chairmen, Secretaries, members and responsible people are invited to attend the meeting without fail.

[Sd.]
(for) Chairman
(Kyin Za Pone, Secretary)

Copy to: - Sent
- Office copy

Order 4

Township Law & Order Restoration Council
Than Tlang
Ref. # 01/1-17/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah)
Date: 24 April 1996

To:

In-Charge
Ward/Village Law & Order Restoration Council
xxxx ward/village
Than Tlang township

Subject: Regarding widening the motor road by 20 feet

Reference:

- 1) Letter # 93/3-17/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah) from this office dated 18/1/96
- 2) Letter # 01/3-18/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah) from this office dated 26/2/96
- 3) Letter # 01/3-18/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah) from this office dated 29/2/96
- 4) Letter # 01/3-17/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah) from this office dated 4/4/96

1) In accordance with the resolution of the meeting which was attended by members of the Township Law & Order Restoration Council, department heads and all village-in-charges, the work assignments to widen the road by 20 feet between Than Tlang and Haka shall be completed within April 1996. You

have already been informed that we will take serious action against any village which cannot finish its assignment. This has been frequently acknowledged by letter and by spoken communication.

2) However, until today, 24/4/96, we have found that you have not started yet. This assignment is a national duty and is also regional development. We have already given you enough time to do it. Furthermore, the Township Law & Order Restoration Council assisted as much as we could towards all of your needs. If you give any reason, such as that you came late and could not fulfill your assignment building the motor road, we will not accept any such reason.

3) We hereby inform you to complete the building of the road in April using all villagers necessary from your village. Anyone who refuses to come to build the road shall be punished according to the law, and you should inform this office. We hereby inform you again to report to the Township Law & Order Restoration Council when you go to build the road. We hereby inform any villages which cannot come to do it by 26/4/96 that all members of the Village Law & Order Restoration Council must come and meet with the Chairman of the Township Law & Order Restoration Council on 30/4/96 at 10:00 a.m. without fail.

[Sd.]
(Tin Aung)
Chairman

Copy to:

- Township engineer, public works department, Than Tlang; assign a place when they come to report to Than Tlang
- Township health department, Than Tlang; take responsibility for health care
- Receipt/Office

[Widening the Haka - Than Tlang road will make it more effective for military use.]

Order 5

Township Law & Order Restoration Council
Than Tlang
Ref. # 01/3-18/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah)
Date: 26 February 1996

To:

Chairman
Ward/Village Law & Order Restoration Council
xxxx town/village (Than Tlang township)

Subject: Loh ah pay [forced labor] to widen the motor road
Reference: Resolution 4/96 by supervisory group dated 21/2/96

- 1) Regarding the above subject, on 24/2/96 the supervisory group checked the road construction which has already been done.
 - 2) Apart from the seven villages listed below which have fulfilled their duty, all wards and villages have not completed their assignments yet. Therefore in accordance with the above reference, 15/3/96 is the deadline to redo and finish your assignments.
 - 3) The supervisory group will reassign the rest of the work which remains to be done.
 - 4) You are hereby informed that first the supervisory group will only collect rice rations.
 - 5) You can go home after sending the information and measurements to the engineer and the engineer accepts them [i.e. after the engineer verifies that you have built the road to all specifications]. (Instead of hard rock areas, build instead in softer soil areas.)
 - 6) Up until now, Bel Har village has still not started building the road so the Village Tract Law & Order Restoration Council must solve this as quickly as possible.
 - 7) The Chairmen and secretaries of the village tracts themselves must supervise this repeated loh ah pay assignment from beginning to end, as per the arrangement.
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- 8) People must go to the worksite by their own arrangement. The responsible person must inform the road supervisory group.
- 9) The villages which have already fulfilled their loh ah pay are:
- 1) Tibual village, Tlang Te tract
 - 2) Mualkai village, Tlang Te tract
 - 3) Kuhchah village, Chaung Ti Ya tract
 - 4) Ywakwa village, Saikah tract
 - 5) Thinghual village, Tikhuangtuam tract
 - 6) Tha Tlang village, Tikhuangtuam tract
 - 7) Leitak (A) village, Hmawngtlang tract
- 10) You must not fail because it is your national duty.

[Sd.]
(for) Chairman
(Kyin Za Pone, Secretary)

Copy to: All members of road supervisory group; U xxxxx
Receipt/Office

Order 6

Stamp: [illegible]

Date: 28/12/96

To:

Chairman
xxxx village

Subject: To send rice

- 1) Regarding the above subject, you are hereby informed to bring 2 sacks of rice to Myeit Wah army camp on 29/12/96, as decided at the meeting with 12 villages under the authority of Myeit Wah army camp.
 - 2) To set up Miza self-reliance middle school, Myeit Wah tract must contribute 8,000 kyats. Therefore your village must contribute 1,000 kyats.
 - 3) If you send rice to the camp, it could make money for the Miza school fund.
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[Sd. / Ba Than]

Chairman

Tract LORC, Myeit Wah tract

[“Self-reliance” projects mean the villagers have to give all required money, materials and forced labor to complete the projects, then SLORC makes propaganda claiming credit for them.]

Order 7

To:

Date: 22/11/96

Chairman / Secretary
xxxx village

Subject: To send servants [i.e. porters]

Regarding the above subject, the Chairman is informed to come along with 5 servants and 4 days of rations [for the servants], on 24/11/96 at 12 o'clock midday to Myeit Wah army camp. The Chairman himself must come to send them without fail. If the Chairman fails, the responsibility will be on the Chairman and Secretary. We inform you that we will take strict action.

[Sd. / 22/11/96]

Order 8

To:

Date: 4/11/96

Chairman / Secretary
xxxx village
Chin State

Subject: To provide 2 special messengers from your village
If the enemy enters the area of the villages, each village must inform the mobile column which is nearest to their village. We inform you to assign 2 special messengers in order to send this information as quickly as possible.

[Sd. / 4/11/96]
(for) Column Commander
Frontline #55 Infantry Battalion

Order 9

Stamp: [illegible]

To:

Date: 25/11/96

Chairman / Secretary
xxxx village
Chin State

Subject: Invitation for a meeting

Regarding the above subject, a very important meeting will be held on 30/11/96 at Myeit Wah army camp, so you are hereby informed to report to this camp by 8 a.m. at the latest on 30/11/96.

[Sd.]
(for) Battalion 2nd in Command
#344 Infantry Battalion

[On the back of this order was written, "Bring 2 chickens along with you."]

Order 10

Than Tlang Army camp
Than Tlang town
Letter no. 100/01/U 1
Date: 1996 January 18

To:

Chairman/Village in-charge
Village Law and Order Restoration Council
xxxx village (Than Tlang township)

Subject: To inform you to supply wooden boards/bamboo/thatch

1. According to the above-mentioned subject, we need wooden posts, bamboo and thatch in order to build the Army camp in Than Tlang. Therefore, each village is requested to collect (450) wooden posts, (450) bamboos and (450) bundles of thatch.

2. The wooden posts must be 9 feet long, have a diameter of 11/2 feet at the top and may also be used for fencing. The bamboo must be freshly cut. As

soon as you receive this letter, you must cut and collect these and send them to Than Tlang Army camp.

3. Therefore, Sir, your duty is to provide these (450) wooden posts, (450) bamboo and (450) bundles of thatch, and when these are sent to the Than Tlang Army camp, the village in-charge or a member of the Village LORC must be present and inform the camp office.

[Sd.]
Camp Commander
Than Tlang Town

Copy to:

- Chairman, Than Tlang Township Law and Order Restoration Council
- Army Camp office copy only

Order 11

Office of Township Education Department
Than Tlang
Letter #: Section 1/(mgmnt)/9006/Sports (Funds)
Date: 1995 December 12

To:

Headmasters
State High School/State Middle School
xxxx town/village [State Middle School]

Subject: Collection and donation of funds for the 8th Students' Festival

Reference: Telegram order #658/Section (1-A) dated 5-12-1995 from
State Education Officer
- Haka

1. According to the above-mentioned subject, every student from high school and middle school must contribute 50 Pyas [1/2 kyat] per month starting from 1 December 1995 in order to support the 8th Students' Festival. A list and the money collected should be sent to the State Education Office before the 7th of each month, as per the referenced message mentioned above.

2. Therefore, as per the above directions, I hereby inform you to collect 50 Pyas per student and send it to reach this office before the 5th of each month together with a detailed list.

[Sd. / 12-12-95]
 (Thla Cung)
 Township Education Officer
 Than Tlang

Copy to:

- State Education Officer, Chin State, Haka
- To all the headmasters
- Office copy

[Note: This order was apparently sent to every Township Education Officer in Chin State by telegram. It relates to the 8th All-Burma Students' Festival which is to be held in Haka, Chin State in December 1997. In 1996 and 1997, students have to pay an additional 100 Kyats toward the Students' Festival fund with their admission fees. People in Chin State must also give money, forced labor, materials, etc. to prepare for the festival.]

Order 12

Township Law & Order Restoration Council
 Than Tlang
 Ref. # 01/3-1/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah)
 Date: 30 September 1995

To:

Chairman / In-Charge
 Village Law & Order Restoration Council
 xxxx town/village

Subject: To pay money for the sports festival
 Reference: Meeting minutes for 8/95

- 1) For the 1995-96 women's under-15 and under-17 football competition and sports festival, and the sports competition for adults from the concerned townships (at Haka), the fund of 30 kyats per household (excepting government servants and religious leaders) must be received by the deadline date of 31/10/95.
- 2) The village tract secretaries themselves must bring all of it [the money] along with them by the above date.

[Sd.]
 (for) Chairman
 (Kyin Za Pone, Secretary)

Copy to: Receipt/Office

Order 13

Township Law & Order Restoration Council
 Than Tlang
 Ref. # 03/1-18/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah)
 Date: 2 September 1995

To:

Chairman / Secretary / In-Charge
 Village Law & Order Restoration Council
 xxxx town/village

Subject: To set up People's Militia and send their names quickly

1) It has been learned that some villages of Than Tlang township have not formed People's Militia. For those villages which have not yet set up People's Militia, they must set up 5 fulltime members and 10 reserve members from villages which have under 50 households. From villages which have over 50 households, the strength will be 10 fulltime members and 25 reserve members. Set it up quickly and fill out the list as shown below completely. We inform you to do this and send it to our group without fail.

2) If you fail to send this we will take punitive action.

People's Militia

Serial #	Name	Age	ID Card #	Village Name	Fulltime
Reserve	Remarks				

[Sd.]
 (for) Chairman
 (Kyin Za Pone, Secretary)

Copy to: Receipt/Office

Order 14

Township Law & Order Restoration Council
 Than Tlang
 Ref. # 01/2-17/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah)
 Date: 5 April 1996

To:

Chairman / In-Charge
 Ward/Village Law & Order Restoration Council
 xxxx town/village

Subject: People's Militia recruit training

Reference: IB #266 Letter dated 29 March 1996, Ref. No. 266/15/A-1

1) As per the above reference, the fulltime members of People's Militia from your village will be given combat training in the battle course from 22/4/96 through 27/4/96. Therefore, 5 full-time people from villages of under 50 households and 10 full-time people from villages of over 50 households must be brought to the Township LORC office by the village tract secretaries by the deadline of 20/4/96 without fail (without fail).

2) The chairmen of the village tracts and the leaders of the People's Militia groups must come to this office for preliminary discussions on 12/4/96 at 10:00 a.m. without fail.

3) We inform all concerned leaders from wards and villages when they come to this office for the meeting on 12/4/96 to bring along the People's Militia list including names, dates of birth, ages, National Identification Card numbers, father's names, and village names.

[Sd.]
(Tin Aung)
Chairman

Copy to: Receipt/Office

Order 15

Township Law & Order Restoration Council
Than Tlang
Ref. # 01/2-17/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah)
Date: 25 April 1996

To:

Chairman / In-Charge
Ward/Village Law & Order Restoration Council
xxxx village

Subject: Attending People's Militia training

Reference: TLORC letter No. 01/2-17/TLORC (Tha Ta Lah)
dated 17/4/96

1) As per the above reference, people from the towns, wards and villages

must pay fees of 1,200 Kyats for food and 700 Kyats for rice, total 1,900 Kyats, for each member of People's Militia attending the training. The secretary of the village tract must come himself to send it, we hereby inform you.

