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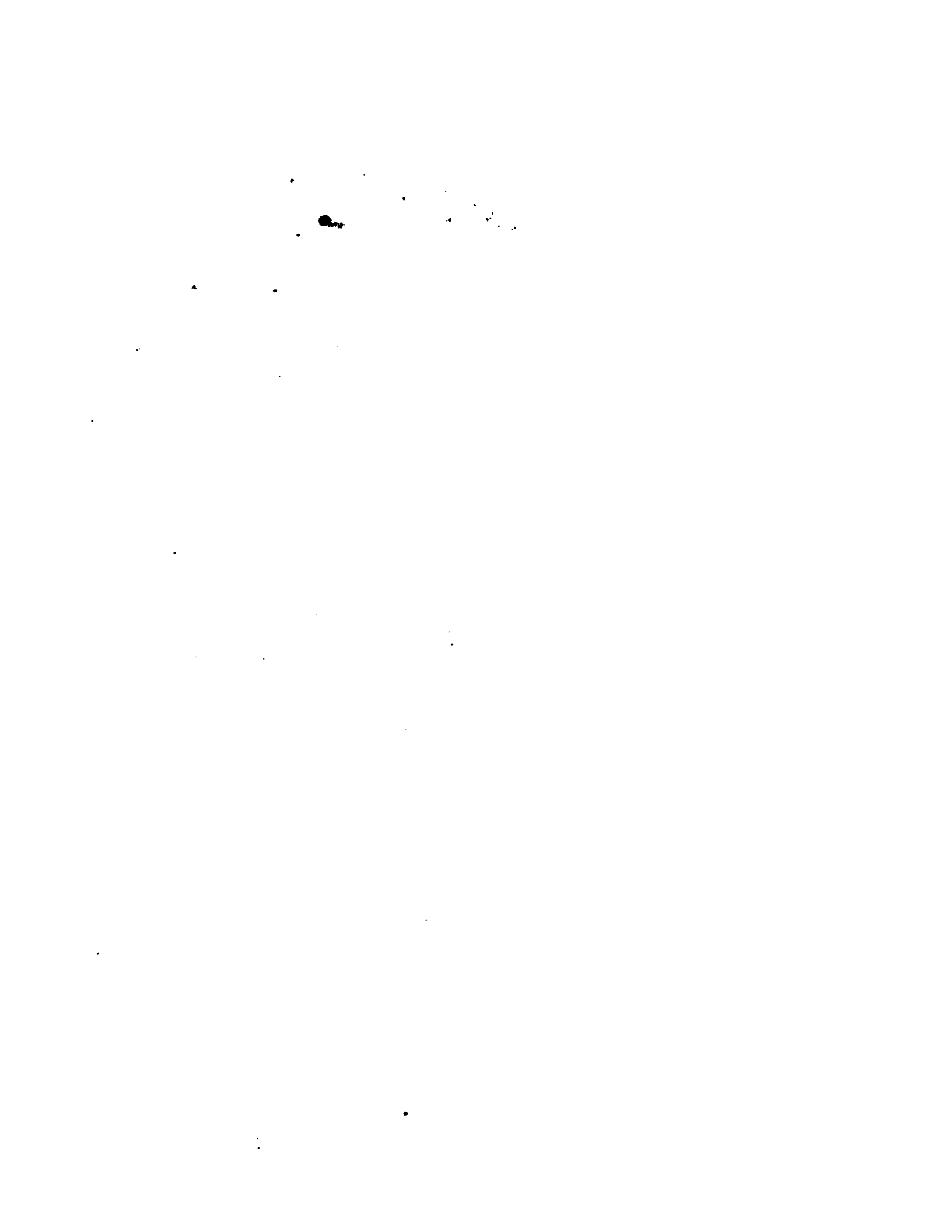
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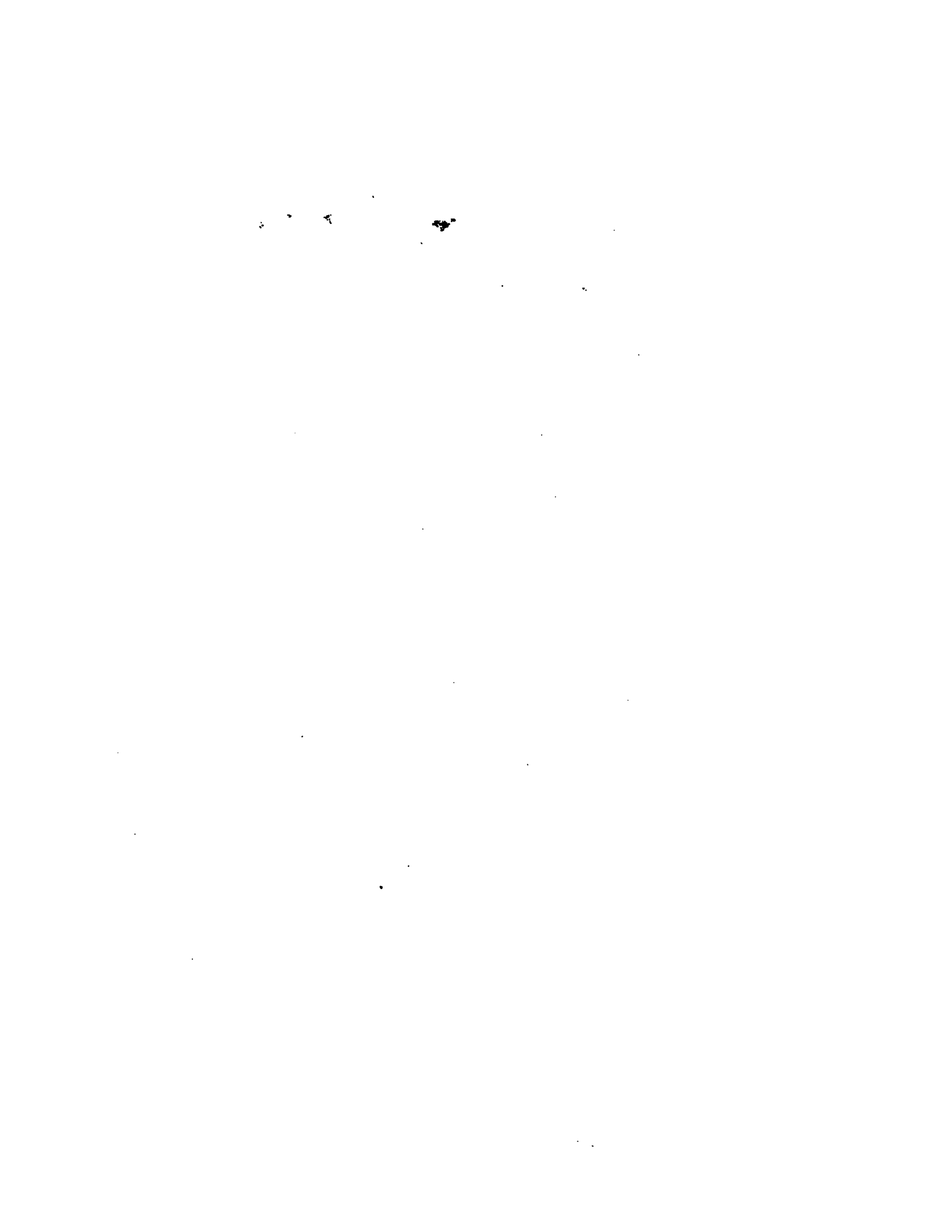
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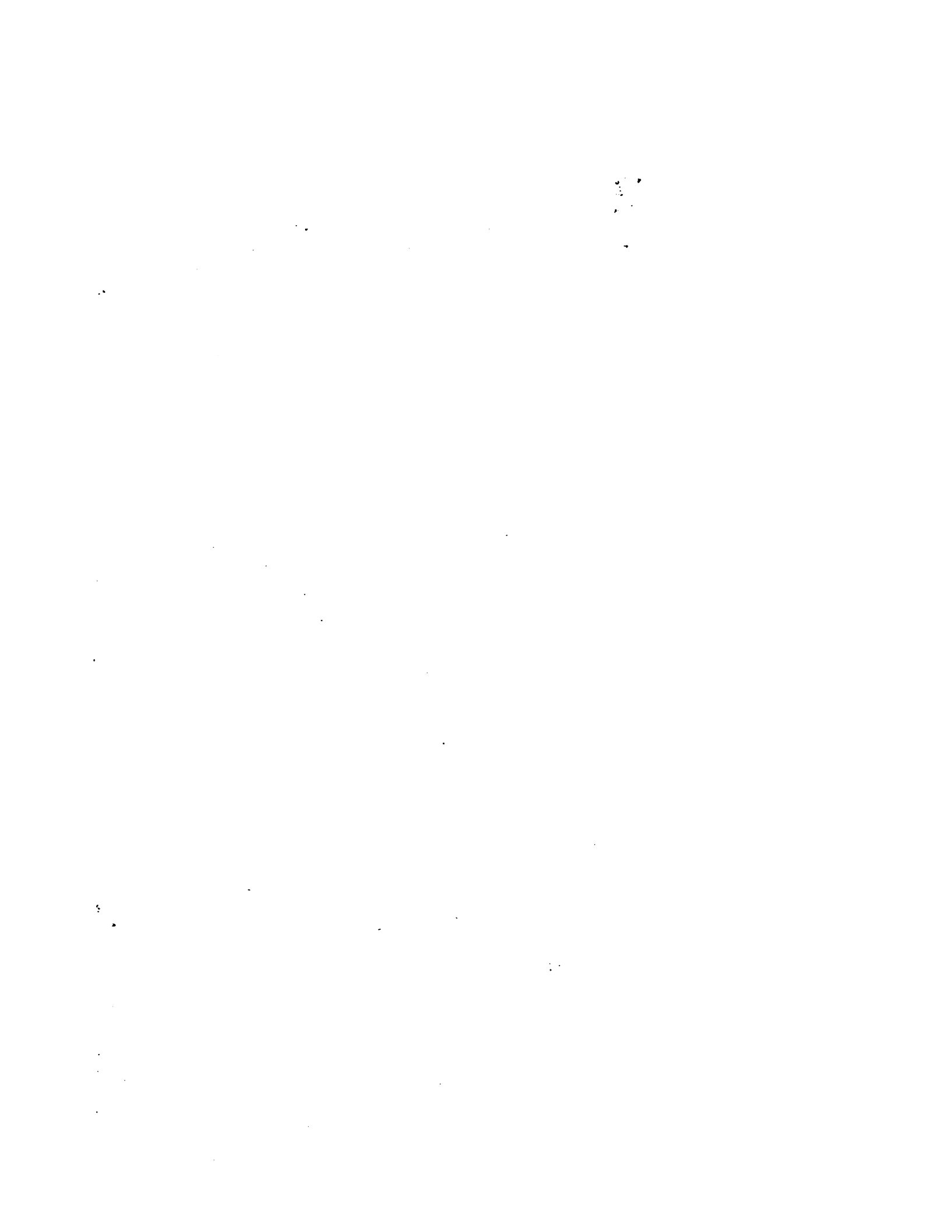
