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Also, how will the Department defend the region? Will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters when they occur after these massive cuts?

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Sincerely,

Don Batten
(A Concerned Citizen)

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(address)

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Sincerely,

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Cty Rte 8
Avoca NY 14809

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Dawn Rumsey
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Prattsburg NY 14873

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Teresa Abbott

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Sandy Lewis
(A concerned Citizen)

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12 Howe St.
Prattsburgh, NY
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Sincerely,

Jen Crane

(A Concerned Citizen)

P.O. Box 2

Attica, NY 14011

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(A concerned Citizen)

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6 ALEXANDER ST.
ALDEN, NY 14809

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Sincerely,

Douglas W Kenz

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6434 Gardner Rd
Rd #2 Bath NY 14810

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Sincerely,

Jon A Leonhardt
(A concerned Citizen)
155 White Springs Rd
Geneva, NY
14456

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Sincerely,

(A concerned Citizen)

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Ruthie
185 White Springs Rd
Geneva, NY 14456

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Sincerely,

(A concerned Citizen)

644 Gardner Rd
Bath NY
14810

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(A concerned Citizen)

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6441 Gardner Rd.
Bath NY 14810

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Rumsey St
Bath, NY 14810

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Heather J. Jenks
(A concerned Citizen)

206 Fish Hill Rd.
Bradford, NY 14815
(Heather J. Jenks)

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Sheri A Clark
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P.O. Box 716
Savona, NY 14879

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5275 Cty Rt 10A
Cameron NY 14819

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MARTIN J. DONNELLY
PO BOX 281
AVOCA NY 14809

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2262 Dann Rd
Branchport, NY 14418

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Kristen Van Hagen
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408 Harvard St.
Bath NY 14810

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Kathleen McAlbert
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June 2005

BRAC Commission
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

Mary Margaret Hyde
Name

3826 Stone Road
Address (mandatory)

Middleport, NY
14105

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Name

739 Cortland Ave Tonawanda NY 14223
Address (mandatory)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
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DON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR TERROR TO ENTER. LEAVE BASE ALONE.
STATE SECURITY AND MILITARY

BRAC Commission
Received
7/7/2005

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All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open

Sincerely,

Sam Balluzzo
(A concerned Citizen)

Mr. Samuel Balluzzo
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BRAC Commission
Received
7/7/2005

June 2005

BRAC Commission
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

Doug Harbison

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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May 2005

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Washington D.C.
c/o NIMAC
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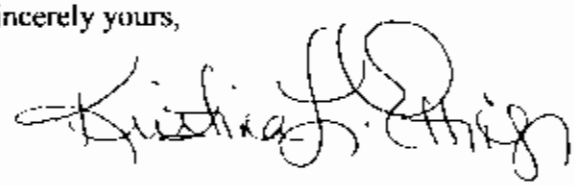
Sincerely yours,



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Sincerely,

Patricia Lanau
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Leonard J. Brown
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Lori Cleary
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Sincerely,

Terry McCourt
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Name Kellie Peeper
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Sincerely,

Kellie Peeper

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Name THOMAS KARBOACH
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Sincerely,

Thomas Karroach

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(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Katherine Kasperta
(A Concerned Citizen)

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(A Concerned Citizen)

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Wheatfield, NY 14120
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6 Jul 05

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Sincerely,

Jameka M Spencer
(A Concerned Citizen)

85 Collingwood Ave
Buffalo NY 14215

BRAC Commission
Received
7/7/2005

6/26/05

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(A concerned Citizen)
180 Norwood
Buffalo NY
14222

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Sincerely,

J. Richard Crozier
(A Concerned Citizen)

364 Walton
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Amherst, NY 14226
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Sincerely,

Melissa Pitts
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Connie Bromuszewski
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Matthew J. Pipick
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Philip J. [illegible]
(A concerned Citizen)

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EDEN N.Y. 14057

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BRAC Commission
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Sincerely,

Diane Long

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Pamela McSimmon

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Ursula Sorczynski
Name

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N. Tonawanda, [illegible]

BRAC Commission
Received
7/7/2005

June 2005

BRAC Commission
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Meredith Hudson
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Sincerely,

Joseph McKinney
(A Concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

Buffalo NY 14210
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Sincerely,

Sharon Weola

(A Concerned Citizen)

1735 Seneca St

(Address)

Buffalo NY 14210

(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

Kenny Ferramiggi
(A Concerned Citizen)
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Sincerely,

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(A Concerned Citizen)

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Williamsville, NY 14221
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Sincerely,

Caryn Atkinson
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Grand Isl. NY 14072
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(A Concerned Citizen)
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Sincerely,

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(A Concerned Citizen)

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(address)

Buffalo, NY 14209

(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

Tom Tracy
(A Concerned Citizen)

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(address)

