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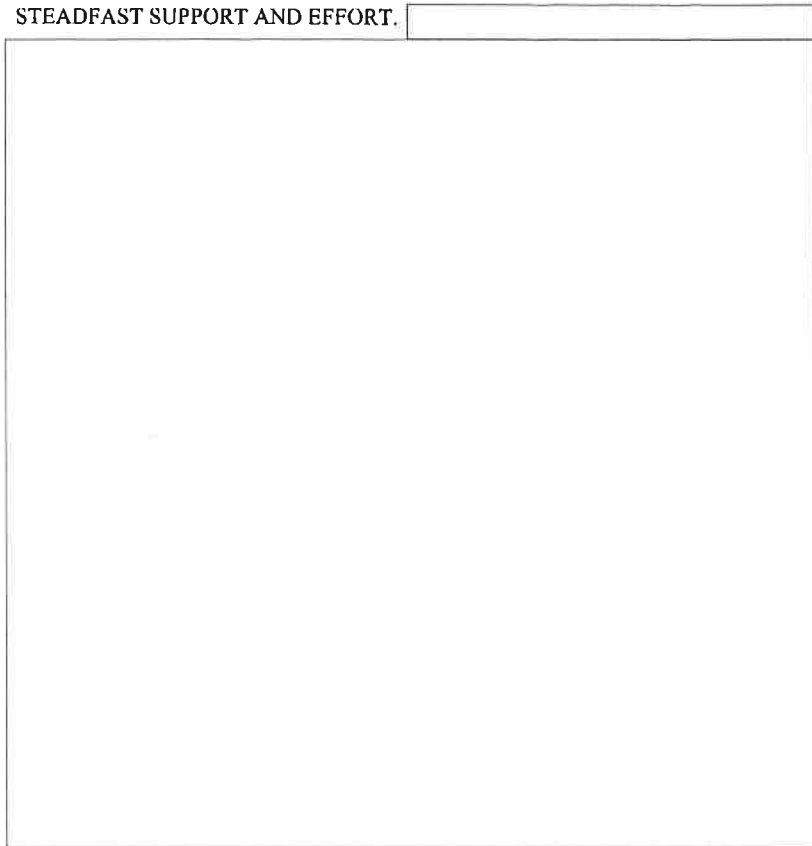
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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. DURING MY TENURE HERE, WE HAVE ENJOYED STRONG
BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH COLOMBIA AND, I BELIEVE, HAVE
ADVANCED KEY U.S. INTERESTS. MUCH OF THE CREDIT IS DUE TO
PRESIDENT GAVIRIA AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE RAFAEL PARDO'S
STEADFAST SUPPORT AND EFFORT.



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REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior
Reviewer

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6. GAVIRIA, AFTER ALL, GOT OFF TO A SLOW START IN TERMS OF ACTIVELY PURSUING THE TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS -- HE OPTED FIRST FOR A SURRENDER STRATEGY WHICH BROUGHT DECEASED MEDELLIN KINGPIN PABLO ESCOBAR IN IN 1991 ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF HIS PARAMILITARY CHIEFS. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] SINCE MID-1992, HOWEVER, GAVIRIA AND PARDO HAVE PURSUED A TOUGH POLICY OF PURSUING THE TRAFFICKERS, WHILE ALSO LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN FOR THEM TO SURRENDER. IN THE WAKE OF ESCOBAR'S JULY 1992 ESCAPE FROM ENVIGADO PRISON, GAVIRIA APPEALED TO THE U.S. FOR HELP IN RECAPTURING THE NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL. HE