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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: COMINT Capability to Provide Early Warning of a CHICOM Attack on Formosa.

- References: (a) USCIB 9.2/25 of 14 January 1955 (item 2 of the agenda for the 11th meeting of USCIB).
- (b) USCIB 9.2/26 of 21 January 1955.
- (c) USCIB 9.2/27 of 24 January 1955.

1. Reference (a) included a decision to the effect that the Executive Secretary would draft a memorandum for the Special Committee of the National Security Council for COMINT summarizing USCIB's consideration of subject problem. The draft was to be circulated for approval by the members of USCIB prior to forwarding. In the course of obtaining approval for the above-mentioned draft several events took place which, in the opinion of the Chairman, USCIB, altered the basis upon which consideration by the Board had been previously predicated and may have removed the need for a memorandum to the Special Committee. The Chairman therefore directed that the problem be reconsidered in the light of the events which transpired since the 11th meeting of USCIB, in particular, the transfer of the 327th Communications Reconnaissance Company from Japan to Formosa to provide close COMINT support to U.S. Armed Forces disposed in defense of Formosa.

2. In consequence of the above the Executive Secretary included the question of a report to the Special Committee in USCIBEC's consideration of references (b) and (c) at its 24th meeting on Friday, 28 January 1955.



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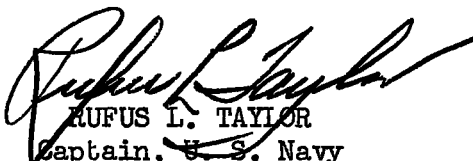
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4. Accordingly USCIBEC appointed a committee composed of representatives of the Departments of Defense and State, the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency to draft a specific proposal to be sent directly to USCIB for approval and, as approved, thence to the Secretary of Defense from the Board. In this connection USCIBEC feels that if any approach at all is to be made to Chiang Kai-Shek, as little time as possible should be lost in doing so.

5. The proposal drafted by the above-mentioned committee of USCIBEC is now enclosed herewith for your consideration as a solution to the problem discussed in reference (a). This office would be grateful for notification by telephone of your approval or comment at your earliest convenience.

  
RUFUS L. TAYLOR  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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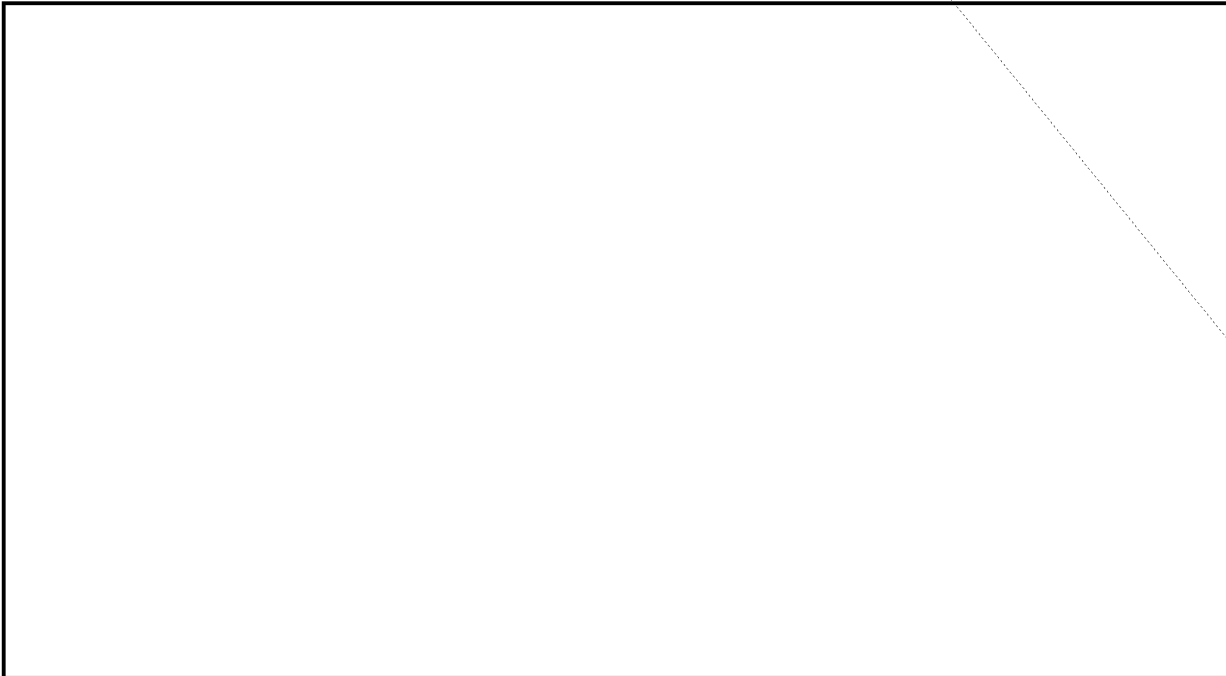
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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: US COMINT Capability to Provide Early Warning of Chinese  
Communist Attack on Formosa.