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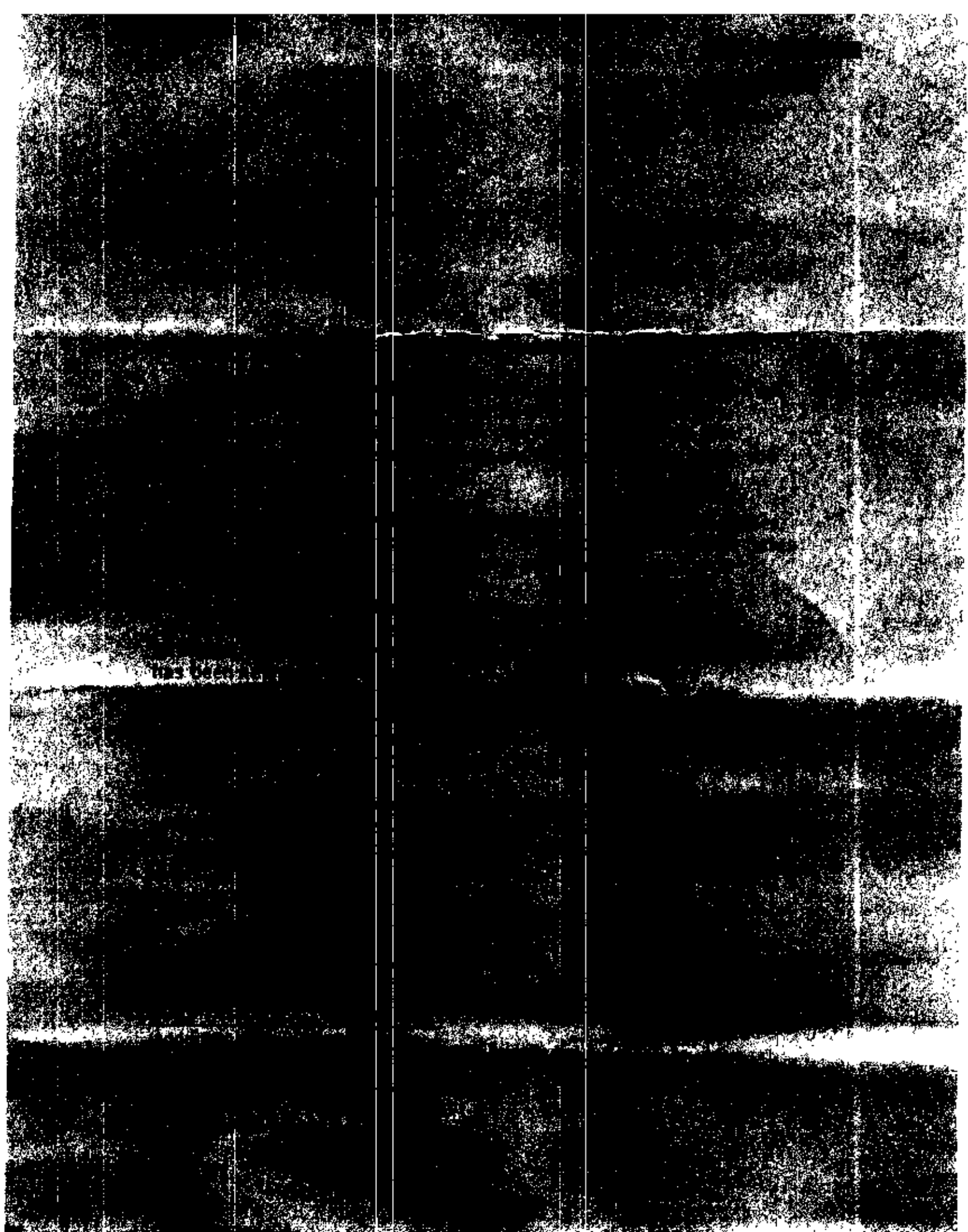
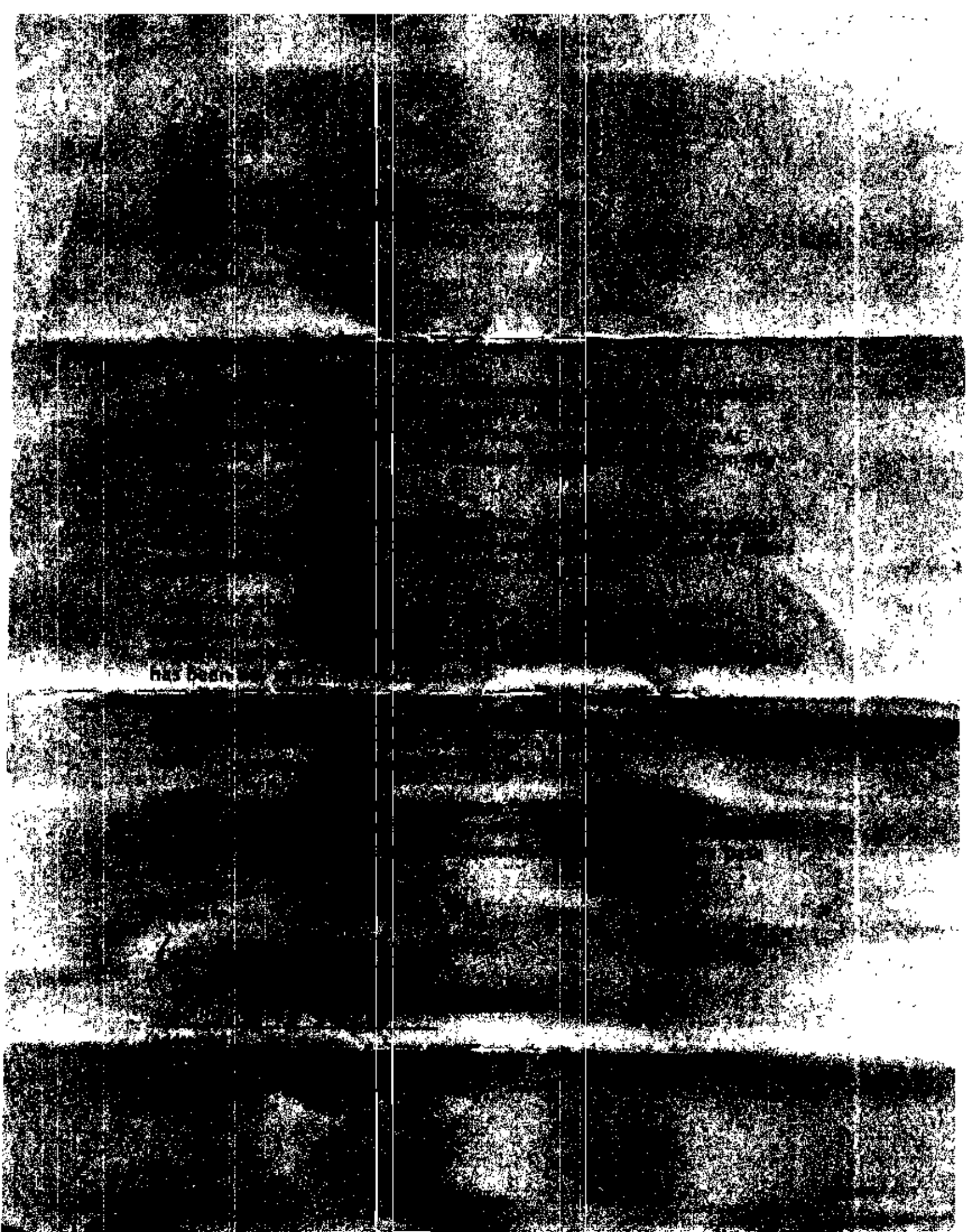
Sincerely,

Jessica Cornenback
(A Concerned Citizen)

69 Peerless St
(address)

Buffalo NY 14711
(City, State, Zip)





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Sincerely,

Loreen Pa

(A Concerned Citizen)

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(address)

Cheek NY 14227

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Please, overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely;

(A Concerned Citizen)

1134 Davis Rd

(Address)

Grand Falls NY 14170

(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

Dennis Strandas
(A Concerned Citizen)

371 Indian Church RD #4 B-4
(Address)

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Sincerely,

(A concerned Citizen)

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Niag NY 14304

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Eileen F Dalli
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665 East Shandy St
N. Tonawanda
NY 14120

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14304

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Sanborn NY 14132
Robert E Gerst Jr

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Kelly A. Rinehart
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NF, NY 14304

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Sincerely,

Sarah Brozyna

Name

3443 Clearview Hmby NY 14075

Address (mandatory)

6/21/05

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Received
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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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(A concerned Citizen)
454 Willow St
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14094

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Kevin Weber
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5153 Clearview Dr.
Williamsville NY 14221

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June 2005

BRAC Commission
c/o NIMAC
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Sincerely,

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Name

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Samantha Neffary

Name

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Sincerely yours,

Debra R Bunce
7220 Rapids Rd
Lockport NY 14094

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Pamela A Gendreau
7124 Campbell Blvd.
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

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North Tonawanda NY 14120

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Tom R. Doyle
384 E STENZIL ST.
N TONA. NY 14120

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Lara S Doyle
354 E Stenzel St
N. Tow NY 14120

6/15/05

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Sincerely,

Jerry & Sharon Dillon
(A concerned Citizen)
4885 Cambria Rd
Lockport, NY
14094

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Sincerely,

Name JEROME J. TERHAAR JR

Address (mandatory)
640-H Youngs Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

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Brenda D Angel
(A concerned Citizen)

5641 Young Rd
Lockport N.Y.
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5/16/05

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Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

233 Cresthill
Tonawanda NY 14150

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Francine Drohlich

6134 Tack Dr.

Newfane NY 14108

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Donna Mroczek
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6/22/05

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Terry Dolk

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486 Evergreen Dr.
Lockport, N.Y. 14094

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Nancy Wobbins
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Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304

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BRAC Commission
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P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

Nicole L. Spahn
Name

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All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

Frank Antonucci
(A concerned Citizen)

6381 Rebecca Dr.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Quinlivan
Name

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Amherst NY 14226

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Timothy J. Phelan
233 Grove Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150
716-807-2926

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
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2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, BA 22202

Dear Sir,

I wanted to pass on my extreme displeasure about the possible closing of the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base.

Beyond the peace of mind that having such a base near the international border and near the Niagara Falls Power plant, I believe that closing the base would also strike a economic blow that western New York can no afford.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Robert R. Hyde

Mr & Mrs Robert Hyde
3826 Stone Rd
Middleport NY 14105-9712

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Sincerely,

Cathy Stewart

(A concerned Citizen)

120 S. Transit St

(Address)

Lockport NY 14094

(City, State, Zip)

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Chairman [illegible]
Base Realig[illegible] Commission
[illegible]
Suite 690
Arlington, VA [illegible]

