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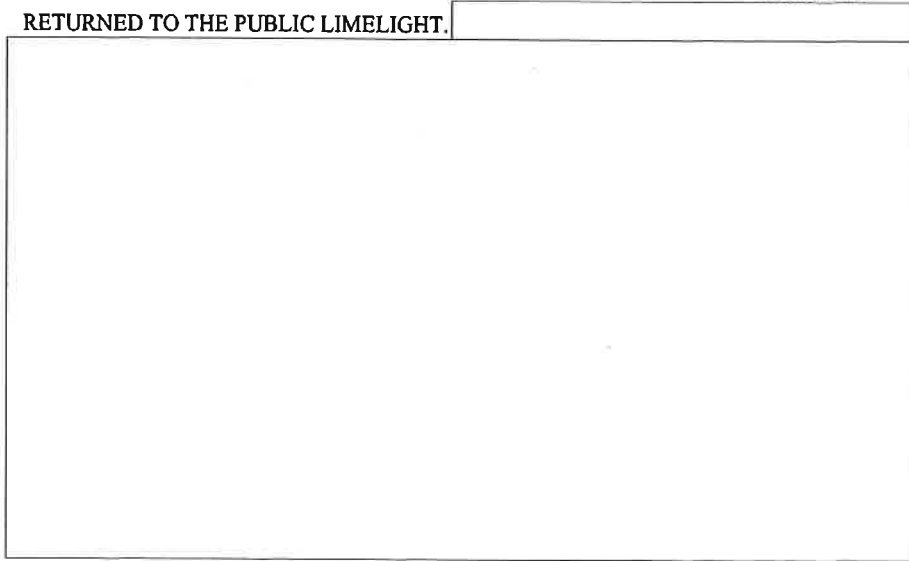
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SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION

2. ALFREDO DE LEON, THE NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA) RENEGADE AND
HEAD OF THE "RED SCORPION GROUP" BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR A