FACED INCREDIBLE POLITICAL AND MEDIA PRESSURE AT HOME,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] GAVIRIA AND PARDO STOOD UP TO THAT NARCO-GENERATED PRESSURE FOR THE YEAR AND A HALF THAT IT TOOK THE GOC TO LOCATE AND EVENTUALLY KILL ESCOBAR. [Redacted]

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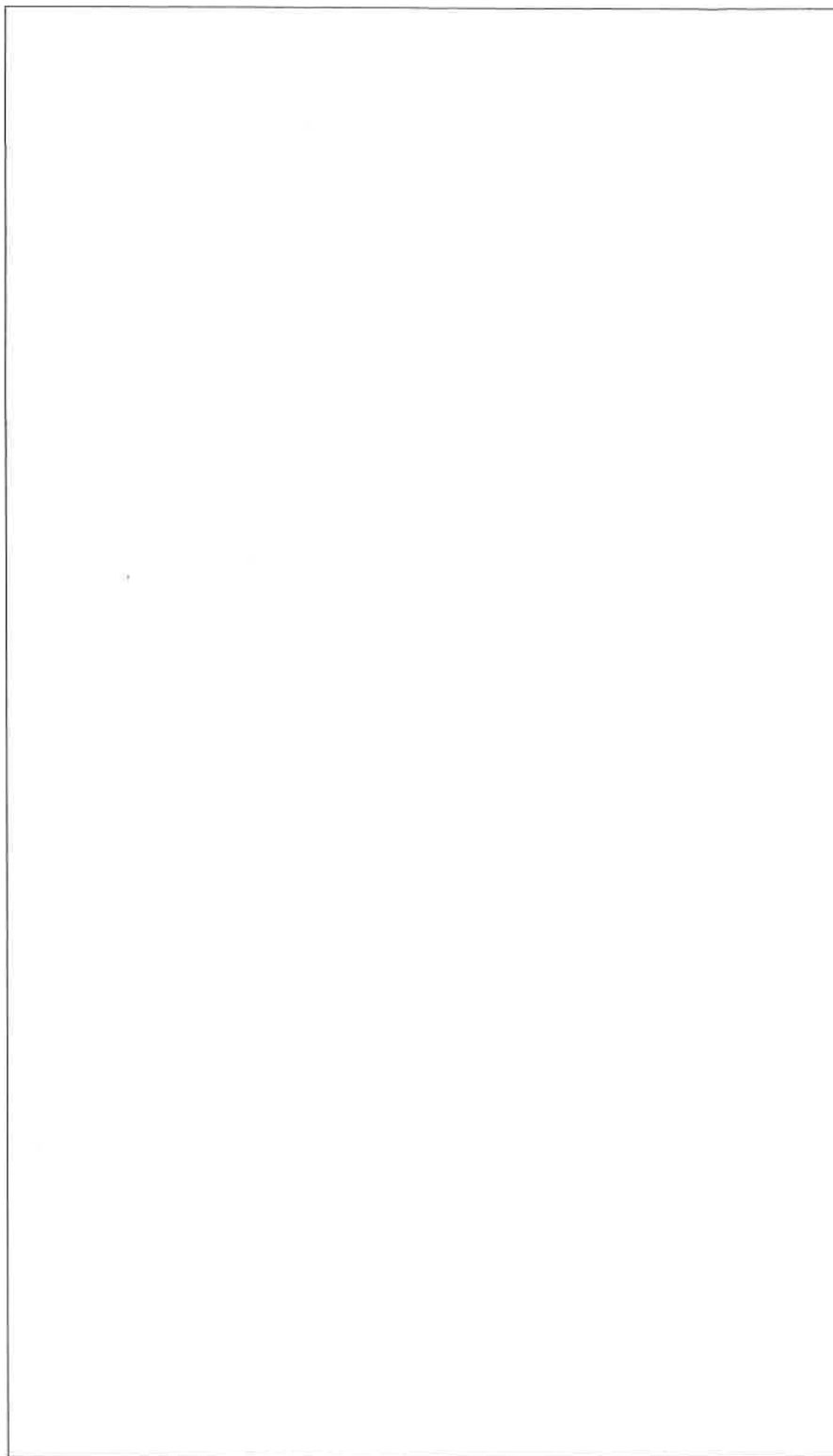
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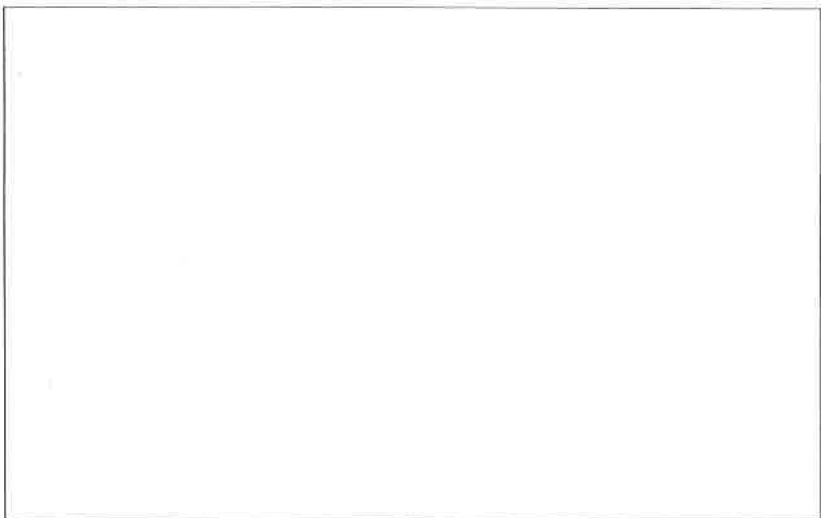
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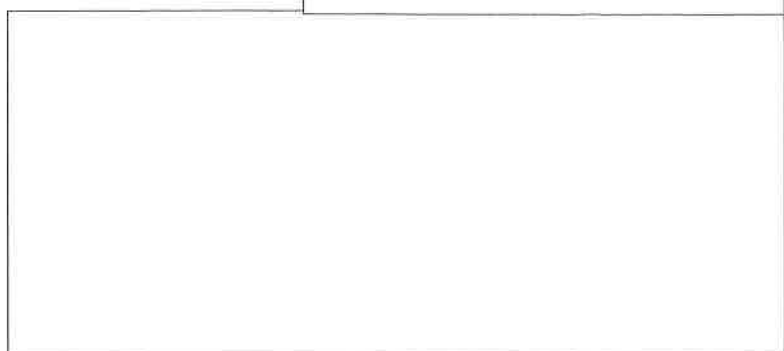
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JUDICIAL COOPERATION -- DE GREIFF

10. OUR COUNTER NARCOTICS EFFORT WENT HAND-IN-HAND WITH JUDICIAL COOPERATION WHICH BEGAN IN RESPONSE TO COLOMBIA'S 1991 CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION ON THE EXTRADITION OF COLOMBIAN BORN NATIONALS. THE U.S.G. SIGNED A DECLARATION OF INTENT ON EVIDENCE SHARING WHICH FACILITATED OUR PROVIDING U.S. EVIDENCE FOR USE IN THE PROSECUTION OF KEY NARCO KINGPINS IN COLOMBIA.

OUR INITIAL GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH PROSECUTOR GENERAL GUSTAVO DE GREIFF WAS CRUCIAL TO THE START UP OF THIS PROGRAM. PROBLEMS WITH DE GREIFF BEGAN IN THE FALL OF 1993, WHEN HE BEGAN TO CRITICIZE PUBLICLY U.S. ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS AND TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF LEGALIZATION.