2) We have received the amount shown below from the people attending the training, and we inform the secretary of the village tract to send the remainder himself by the deadline of 30/4/96.

A) For 2 people, received 1,000 Kyats, remaining to pay 2,800 Kyats.

[Sd.]
(Tin Aung)
Chairman

Copy to: Receipt/Office

Order 16

Stamp:

Light Infantry Battalion #339

Column #2

Chin State

Date: 9-96 [19/9/96]

To:

Chairperson (xxxx village)

Chairman! Send 15 viss [24 kg./53 lb.] of pork on the 21st. What about the xxxx village Chairman? His given date is overdue. Press him.

[Sd. / 19-9-96]
Intelligence Office

Order 17

Stamp:

Light Infantry Battalion #339

Column #2

Chin State

Date: 9-96 [10/9/96]

To:

Chairperson

As soon as you receive this letter, ask Maung xxxx to come and report immediately together with 3 viss [4.8 kg./10.5 lb.] of chicken. Without our releasing him, he ran away. Absolutely unacceptable. Do it so that he comes immediately.

[Sd. / 10-9-96]
Intelligence Office

Order 18

Stamp:
Light Infantry Battalion #339
Column #2
Chin State

Date: 26-8-96

To:
Chairperson (xxxx village)

Take action to replace the five voluntary laborers already released, now and without fail. From now on I will note it down [if you are late sending replacement labor].

[Sd. / 26-8-96]

Order 19

Stamp:
Light Infantry Battalion #339
Column #2
Chin State

Date: 23-8-96

To:
xxxx village (Chairperson)

I inform you that if you receive this letter now, come yourself immediately and meet the column commander.

[Sd. / 23-8-96]

Note: Come Immediately [written in red ink]

Order 20

To:

Date:16-8-96

U xxxx
Chairperson
xxxx village
Chin State

U xxxx! As the Army Column needs more servants again, I inform you to send 8 additional servants in addition to the 5 servants you already have to send from xxxx village, along with 3 days' provisions, to the Army Column at 6 a.m. on 17-8-96 without fail.

[Sd. / 16-8-96]
Column Commander
#331 Light Infantry Battalion

[Note: 'Servants' as used here means porters. The village normally has to send 5 porters at all times on a rotating basis, but this time they must send 13 - with less than 24 hours' notice.]

Order 21

Stamp:

Infantry Battalion #32

To:

Chairperson
Battalion Office
xxxx village

Subject: Calling the chairperson to a meeting

Regarding the above subject, we need to discuss with you so if you receive this letter now, come to Infantry Battalion #32. If you fail, I inform you that it will be your responsibility.

Place: Kya In Seik Gyi Town
Date: 20-9-96

[Sd.]
Intelligence
Infantry Battalion #32

Order 22

To: Father xxxx

Date: 30-6-96

I write to [you] now. Now we have important guests. I am asking for your help. Send 3 viss [4.8 kg./10.5 lb.] of chicken along with the messenger who brought this letter.

With respect,
[Sd.]
Medic
Corporal Kyaw Moe Lwin

Order 23

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #32

To:

Date: 1-9-96

Chairperson
Column
xxxx village

Subject: To send bamboo and wooden posts for a fence

Regarding the above subject, we inform you to send (300) bamboo and xxx wooden posts for the use of Infantry Battalion #32 on 4-9-96 without fail.

[Sd. / 1-9-96]
Intelligence
Infantry Battalion #32

Order 24

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #32
Quartermaster Dept.

To:

Date: 14-6-96

Chairperson
xxxx village

Subject: To sell timber for the Army's community hall

For construction of the community hall at IB #32 [Army camp], I inform you to send planks of ironwood measuring 5' x 2" [sic: should probably read 5"x2", i.e. 5 inches by 2 inches] and length over 12 feet, weighing 2 tons in total, before the moon has waxed next month (7/96). [i.e. before full moon day, which fell on 30/7/96.]

[Sd.]
Quartermaster's office
Infantry Battalion 32

[Note: Despite the word "sell", the villagers will likely be paid nothing or only a token sum.]

Order 25

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #32

To: Date: 10-1-96
Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx village

Subject: Regarding the measure of firewood ordered by the Battalion

We have learned that the firewood we asked from your village has not as yet been sent. Therefore, we inform you to send the wood according to the amount we asked from you to the Battalion headquarters before the deadline of 12-1-96 without fail. Should you fail, it will be your responsibility.

[sd.]
(for) Column Commander

Order 26

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #32

To: Date: 10-1-96
Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx village

Subject: Regarding the measure of firewood ordered by the Battalion

We have learned that the firewood we asked from your village has not as yet been sent. Therefore, we inform you to send the wood according to the amount we asked from you to the Battalion headquarters before the deadline of 12-1-96 without fail. Should you fail, it will be your responsibility. If you receive this letter now, I inform you that you yourself must come immediately to the Army column.

[Sd.]
(for) Column Commander

Order 27

To: Date: 16-6-96
Chairperson
xxxx village

Subject: Invitation to a meeting

I inform you that we from #31 Infantry Battalion need to discuss organisational, management and development matters with you, Chairperson. So you yourselves, Chairperson and Secretary, must come to xxxx village at 12 noon on 19-6-96.

[Sd.]
[Sd.] Intelligence Officer
Major Soe Htat Infantry Battalion #31

Order 28

Stamp:

Infantry Battalion #32
Column

Date: 17-6-96

To: Chairperson
xxxx village

- 1) If you receive this letter now, Chairperson, you yourself come immediately along with the messenger to xxxx village to meet with the Column Commander.
- 2) Without fail (without fail) come and meet [him]. Should you fail, I inform you that we will take action effectively and severely.

[Sd.]
(for) Column Commander
Column 2

Infantry Battalion #62

Order 29

Date: 17-6-96

To:
Chairperson
xxxx village

If you receive this letter now, you yourself come immediately and see us at the Army column without fail, along with up to date information about your area. If you fail it is your responsibility, Chairperson.

[Sd.]
Than Zaw Aung
Column 2
Column Office

Order 30

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #31

To: Date: 18-6-96
Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx village

Subject: Come and see us

Regarding the above subject, as we want to have a discussion with you gentlemen, we inform you to come and meet at the Column [camp] at 1400 hours on 18-6-96 without fail.

[Sd.]
Column Commander
Infantry Battalion #31
Column 2

Order 31

Date: 96 June 19, 18:30

Mrs. xxxx!

Why didn't you come when called by the Army column? Were you not able to come because of a toothache?

Why didn't you report that there are still enemy groups in xxxx [village]?

We never hear xxxx village reporting enemy news. You only answer when the Army column asks.

You never talk if we do not ask.

Tomorrow, Mrs. xxxx, come yourself to An Kong village without fail. You must not send a group of go pa ka [temple lay helpers] as your representatives.

Come without fail tomorrow, on 20-6-96.

[Sd. / 19-6-96]
Column Commander
#310 Light Infantry Battalion

Order 32

To:

Date: 23-6-96

Village Headmen / Go pa ka [temple lay helpers] groups

We have information that there have been enemy groups around xxxx / yyyy [villages], so report immediately by messenger whether this news is right or wrong.

[Sd. / 23/6/96]
Column Commander
#310 Light Infantry Battalion

[Written on back in red ink:] Important / Send Immediately

Order 33

To:

U xxxx
Chairperson
xxxx village

U xxxx! If you receive this letter now, come and see the Army Column at 3 p.m. today.

[Sd. / 30/6[/96]]
Column #2

Order 34

Stamp:
Company 5

To:
xxxx village

If you receive this letter now, come and see us at Ku Done Army Camp immediately.

Without fail.

If you fail, I inform you that severe action will be taken against you.

[Sd. Aung San Myint]
Lt. Aung San Myint

[Written on the back afterwards by the village head: "On 7-7-96 had to give 2 viss [3.2 kg. / 7 lb.] of chicken."]

Order 35

Stamp:
Light Infantry Battalion

To:
Village Head
xxxx village

I want to know why you have not sent the prawns I asked for. I am asking you for curry for the Battalion Commander. Next time when you change the servants, headwoman, you yourself must come.

[Sd.]
Intelligence Officer

Order 36

Stamp:

#310 Light Infantry Battalion

Column 2

To

Village Chairperson / Secretary

Now, headmen, come yourselves and report news of the enemy around xxxx / yyyy / zzzz villages, and whether it [enemy activity] is usual / not usual.

Come and sell today the edible meat you must sell to the Army column.

Column 2

[The village head later wrote on the back: "13/7/96 had to give one viss [1.6 kg. / 3.5 lb.] of chicken to Column Commander Than Htun in An Kong Army camp." - this is in addition to the large amount of meat his village has to regularly "sell" for nothing to the Army camp.]

Order 37

To

Date: 13-7-96

Chairperson

xxxx village

Subject: Come and meet with the Column Commander

Regarding the above subject, we inform you to come and meet at LIB Column 2 immediately without fail, and if you fail it is the village head's responsibility.

Note: Come and see us on the 13th.

[Sd.]

(for) Column Commander

Order 38

Stamp:
#32 Infantry Battalion

To:

Date: 5-1-96

Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx village

The construction of Chaung Wah - Kya In Seik Gyi road will be resumed on Tuesday the 9th [9/1/96]. After working for 3 days (Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday) take a rest for 4 days. In the following weeks you will have to do it on Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday each week, every week.

In order to start the finishing work on the road, you yourself must come on Tuesday 9-1-96, and since you will have to cast lots for each section of the road, I inform you to come without fail.

If you fail, it will be your responsibility.

[Sd. / 5-1-96]
(for) Column Commander

Order 38

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #62

To:

Date: 11-3-96

Chairperson
[illegible]
xxxx village

As soon as you receive this letter, come and meet at Chaung Wah village. If you fail I warn and inform you that severe action will be taken against you.

[Sd.]
Intelligence Sergeant
Infantry Battalion #62

Order 39

Stamp:
#62 Infantry Battalion

Date: 19-3-96

To
Chairperson
xxxx village

On 23-3-96 at 10 o'clock a.m. do come and meet with the column commander at Chaung Wah village. If you should fail to come by making many different excuses, I warn and inform you that we will take severe action.

Remark: Must come on the fixed date without fail.

[Sd.]
Intelligence Sergeant
#62 Infantry Battalion

Order 40

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #31

To:
Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx village

Date: 23-6-96

Subject: Invitation to a meeting

Regarding the above subject, we need to discuss with you gentlemen the construction of the Chaung Wah village bridge and security matters for the area. We therefore inform you to attend the meeting (without fail) at Chaung Wah village at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday 26-6-96.

[Sd.]
(for) Column Commander
Infantry Battalion #31
Column 2

Order 41

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #31

To: Date: 23-6-96
Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx [village]

Subject: Invitation to a meeting

Regarding the above subject, we need to discuss with you gentlemen the construction of the Chaung Wah village bridge and security matters for the area. We therefore inform you to attend the meeting (without fail) at Chaung Wah village at 12 o'clock noon on 26-6-96.

[Sd.]
(for) Column Commander
Infantry Battalion #31
Column 2

Order 42

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #31

To: Date: 25-7-96
Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx village
Subject: Invitation to a meeting

Regarding the above subject, we will hold a meeting to continue to implement construction of the Chaung Wah bridge. Therefore attend the meeting at Chaung Wah village at 12 o'clock noon on 27-7-96 without fail, and bring along with you the money to be collected for bridge construction.

Place: Chaung Wah [Sd.]
(for) Column Commander
Infantry Battalion #31
Column 2

Order 43

Stamp:

Infantry Battalion #31

To:

Date: 25-9-96

Chairperson
Column 2
xxx village

Subject: Opening ceremony of self-reliance bridge in Chaung Wah village

Regarding the above subject, we have finished construction of the self-reliance bridge in Chaung Wah village and we will hold the opening ceremony on 29-9-96 at 8:00 a.m. Therefore we invite you that football and volleyball teams from your village must come and compete without fail on 27-9-96 at 10:00 a.m., and five representatives including the headman must attend without fail the final meeting regarding the Chaung Wah bridge on 27-9-96 at 12:00 noon.

