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30 April 2024

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Dear Requester:

This letter serves as a final response to your 26 December 2022 appeal to the CIA Agency Release Panel (ARP) of the initial release determination regarding your **Executive Order 13526** request referenced above for **CSHP 258: Covert Book Publishing**.

The ARP carefully considered your petition and has reversed the Agency's initial determination as we relayed it to you in our 15 December 2022 response. The material previously denied in full may now be released in part. Still-redacted portions must continue to be withheld on the basis of Sections 3.3(h)(2) and 6.2(d) of Executive Order 13526. A copy of the redacted document accompanies this correspondence.

As the Executive Secretary of the ARP, I am the CIA official responsible for informing you that, as a result, your appeal has been ***Granted in Part***.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel within 60 days of the date of this letter. For more information on how to submit an appeal, please consult the ISCAP website at [www.archives.gov/declassification/iscap](http://www.archives.gov/declassification/iscap).

If you have any questions regarding this response, please call this office at 703-613-1287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Glenn".

Stephen Glenn  
Executive Secretary  
Agency Release Panel

Enclosures

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CS Historical Paper  
No. 2.258

CLANDESTINE SERVICE HISTORY  
COVERT BOOK PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES



1962-1967

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Controlled by : DO Division  
Date prepared : May 1970  
Date published:  
Written by :



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Historian's Note

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This paper covers the history of [redacted]

[redacted] covert book publishing

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6.2(d)

activities involving Projects [redacted]

[redacted]. The paper was prepared by staff  
employee [redacted], who had been the

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Headquarters case officer for the projects from  
March 1965 until their termination.

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COVERT BOOK PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES  
THROUGH US MECHANISMS  
1962-1967

I. Summary

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One of the major responsibilities delegated

[redacted] at the  
time of its establishment in early 1962 was:

planning and developing for purposes  
of the Clandestine Service mission  
the operational potential in the  
[redacted] in close coordination  
with and in response to the require-  
ments [redacted]

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6.2(d)

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6.2(d)

In line with this delegation of responsibility,

a covert book publishing operation in the [redacted]

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[redacted], then under the direction

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[redacted] was transferred to

DO in late 1962 and redesignated Project [redacted]

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6.2(d)

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6.2(d)

At the same time another propaganda project,

[redacted], concerned primarily with the distri-

bution of books to foreign-target audiences, was

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6.2(d)

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6.2(d)

developed [redacted] in mid-1964 a third project,

[redacted], was created [redacted] for book

publication and distribution activities under Projects

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[redacted]. These three projects comprised the totality of covert action book publishing operations administered by DO and upon their termination DO activities in this particular field ceased.

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6.2(d)

From inception in late 1962 until its termination in mid-1966, Project [redacted] involved the controlled production and distribution abroad of books [redacted]

3.3(h)(2)  
6.2(d)

3.3(h)(2)  
6.2(d)

From inception in late 1962 until its termination in mid-1967, Project [redacted] supported the distribution of politically significant books and other reading matter to selected foreign audiences

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6.2(d)

[redacted]

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6.2(d)

3.3(h)(2)  
6.2(d)

From inception in mid-1964 until its termination in mid-1967, Project [redacted] served

[redacted] supporting the book publication and distribution operations of

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6.2(d)

Projects [redacted]

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II. Project

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6.2(d)

A. Development

DO first embarked on covert book publishing operations in late 1962 when it assumed responsibility for Project

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The primary objective of the project was to provide for the controlled production and

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distribution of books useful

throughout the world.