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[REDACTED] COLOMBIA'S CRIMINAL PROCEDURES CODE WAS REVISED IN A CONGRESSIONAL FORUM HEAVILY LOBBIED BY THE CALI CARTEL. INFORMATION DEVELOPED SINCE LAST FALL HAS ALSO SHOWN THAT DE GREIFF HAD ALREADY MADE A SERIES OF CONCESSIONS TO FORMER ASSOCIATES OF PABLO ESCOBAR -- ON THE BASIS OF THEIR "COOPERATION" IN HELPING TO LOCATE AND PROSECUTE THE FUGITIVE KINGPIN -- WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE HELPED PAVE THE WAY NOT ONLY FOR THE CODE REVISION, BUT FOR THE CALI CARTEL'S LEGAL STRATEGY. [REDACTED]

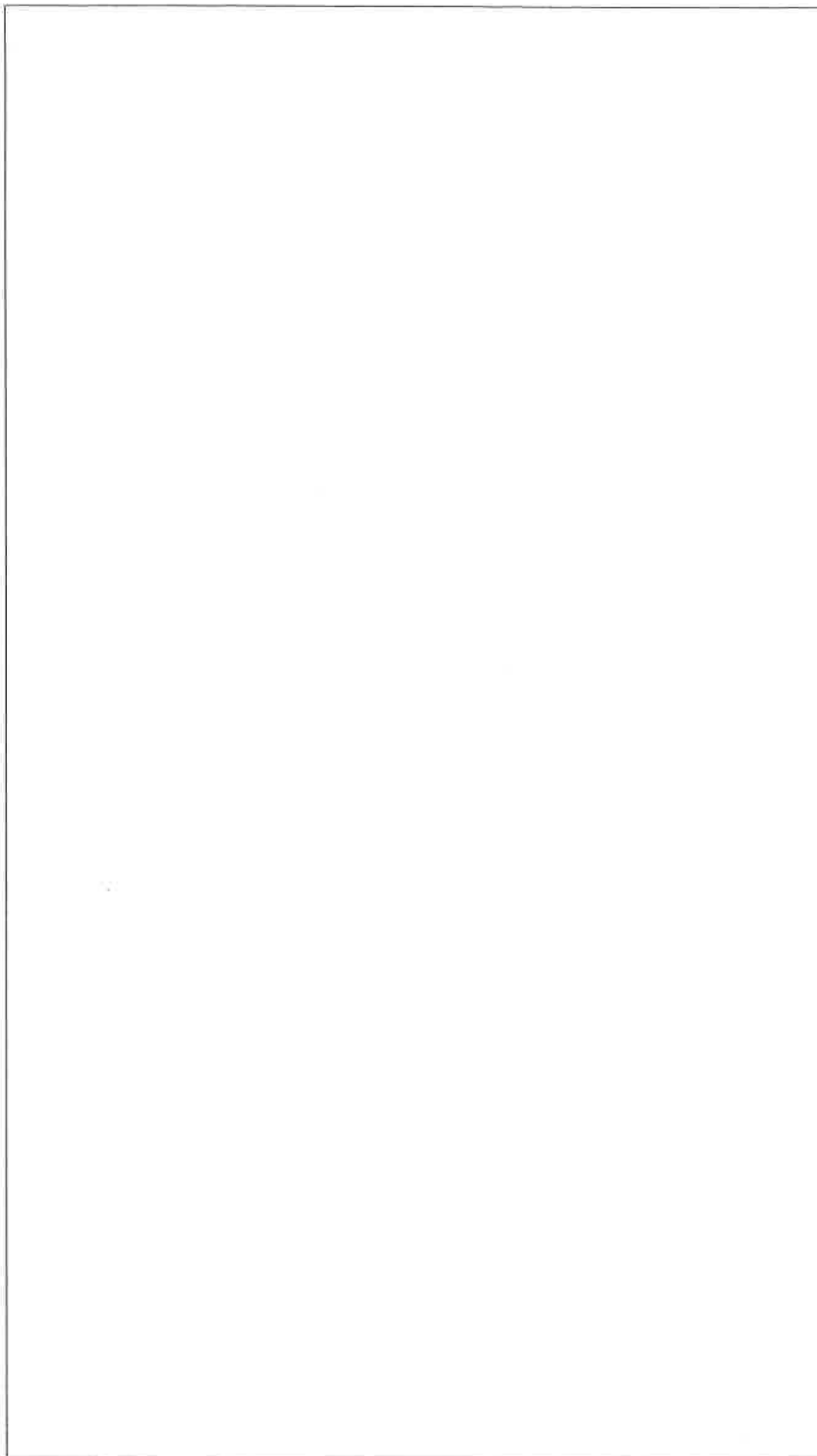
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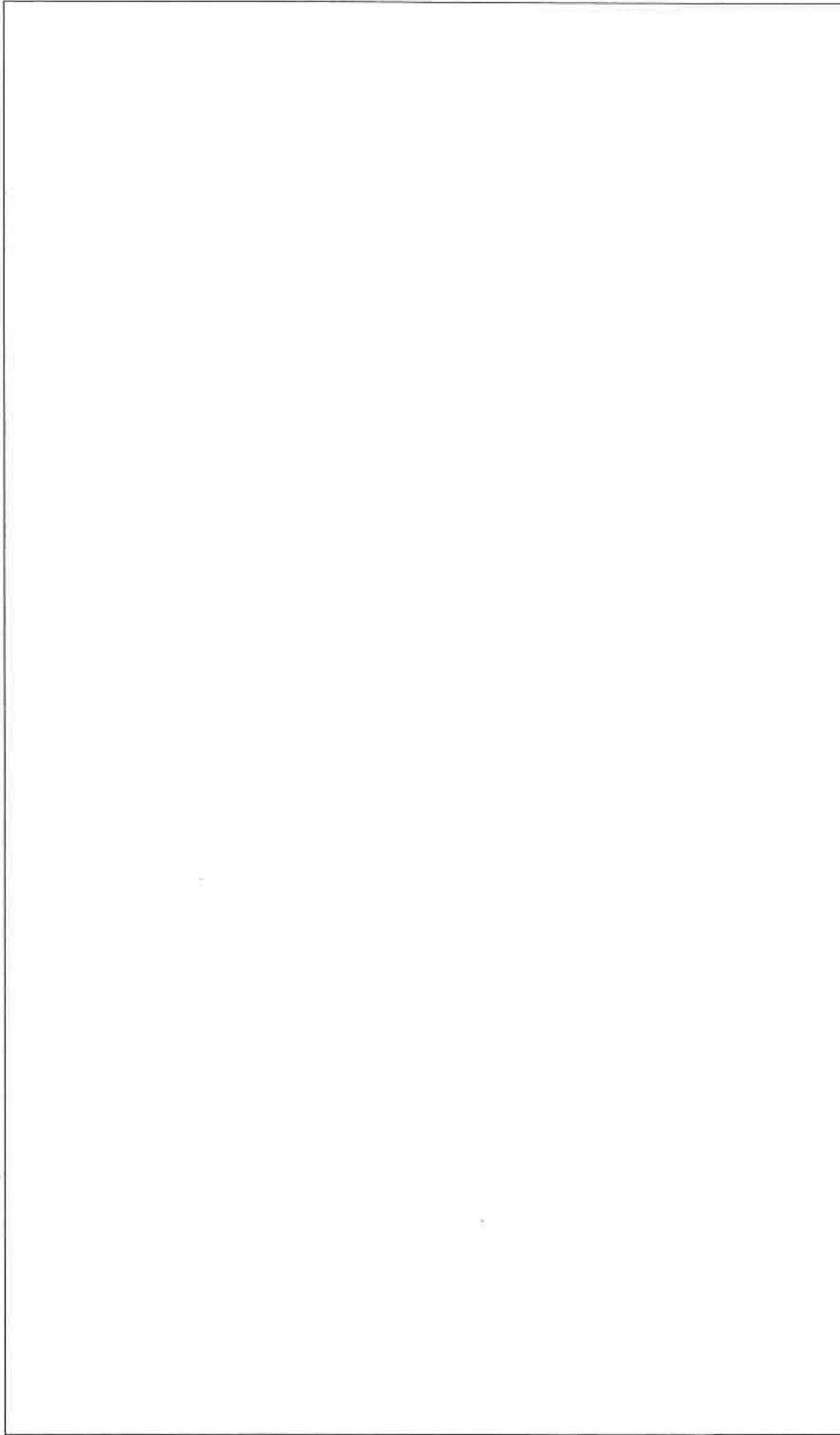