Notes:

- 1) We will feed and entertain members of the football and volleyball teams and the headmen from 27-9-96 to 29-9-96, five times altogether [i.e. they will feed them twice on the 27th, twice on the 28th and once on the 29th].
- 2) We will hold a boxing competition for those under 20 years old.
- 3) After the opening ceremony on 29-9-96 at 8:00 a.m., all the villages which gave contributions [for the bridge] must cast lots at 9:00 a.m., and we will award one black and white television including antenna and battery and one cassette player to the one who wins.
- 4) We will hold a closing ceremony after the football match between the young ladies and the old men.

[Sd.]
(for) Column Commander
Infantry Battalion #31
Column 2

Order 44

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #32

To:
Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx village

Date: 1-1-96

Gentleman, we will hold a boxing competition to raise money for Independence Day [January 4]. In your village, you will have to sell ten adult tickets, and you have to sell them for 40 Kyats each.

The people who buy the tickets from your village have to watch the competition on the 2nd at 11 o'clock and on the 3rd at 11 o'clock. Altogether two times you will have to watch.

I inform you that you have to sell all ten tickets and send the money to Za Mi hall without fail.

[Sd. / 1-1-96]
(for) Column Commander

Order 45

Stamp:
#32 Infantry Battalion

To:
Chairperson
Supreme Headquarters (Intelligence)
xxxx village

Date: 1996 January 22

Subject: We want to hold a meeting with the village head

Regarding the above subject, as we need to speak with the headman we inform you to come to Infantry Battalion #32 on 26/1/96 without fail.

Note: Bring along with you the 400 Kyats proceeds from sale of the boxing tickets.

[Sd.]
Intelligence Officer

Order 46

Stamp:

#32 Infantry Battalion

To:

Date: 1995 December 14

Chairperson

Supreme Headquarters (Intelligence)

xxxx village

Subject: Calling the village head for a meeting

As we want to discuss the purchasing of paddy, we inform you to come and arrive at #32 Infantry Battalion on 16 December.

[Sd.]

Intelligence Officer

Order 47

Stamp:

#62 Infantry Battalion

To:

Chairperson

xxxx village

If you receive this letter now, come and see us at Ta Taw Oo village. Should you fail and offer many different excuses, I warn and inform you that severe action will be taken against you.

[Sd. / 14/3/96]

Intelligence Sergeant

#62 Infantry Battalion

Order 48

Stamp:
#32 Infantry Battalion

To: Date: 16-1-96
Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx village

Chairwoman Mrs. xxxx, the Major wants to tell you about important matters so we inform you to come and see him immediately at Wah Bo Gone village, where the Army column is stationed.

[Sd. / 16-1-96]
(for) Column Commander

Order 49

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion #32

To: Date: 14-1-96
Chairperson (Mrs. xxxx)
Column
xxxx village

From your village send the servants' fees for 12/95 and 1/96, come and give them. They must arrive here today.

Should you fail, it will be your responsibility.

[Sd. / 14-1-96]
(for) Column Commander

[Note: "Servants' fees," more commonly called "porter fees," are extortion money demanded by the Army and divided between the Column and Battalion officers, with a portion remitted to higher levels within SLORC. Every village has to pay thousands of kyats every month (anywhere from 50 to 2,000 kyats per household), sometimes several times a month.]

Order 50

Stamp:

Infantry Battalion #32

To:

Date: 11-1-96

Chairperson / Secretary

Column

xxxx village

Gentlemen, as we have to discuss important matters with you, we inform you to come to the Army column in xxxx village at 11 o'clock on Sunday 13-1-96 without fail. Should you fail, it will be your responsibility.

[Sd. / 11-1-96]

(for) Column Commander

Order 51

Stamp:

#32 Infantry Battalion

To:

Date: 7-1-96

Chairperson

Column 2

xxxx village

On Monday 8-1-96 there will be a meeting at Infantry Battalion #32 in Kya In Seik Gyi town. I again inform you to come to the meeting without fail on 8-1-96 at 9 o'clock a.m.

If you fail, it will be your responsibility.

[Sd. / 7-1-96]

(for) Column Commander

Order 52

Stamp:
#32 Infantry Battalion

To:
Chairperson
Column 2
xxxx village

Date: 7-1-96

If you receive this letter now, I inform you yourself to come immediately to the Army column and meet with the Column Commander without fail.

Should you fail, it will be your responsibility.

[Sd.]
(for) Column Commander

Order 53

Stamp: EXACTLY, CORRECTLY, QUICKLY

Township Law & Order Restoration Council
Kya In Seik Gyi Town
Ref. No. 111 / 1-1 / TLORC (KISG)
Date: 1995 December 14

To:
Chairperson and Village Head
xxxx village
Kya In Seik Gyi Township

Subject: Invitation to a meeting

We need to discuss the construction of the Ka Done Seik - Htee Po Klaw motor road, so we invite you to come to the Township Law & Order Restoration Council office at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday 19-12-95.

[Sd.]
(for) Chairman

Copies: File Copy / apply

[Note: This is a meeting to dictate the forced labor and financial contributions to be demanded from each village.]

Order 54

xxxx village head
Village chairperson

Gentlemen, we inform you that we need to discuss with you to help on the Htee Po Klaw road construction. Therefore you yourself must come, we request you earnestly.

- 1) The date for the laborers to come is 8-12-95 at 6 o'clock a.m., and they must gather in Seik Gyi Ka Done Seik.
- 2) They must bring mattocks, hoes and machetes.
- 3) They must bring provisions.

Headman, you yourself come and discuss this before the date given by the Township LORC's letter.

[Sd.]
Seik Gyi [town]

Order 55

Stamp:
Township Law & Order Restoration Council
Shadaw Town
Ref. No. 101 / 1-1 / Ya Ta - 1 (Tha Wa)

Date: 1996 May 31

To:

Village Head
xxxx village
xxxx village tract

Subject: Gathering all the villages in Shadaw Township at Shadaw Town
Reference: Frontline No. 337 LIB's letter dated 30-5-96,
reference no. 337 / 01 / U-1

- 1) According to the above order, to establish peacefulness and restore law and order within Shadaw Township, all the area between the Pon River and Salween

River, all villages south of Shadaw and north of Shadaw, must gather at Shadaw. 7 JUNE 1996 IS THE LAST DAY for all the villages to gather, we send this letter to inform you all. If you do not gather by the deadline the troops will enter the village and if we see anyone we will consider them as enemy.

2) Therefore your village must move to Shadaw, and 7 JUNE 1996 IS THE LAST DAY, we hereby inform you.

3) For the villages to come here, the Township Law & Order Restoration Council will arrange a place [for them all to stay].

[Sd.]
Chairman

Copies to:

- Chairman, State Law & Order Restoration Council, Kayah State,
Loikaw Town
- Chairman, District Law & Order Restoration Council, Kayah State,
Loikaw Town
- Frontline camp, #337 Light Infantry Battalion, Shadaw Town
- Chairmen, Market quarter / Southern quarter / Central quarter /
Aung Chan Tha quarter, Quarter LORCs, Shadaw Town

Notice: When the villagers move here, [I] inform you to help them.
(Note: *Being considered an enemy by the SLORC is a notice of certain dath*).

Order 56

Stamp: Infantry battalion 231

Chairman
xxxxx village

Subject: asking laborers

The renovation of the road between Chaung Taung and Tit Mile Gone will be started at 6:00 A.M on June 1, 1996. So One person from each household in all the villages must come and work for this. Bring your own instruments.

Note: If you fail it is the village head's responsibility.

Place: IB 231
Date: April 28, 96

[sd]
On behalf of commander

Order 57

Stamp:
Light Infantry Battalion (310)
Division (2)

To: March 15, 1996
Village headman
xxxx village

Subject: Asking laborers for the camp
(1) Send 15 laborers from your village tomorrow.
(2) Not later than 8:00 A.M. bring own knives and shovels.
(3) Do not fail. All the villages are asked to do this.

[sd]
Commander of Division

Note: 15 laborers from xxxx village and 15 from xxxx village. Total 30 persons.

Order 58

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion (231)
Hlaing Wa, Kawkeyeik

To: Date; April 26, 96
Village headman
xxxxx village

Subject: Asking laborers

Regarding above matter, send 30 laborers with their own knives and food for three days for the renovation of Ta Mile Gone camp. You must bring them at 6:00 A.M. on tomorrow (April 27, 96) to the Ta Mile Gone camp.

Note: Village headmen are required to attend the meeting at noon.

[sd]
on behalf of the Commander
IB# 231

Order 59

To:
Village headwoman
xxxx village

Date: March 19, 96

We have asked 30 laborers before and they have not come yet. Now it is three days overdue. Commander is scolding us. So come tomorrow without fail. You must to our camp. Other villages will be also coming. Come without fail.

Urgent

[sd]
In-charge
xxxxxx camp

Note: bring one duck.

Order 60

To,
Village headman
xxxx village

Date: April 30, 1996

Subject: sending bamboo and wood

Regarding above matter, send 1000 bamboo and 50 wood for the repairment of our camp not later than May 15.

[sd]
Division Commander
Commando
xxxxxx camp

Order 61

Stamp:

Light Infantry Battalion (310)

Division (4)

To:

Village Headmen

As soon as you receive this letter, bring two bullock-carts and come to our camp immediately.

[sd]

Division Commander

Division (4)

LIB (310)

Order 62

To:

Mother

Please come today because the laborers did not show up yesterday.

[sd]

Division Commander

xxxx camp

Order 63

To:

Village Headwoman

xxx village

Mother, came and see me immediately as soon as you receive this.

[sd]

Division Commander

Division (4)

LIB 310

Order 64

Stamp:
Infantry Battalion (231)
Column (1)

To:
Village Headwoman
xxx village

Subject: inviting to the meeting

We have invited you several times to the general meeting. This would be the last invitation. If you fail it is your responsibility. If you do not come, we will this time take action. This time, we will shell your village with launchers. Come not later than November 13. One person from each household must come and attend. Bring 1 sack of rice and two viss of chicken from the xxx village.

[sd]
lance-corporal Htun Win
Frontline IB. 231
Daw Pa Lan camp

Order 65

Stamp:
LIB 408, Operation (1)

Date: June 6, 1996

xxxxxx
Village Committee

Subject: To provide voluntary laborers

Now, the rainy season has already started and it is the time to resume farming activities. As you knew, the villagers are afraid of being arrested by our military operation and fled away from villages, and the rice cultivation activities have been destructed in the area. Thus, we request to provide us two voluntary laborers from your xxxx village and xxxx village with rotation basis. If you provide such villagers, we will halt to arrest your villagers in the future. If you refuse to follow our instruction, we will take firm action against the villagers when our troops reach your villages.

Our Tatmadaw military operation would like to see peace and happiness among the local villagers and please help us to complete your duty according to the instruction.

[sd]

Commander of the Operation
LIB 408, Operation (1)

Order 66

Stamp:

No. (12) Headquarters for Command operation
Commando Division

Village Headwoman

xxxxxx

Subject: asking bamboo

Regarding the above matter, bring 200 bamboo to Ta Mile Gond camp and Nant Kaw Do camp not later than March 30.

[sd]

Division Commander
Commander Division
No. (12) Headquarters for Command Operation

Order 66

Stamp: Ward Law and Order Restoration Council

Aung Chan Tha Ward

Shadaw

Date: June 4, 96

Village Headman

xxxxxx village

All the villagers from xxxxx village must come to Shadaw not later than June 10. I will help you. Come without fail.

[sd]

Chairman

Ward LORC, Aung Chan Tha ward, Shadaw.

Order 67

Stamp:
Village Law and order restoration Council
Thein Zayet

To: Date: February 17, 96
xxxx
Village bank Committee
xxxx village

Township LORC called me and ordered me to bring the farmers who failed to sell their quota rice to meeting at Kyeikhto on February 18, (tomorrow). Please gather the farmers in the list at the Ward LORC office at 8:00 A.M.

Five farmers including one woman in the list.

