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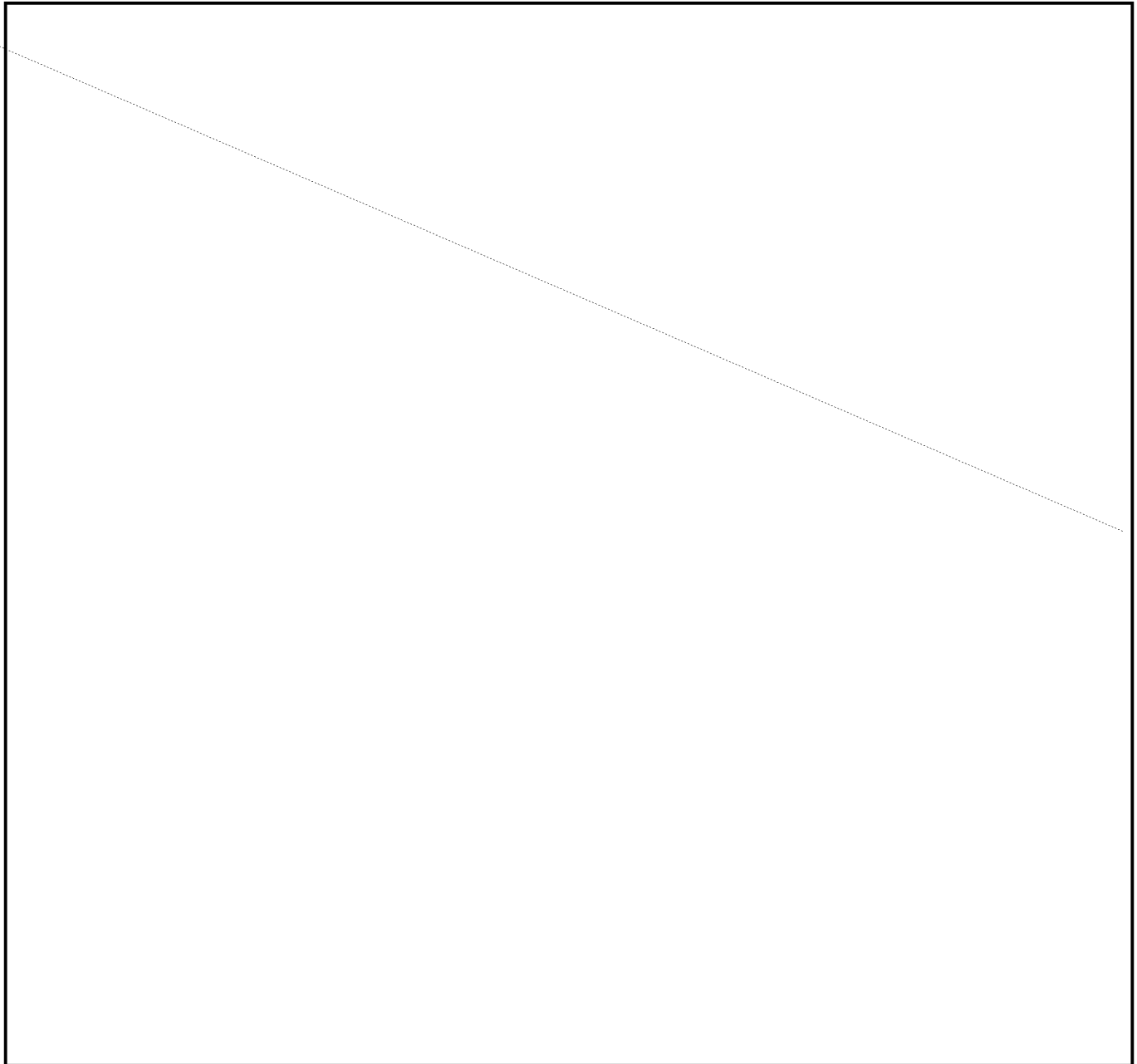
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Investigation on 11/28/2003 at [redacted]

(S) File # [redacted] Date dictated 11/29/2003

by [signature] SA [redacted]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 11/16/2004

To: Washington Field  
Counterterrorism

Attn: SA [redacted]  
Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]  
[redacted] SSA [redacted]  
[redacted] UC [redacted]  
Attn: Legat  
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International Operations  
Amman  
Paris  
Rome  
Vienna

From: London

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jh

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(S) Case ID #: (U) [redacted]

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(U) Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);  
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO  
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE: IRAQI EFFORTS  
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;  
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)

(U) Synopsis: (S) To clear a lead set to London.