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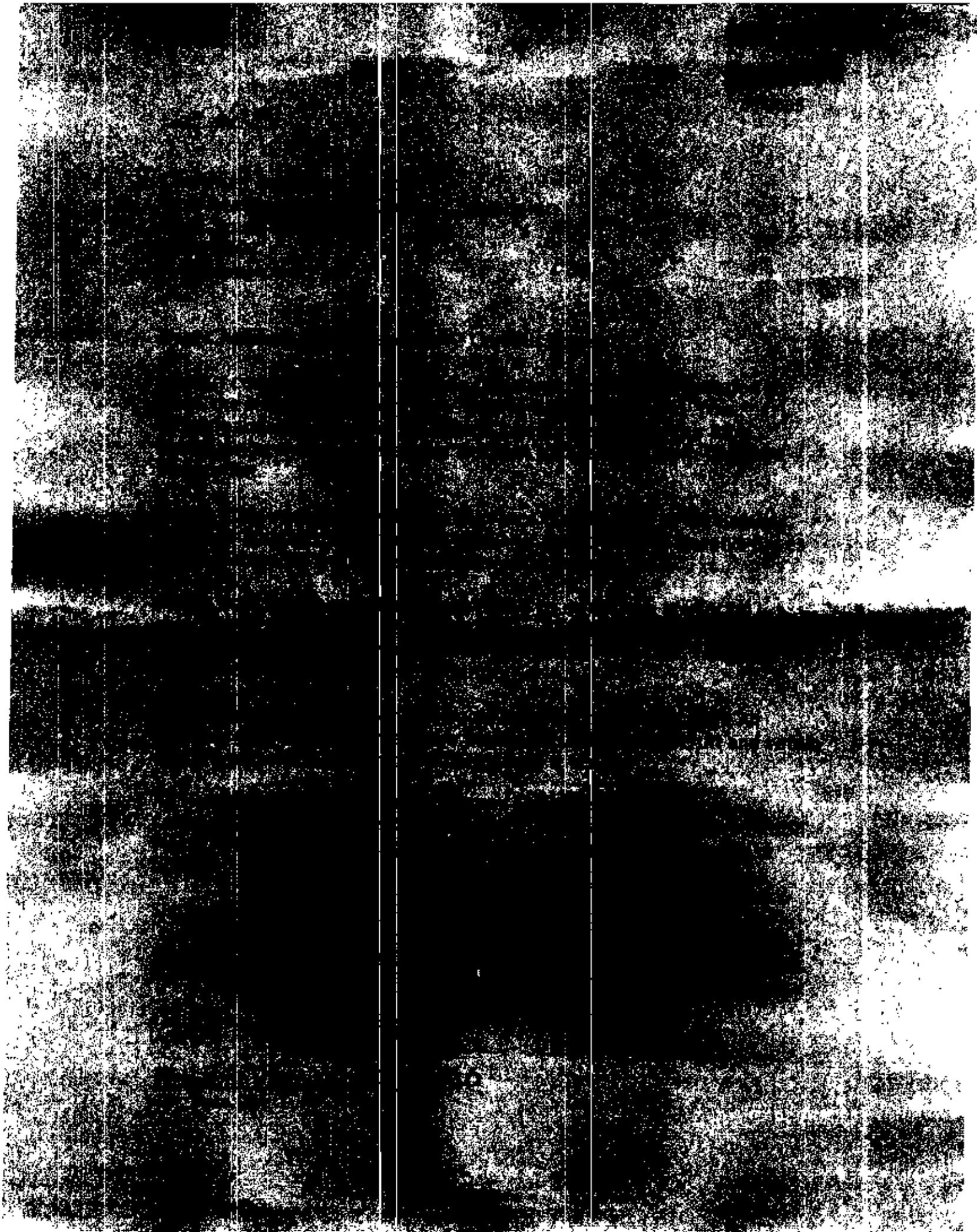
Sincerely,

Dan Cayz
(A Concerned Citizen)

1735 Seneca St
(Address)

Buffalo NY 14210
(City, State, Zip)



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Sincerely,

J. Stroud
(A Concerned Citizen)

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(address)

Cheektowaga NY 14227
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Paul J. Swierczynski
(A Concerned Citizen)

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(address)

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Donna Ortolano
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(address)

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(A Concerned Citizen)
261 Highland
(address)
Williamsville NY 14221
(City, State, Zip)

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KAREN ARAMBURU
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(address)

BLASDELL NY 14219
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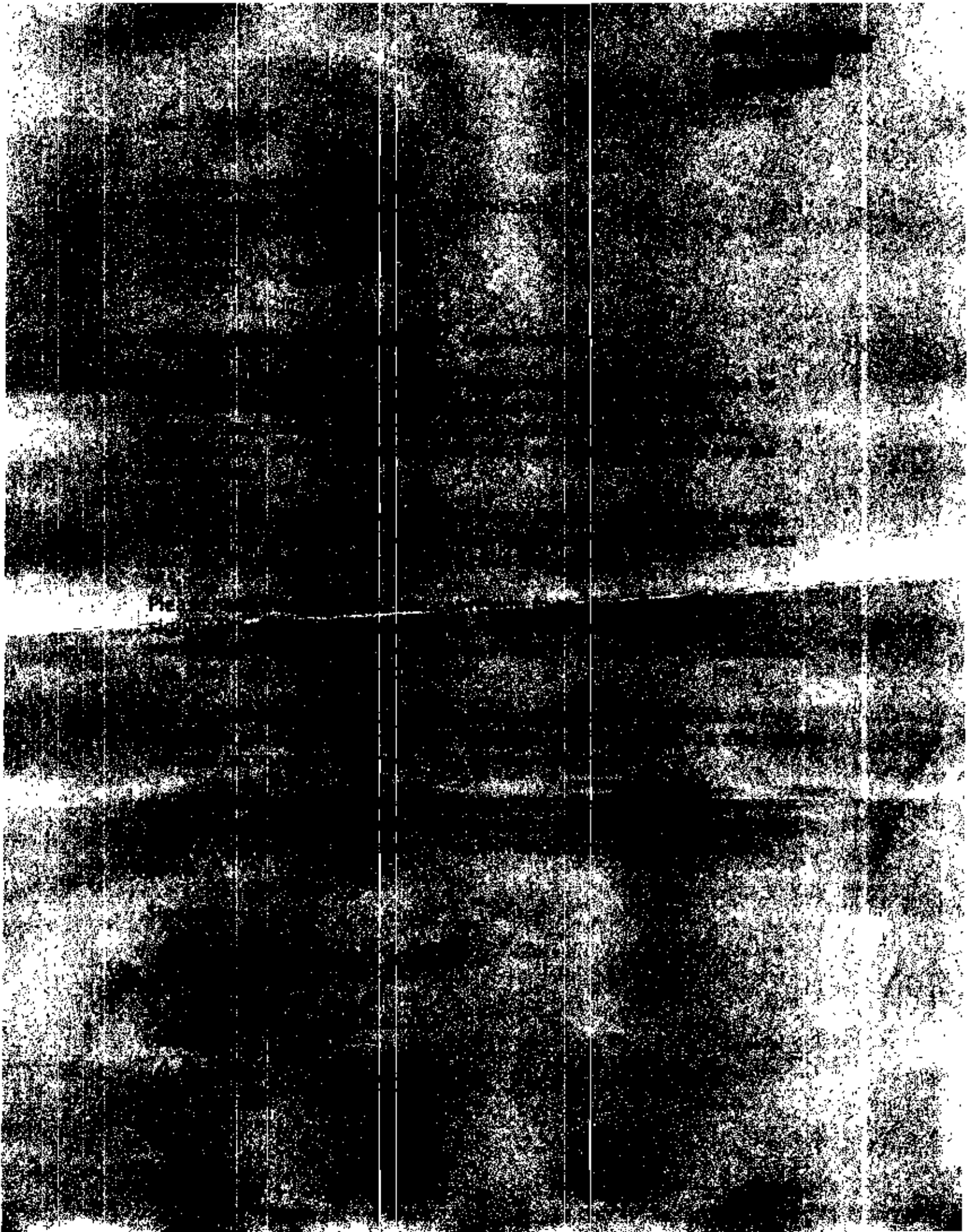