[sd]
On behalf of chairman
Village LORC
Thei Zayet, Kyeikhto township

Order 68

Stamp:
Infantry battalion 341
Division (2)

To: Date: April 2, 96
xxx village headman

Please bring one chicken, chilies, vegetables, sticky rice and pumpkins to Swanmara camp, along with one accompany on April 3. If you don't come, our soldiers will come and get it.

[sd]
Camp Commander
Swanmara camp

Order 69

Township Law and Order Restoration Council
 Leshi Township, Sagaing Division
 Letter 738/3-3(3)/ Mawata/Lawa-1
 Date: 1996 June 20

To:

Chairman
 All village LORC
 xxxx village group
 Leshi township

Subject: recruiting new soldiers for the army

Leshi townip is required to provide 150 new recruits for the army who is taking duty for defense. The new recruits will be assigned only in Khanti and Hommalin military area.

Thus, recruit the able-bodied youth as the given list below and report to the operation commander of LIB. (222).

Hang Kwut village	1 person
Nga Kyin village	3
Ye Kyaw village	1
total	5 person

[sd]
 Chairman

Copies
 Commander, LIB. 222. Leshi.
 Office copy.

Order 70

Confidential
 Township Law and Order Restoration Council
 Ke See
 Ref. no. 5691016/ 2-5 TLORC
 Date: 1996 July 17

Chairman
 Village Tract Law and Order Restoration Council
 Murng Nang

Subject: Relocation to Murng Nawng relocation site
 Ref: 1) (no. of radio message)
 2) (no. of radio message)

1. In accordance with the radio messages received, the movement of the following villages of Murng Narng village tract to Murng Noridg must be completed by July 22, 1996.

No.	Village	houses	population
1.	Wan It	63	408
2.	Wan Nar	39	301
3.	Murng Pom	26	204
4.	Nomg Wo	47	330
5.	Nomg Tao	33	193
6.	Wan Norng	64	350
7.	Nam Maw Sai	10	157
8.	Nam Lin	36	38
9.	Nam Pan	41	292
10.	Wan Long (Khok Nam)	104	706
11.	Mark Na	15	104
12.	Pa Lemg	38	274
13.	Look Khar	20	112

2. The conditions of the movement of the above villages must be reported to the Township Law and Order Restoration Council by July 22, 1996.

(signed)
Chairman (on behalf)

Copies to:

- Commander, Light Infantry Battalion 514, Ke See Camp
- Commander, Light Infantry Battalion 514, Murng Nawng Camp
- Head of Immigration and People's Labour Dept., Ke See
- Chairman, Village tract Law and Order Restoration Council, Murng Nawng
(to resettle and take care of villagers that have been relocated)
- office copy

SLORC recommendation letter for travel to Karenni

Stamp:

ward Law and Order Restoration Council
Middle Ward
Shadaw

Recommendation letter for travel

Name:	xxxx
Age:	43
Father's name:	xxxx
ID number:	xxxx
Place:	Daw Ka Ook village
Reason:	carrying paddy
Place to go:	Daw ka Ook village
Date:	June 14 - 17, 1996

[sd]
Chairman
Ward LORC
Middle ward, Shadaw.

Offical SLORC's Form for taxation

Township Committee for War Victory

Stamp:

District Law and Order Restoration Council

kawkiyeik

Date: September 22, 1996

Serial (xx)

kawkiyeik

According to the permission of the Karen State Law and Order Restoration Council, the following amount of money is received for the development of Kawkiyeik region from xxxx, driver of the registration plate number xxxxxxxx.

(a) Transportation organization fee	2,000 kyat
(b) Fee for repairment of road and bridge	1,000
(c) Donation of Sport	500
(d) Donation computer education	500
(e) Town beautification (motorway check point)	1,000
(f) Religion and social fund	500
(g) Fee for using road	360
(h) Fee for town entrance	10

Total	5,870 kyat
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Offical SLORC's Form for taxation

Hilux/ Cargo/ Diato motor care

Myawaddy

Serial: xxxxxx

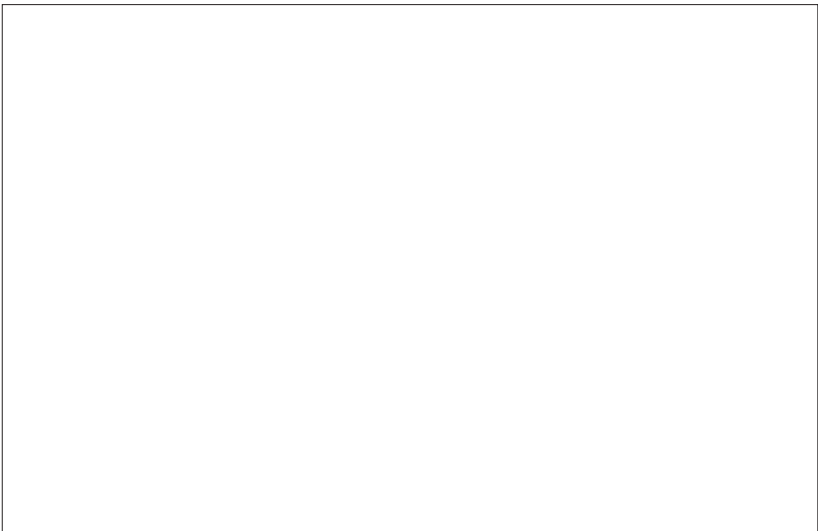
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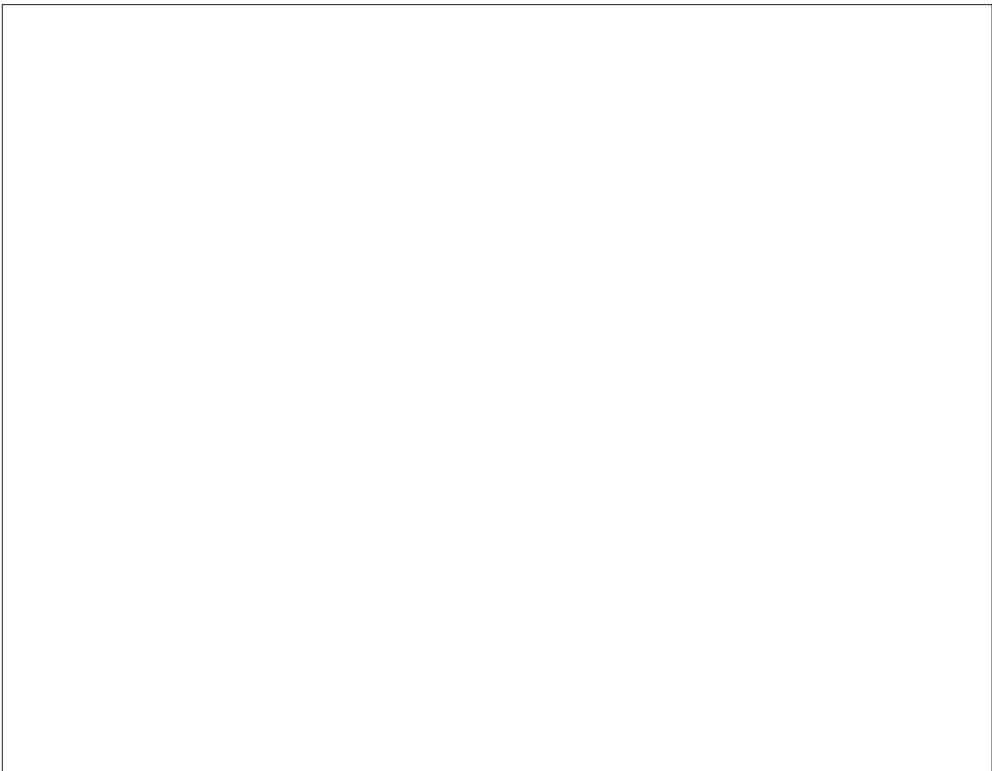
(a) Fee for road and bridge	1,500
(b) Fee for supplies	500
(c) Social fee	200
(d) Fee for War victory	500
(e) Fee for Sport	100
Total	2,800 kyat

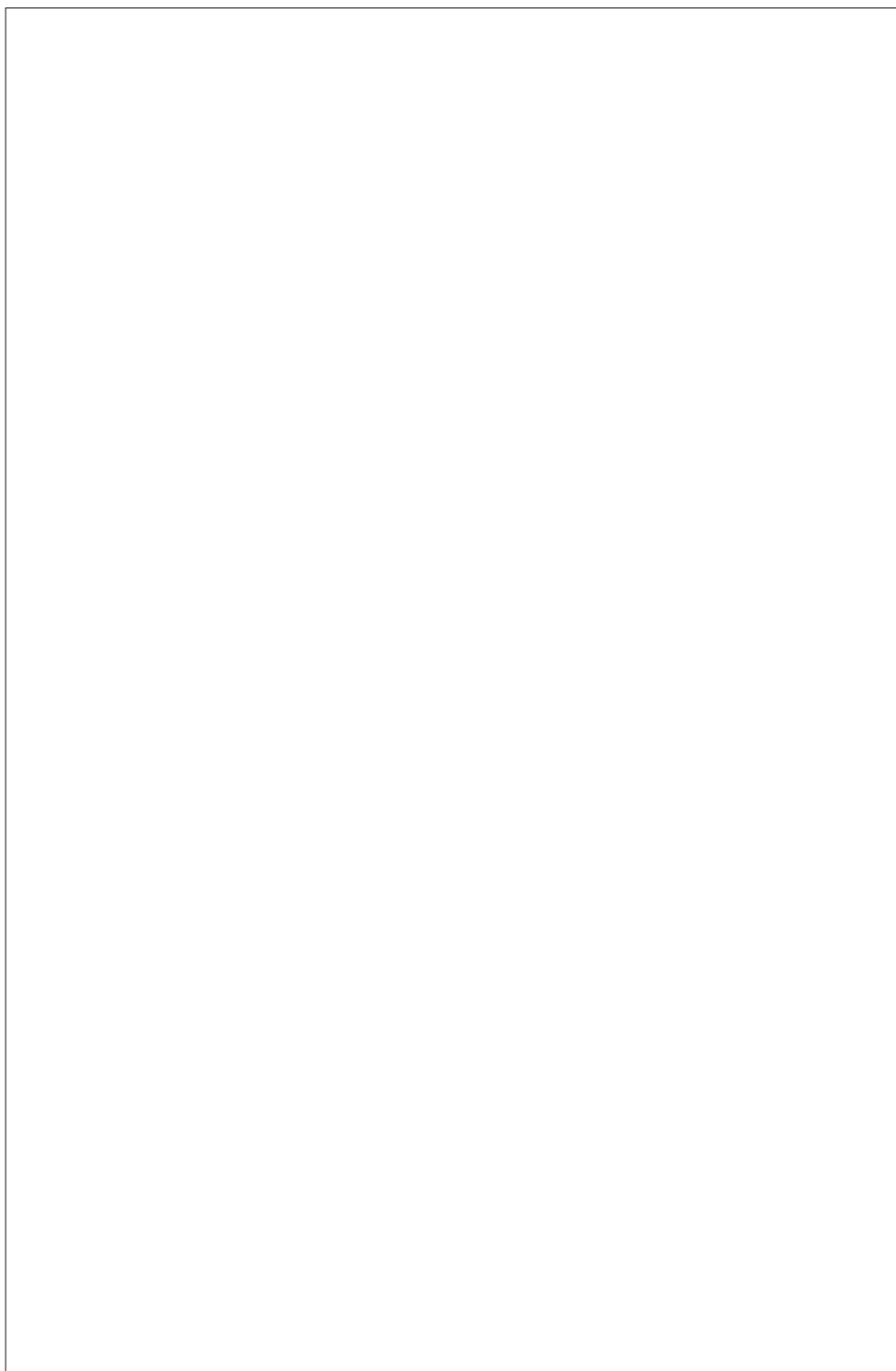
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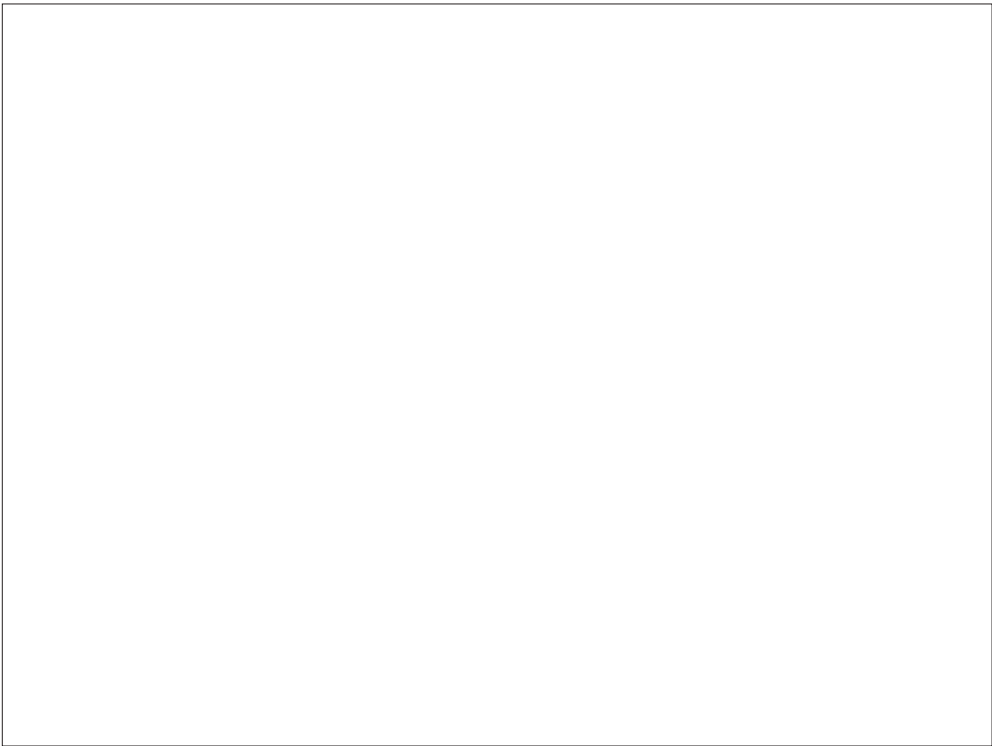