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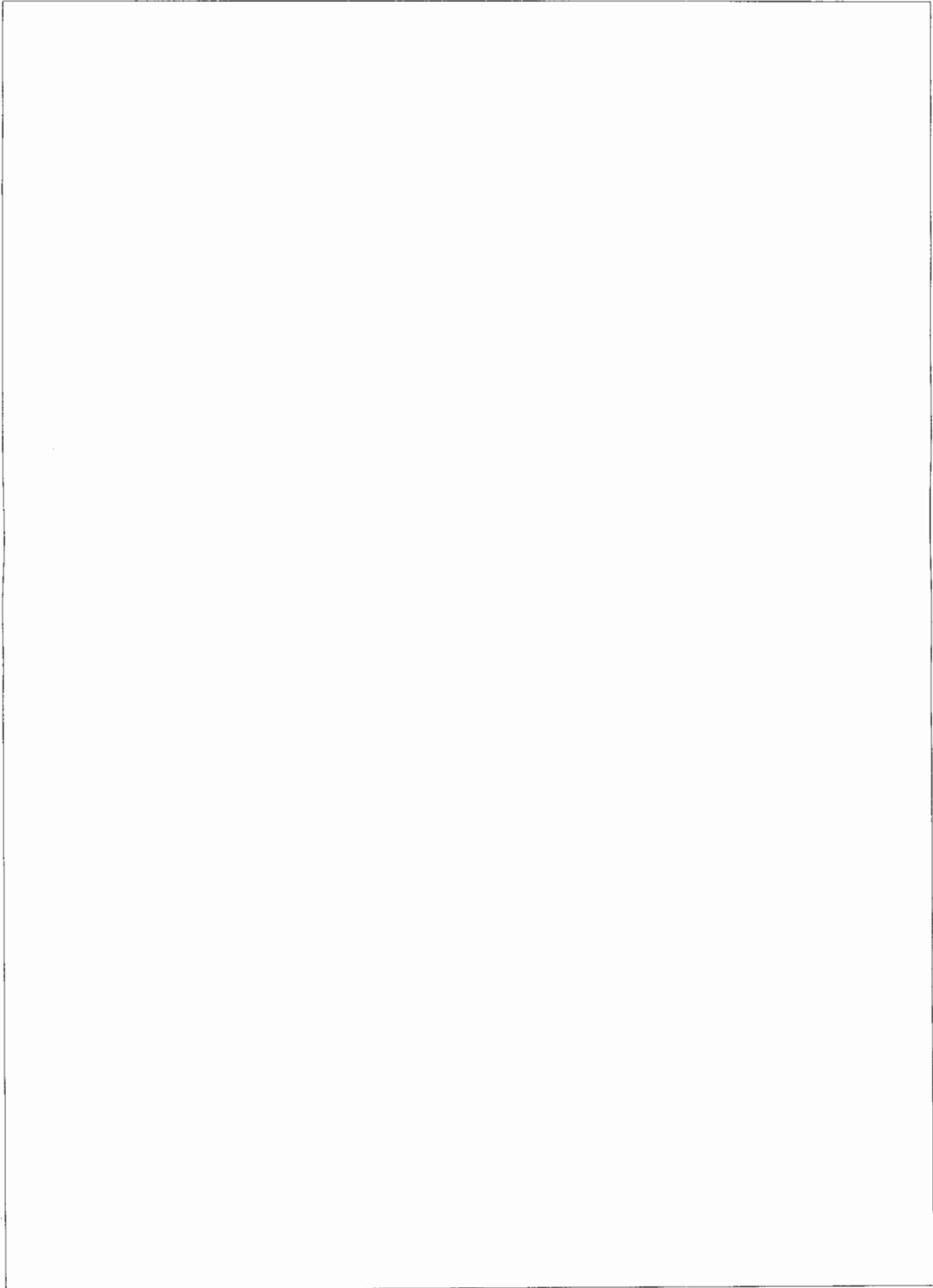
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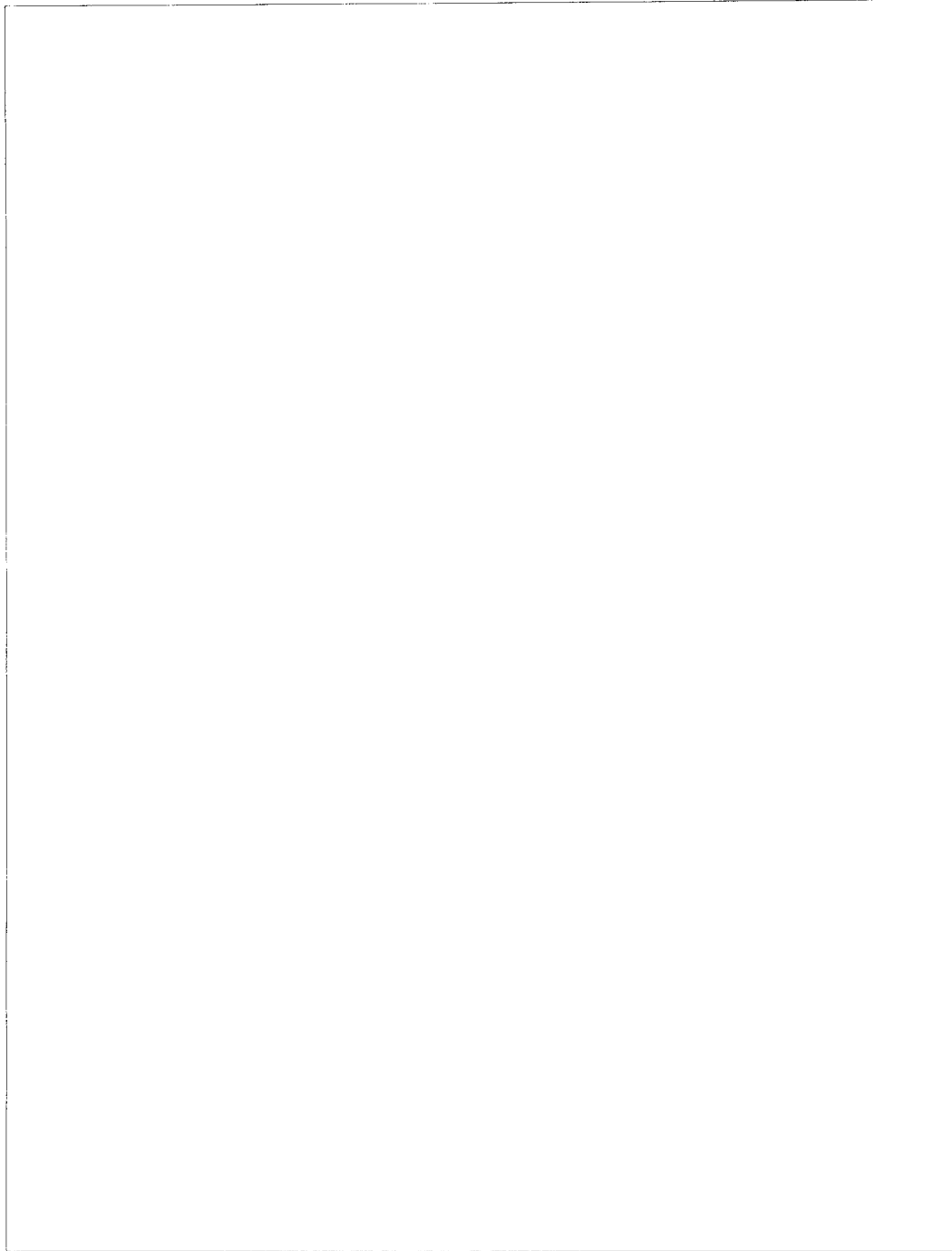
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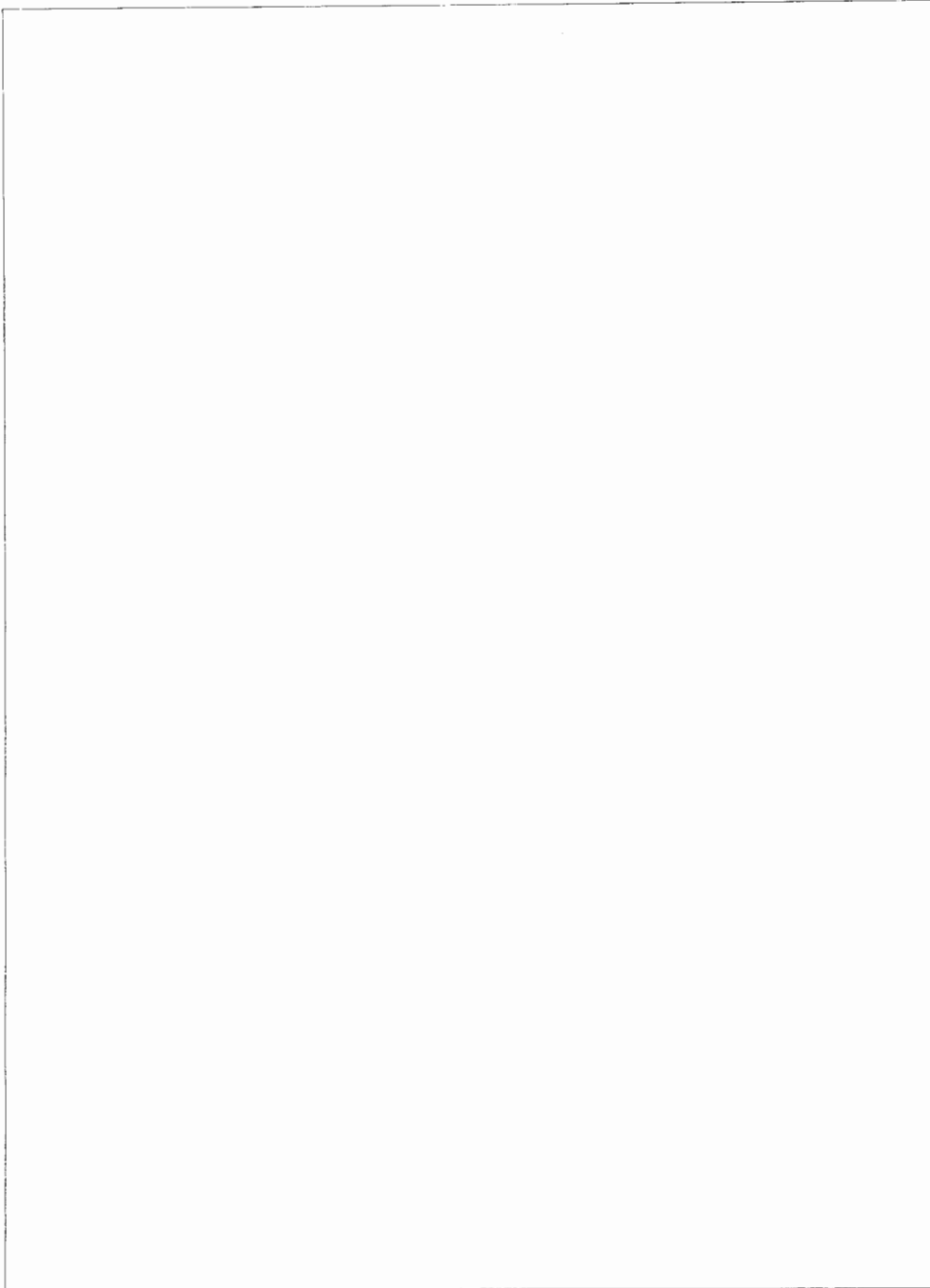