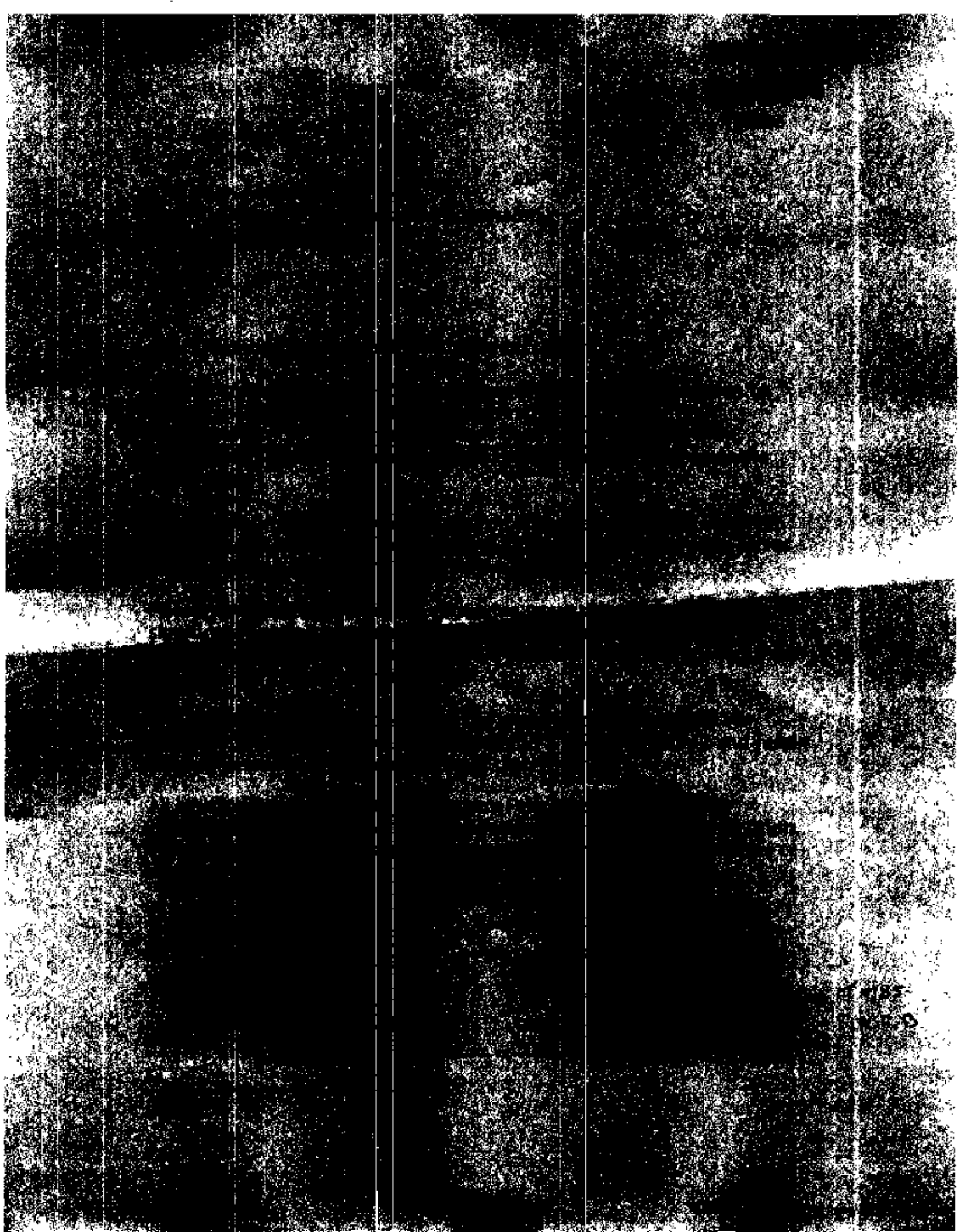

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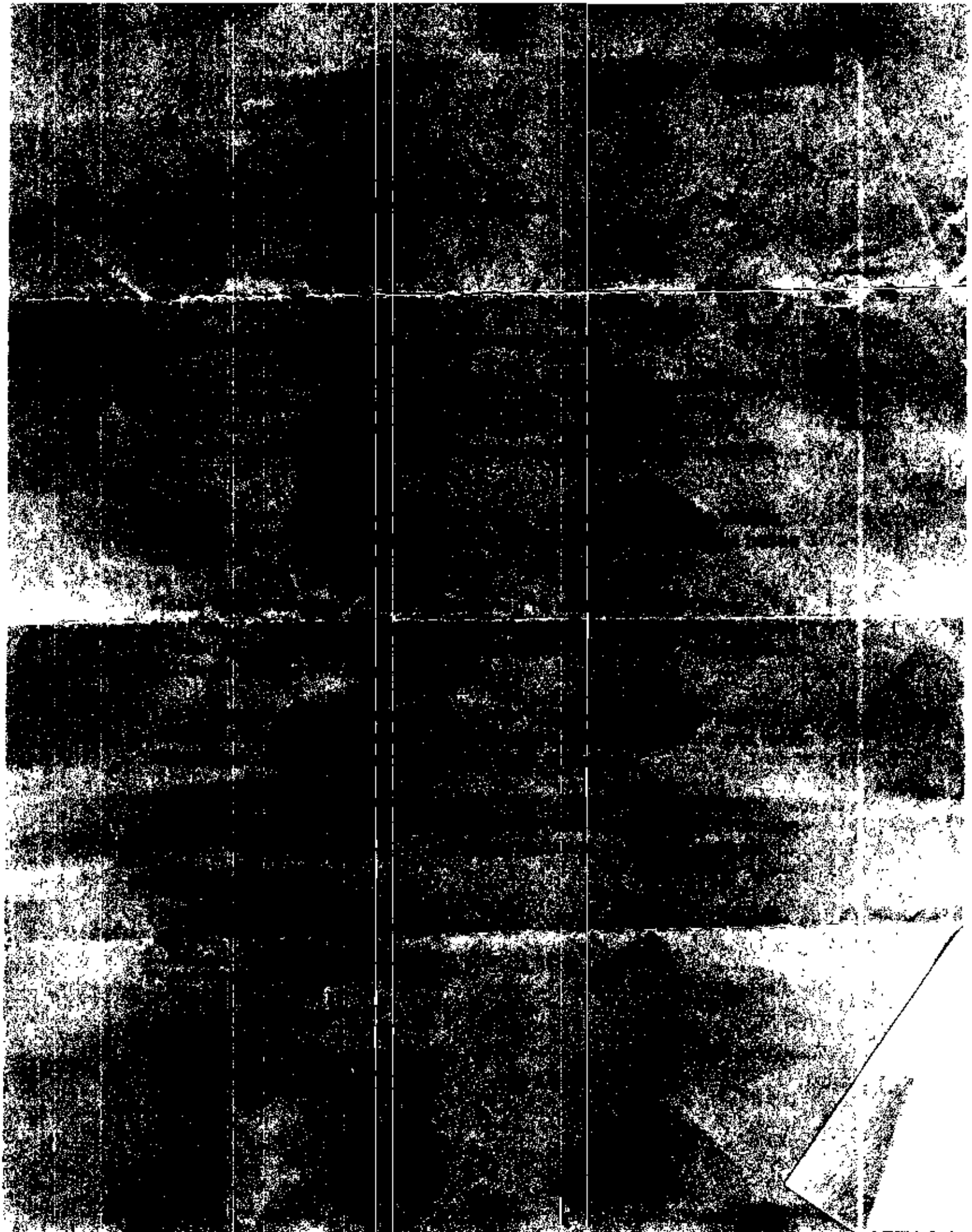