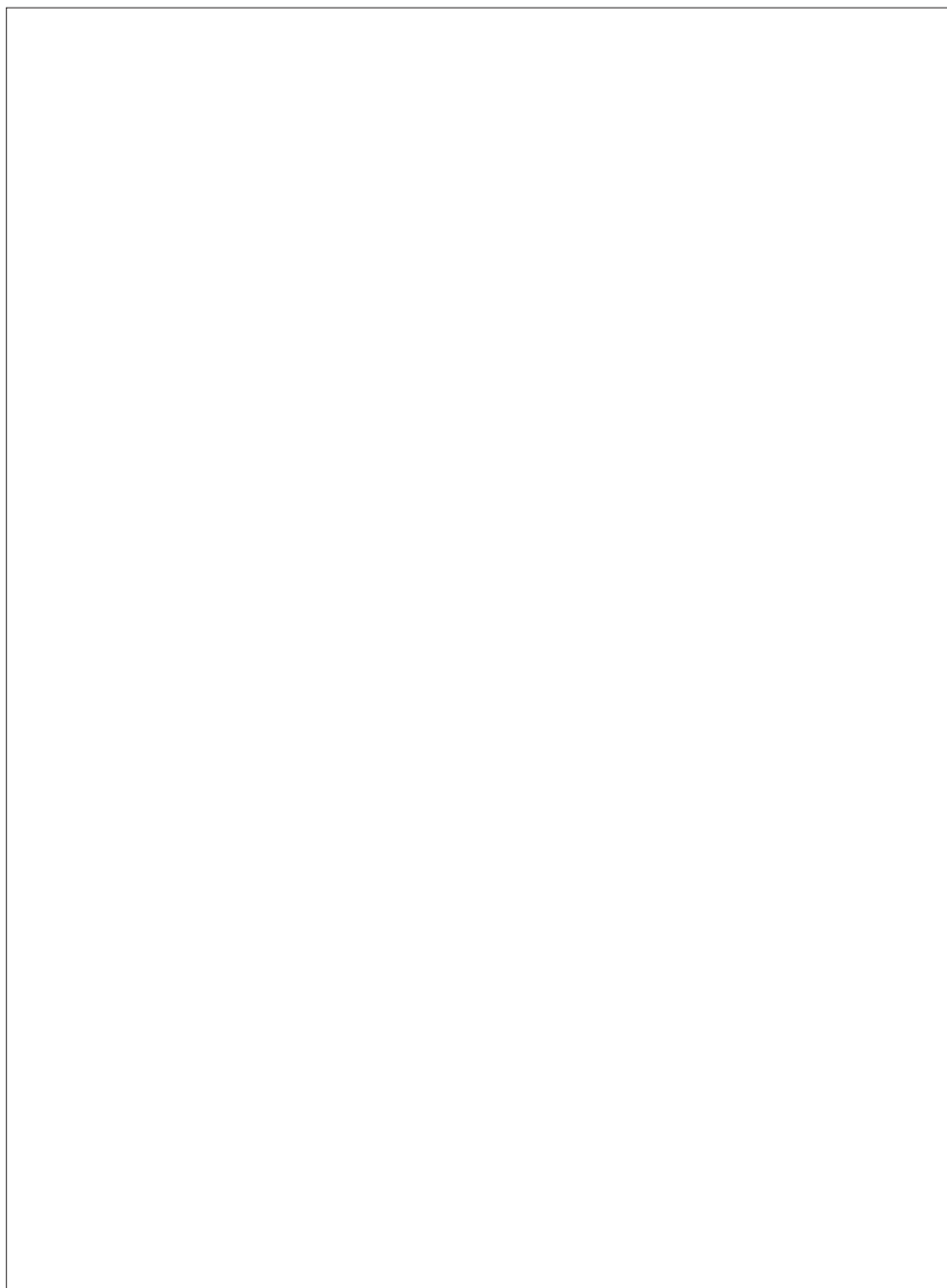
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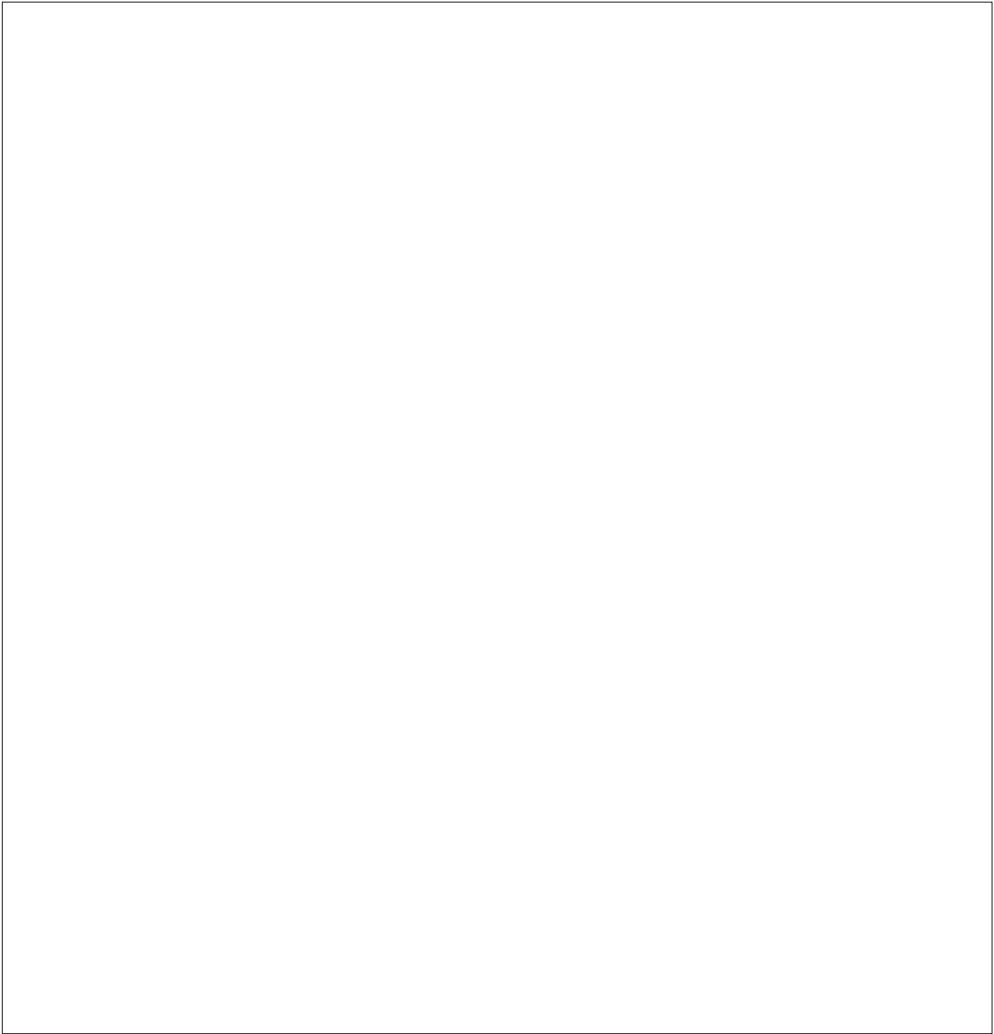
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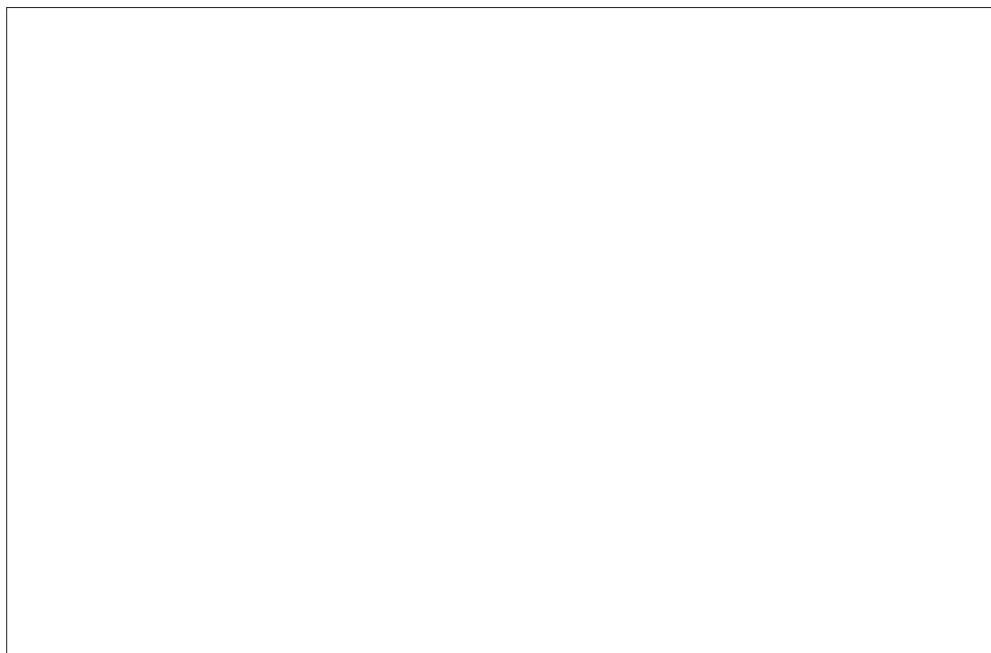
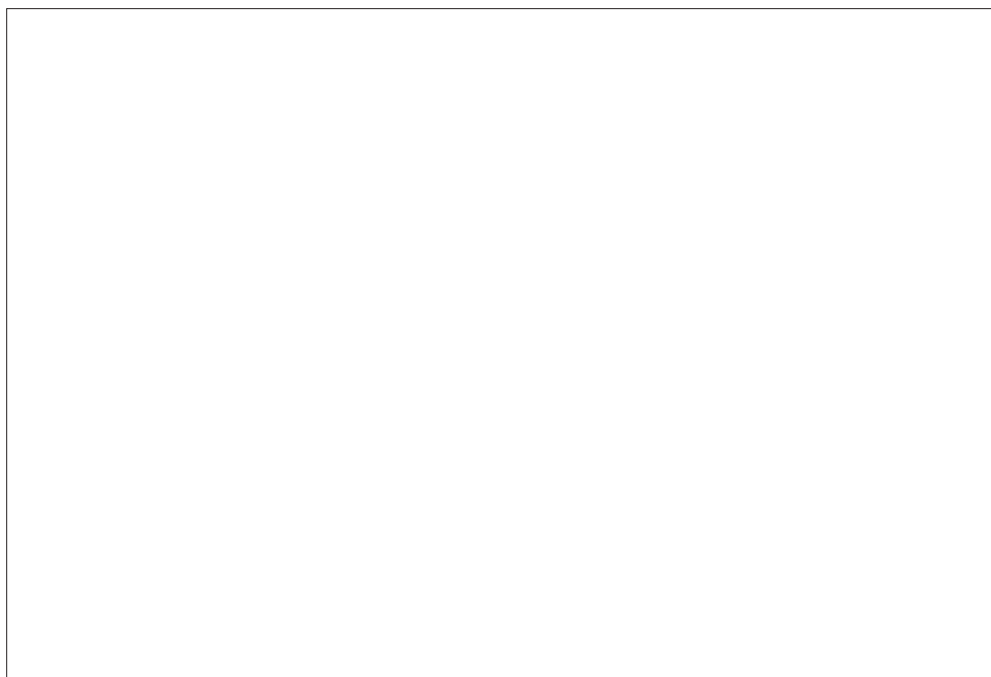
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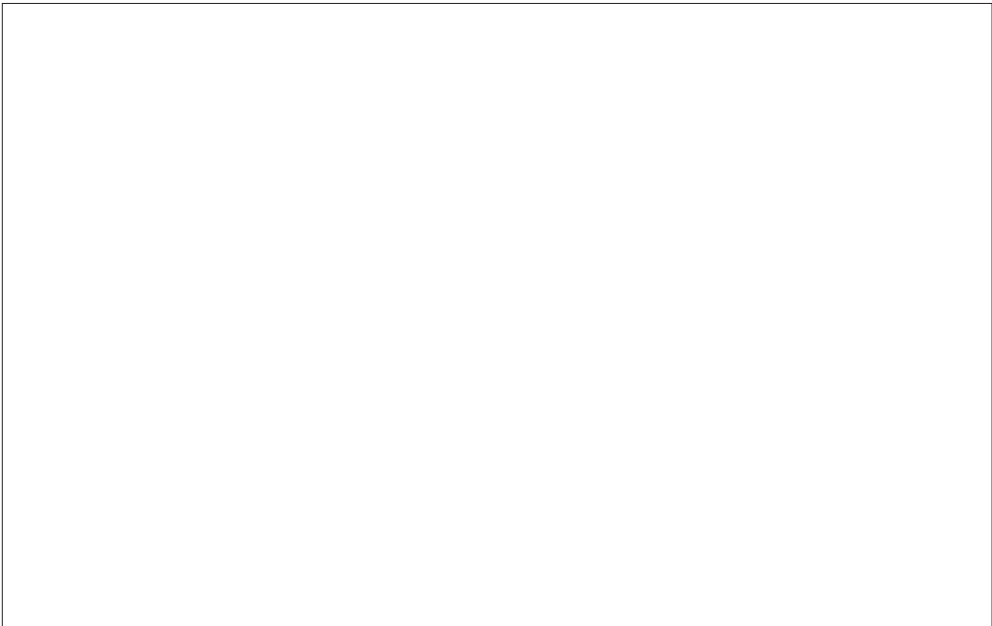
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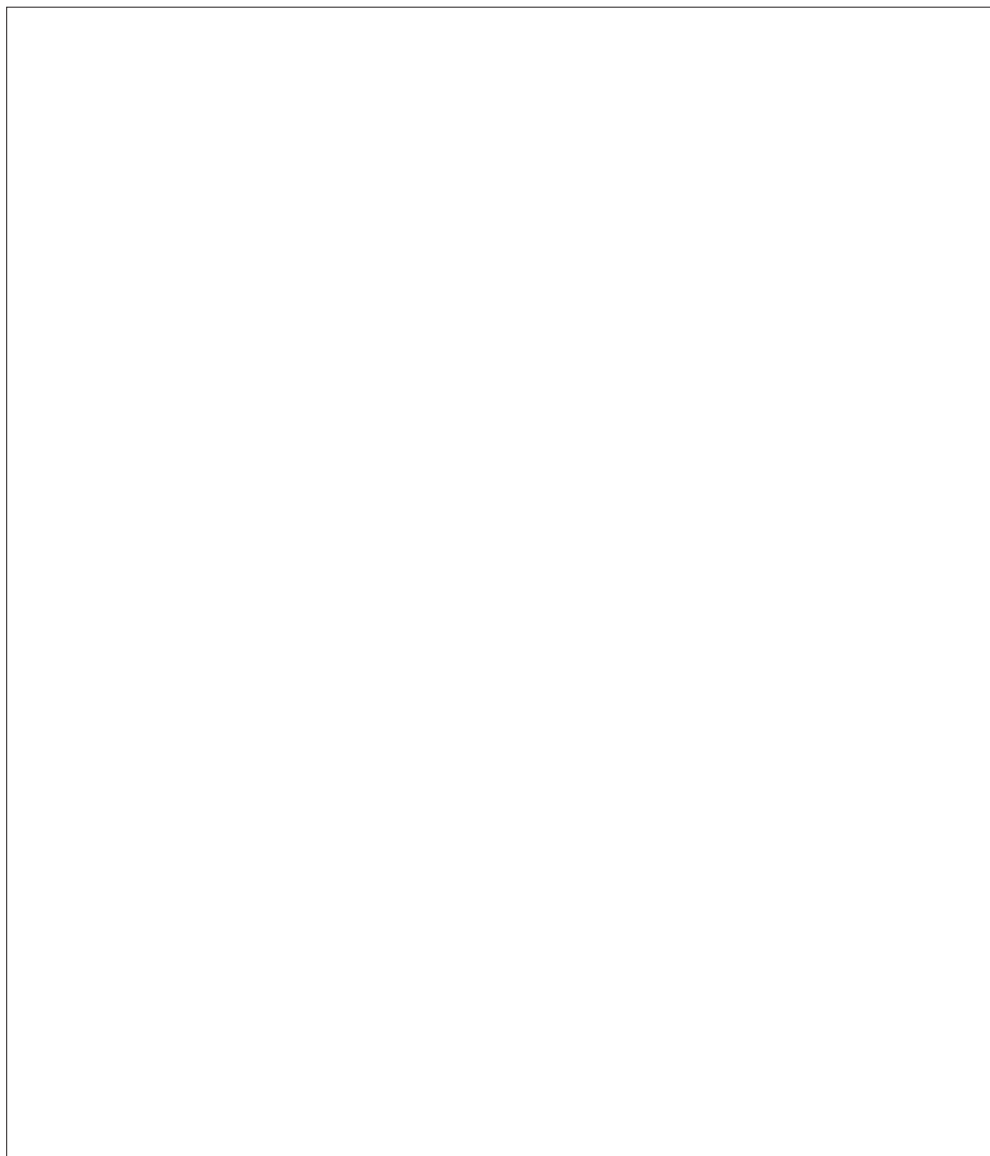
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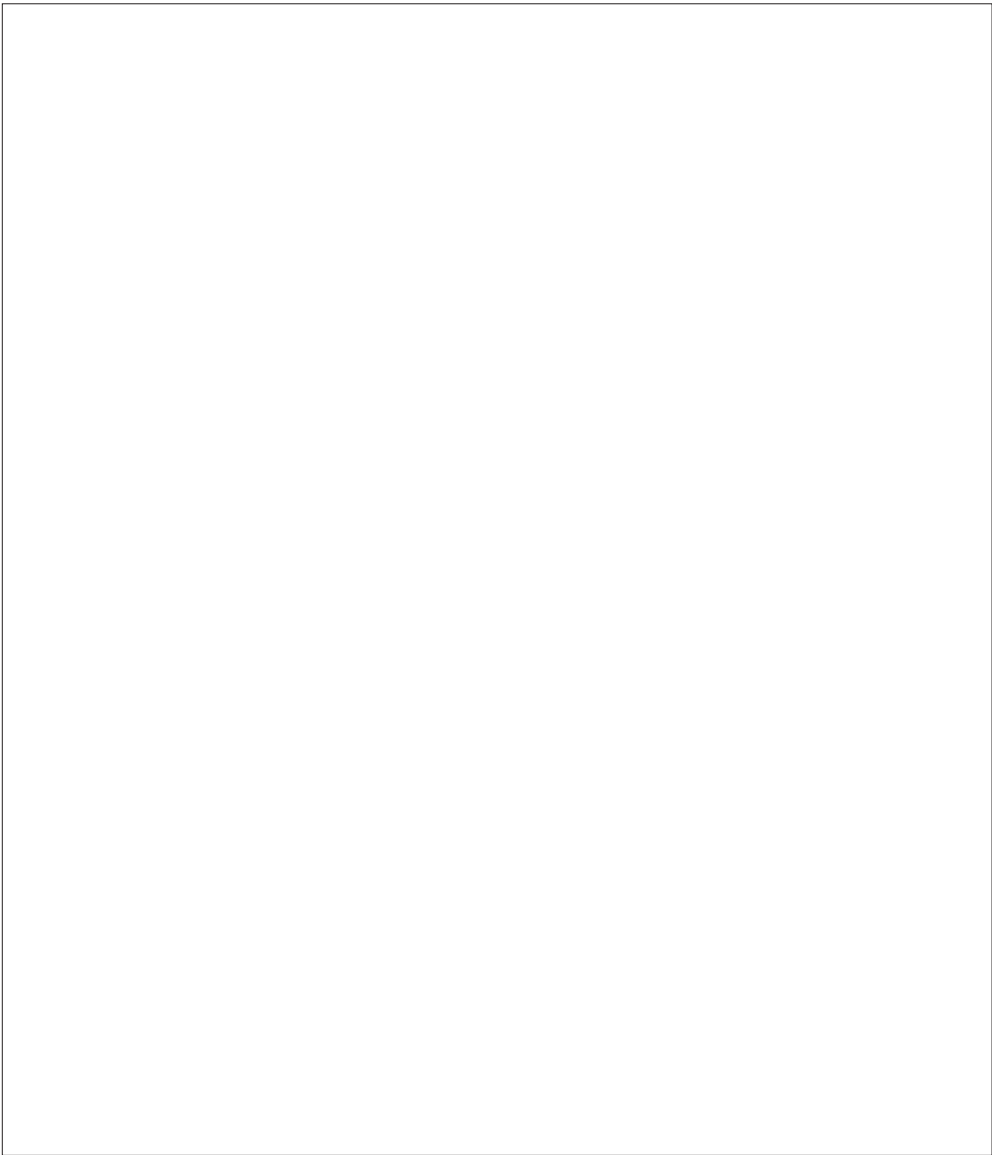
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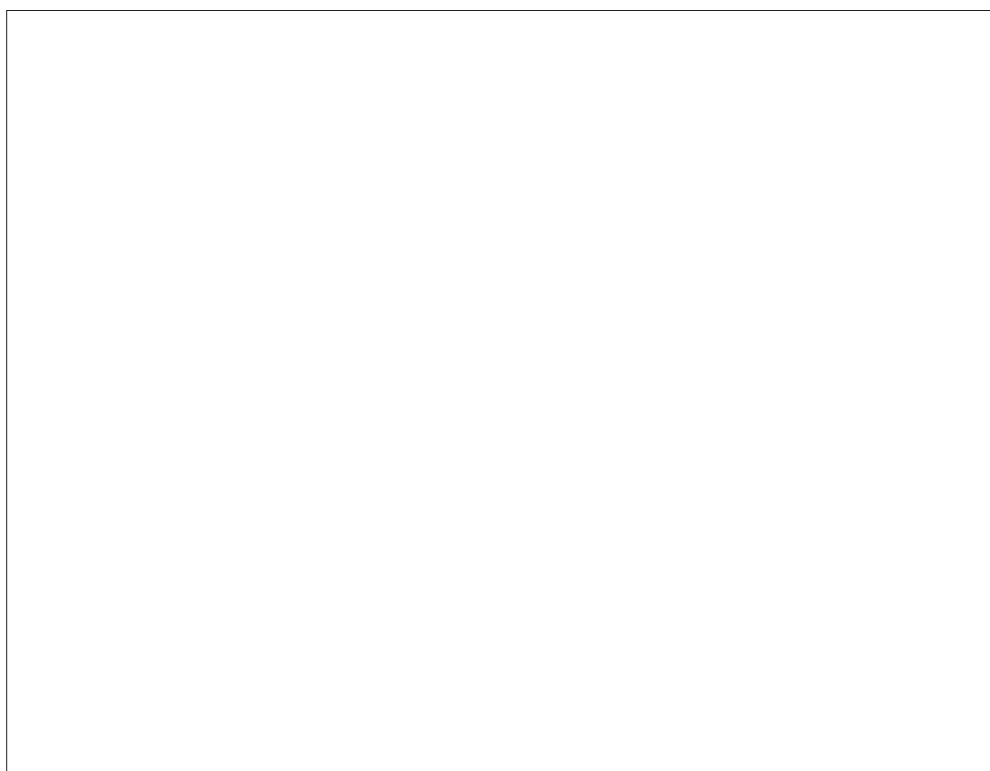