(U) (S) Derived From: G-3  
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(S) Reference: (U) [redacted]  
(U) [redacted]

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(U) Details: (S) As the recipients are aware, captioned case was  
predicated on a Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI)  
request for the FBI to determine if documents provided to the  
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as evidence of Iraqi

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(S) Re: ~~(U)~~ [redacted] 11/16/2004

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efforts to procure uranium from the Republic of Niger, were fabricated as part of a disinformation campaign. (Perception Management)

(U) ~~(S)~~ Recent developments in this investigation have [redacted]

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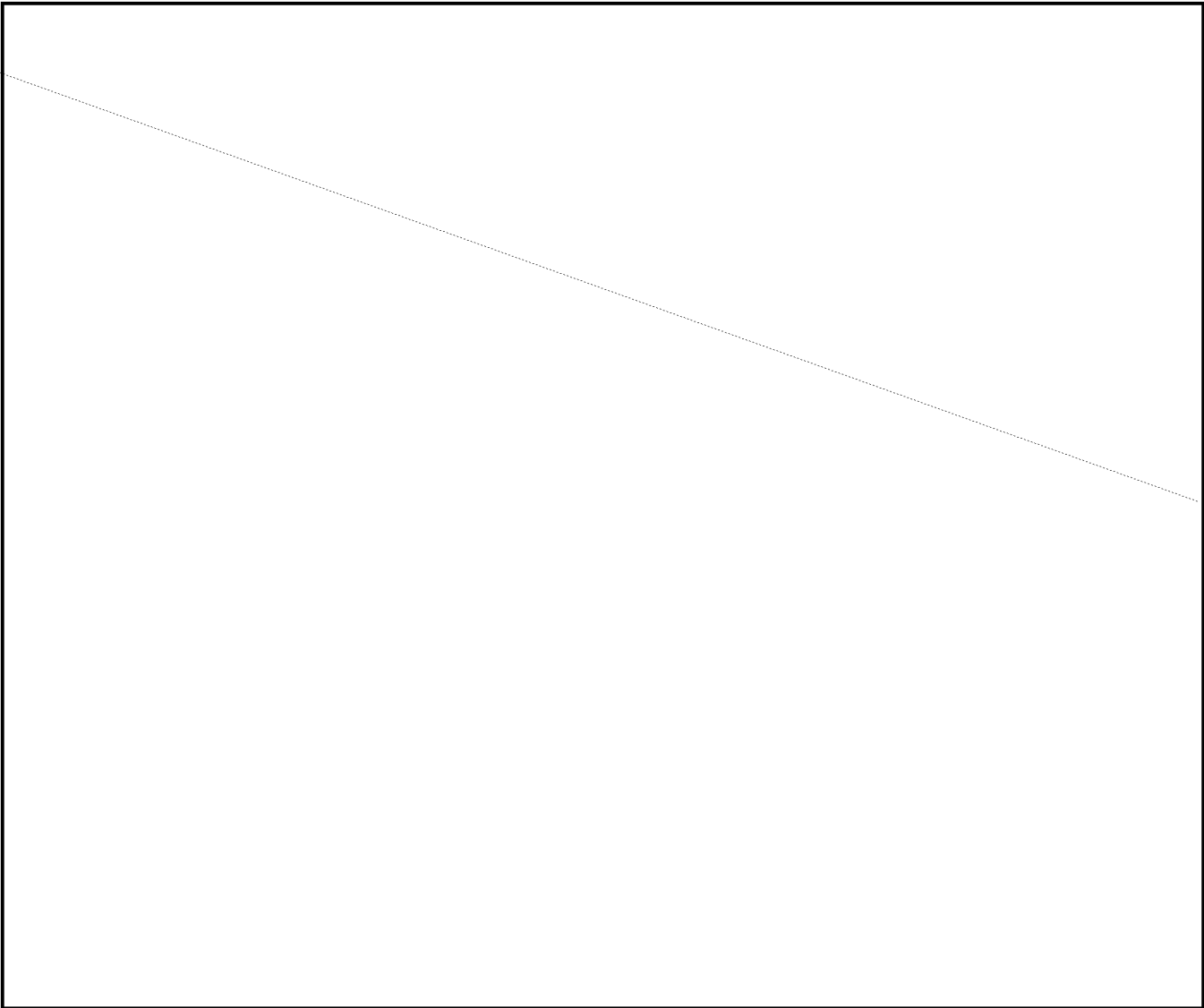
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To: Washington Field From: London  
Re: (U)  11/16/2004