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Michael A Cantor

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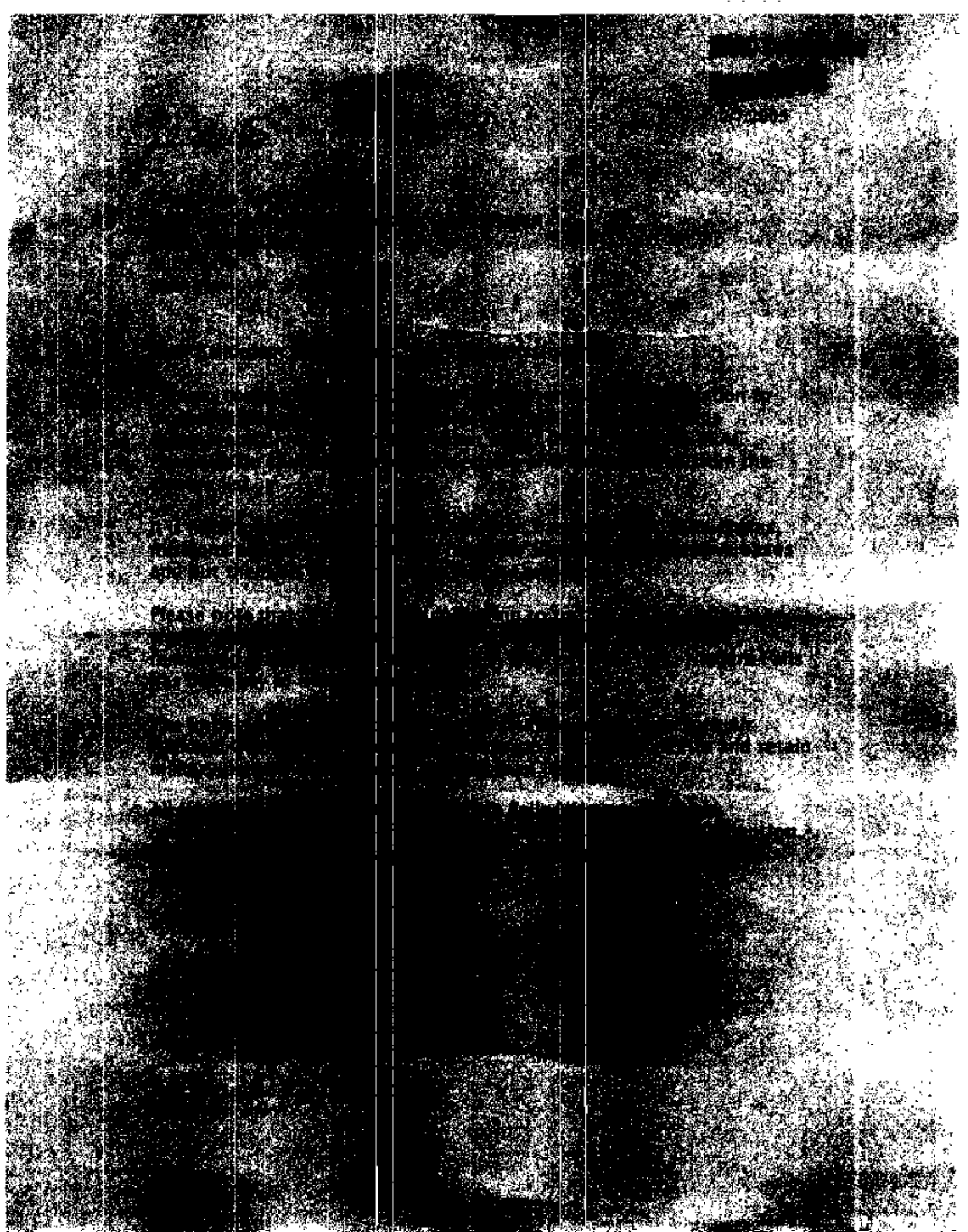