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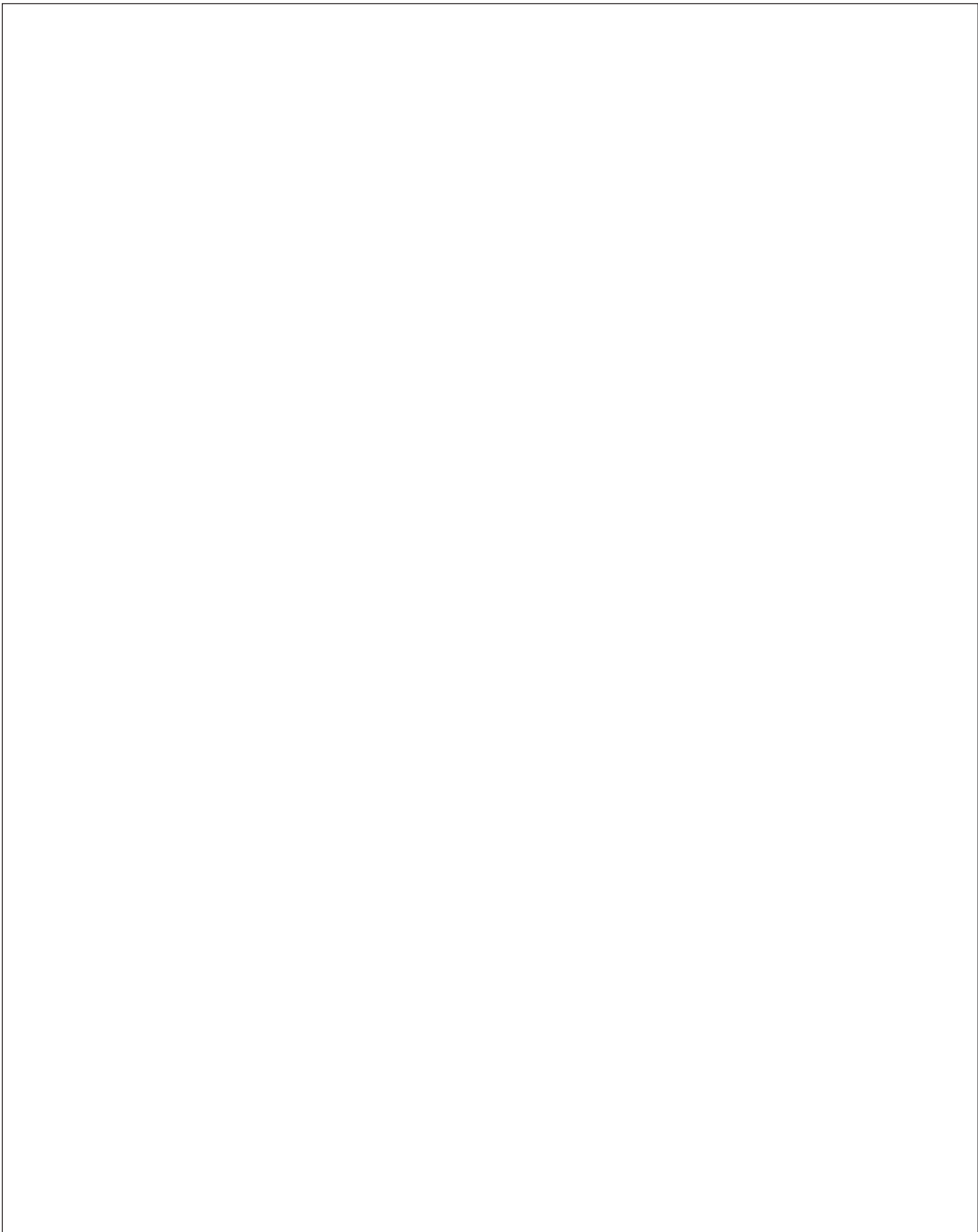
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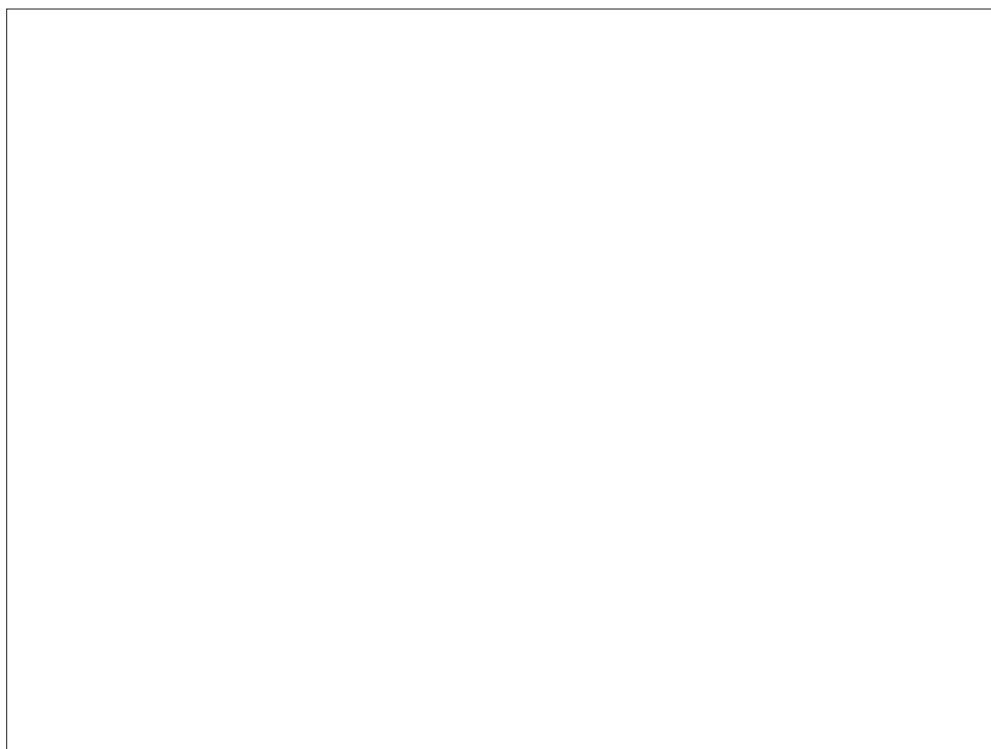