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Based on the above, London is taking no further action in this matter.

(S) ~~(S)~~ London is clearing the lead set forth in Serial

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(S) Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 11/16/2004

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LEAD(s):

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Read and clear.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/17/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn:

UC   
SSA

International Operations  
Washington Field

Attn:  
Attn:

SA

From: Amman

Contact: ALAT

Approved By:  AK/103

Drafted By:  :db

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(S) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Amman is administratively covering lead  on  
this communication.

(U) ~~Derived From: G-3~~  
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(S) Reference: ~~(S)~~

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Cover lead  (S)  
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To: Counterintelligence From: Amman  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/17/2004

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(S) [redacted] As almost two months have past, and Amman has yet to receive any additional information on this matter, Amman  
(S) assumes that the lead set forth in serial [redacted] is no longer  
(S) relevant. Thus, Amman is administratively covering lead [redacted] without further action.

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To: Counterintelligence From: Amman  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/17/2004

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/23/2004

To: Vienna  
Counterintelligence

Attn: ALAT [redacted]  
Attn: UC [redacted]  
Attn: SSA [redacted]

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From: Washington Field  
Squad CT-4

Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~

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FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)

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(U) ~~(S)~~

~~Derived From : G-3  
Declassify On: X1~~

(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ This investigation was predicated on a 03/14/2003 letter from Senator John D. "Jay" Rockefeller, IV (D-WV) to FBI Director Mueller requesting that the FBI conduct an investigation regarding whether information provided to the U.S. Government (USG) concerning an alleged deal between Niger and Iraq for uranium (in which Niger would supply uranium to Iraq) was actually a perception management campaign to influence U.S. policy toward Iraq. This letter from Senator Rockefeller is dated exactly one week after International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei's public report of the results of the IAEA's analysis

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Re: (S) [redacted] 11/23/2004

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of documents which had been provided to the USG in 10/2002, and the IAEA's conclusion that they were not authentic, and that these specific allegations (Iraq attempting to purchase uranium from Niger) were unfounded.

(U) Background:

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[redacted] In 10/2002, an Italian journalist, [redacted] went to the U.S. Embassy in Rome and asked if the U.S. Government could authenticate documents she had recently received from a source which indicated that there was a uranium deal between Iraq and Niger.

(U) Investigation to date:

(S) It has been established that the documents provided by [redacted] to the USG in 10/2002, based on all information to date, were forgeries, and that there was no deal between Iraq and Niger. What has not been established is who created the documents which were provided to [redacted] in 10/2002, and their motivation for doing so. [redacted]

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AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Date: 08/05/2003

To: Counterintelligence  
Washington Field

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
Attn: ASAC-IT [redacted]  
ASAC-CI [redacted]

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *RJM*

Drafted By: *Q* [redacted] *cmp*

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(S) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Documents discussions with [redacted]  
[redacted] regarding analysis of the 17 pages of  
questionable documents received from the Italian journalist.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From : G-3  
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(U) [redacted]

(U) Administrative: ~~(S)~~ Reference telephone call on 08/04/2003  
between [redacted] SSA [redacted] and WFO SA [redacted]

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Re: (S) [redacted] 08/05/2003

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(S) [redacted]

(S) ~~(S)~~ Immediately after speaking with [redacted] writer attempted to send an e-mail message to FBIHQ/CD regarding the above, however, there was a problem with the system. Writer left a voice mail message for [redacted] Unit Chief (UC) [redacted] advising of the [redacted] and that writer would be sending a more explanatory e-mail message the following day. On 08/01/2003, writer sent said e-mail message to UC [redacted] and [redacted] SSA [redacted] requesting a decision from FBIHQ as soon as possible.