NUMBER OF MANILA AREA KIDNAPPINGS - INCLUDING THE JANUARY 1992
ABDUCTION OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN MICHAEL BARNES - HAS RECENTLY
RETURNED TO THE PUBLIC LIMELIGHT.

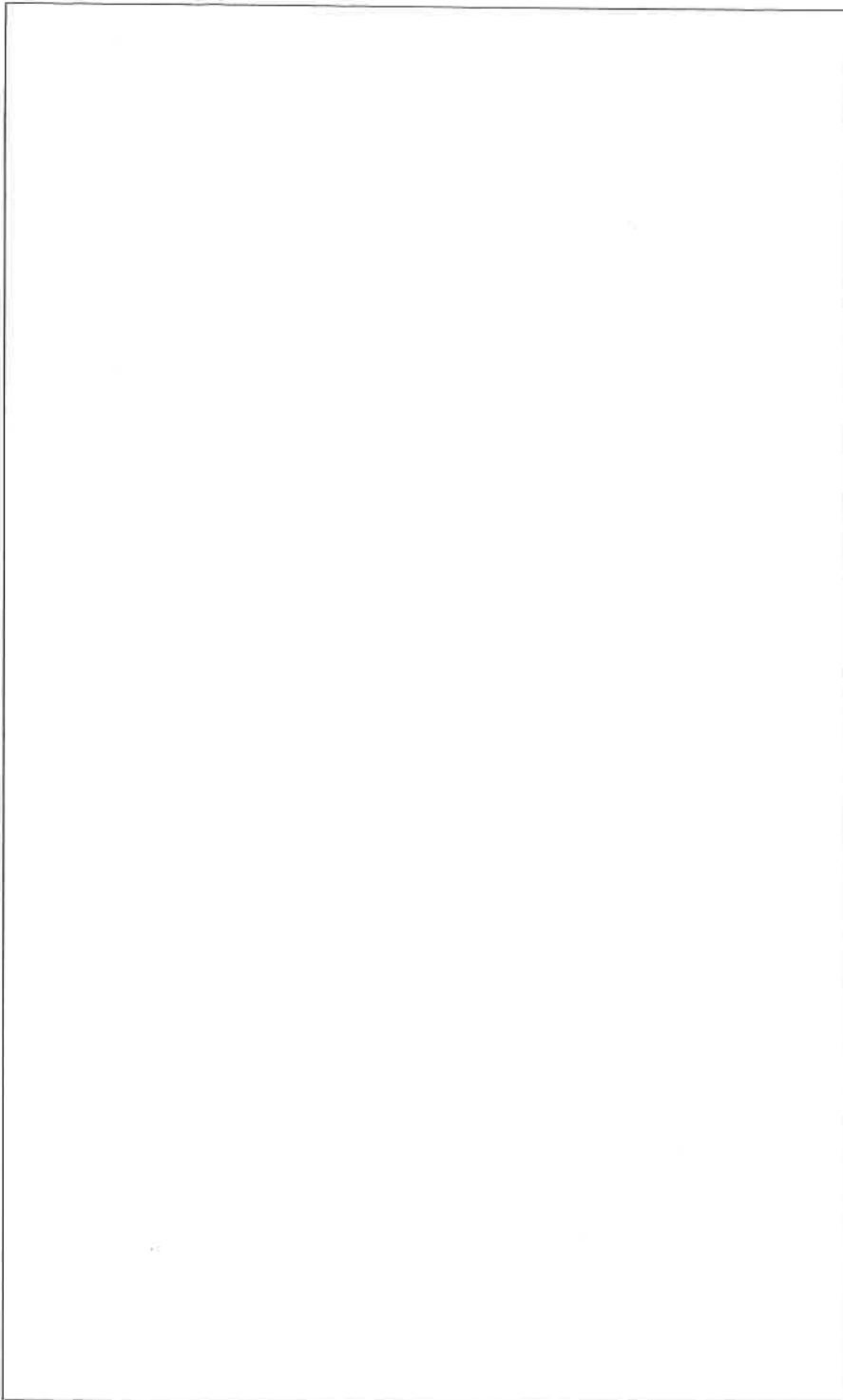


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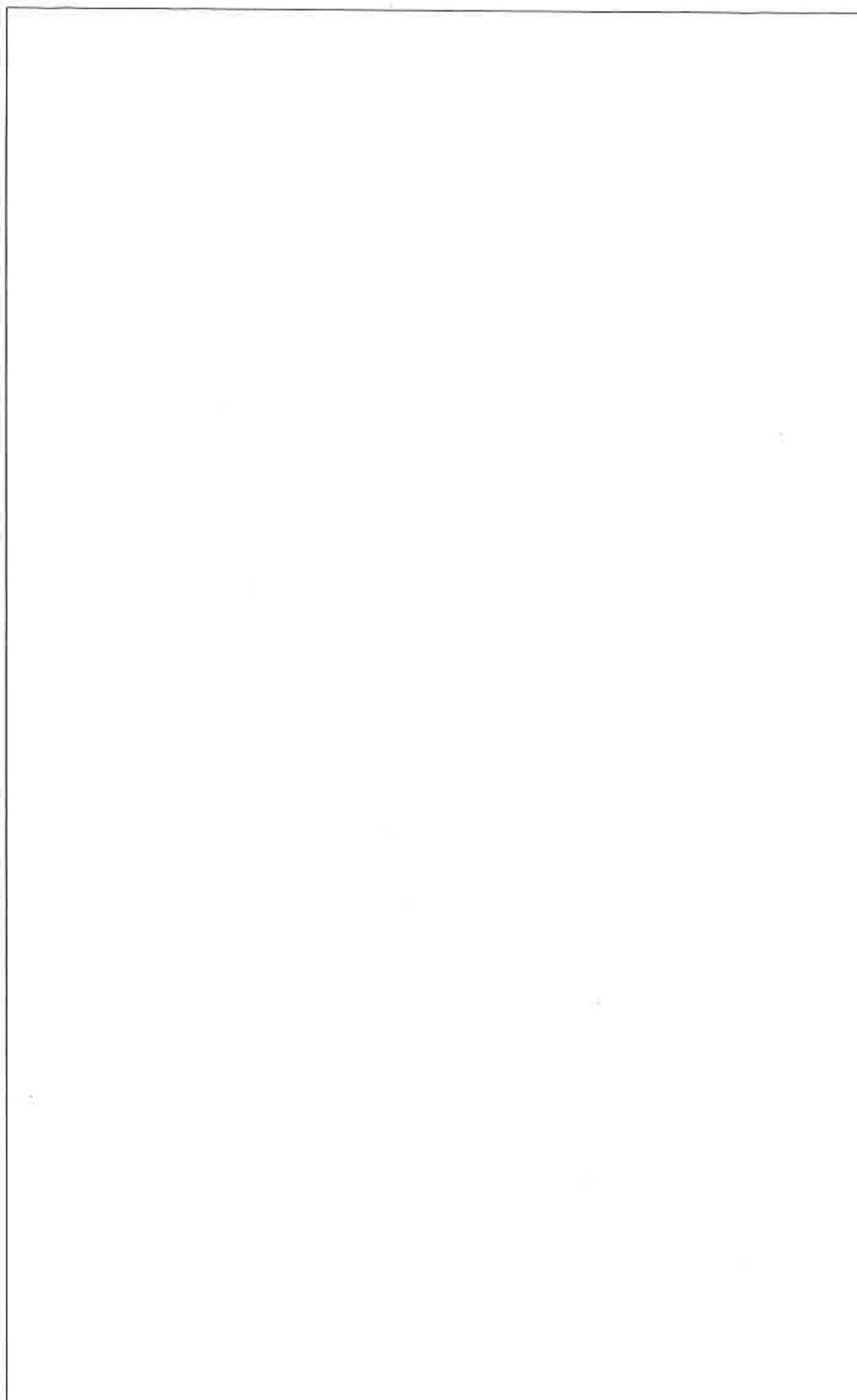
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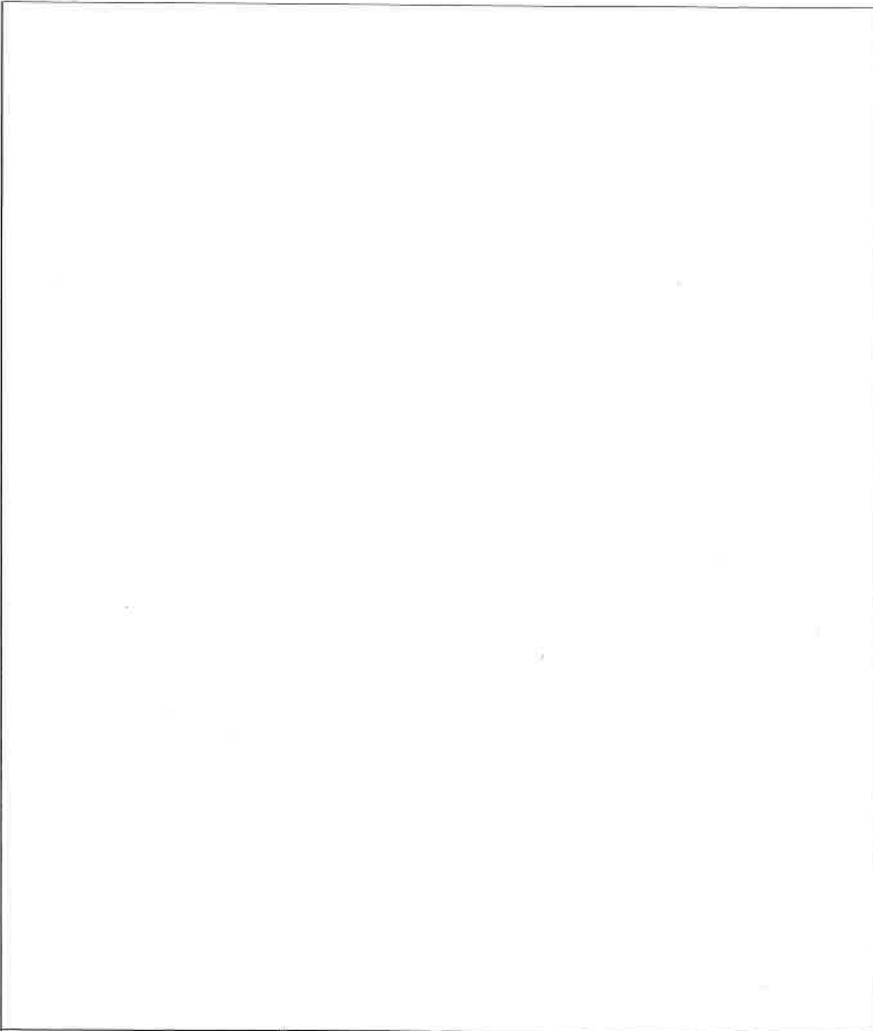