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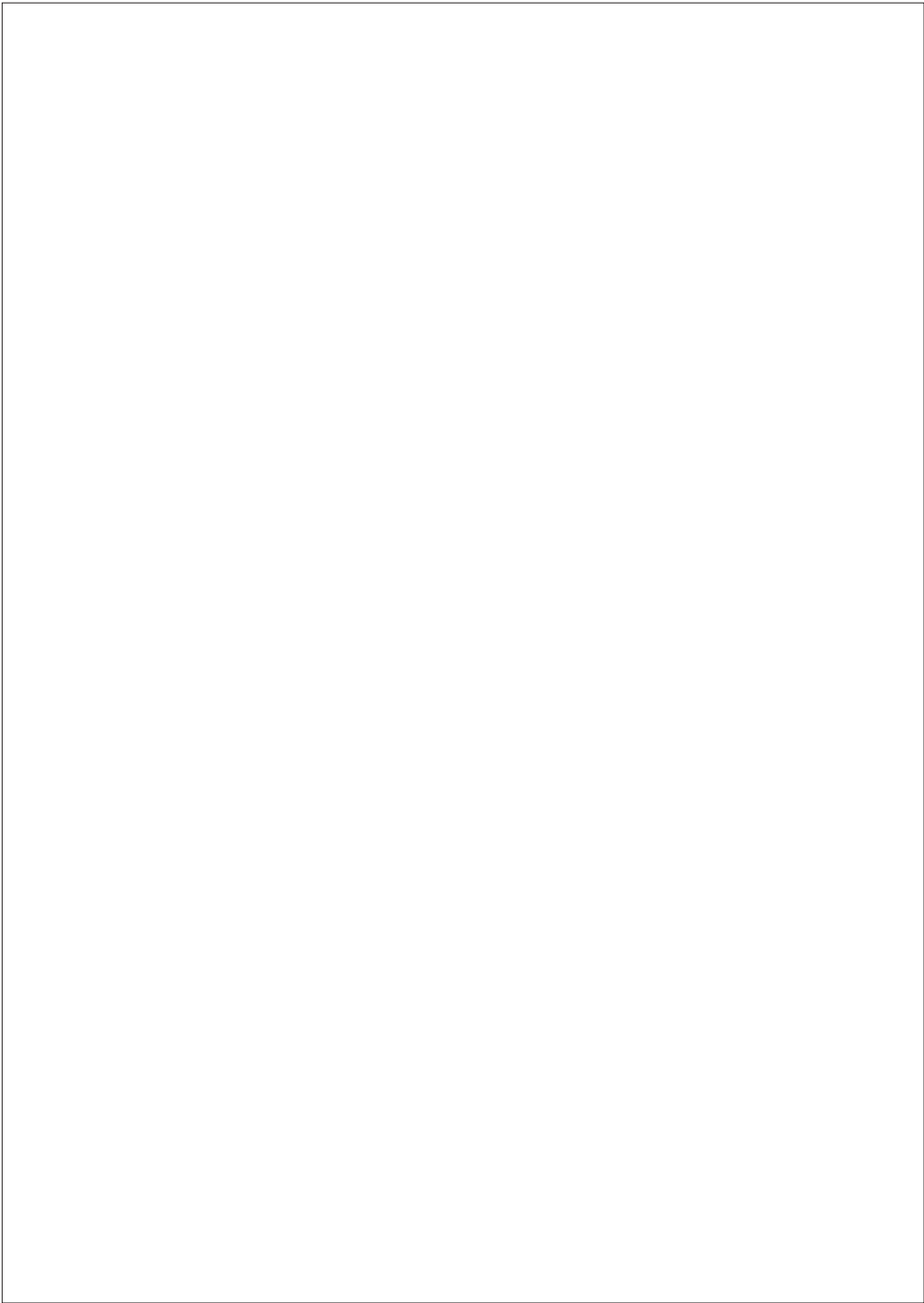