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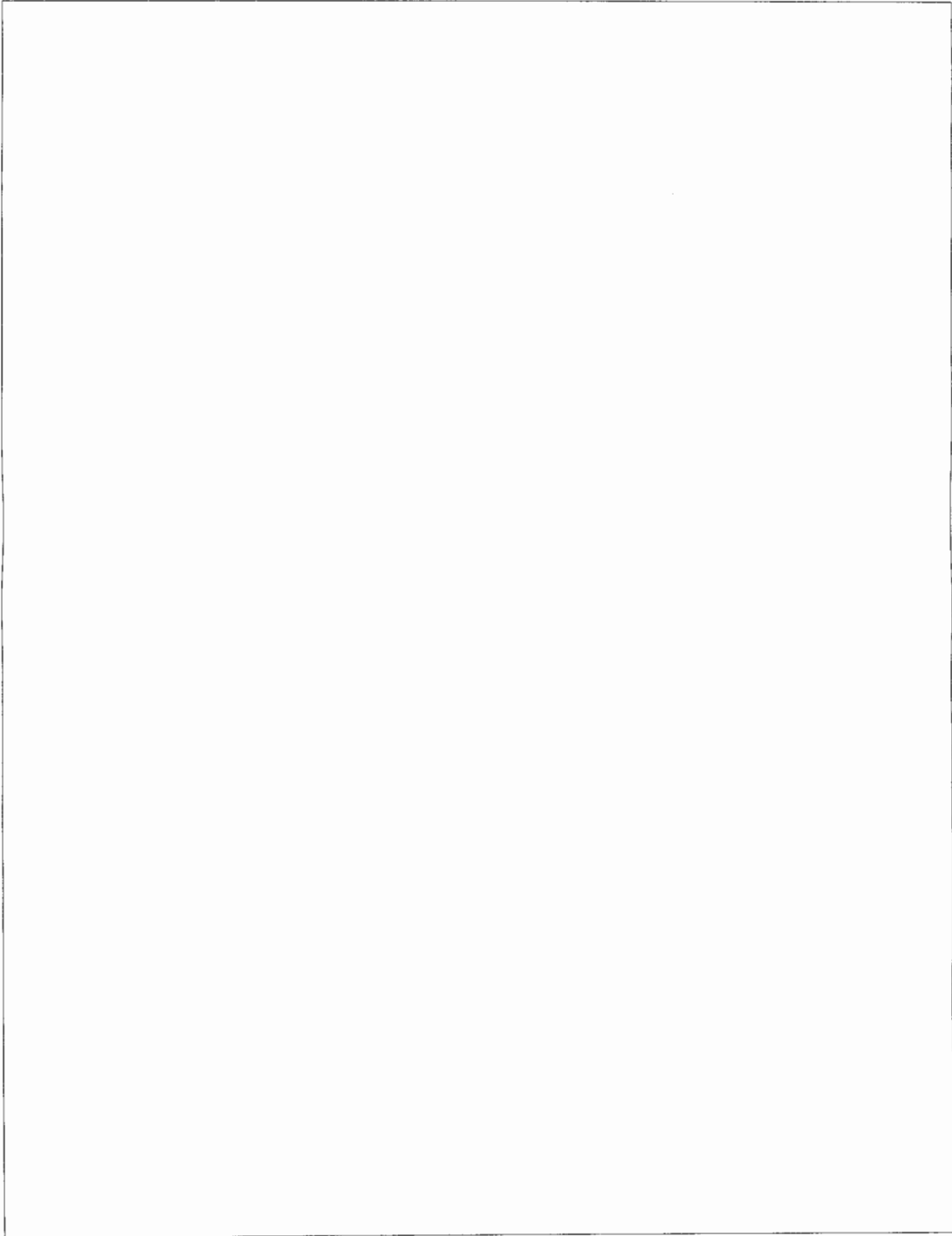