1. The United States Communications Intelligence Board (USCIB) has considered in detail the problem of improving our existing capability to provide early warning from communications intelligence (COMINT) of a Chinese Communist attack on Formosa. An immediate solution to this problem is imperative, if we are to have a reasonable chance of obtaining early warning from COMINT sources during the forthcoming invasion season.



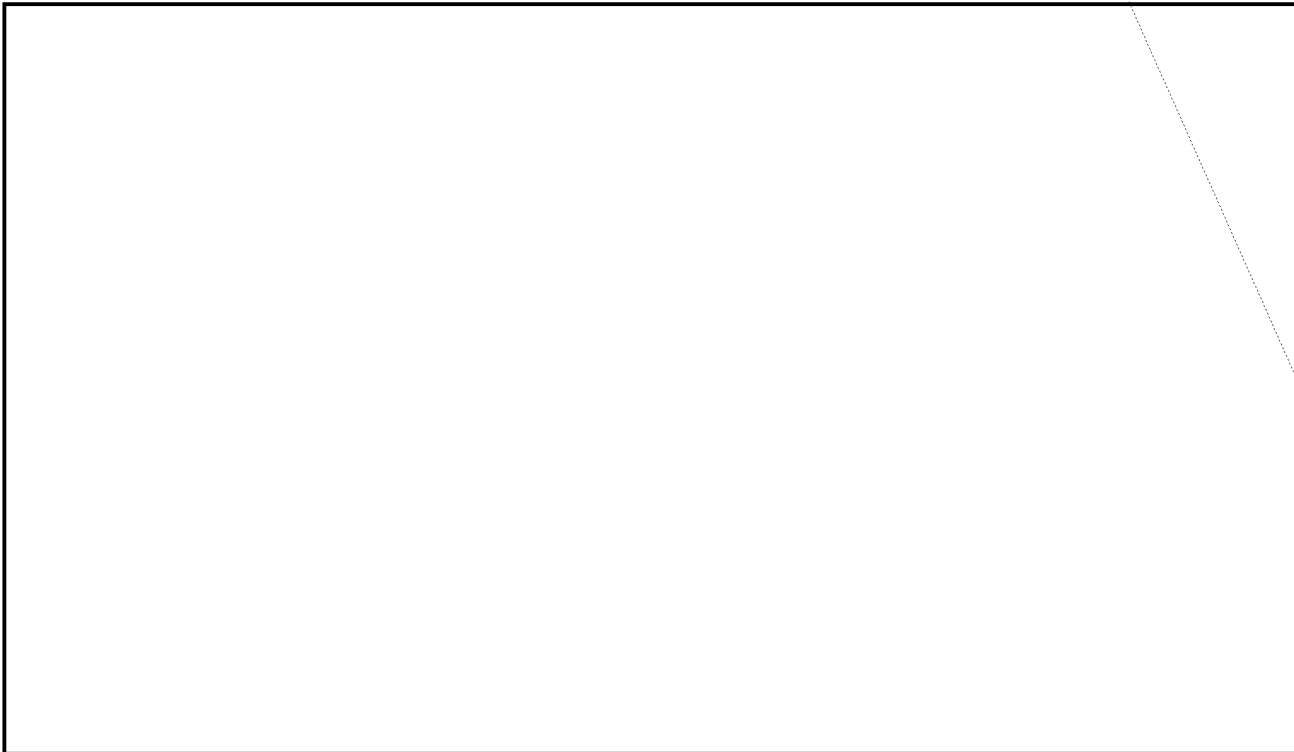
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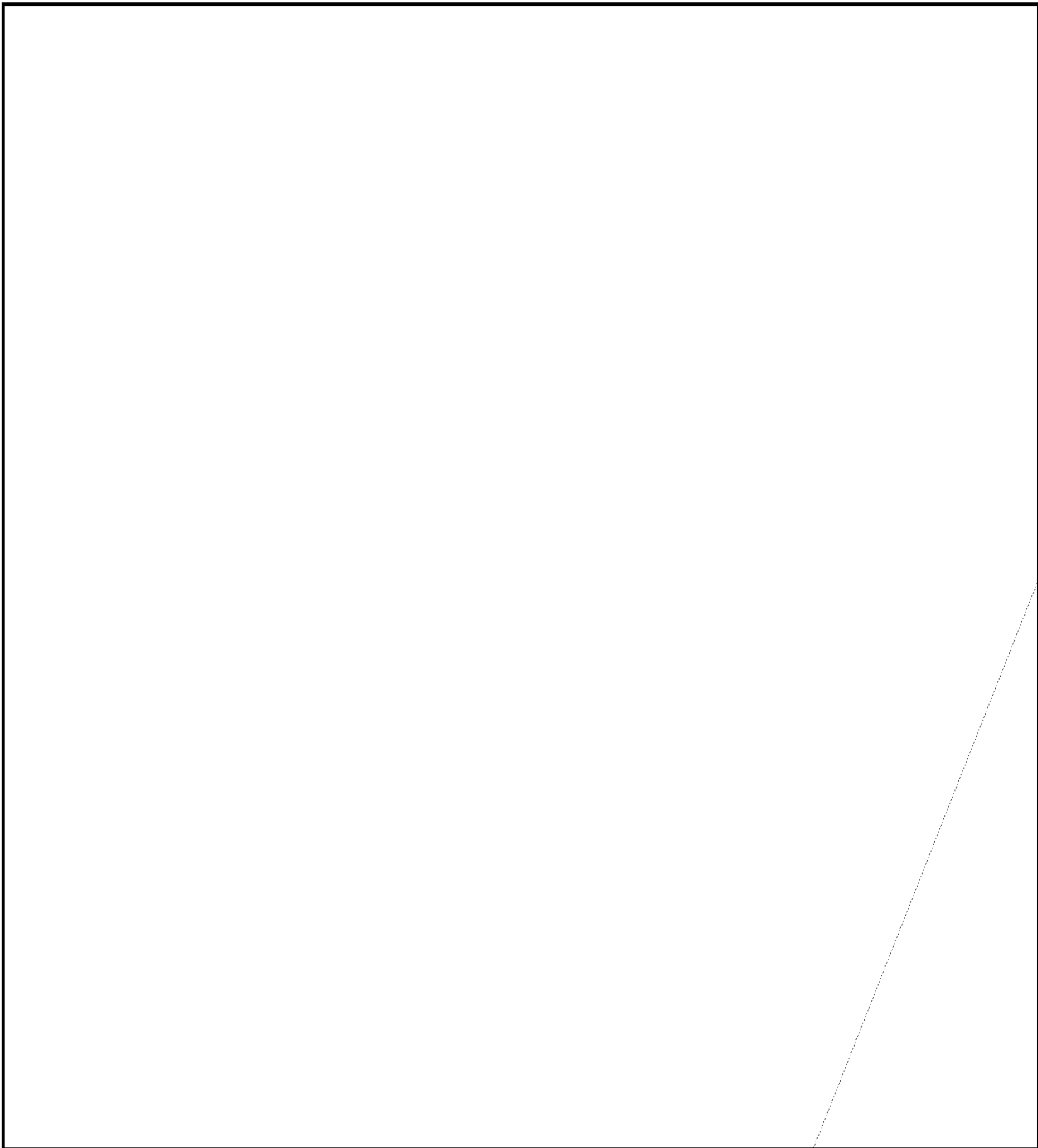
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