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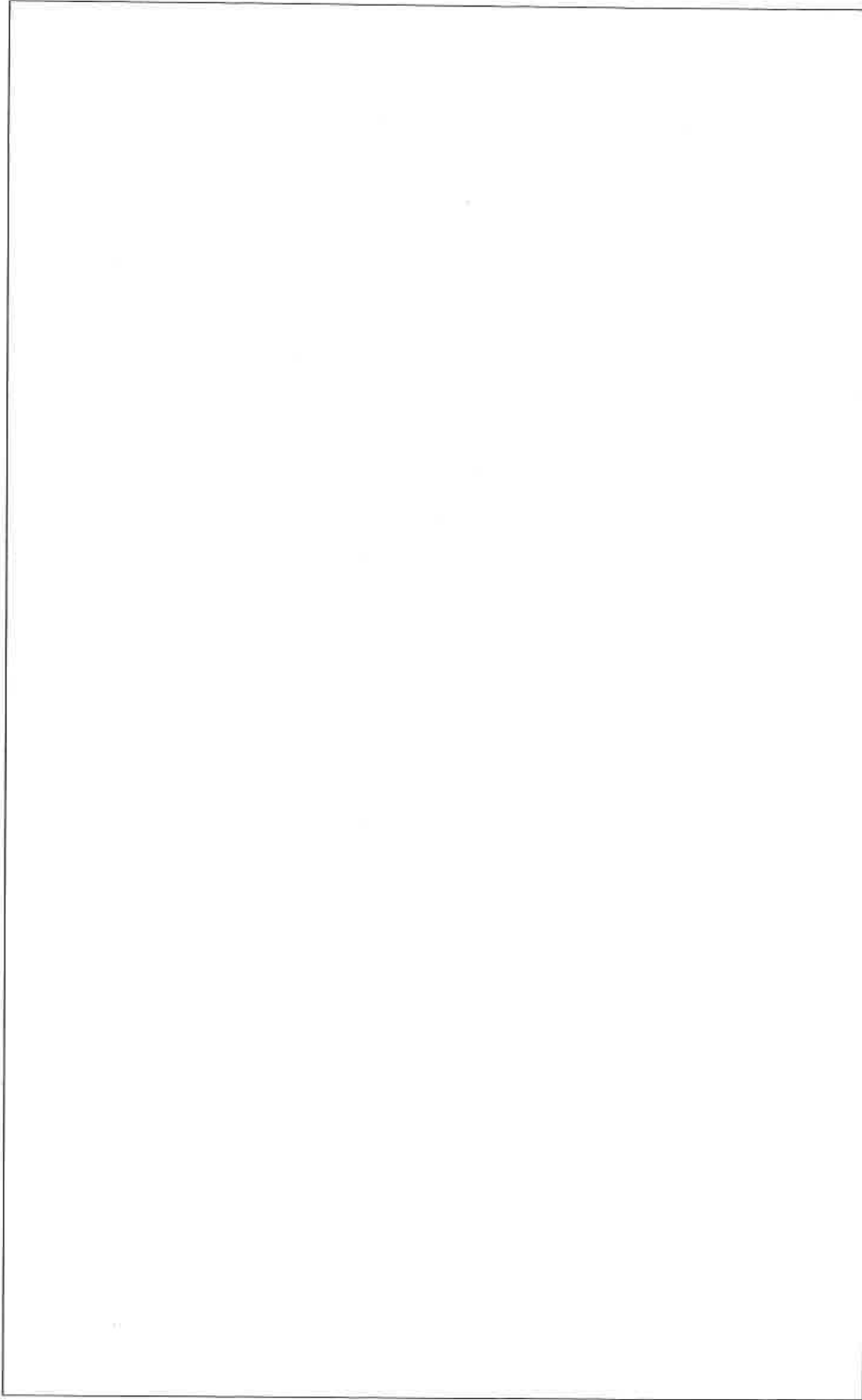
DE LEON COMPARED THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS AGAINST HIM TO "CIVIL WAR", AND LIKENED HIMSELF TO COLOMBIA'S DRUG KINGPIN-ON-THE-RUN, PABLO ESCOBAR. DE LEON THEN DECLARED THAT IF THE POLICE DID NOT STOP HARASSING HIS FAMILY HE "WILL NOT HESITATE TO BOMB ALL THE FOREIGN EMBASSIES" IN METRO MANILA.