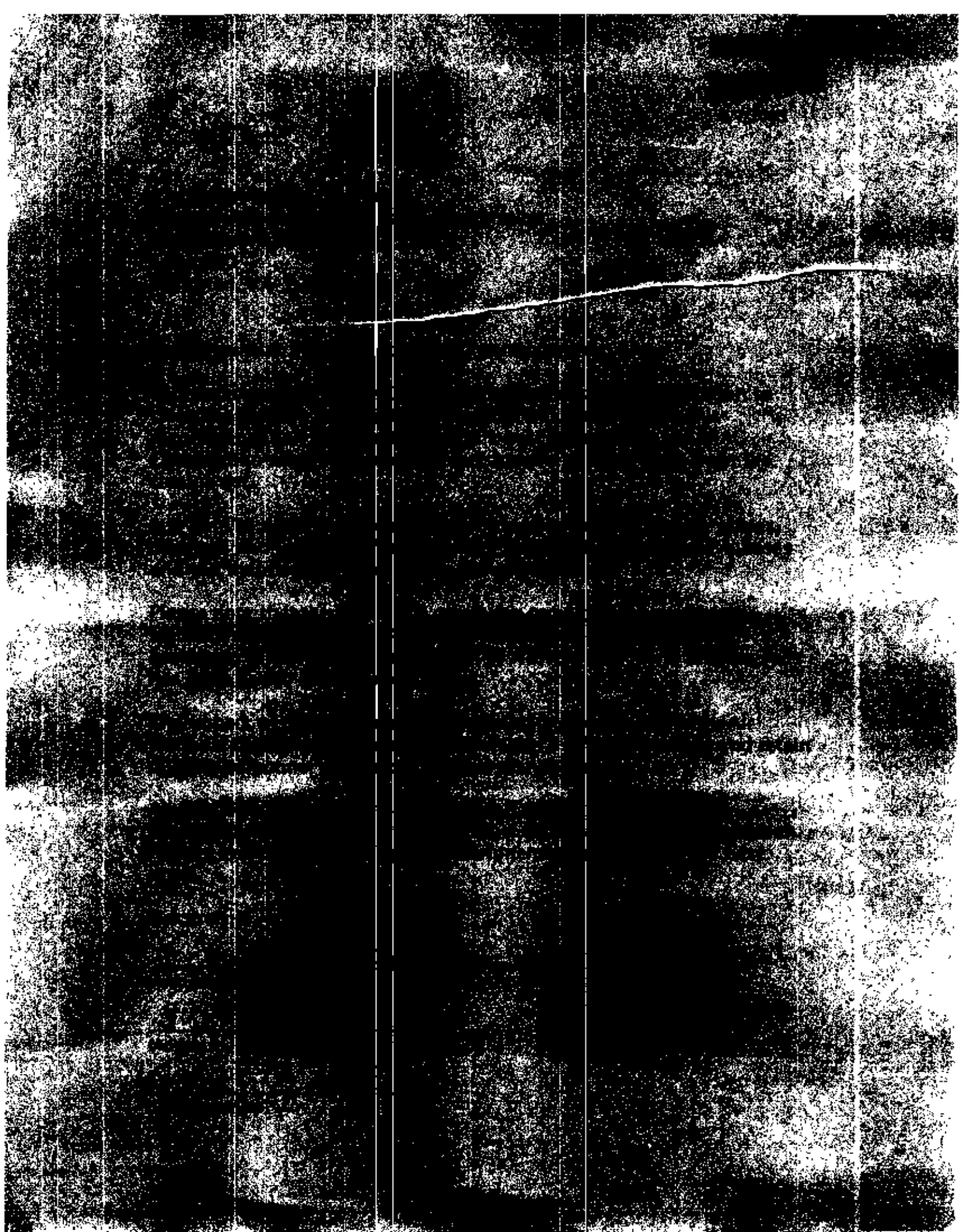

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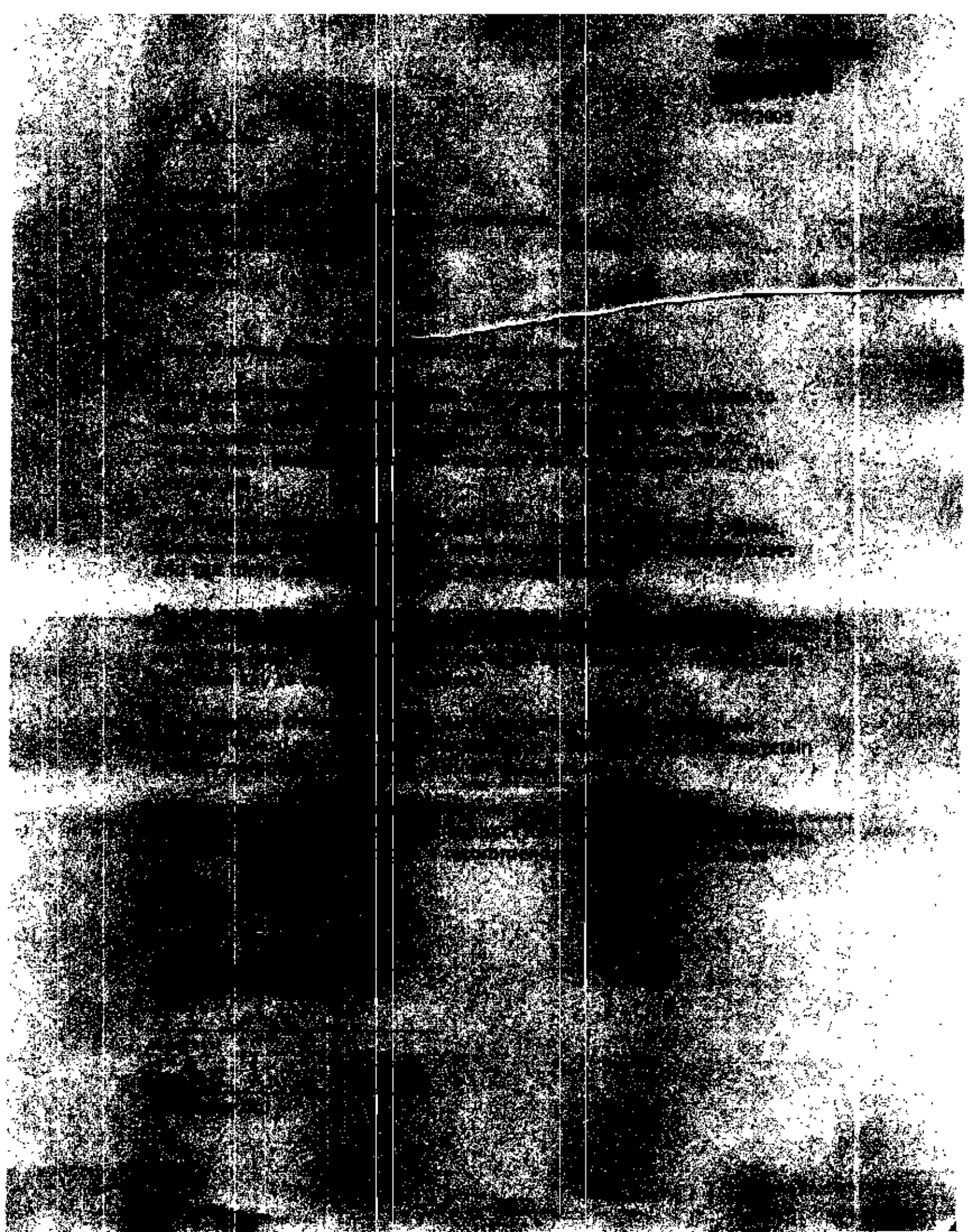