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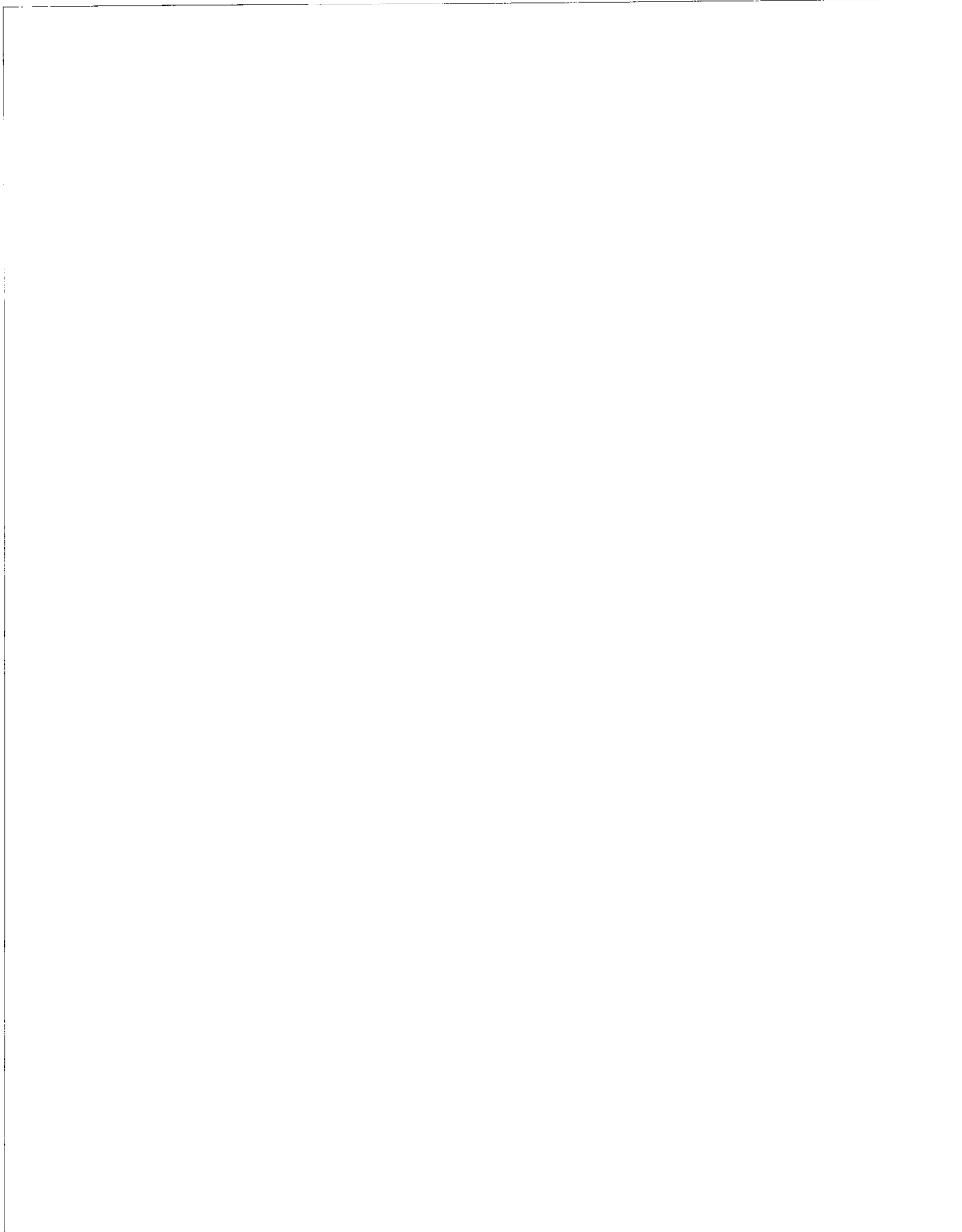
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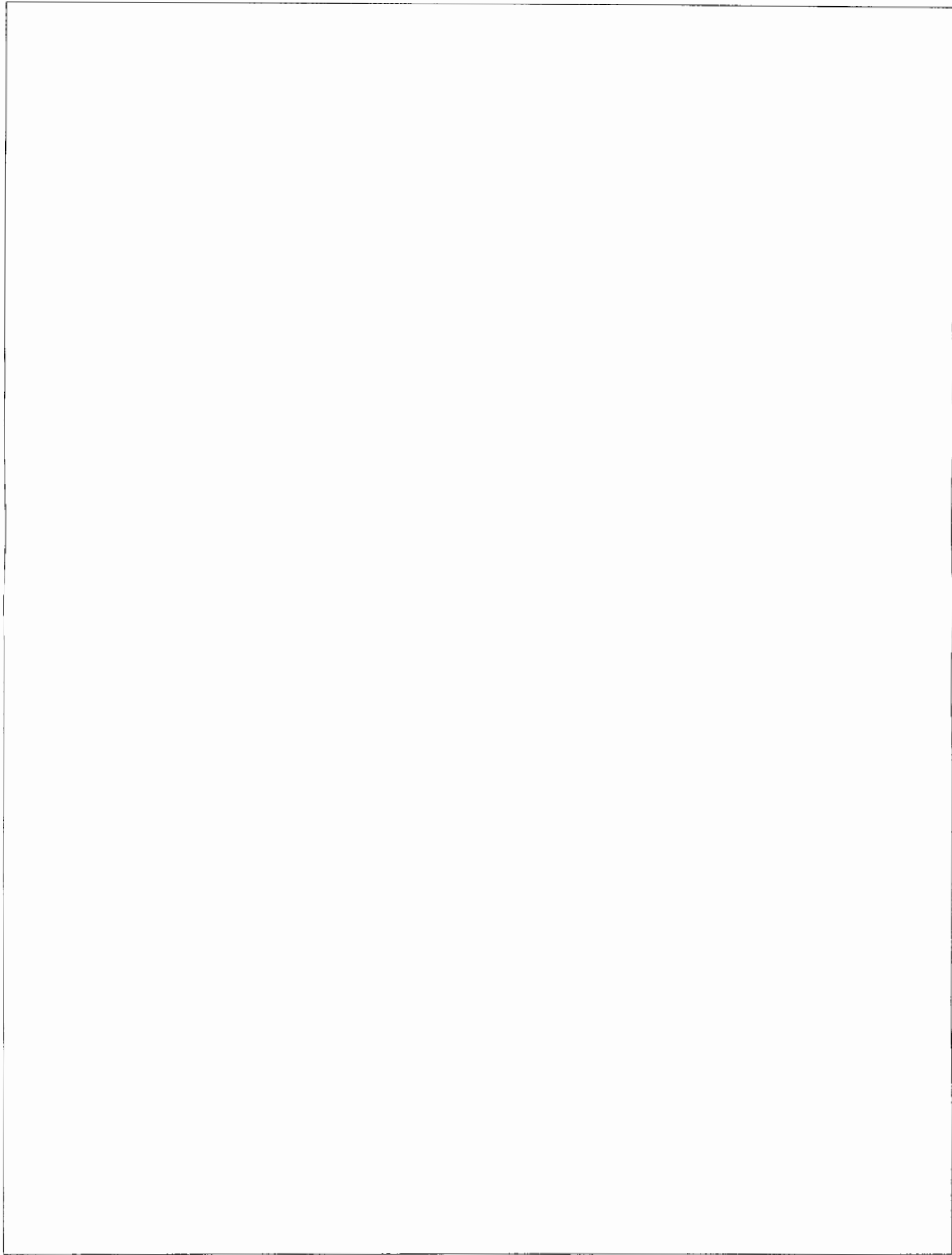
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