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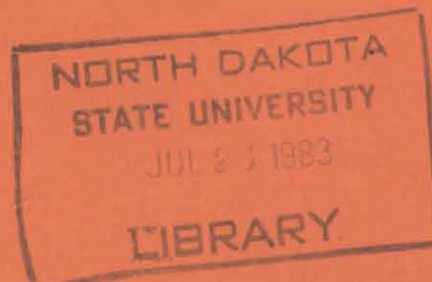
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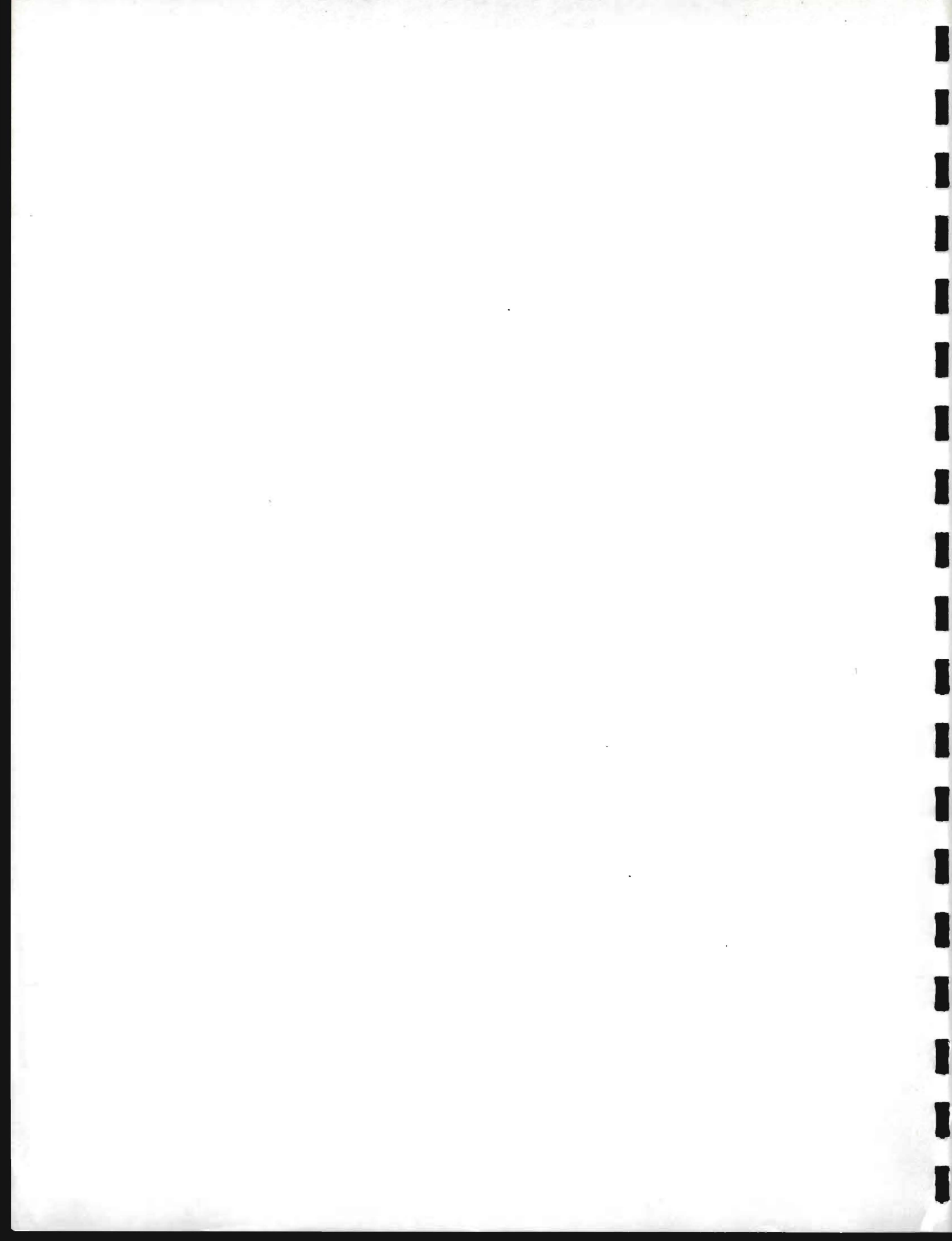
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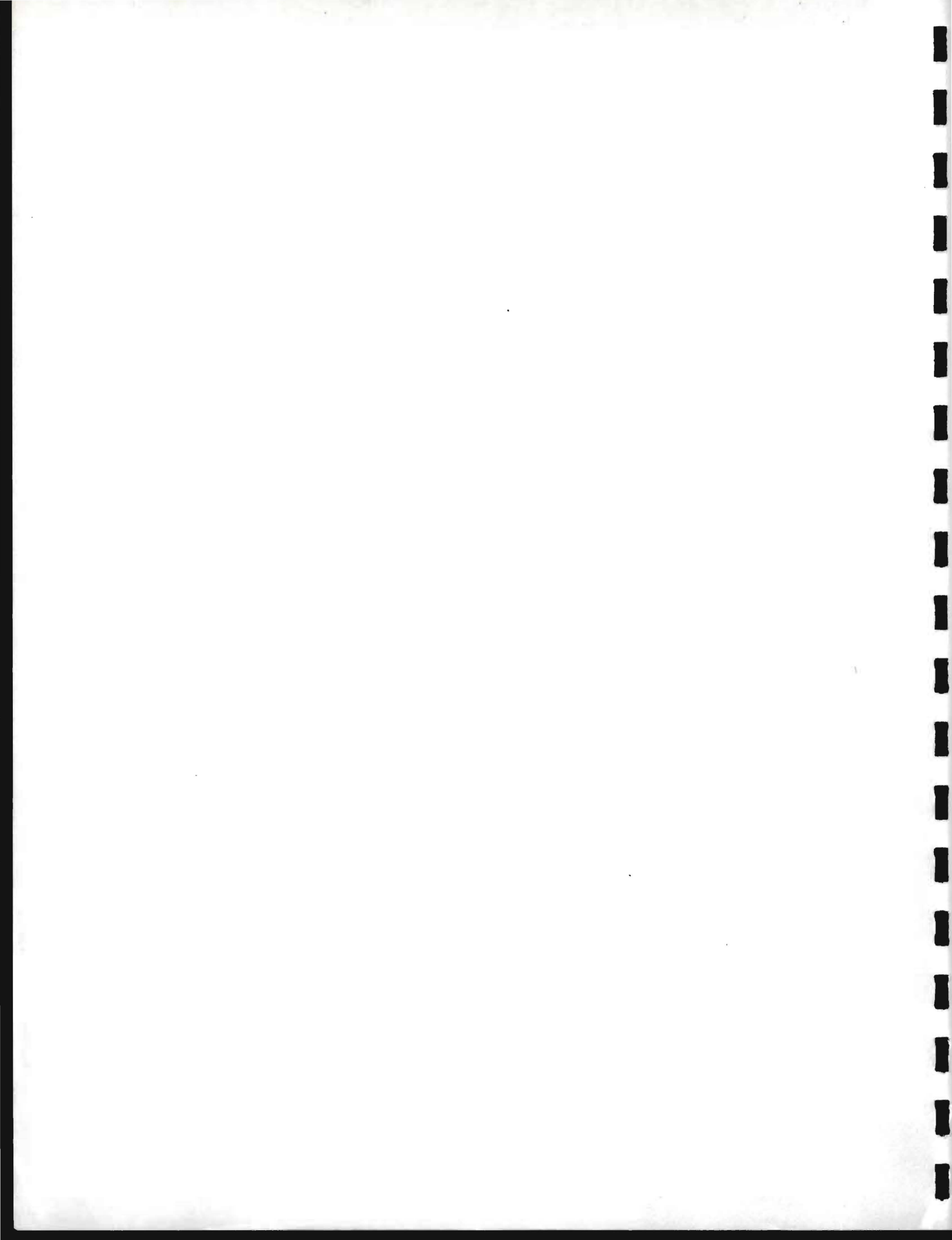