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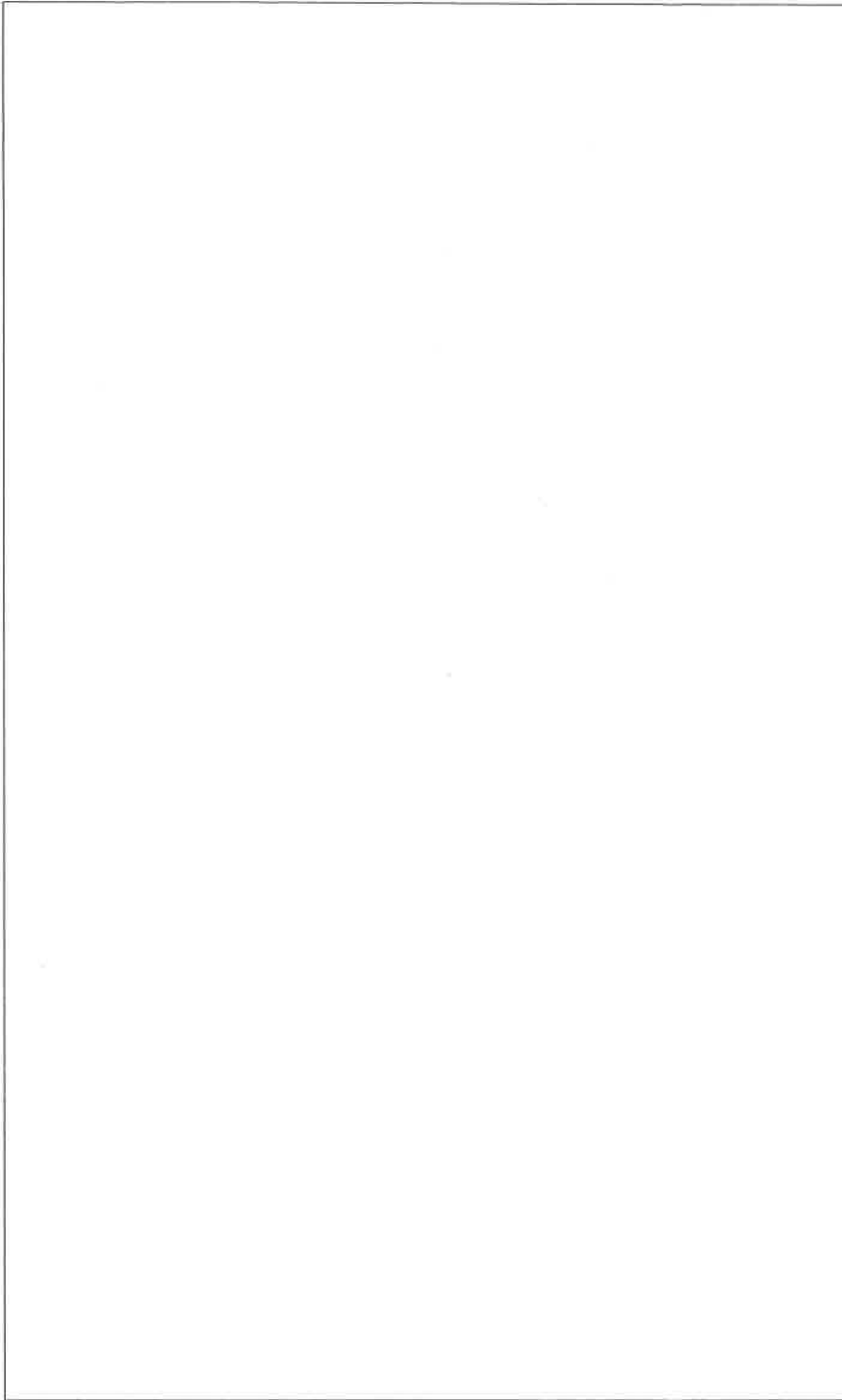


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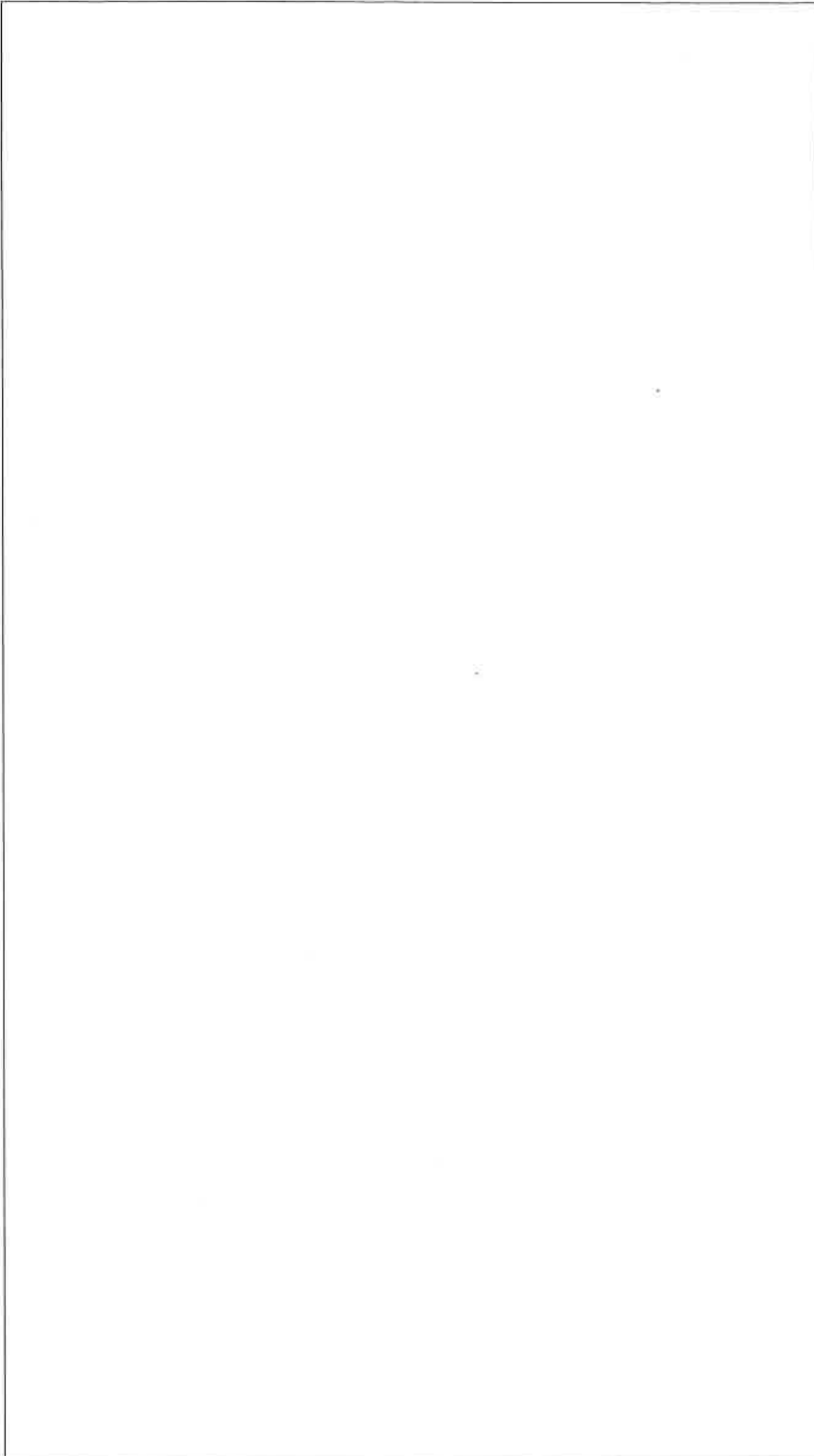
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