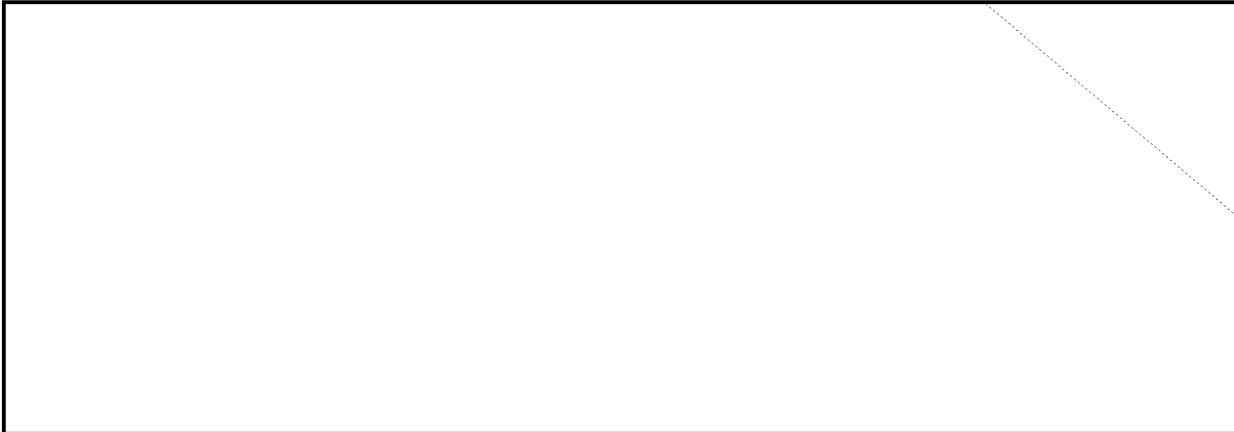
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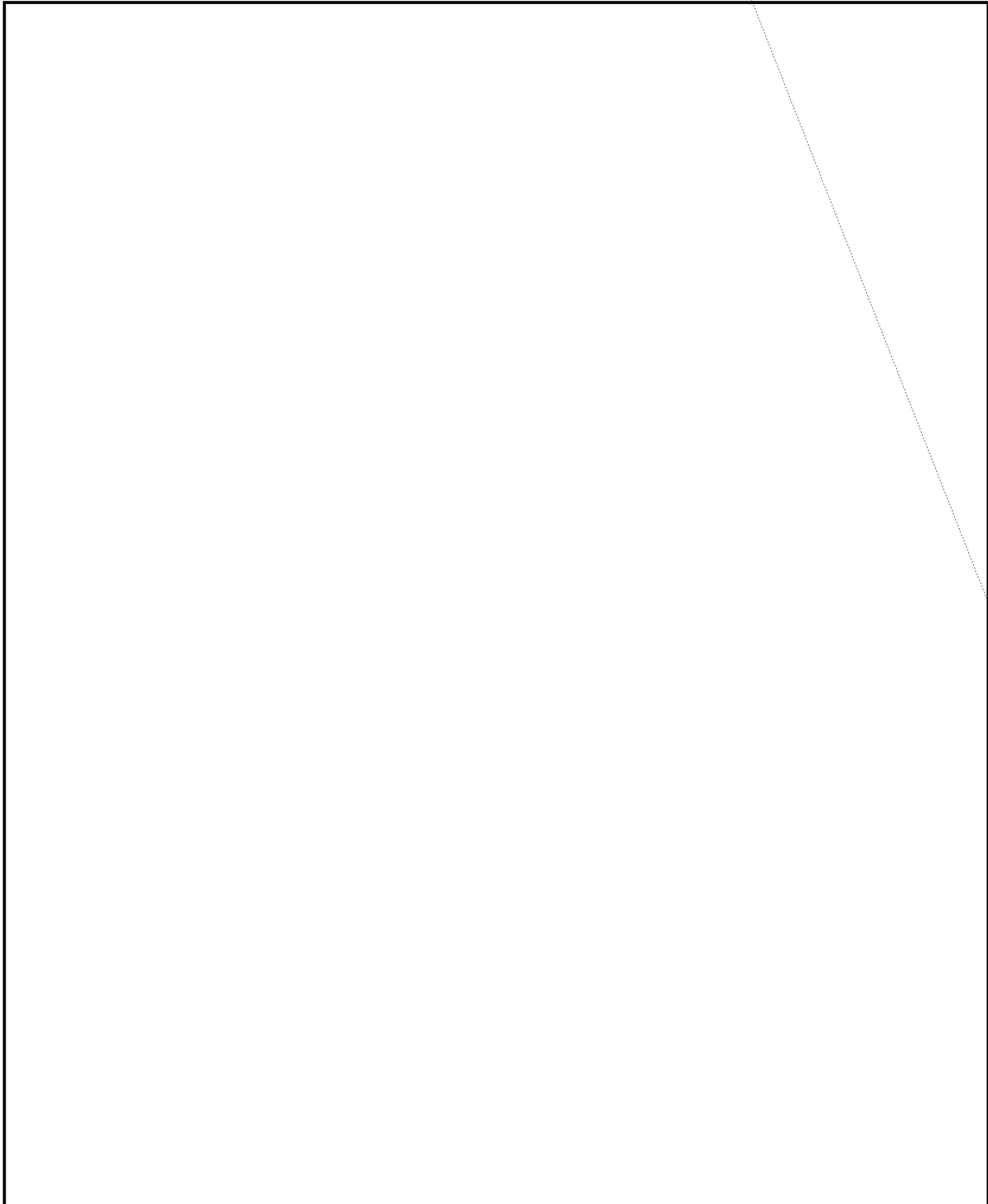


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