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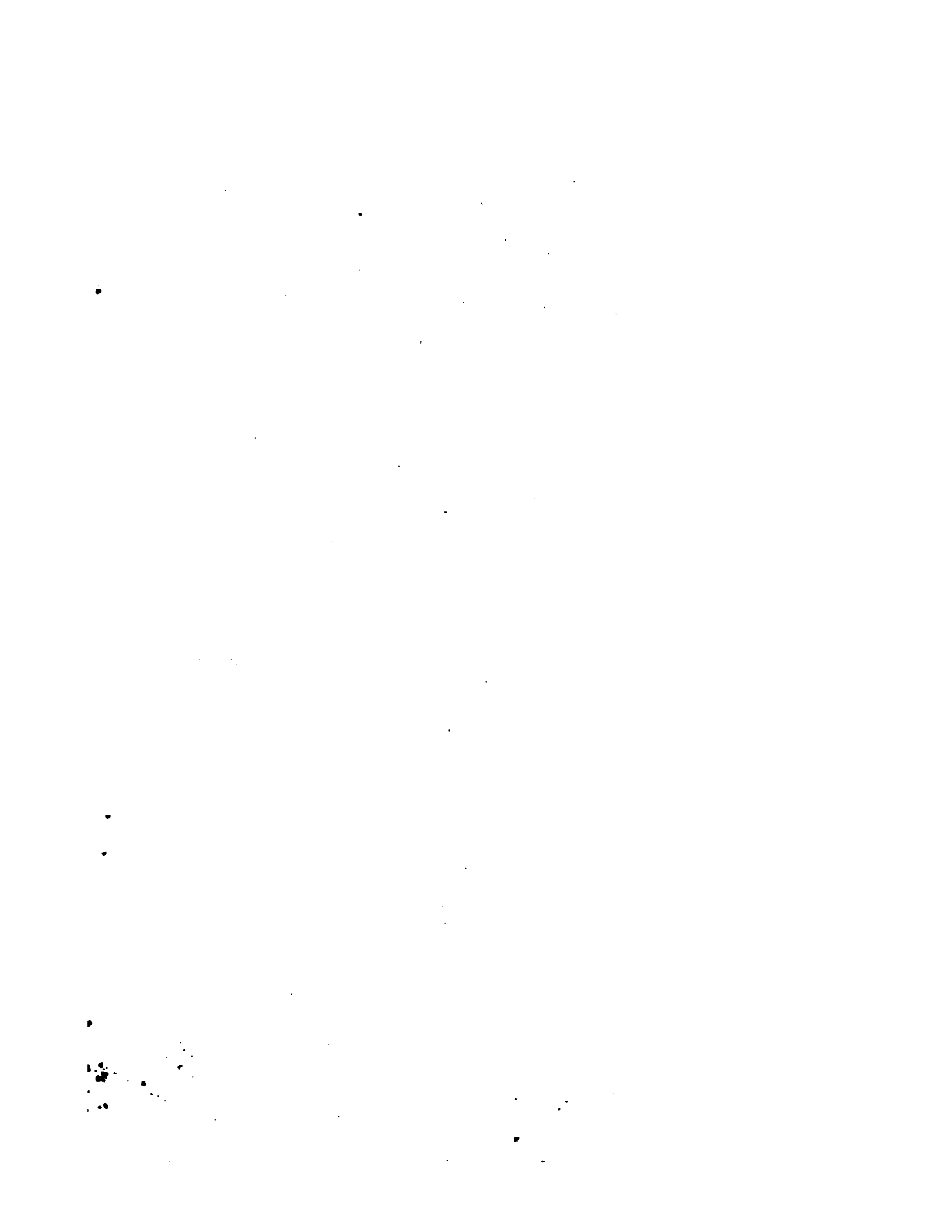
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Grossen Generalstabes.
Jahresberichte über die Veränderungen und Fortschritte
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The only colony in which France has any regular troops is Algeria ; all other colonies are garrisoned by marine troops, which are under the administration of the Minister of Marine and Colonies. The first part of this work is confined to an account of the regular army and its institutions ; the second part

describes the navy, the marine troops, and the native troops employed in the colonies.

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