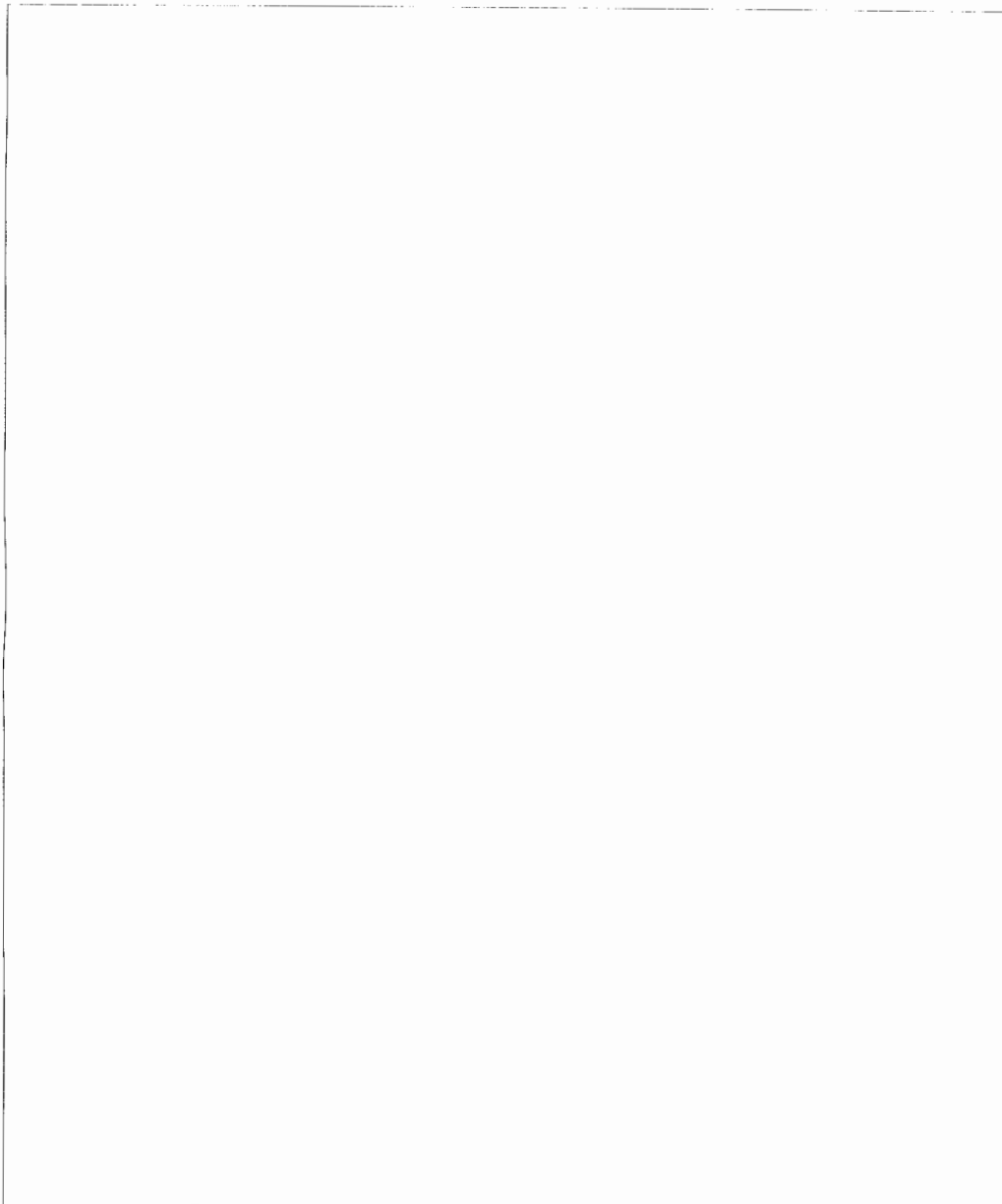
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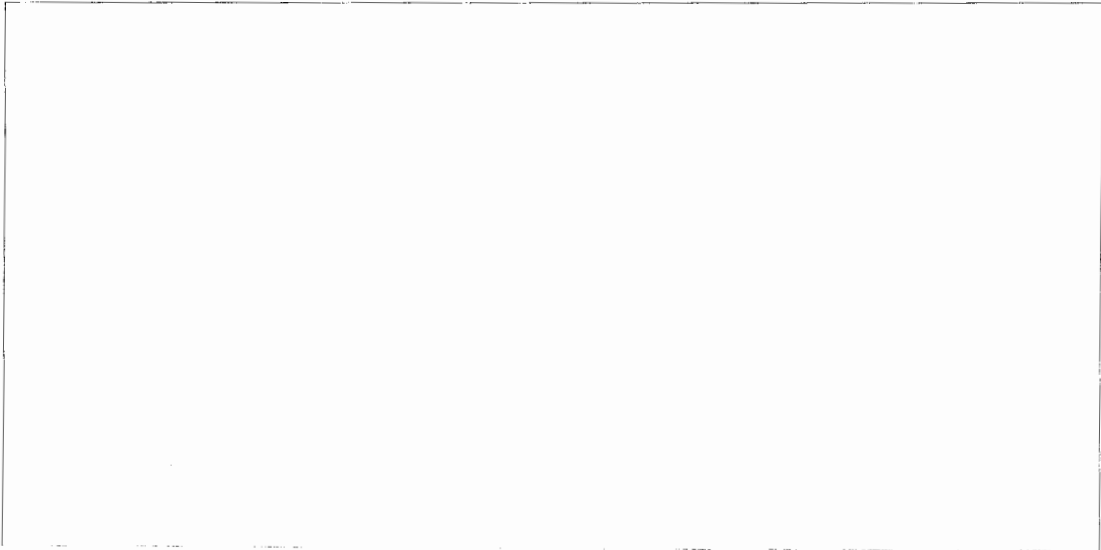
Project [redacted] was terminated on 11 January  
1967 [redacted]