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~~(S)~~ On 08/04/2003, SSA [redacted] telephonically advised writer that [redacted]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/06/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] SSA [redacted]

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: *cm* [redacted] :cmp

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FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)

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(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Requests FBIHQ authority to [redacted]  
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(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From: G-3  
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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ FBIHQ/[redacted] is requested to [redacted]  
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Re: (S) [redacted] 12/06/2004

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

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POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY  
DIRECTED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

As you are probably aware from media coverage [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] the Government of Iraq (GOI) and the Government of Niger (GON) may have been engaged in negotiations for a Uranium purchase by Iraq.

At the request of the United States Senate, FBI Director Robert Mueller ordered that a foreign counterintelligence investigation be opened to determine whether or not documents and related items surrounding this alleged deal could have been used in a perception management campaign by a foreign power to influence U.S. Government executive policy makers concerning Iraq.

Documents surfaced on 9 October 2002, when an Italian journalist provided them to the American Embassy in Rome. These documents purport a GOI agreement with the GON to purchase 500 tons of uranium. The documents report travel to Niamey by the then-Iraqi Ambassador Al Zahawie. On 7 March 2003, the Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) made a public statement to the United Nations that he believed that the documents were forgeries.

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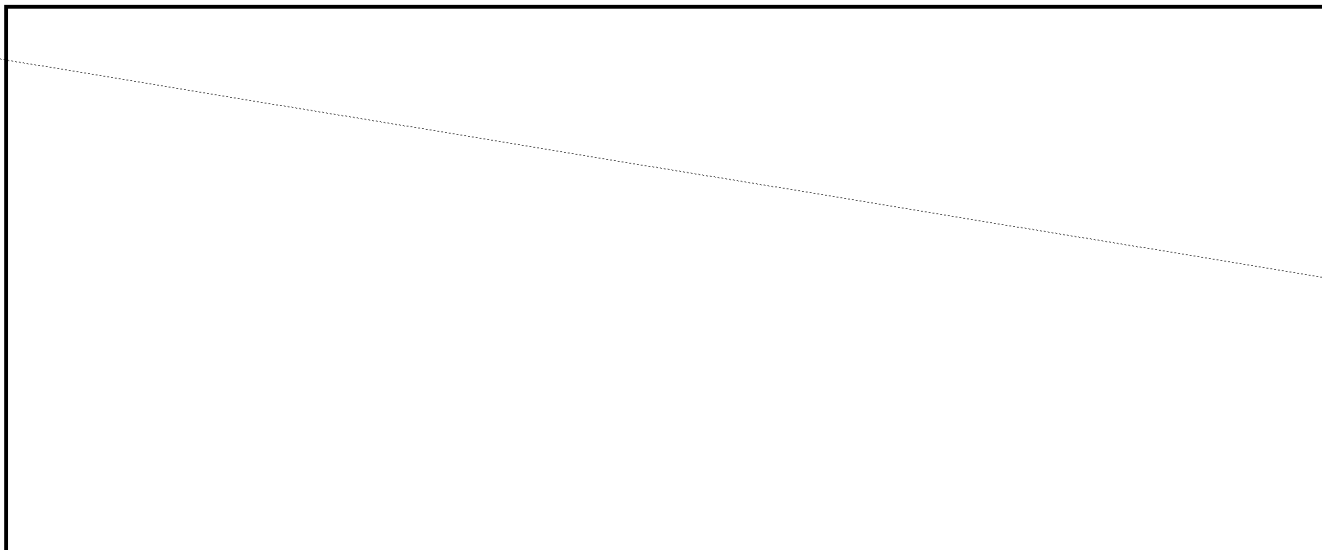
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