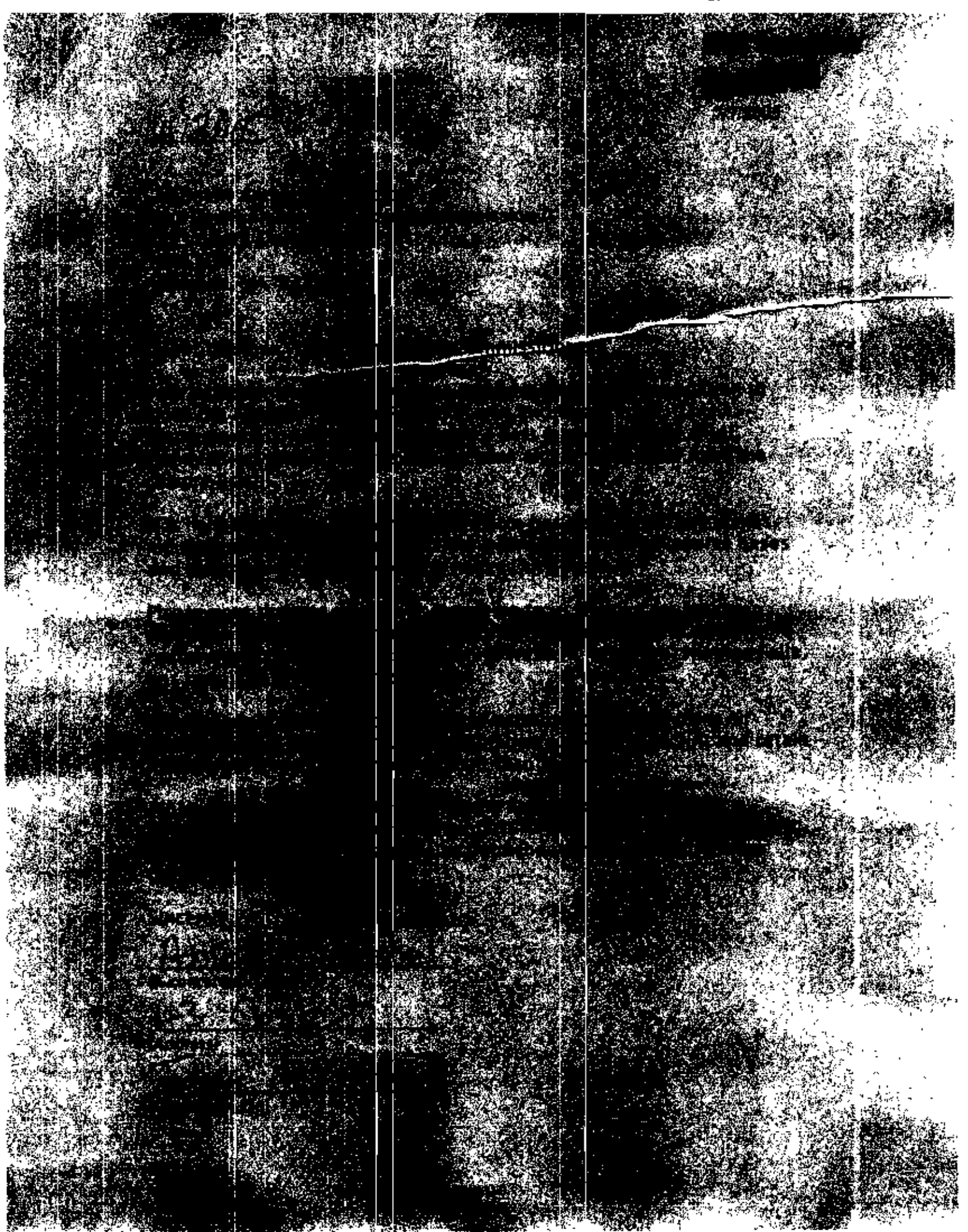

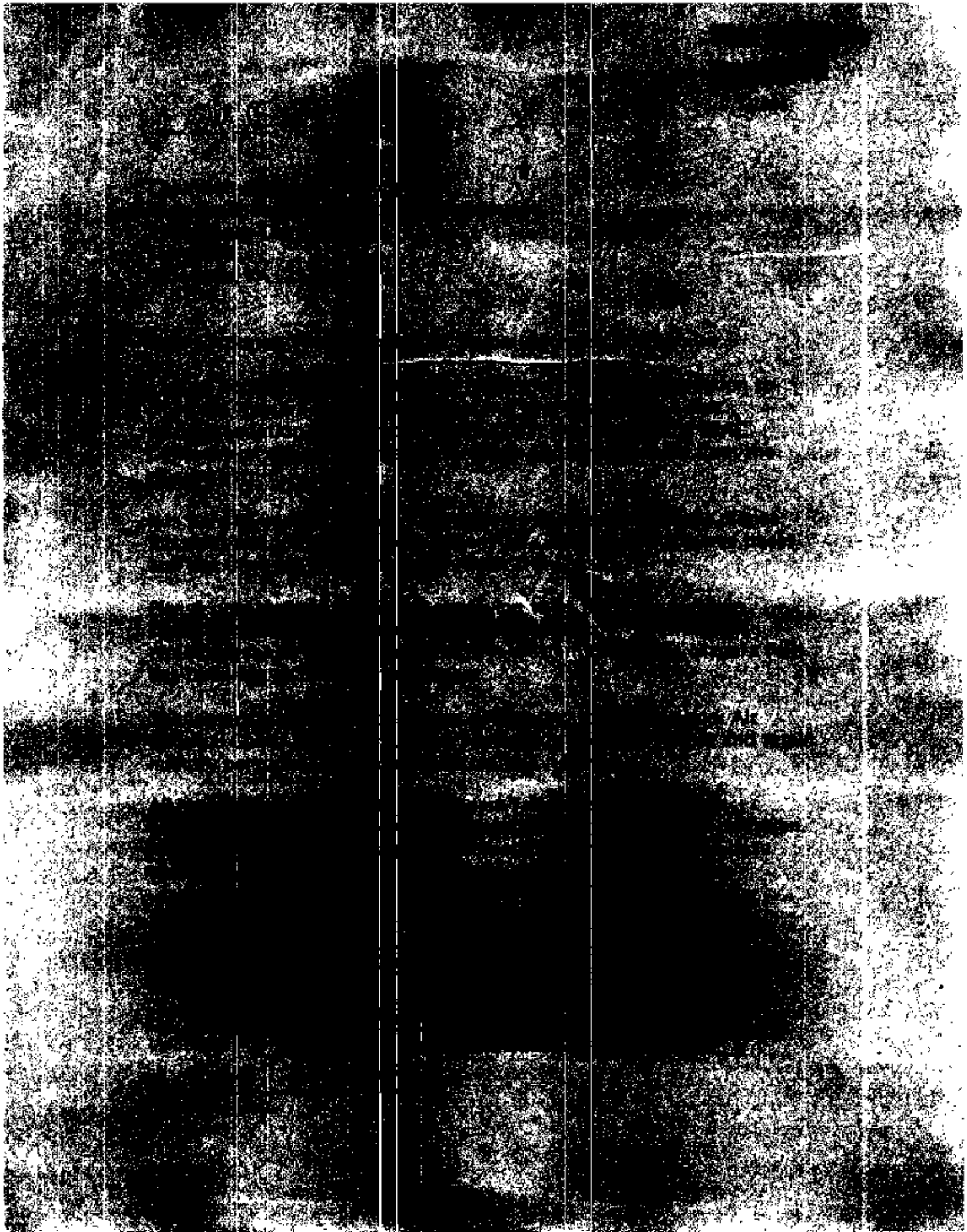

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Depew, NY 14043

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Sincerely,

MARTIN VIGGONE
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Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners:

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The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower Complex which supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Power Grid. The size and location of the base would also allow it to be used for responses to natural disasters or terror attacks in the Northeast United States. While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the *last* Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.
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Sincerely,

Mrs Sandra C Chiappone

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Dear Commissioners:

The Pentagon has recommended to the BRAC that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with over 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver yet another devastating blow to our region's economy. In addition to the financial concerns, the community pride for our past and present military contributions can not be understated.
The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower Complex which supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Power Grid. The size and location of the base would also allow it to be used for responses to natural disasters or terror attacks in the Northeast United States. While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the *last* Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.
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A lobbyist for New York State on the issue, John M. Simmons, said the Air Force's response proves that the base-closure recommendations followed "a judgmental, and not an analytical,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

James Saber

BRAC Commission
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7/7/2005

Name Mike Walking
Address 200 Niagara St
Phone # 716-585-5136

BRAC Commission
Washington DC.
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Linda M. Kier
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Robert J Waterworth - WALWORTH
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Robert [illegible]
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(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Patrick Rowell
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Victor Rolon
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Virginia Robinson
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(address)

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Hin
(A concerned Citizen)

566 Lisbon Ave
Buffalo, N.Y.
14215

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7/7/2005

6-26-05

Chairman Anthony [illegible]
Base Realignment [illegible] Commission
[illegible] South Clark [illegible]
Suite 600
Arlington, VA [illegible]

Dear Chairman [illegible] Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

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(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

Lorenzo Chaton
(A Concerned Citizen)

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West Seneca NY 14224
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Sincerely,

Andrea Hawley
(A concerned Citizen)

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6/28/05

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Sincerely,

(A concerned Citizen)

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June, 2005

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Sincerely,

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Carly Wolf

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Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners:

The Pentagon has recommended to the BRAC that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with over 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver yet another devastating blow to our region's economy. In addition to the financial concerns, the community pride for our past and present military contributions can not be understated.
The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower Complex which supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Power Grid. The size and location of the base would also allow it to be used for responses to natural disasters or terror attacks in the Northeast United States. While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the *last* Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.
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(A concerned Citizen)

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Buffalo N.Y 14216

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Michele Ignaszak
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James R. Cyrus
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Williamsville, NY 14221

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Greg Sanders
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BRAC Commission
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c/o NIMAC
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Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

Derek Raichel

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Sincerely,

JOE BAUER
Name

26 CAMPUS LANE
Address (mandatory)

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June, 2005

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Marie E. Mulvenna
(A Concerned Citizen)

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(City, State, Zip)

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(address)

Amherst, NY 14228
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

(A concerned Citizen)

Karl Dover
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Susan B Morehouse
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Ben Wojciechowski POA
(A concerned Citizen)

Ben Wojciechowski
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Buffalo, NY 14206

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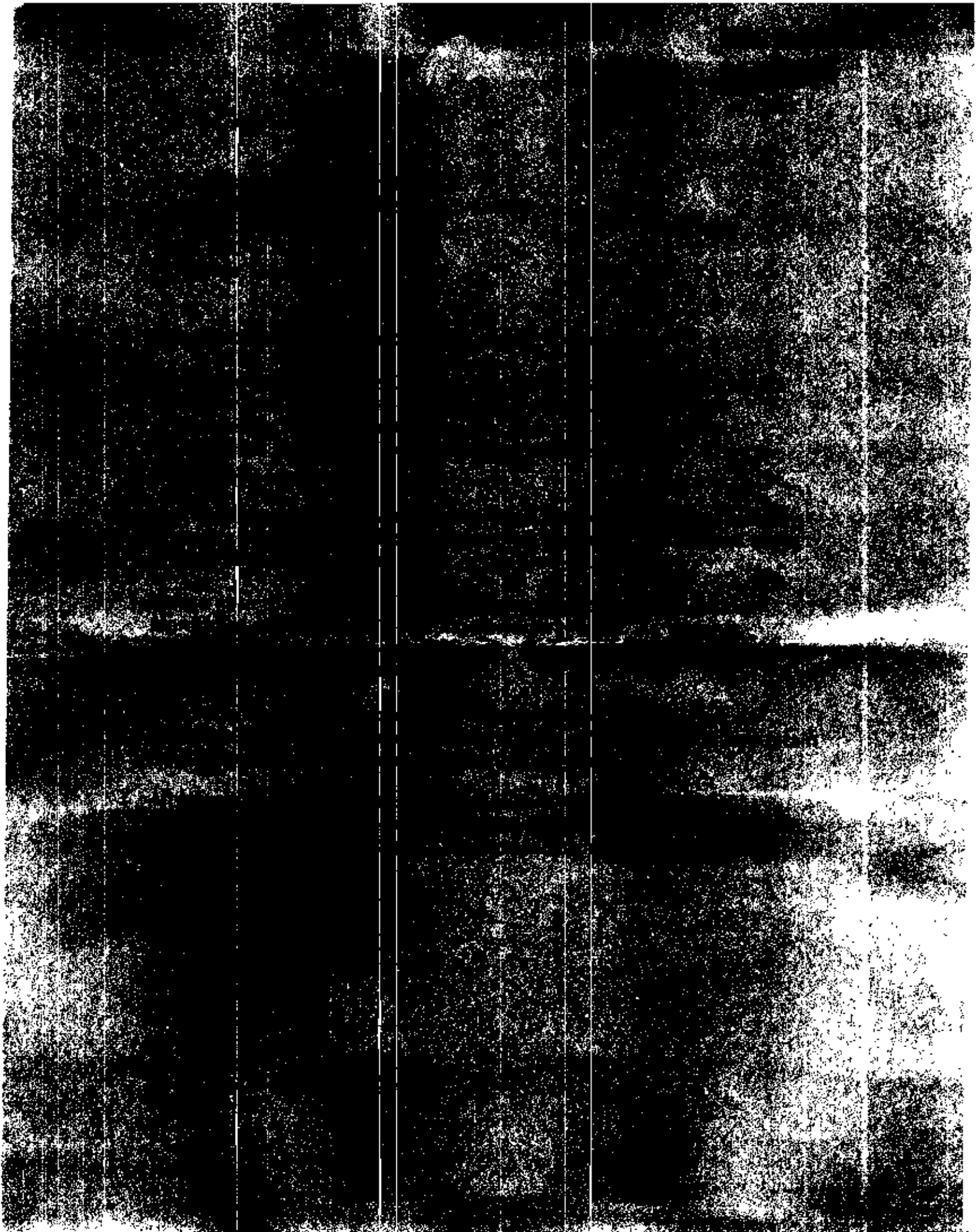