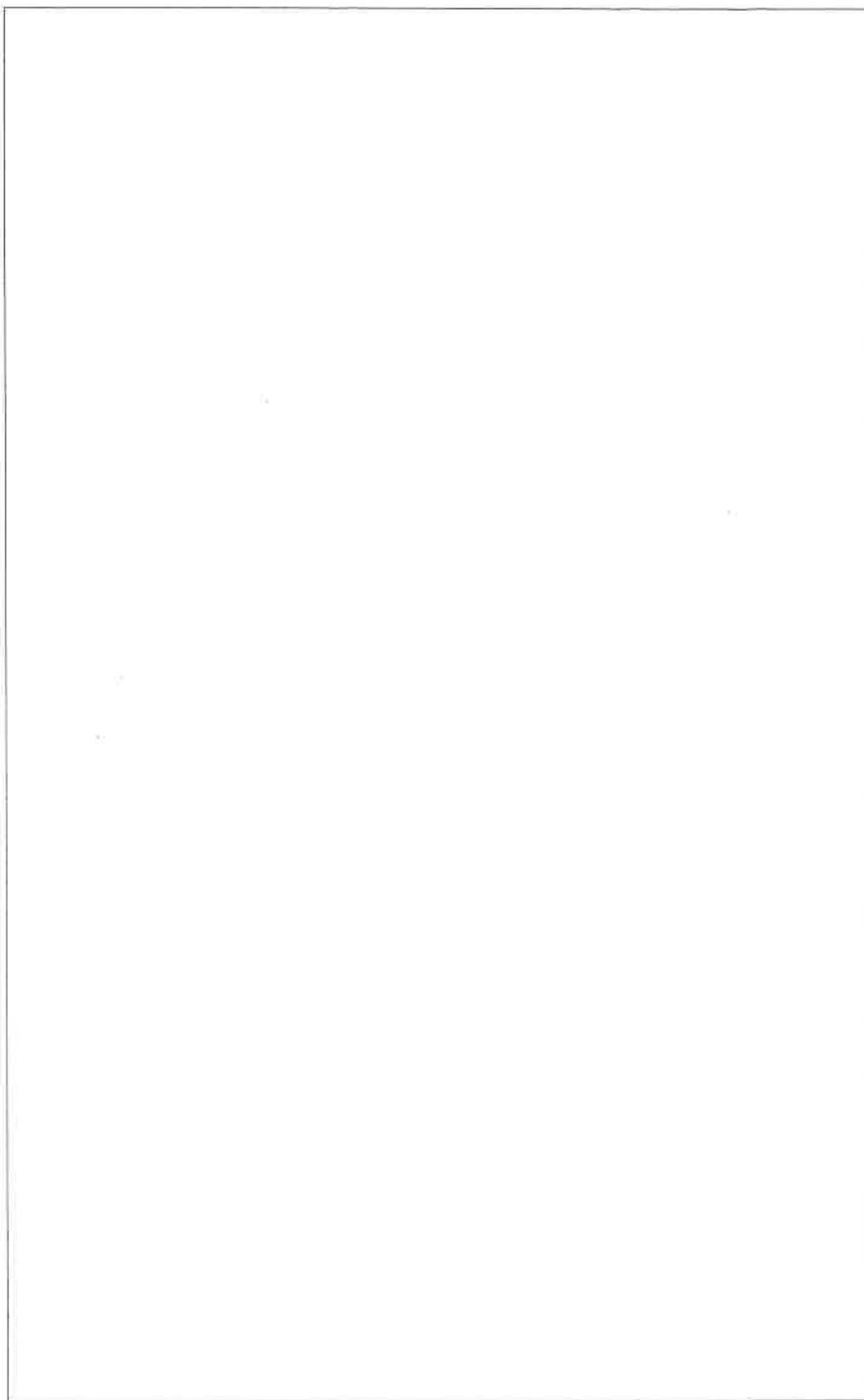
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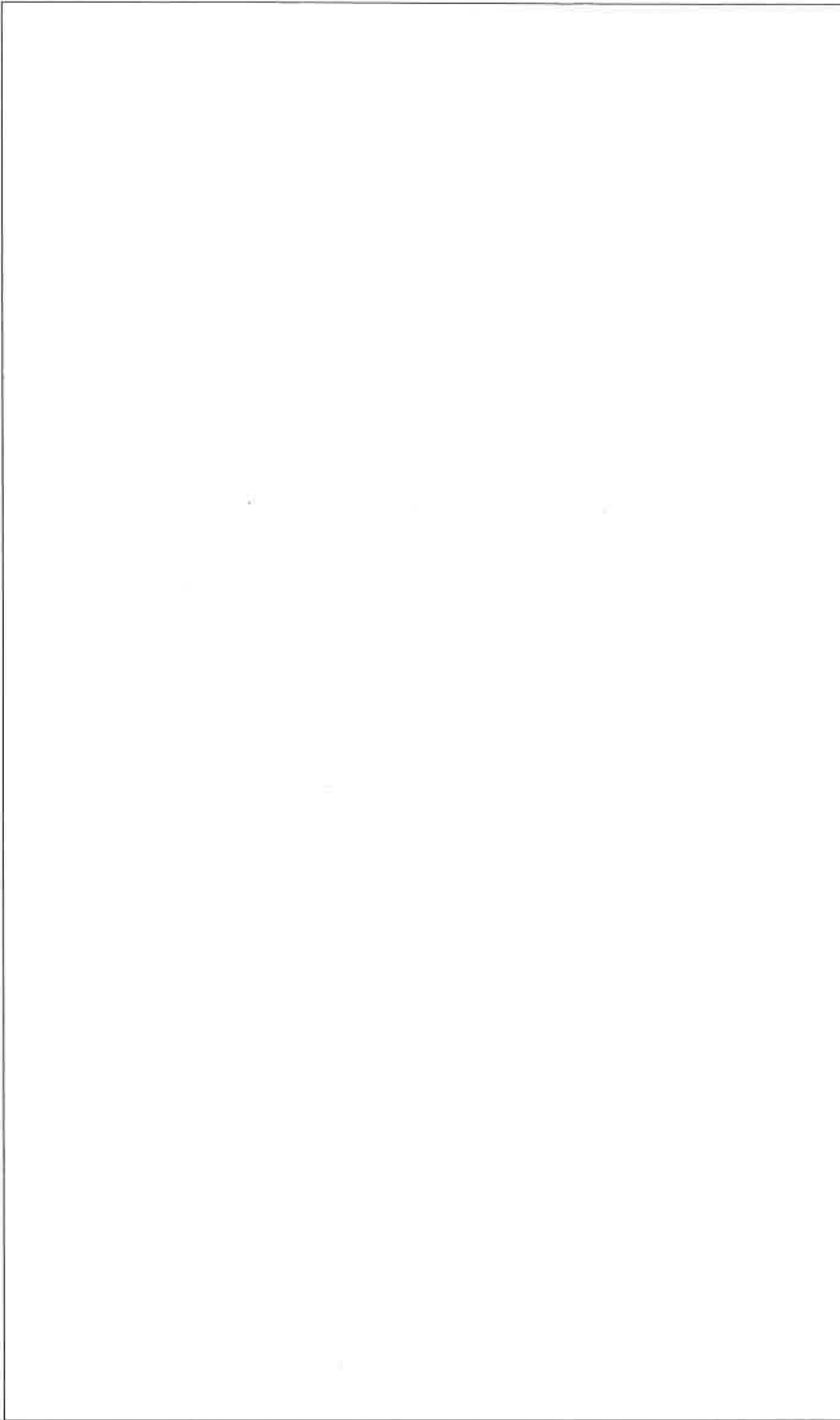


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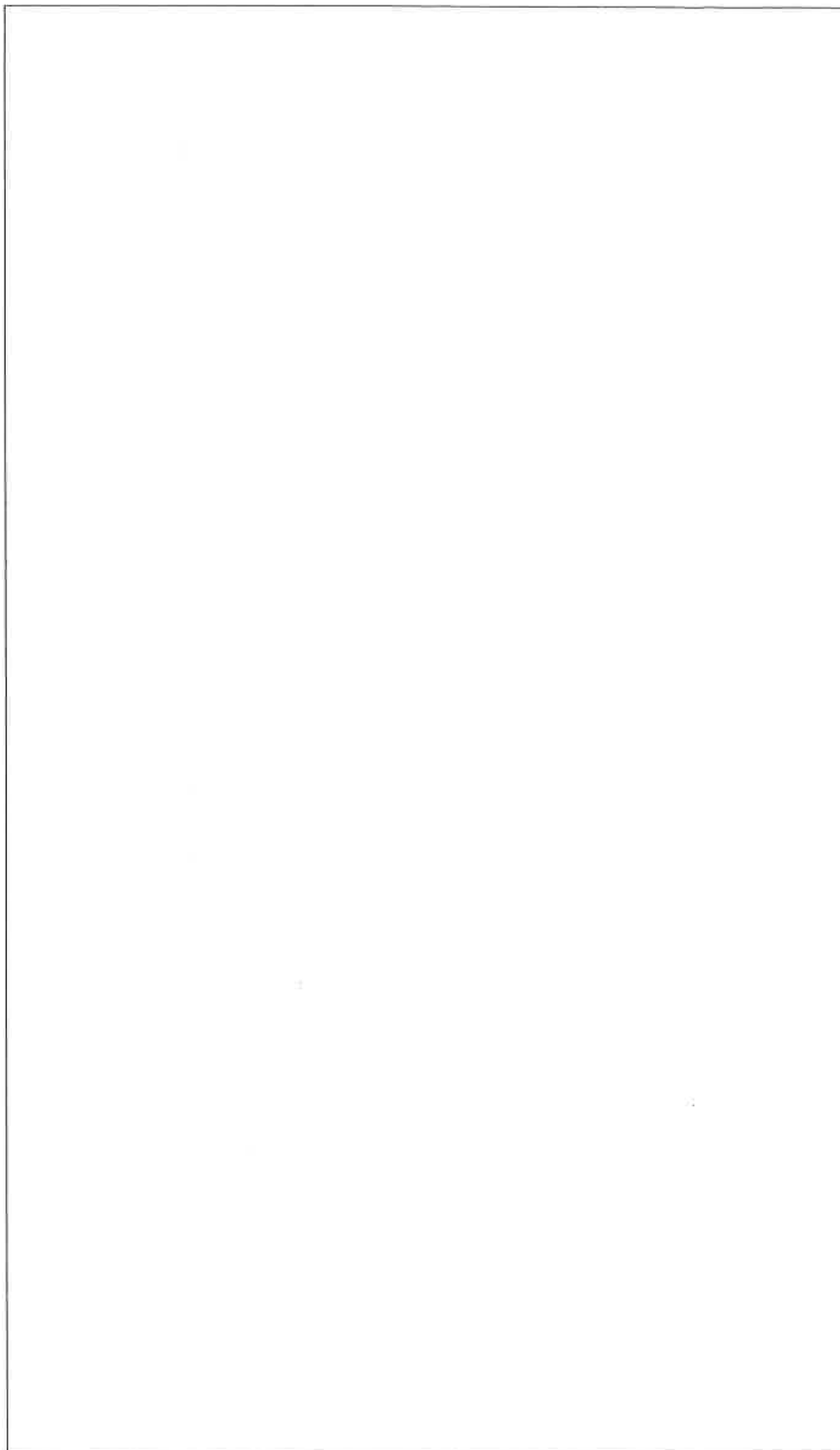