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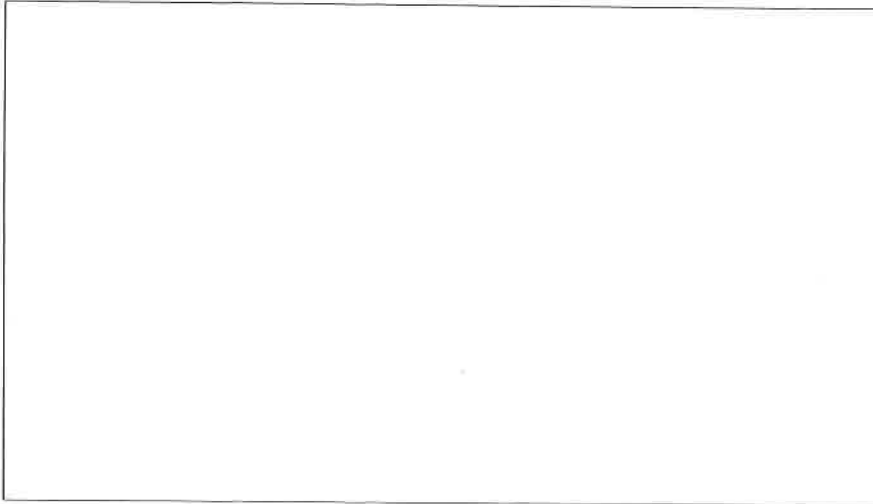
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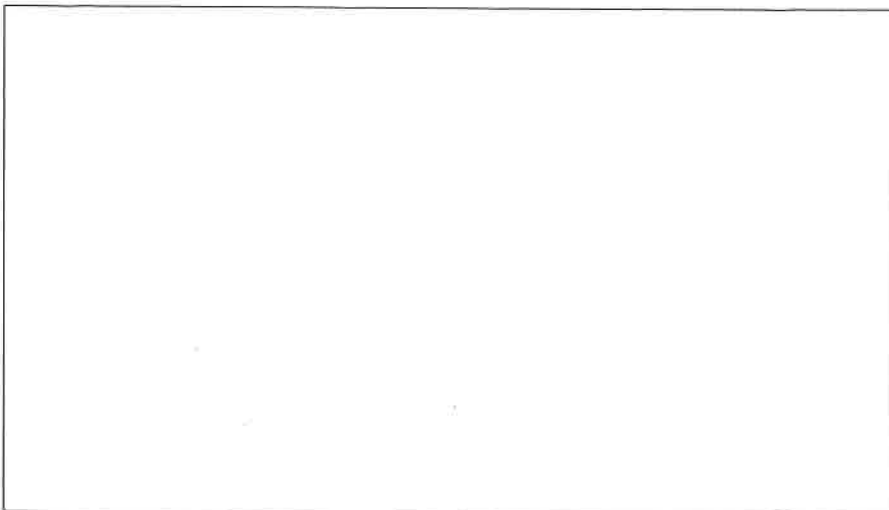
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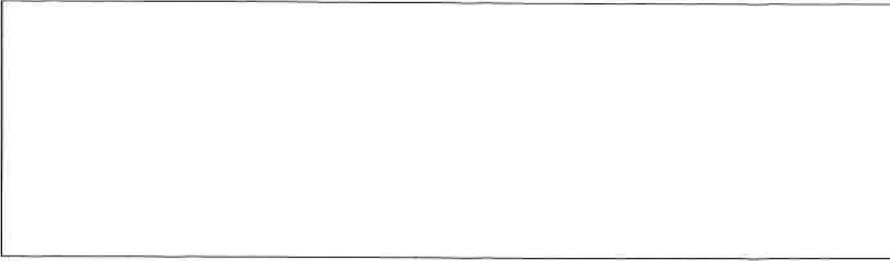
16. EVEN THOUGH DE LEON IS HARDLY AS RICH OR POWERFUL AS CARLOS ESCOBAR, THE COMPARISON TO THE COLOMBIAN DRUG LORD IS NONETHELESS