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(U) **Date:** Late March 2003

(U) **Location:** As Sulaymaniyah Governate

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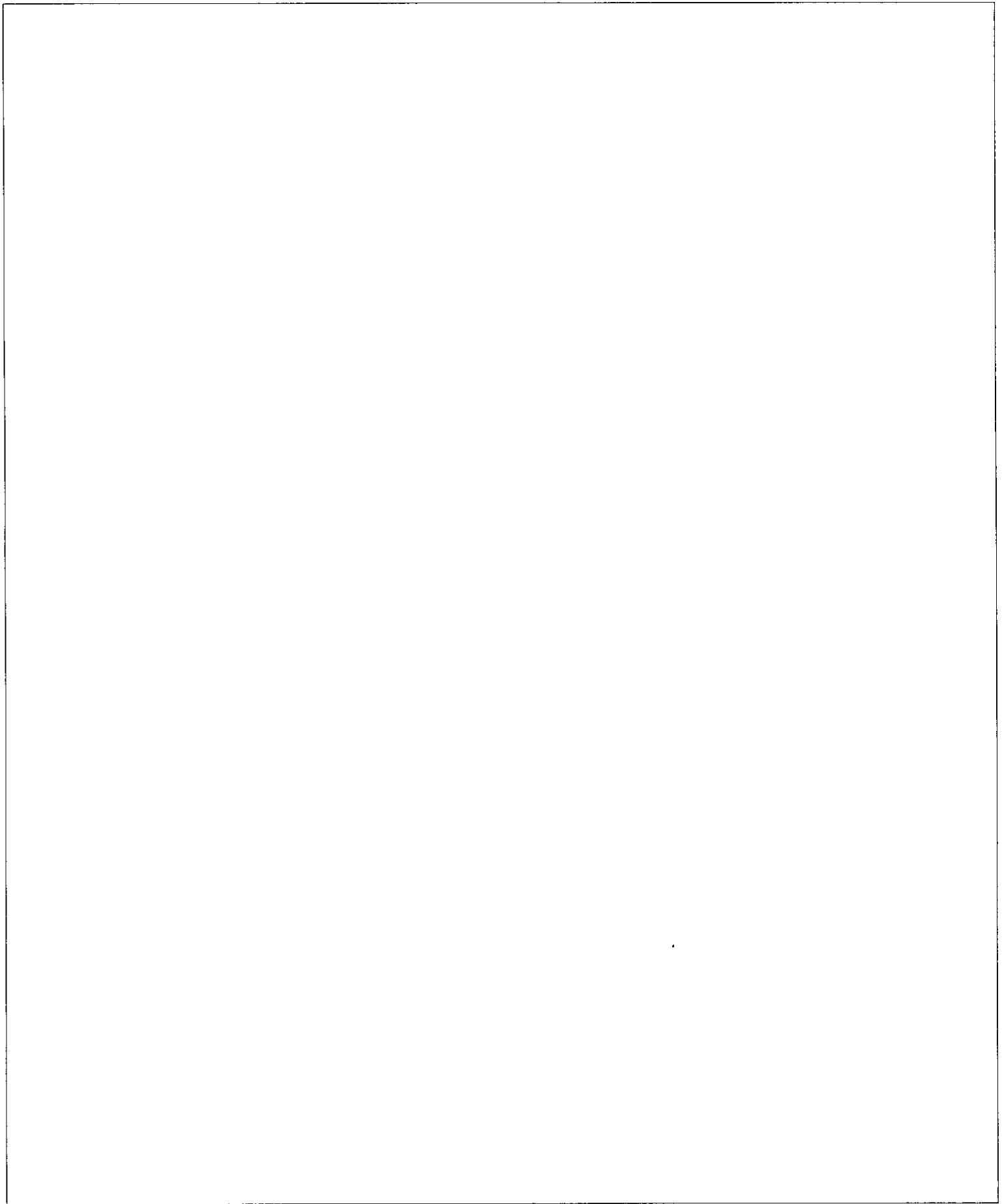
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