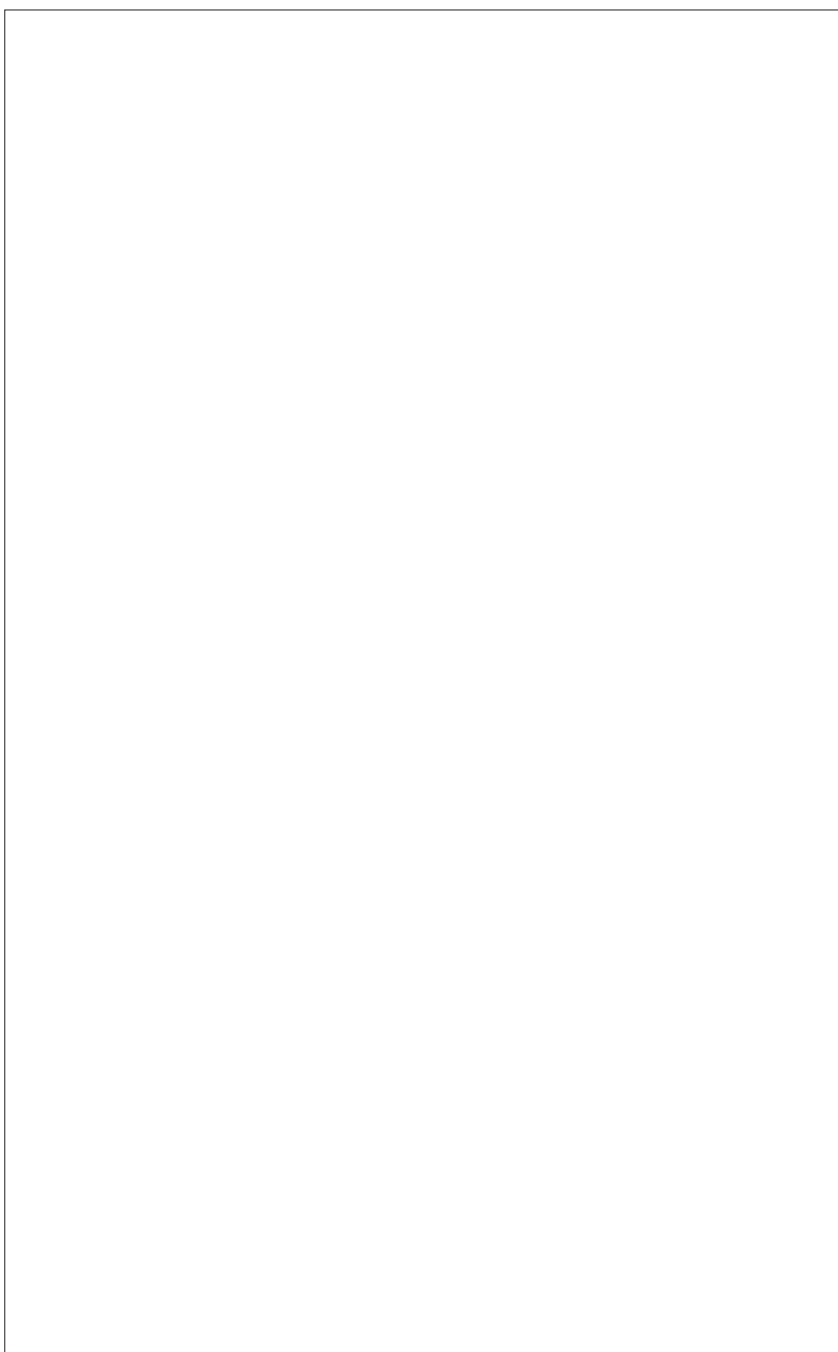
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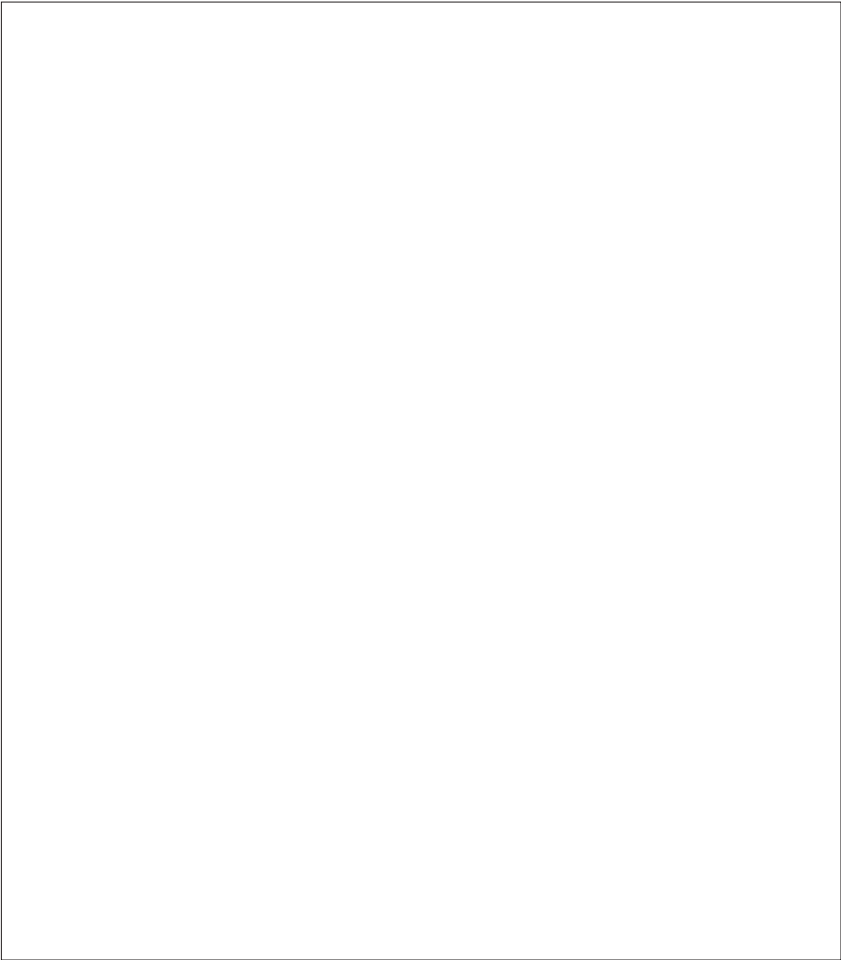


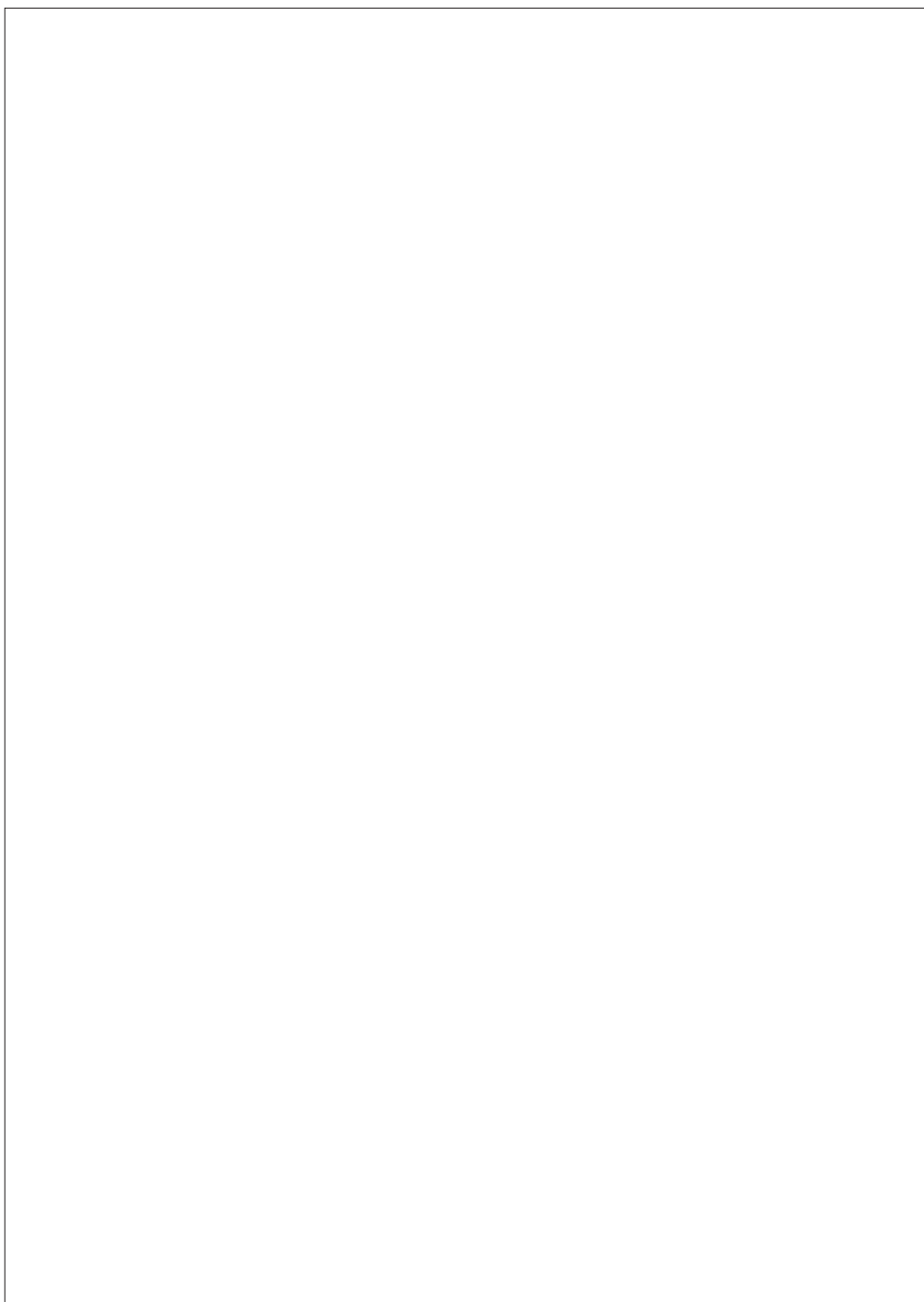
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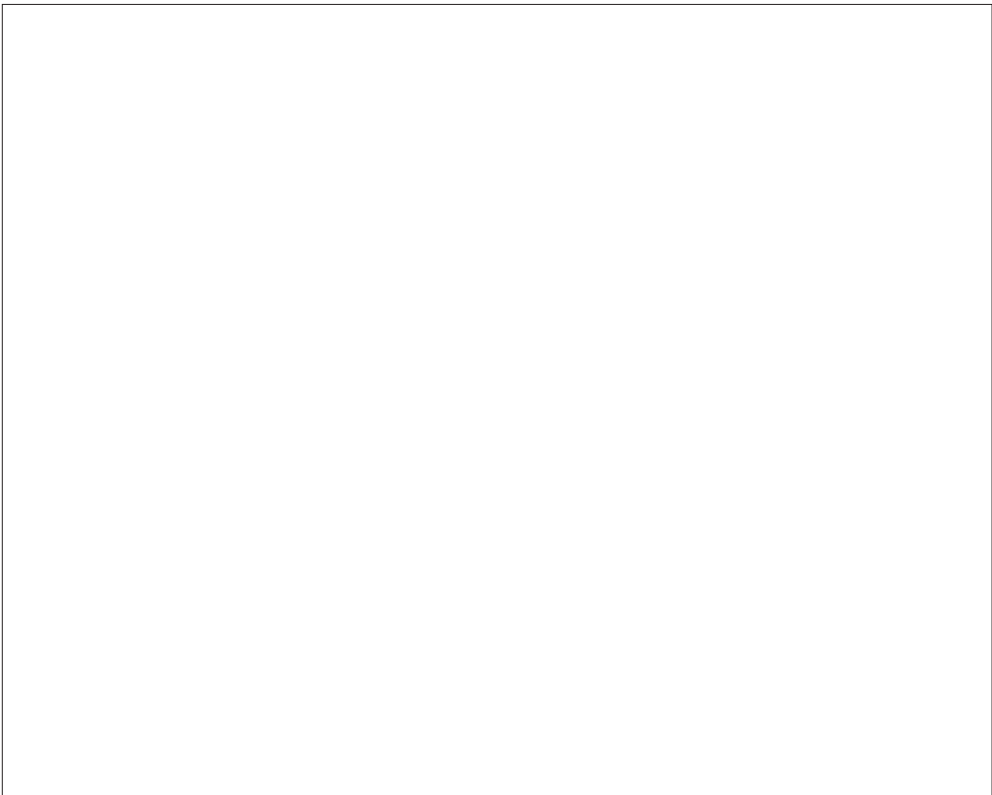


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SLORC recommendation letter for travel to Karenni

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Offical SLORC's Form for taxation (2)