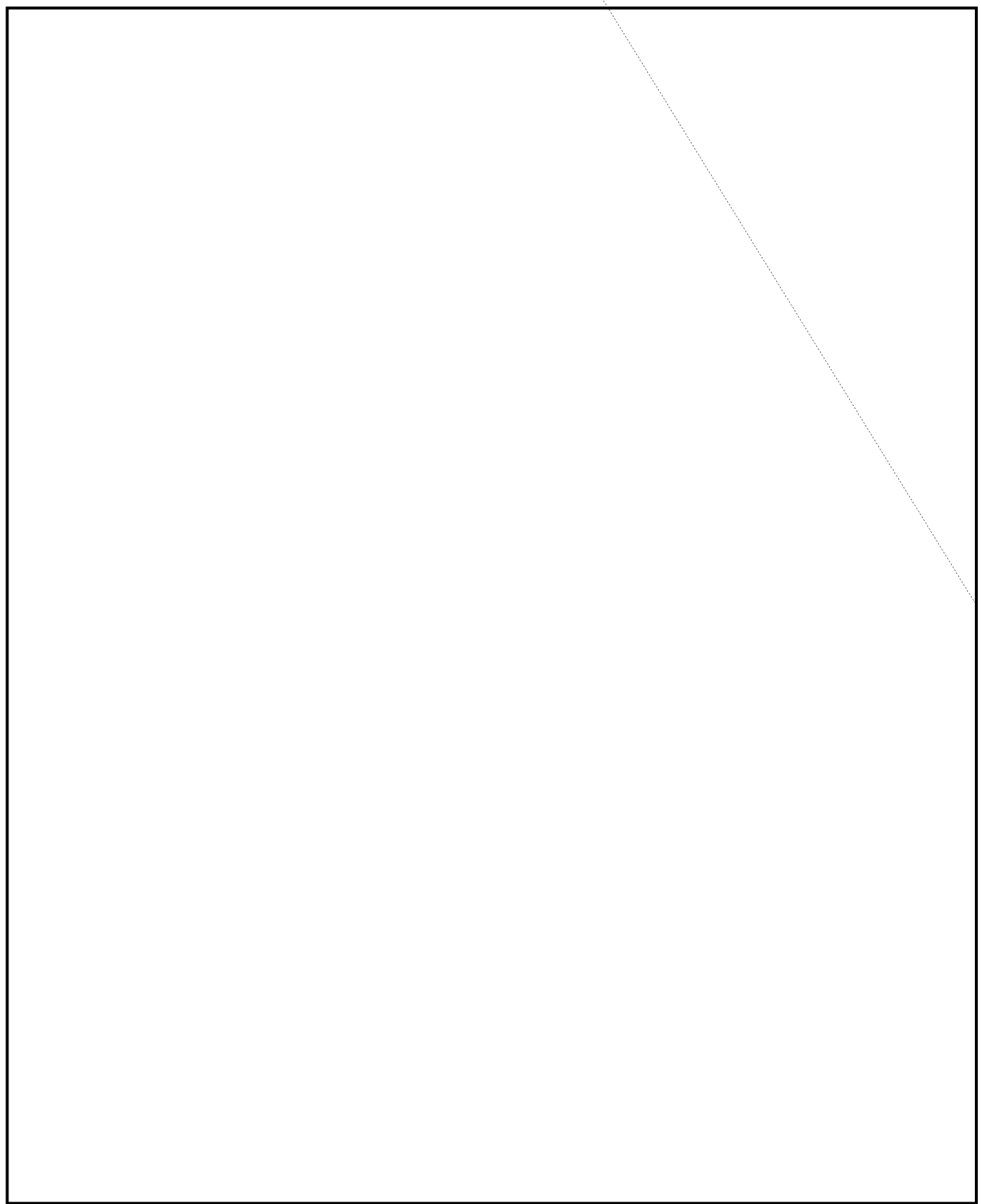
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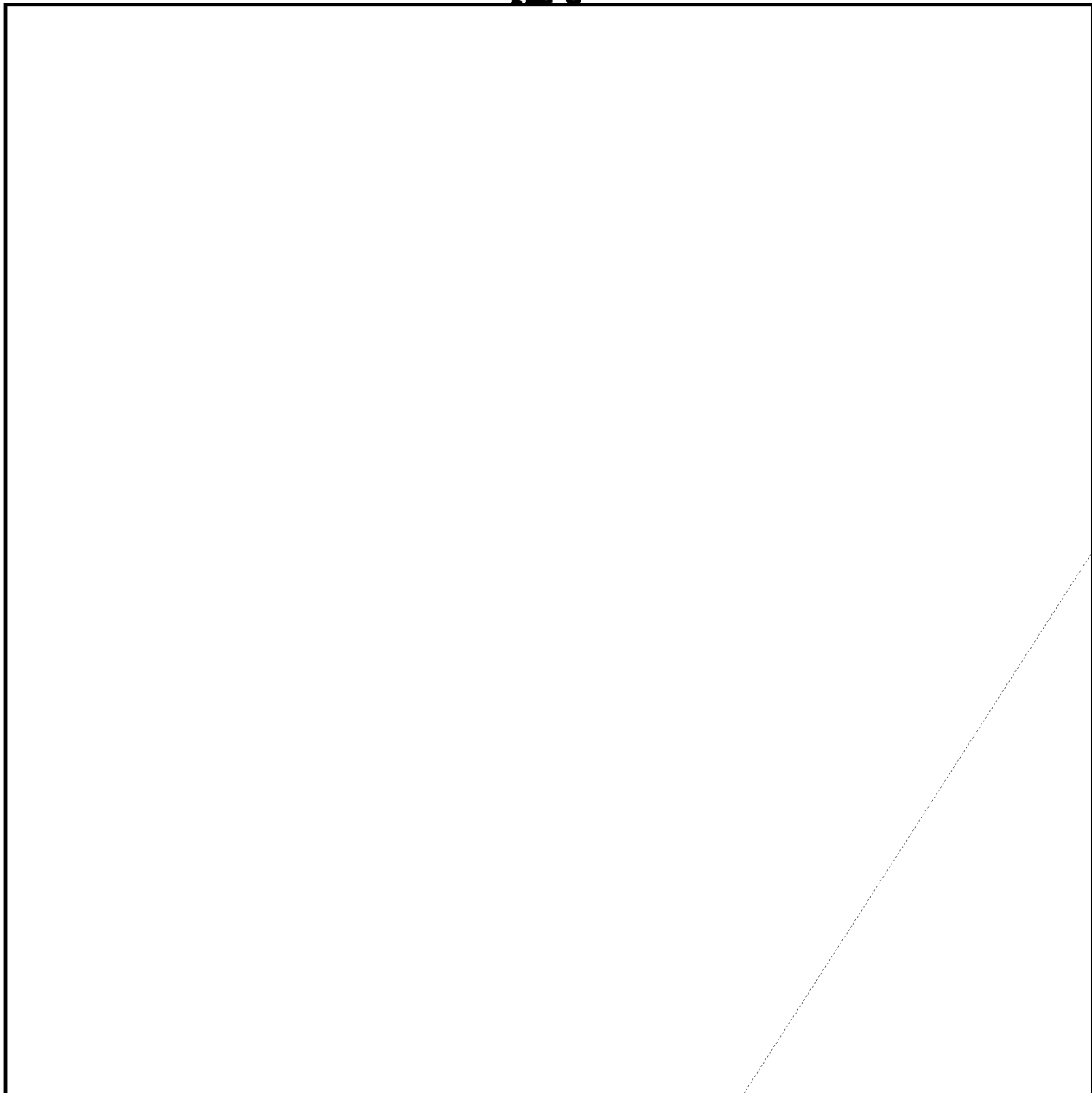
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