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## PREFACE

This report presents the water and related land resources management plan for the Missouri River Basin. The plan was prepared through the joint efforts of the 23 State, Federal, and interstate members of the Missouri River Basin Commission as well as numerous other water resource agencies. Appendix A contains the draft environmental impact statement on the plan, which was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The purpose of the plan is to serve as a definitive yet flexible guide for the development, conservation, preservation, and management of water and related land resources in the Missouri River Basin. Because the findings in the plan are the product of extensive interagency and interstate cooperation and collective judgment, they are a reliable guide for programming and budgeting for all levels of government. The recommendations are intended to support the Congress, the Federal Government, and States in programing, budgeting, and funding water resources programs and projects in the Missouri River Basin.

The Commission has prepared a separate plan for each of eight subbasins in order to facilitate both the preparation and presentation of the plan. Also included is a set of basinwide and statewide recommendations which should be considered and used in close conjunction with any of the subbasin plans.

The Commission's first basinwide plan was presented in a report published in August 1977 titled Missouri River Basin Water Resources Plan. Since this is an update of the 1977 plan, descriptive material presented in this report is summarized. Persons interested in obtaining more detailed descriptive information should consult either the 1977 report or The Missouri River Basin Comprehensive Framework Study, published in 1971 by the Commission's

predecessor agency, the Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee. More information about the specific conclusions and recommendations presented in this report is available from the Missouri River Basin Commission.

The Commission's planning process is intended to be flexible and responsive to changing conditions, needs, and policies. The conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are therefore subject to change at any regularly scheduled Commission meeting. Another major update of the regional plan is scheduled to start in 1981.