ENLIGHTENING. LIKE ESCOBAR, DE LEON HAS PROMOTED A "ROBIN HOOD" IMAGE, SHOWERING WEALTH ON THE DOWNTRODDEN OF HIS HOMETOWN WHILE THREATENING ILLEGAL RECRUITERS AND OTHER OPPRESSORS OF THE POOR. LIKE ESCOBAR, DE LEON IS ON THE RUN, WITH A PROFILE SO HIGH NOW THAT HE CAN NO LONGER TURN TO ONCE-HELPFUL POLICE FRIENDS TO LEND A HAND - EXCEPT MAYBE, TO GIVE HIM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S UNLISTED CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER? AND, LIKE ESCOBAR, DE LEON HAS BECOME RICH BY EXPLOITING THE WEAKNESSES IN THE NATION'S ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE SYSTEM, PAYING OFF COPS WHILE KILLING THOSE WHO GET IN HIS WAY.



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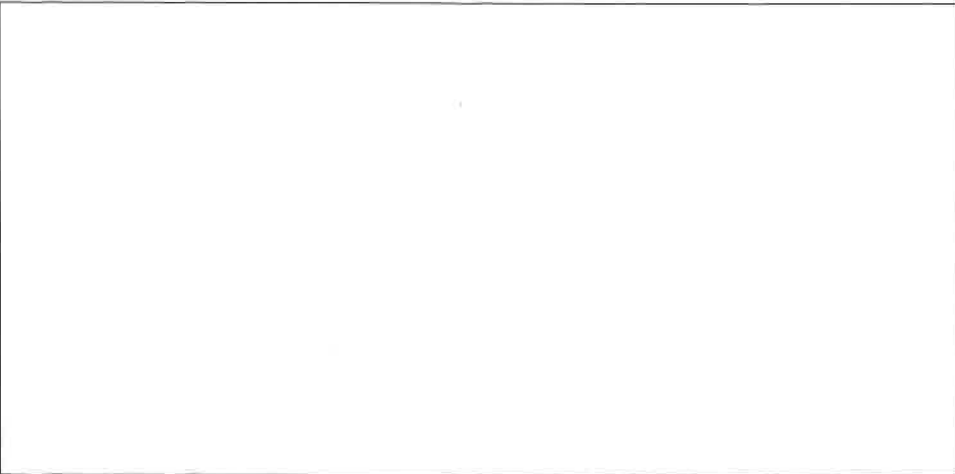
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