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III. Project [redacted]

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6.2(d)

A. Development

Project [redacted] originated in FY 1963, with the project outline covering the period 1 November 1962 to 30 June 1963. The project was established

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[redacted] for the distribution abroad of politically significant books whose content would further US foreign policy objectives. Distribution was to be effected by mailing and through foreign visitors to the United States, and foreign-bound tourists.

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**B. Accomplishments**

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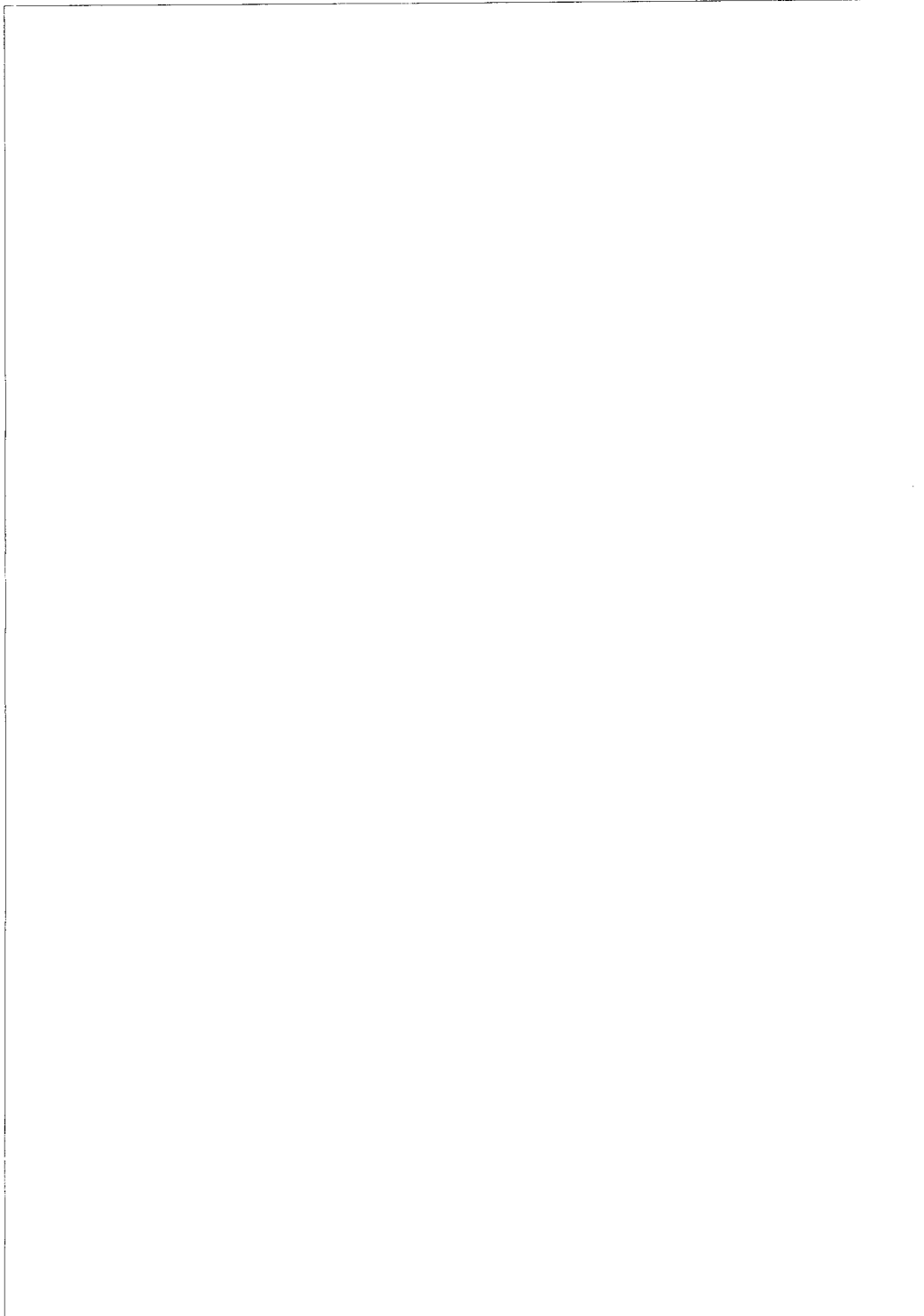
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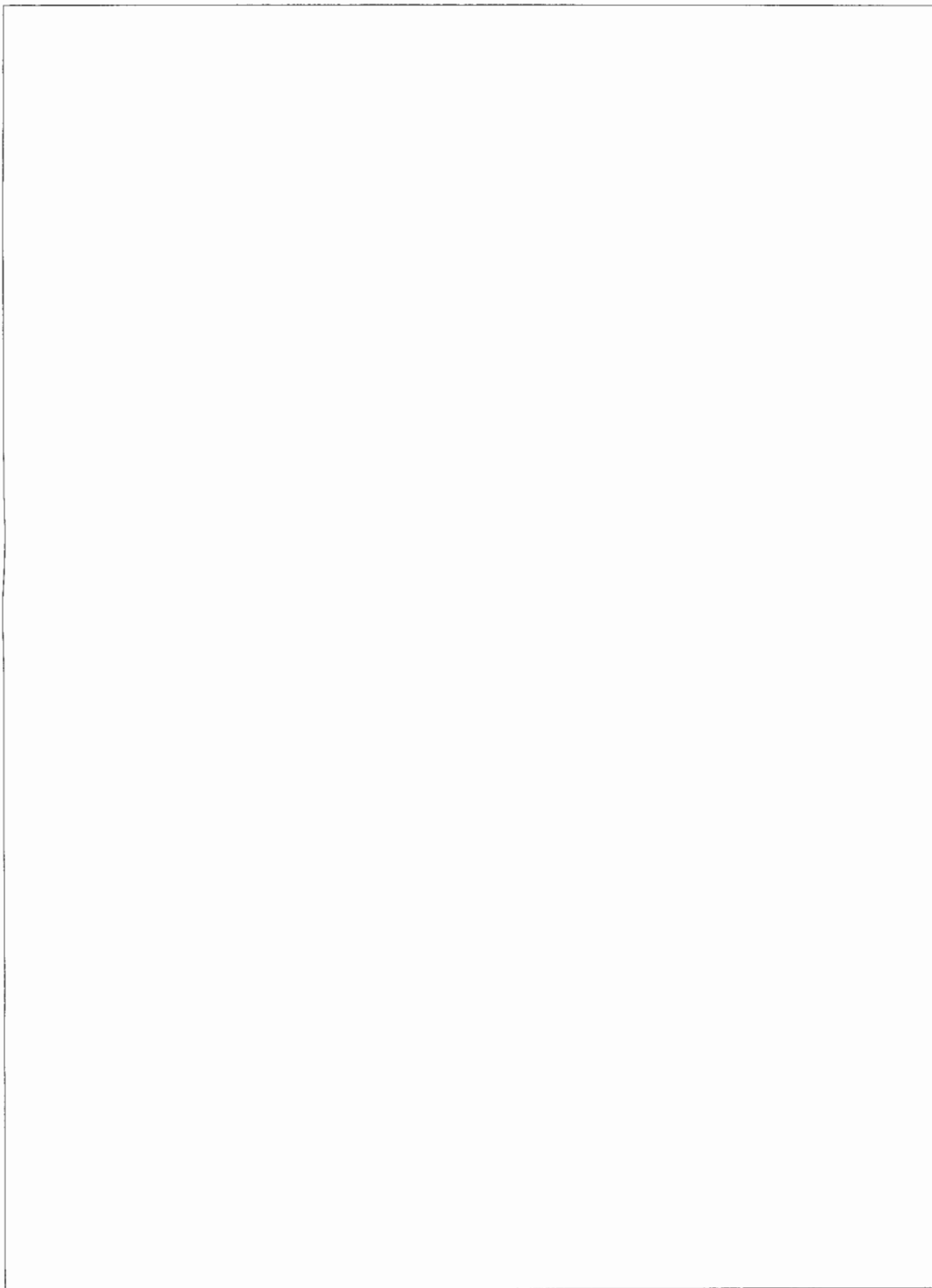
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C. Termination