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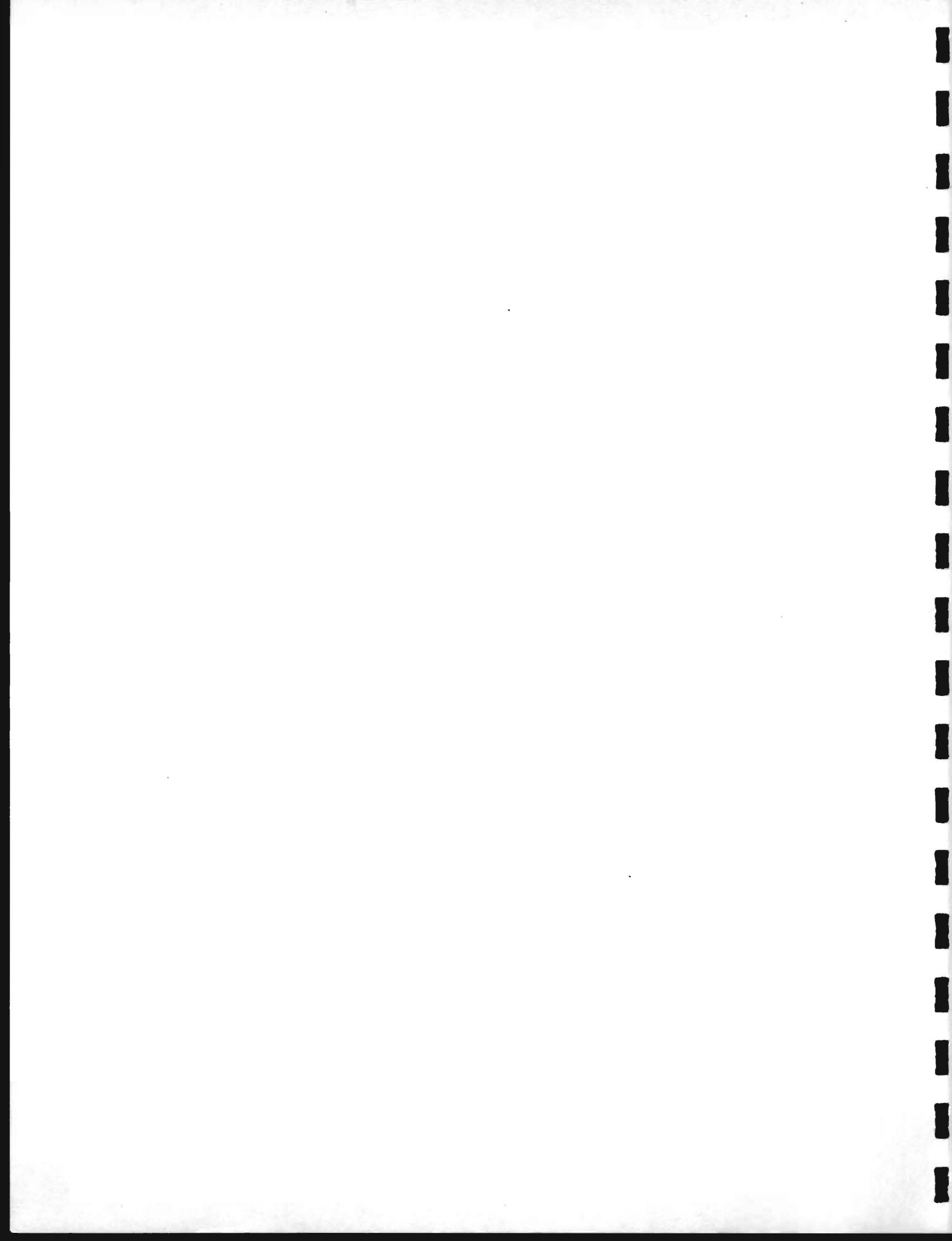
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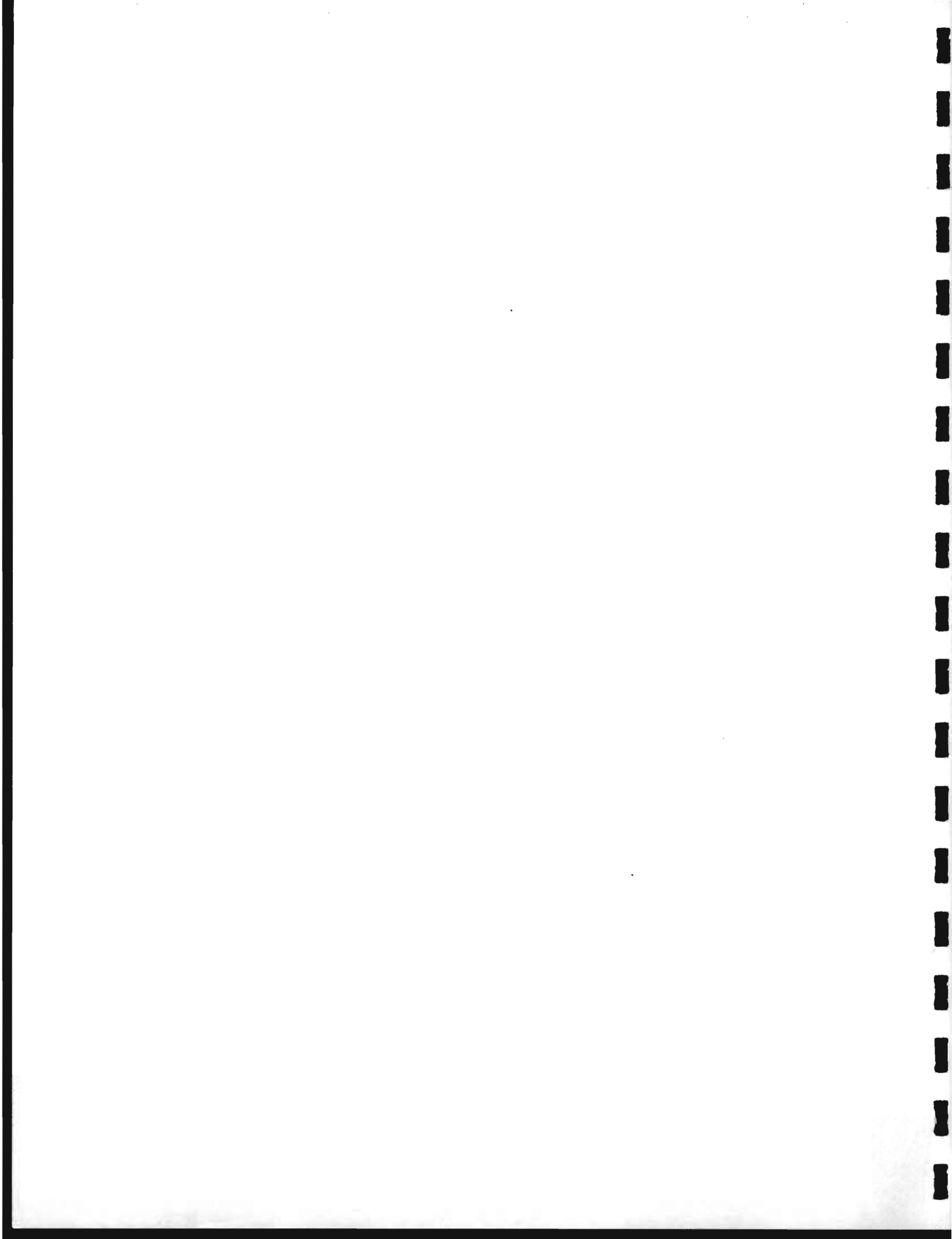
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