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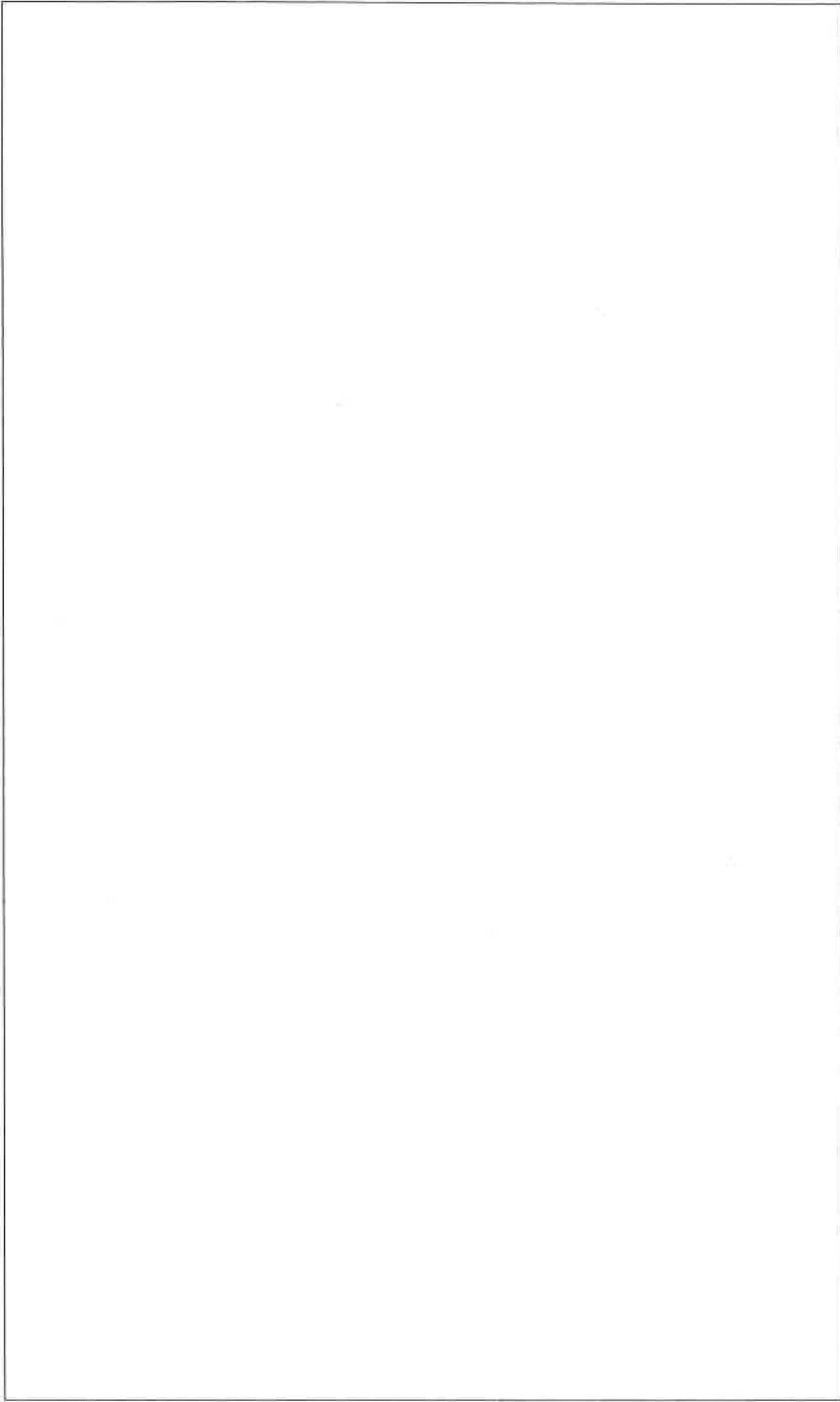
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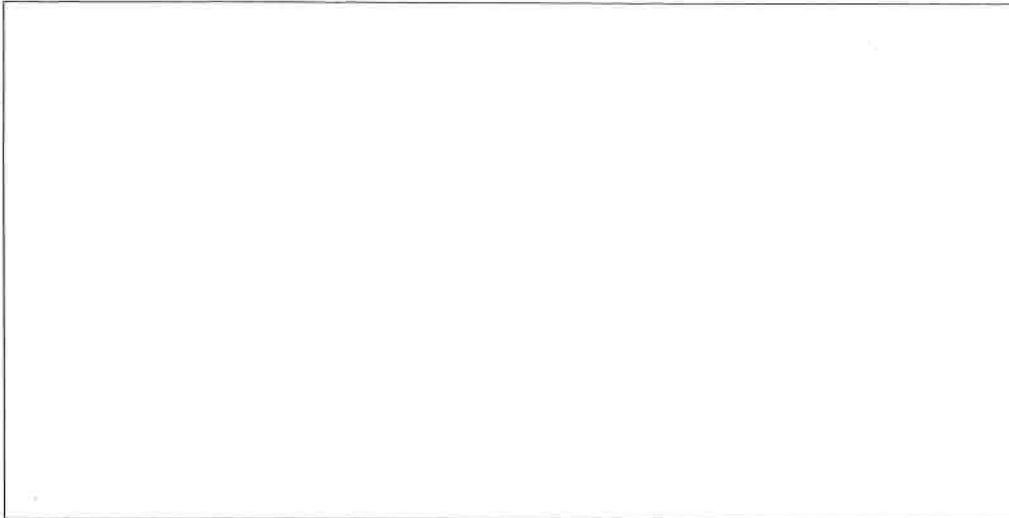


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