In April 1967 the DDP directed that Project

[redacted] be terminated [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] effective 30 June 1967.

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IV. Project [redacted]

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6.2(d)

A. Development

Project [redacted] which originated in FY 1965,  
was approved by the DDP on 21 July 1964 [redacted]

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6.2(d)

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[redacted] targeted

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principally at the less-developed areas of the

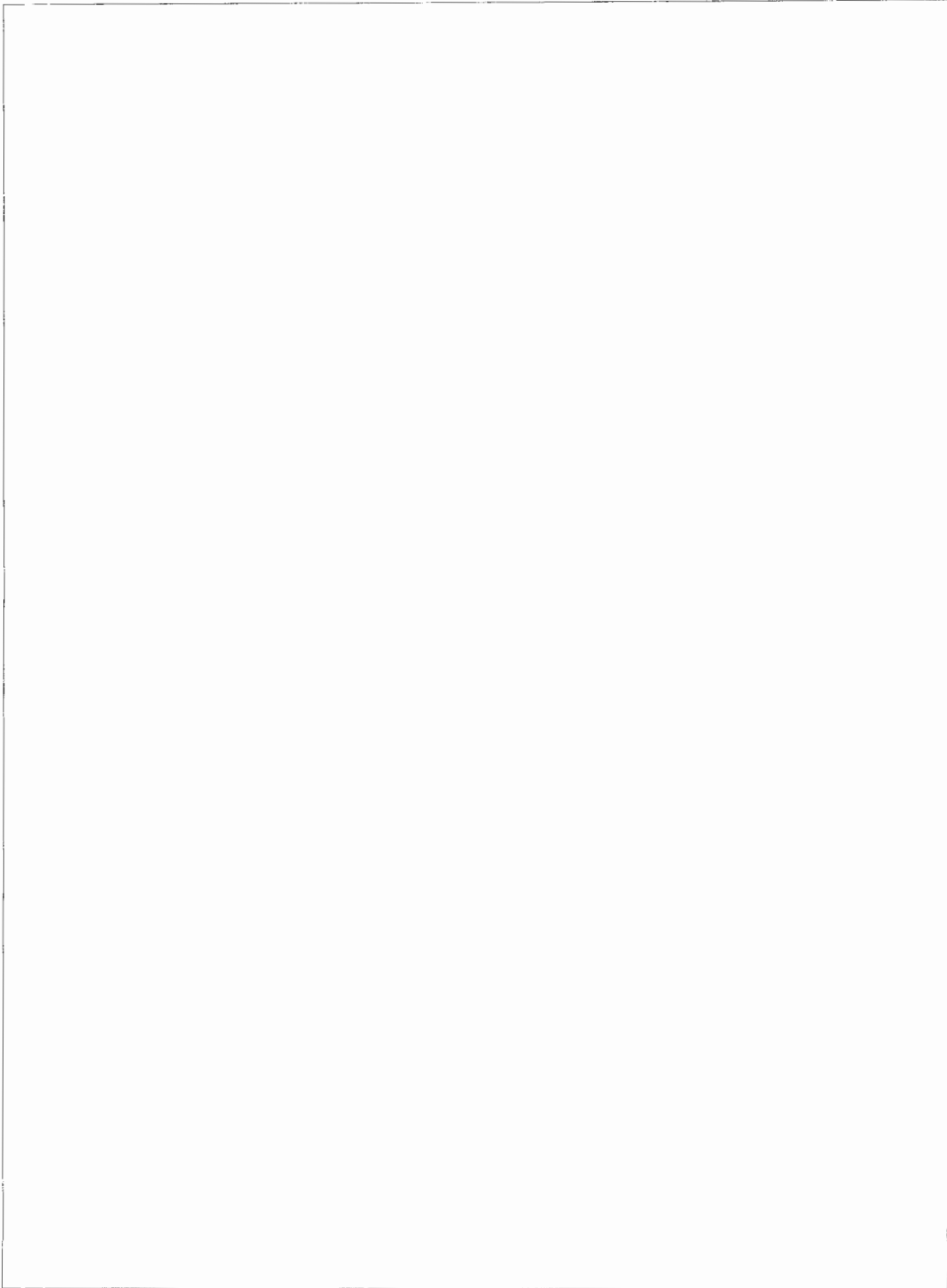
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**B. Accomplishments**