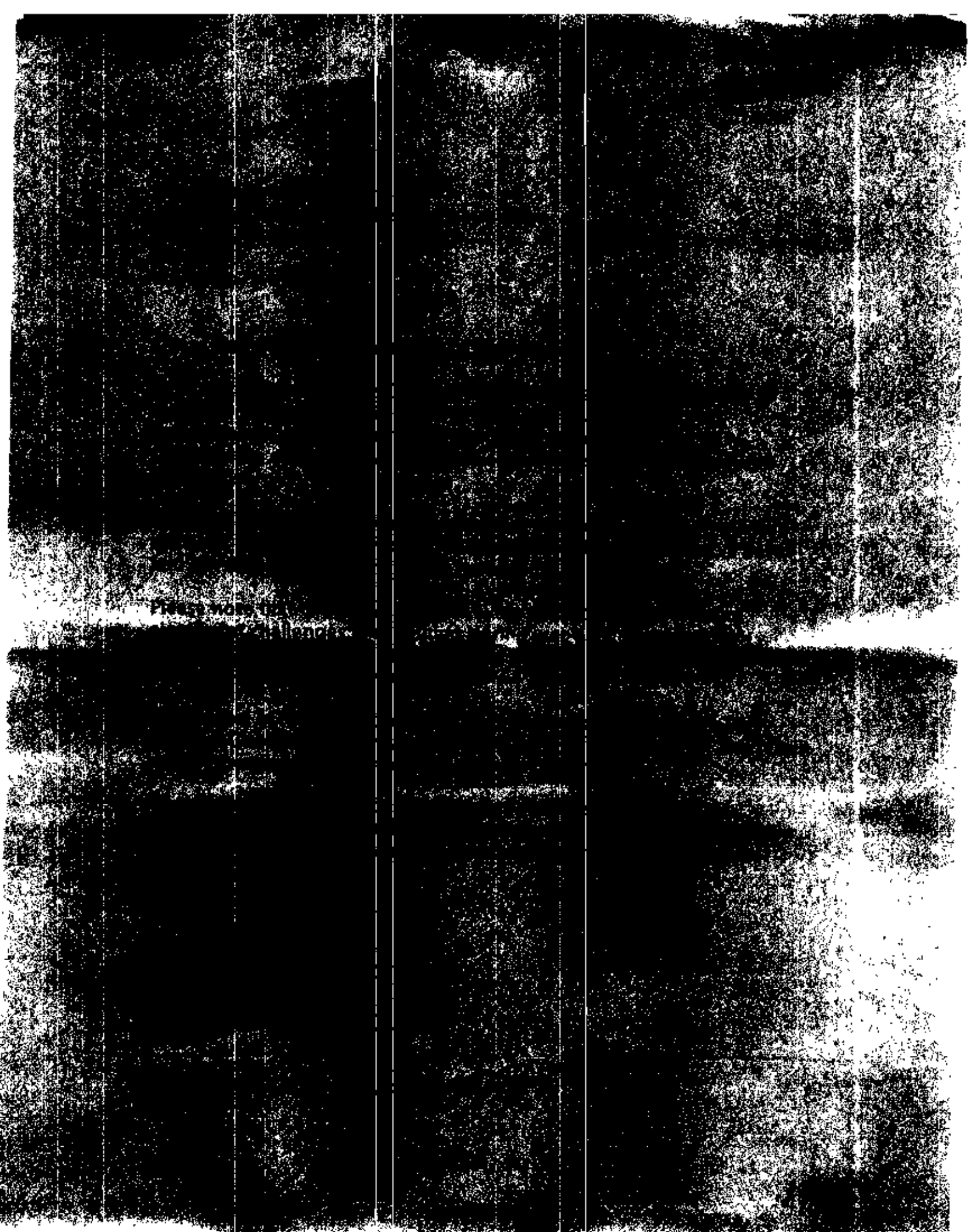

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(address)

[illegible] NY 14217
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Phone # 692-8193

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c/o NIMAC
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Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Base Realignment [illegible] Commission
2521 South [illegible]
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22[illegible]

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All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York [illegible]

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(City, State, Zip)

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Chairman [illegible]
[illegible] Commission
[illegible]
Suite 600
Arlington, VA [illegible]

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All New Yorkers [illegible] the Niagara Falls/Western New York [illegible]

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(Address)

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[illegible] Commission
[illegible]
[illegible], VA 2[illegible]

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Chair[redacted]
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Dear Commissioners:

The Pentagon has recommended to the BRAC that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with over 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver yet another devastating blow to our region's economy. In addition to the financial concerns, the community pride for our past and present military contributions can not be understated.
The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower Complex which supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Power Grid. The size and location of the base would also allow it to be used for responses to natural disasters or terror attacks in the Northeast United States. While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the *last* Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.
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A lobbyist for New York State on the issue, John M. Simmons, said the Air Force's response proves that the base-closure recommendations followed "a judgmental, and not an analytical,

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June, 2005

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M Opera
(A Concerned Citizen)

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All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Please, overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Sandra Darrah
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Dorothy L. Rita
(A concerned Citizen)

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Cheektowaga
NY 14150

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June, 2005

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Sincerely,

(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Beth H Grosser
(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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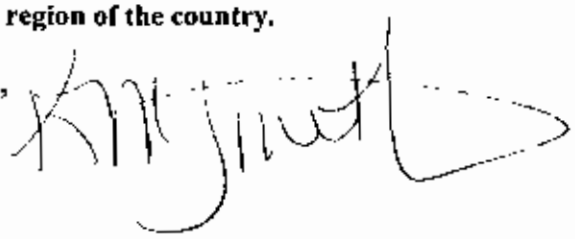

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BRAC Commission
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Sincerely,

Linda Schmidt

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6/30/05

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Arlington, VA 22202

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The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Sue Wilkiewicz

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7/7/2005

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7/7/2005

[illegible] Commission

[illegible]

Arlington, VA [illegible]

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7/7/2005

6/26/05

Chairman [illegible]
[illegible] Commission
[illegible]
Suite 600
Arlington, VA [illegible]

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7/7/2005

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[illegible] Commission
[illegible]
[illegible]
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,

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(A [illegible])

[illegible]
(Address)

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([illegible] Zip)

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BRAC Commission
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Mary M Galant

BRAC Commission
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Name Carmella DiMillo
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6/25/05

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Base Realignment [illegible] Commission
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Suite 600
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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commisioners:

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Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

Paul K. Kare
(A concerned Citizen)

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commisioners:

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and remove them from the closure list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases.

Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove the Niagara Falls Base from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions, and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves? You must also recognize:

- The federal government has invested more than $35 million in Niagara Falls since 1995 in new facilities.
- Base Operations Support costs have been reduced more than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- Closure of the base eliminates the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate eight (8) additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

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Dear Commissioners:

The Pentagon has recommended to the BRAC that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with over 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver yet another devastating blow to our region's economy. In addition to the financial concerns, the community pride for our past and present military contributions can not be understated.
The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower Complex which supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Power Grid. The size and location of the base would also allow it to be used for responses to natural disasters or terror attacks in the Northeast United States. While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the *last* Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.
- We have also reduced our Base Operations Support costs by not less than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- Closure of the base would also eliminate the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate 8 additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.

According to the Buffalo News article on May 25, 2005:
Top Air Force officials relied on their "collective judgment" in deciding to recommend their Niagara Falls base for closure, disregarding military value rankings that showed Niagara outperforming several other bases slated to remain open. Air Force spokesman Douglas Karas said the Air Force's "mission compatibility index" was just one of the factors considered in the base-closure decisions. Asked why at least nine bases with airlift missions were slated to stay open when they had lower "MCI" scores than Niagara, Karas said the Base Closure Executive Group sometimes deviated from its own rating system. "There were cases in the analysis process where lower ranked bases were retained," Karas said. "In those cases, the Base Closure Executive Group used their collective judgment, that, when combined with the MCI scores, resulted in the retention of lower-ranked installations. This was true in Niagara's case."
A lobbyist for New York State on the issue, John M. Simmons, said the Air Force's response proves that the base-closure recommendations followed "a judgmental, and not an analytical,