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**C. Termination**

In consonance with the Katzenback<sup>h</sup> Committee

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Guidelines, which imposed restrictions on book  
publishing activities

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the termination of Project

the ADDP approved

effective

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30 June 1967.

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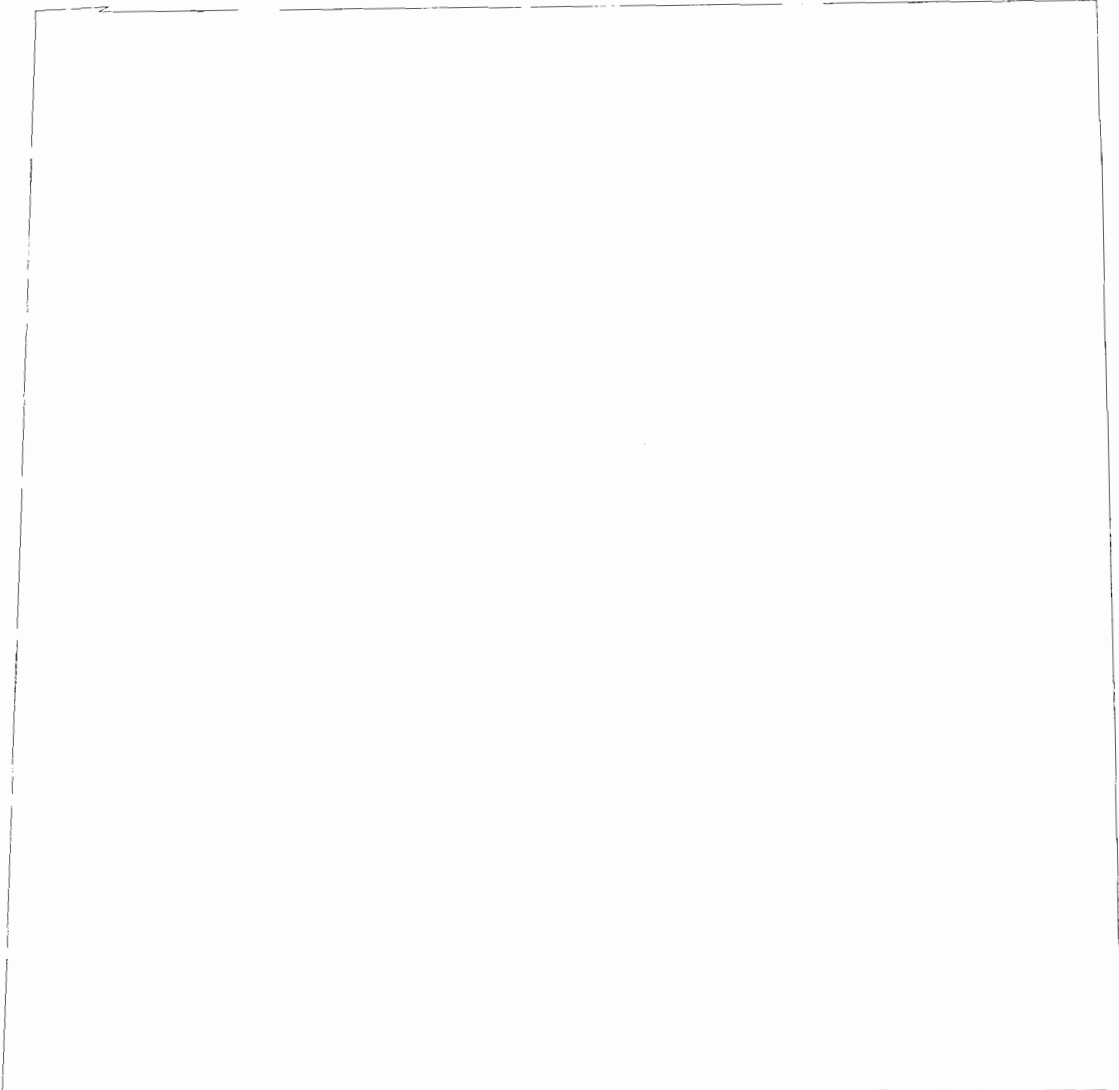
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Glossary of Abbreviations

**ADDP**            **Assistant Deputy Director for Plans**

**CA**                **Covert Action**

**DDP**               **Deputy Director for Plans**



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