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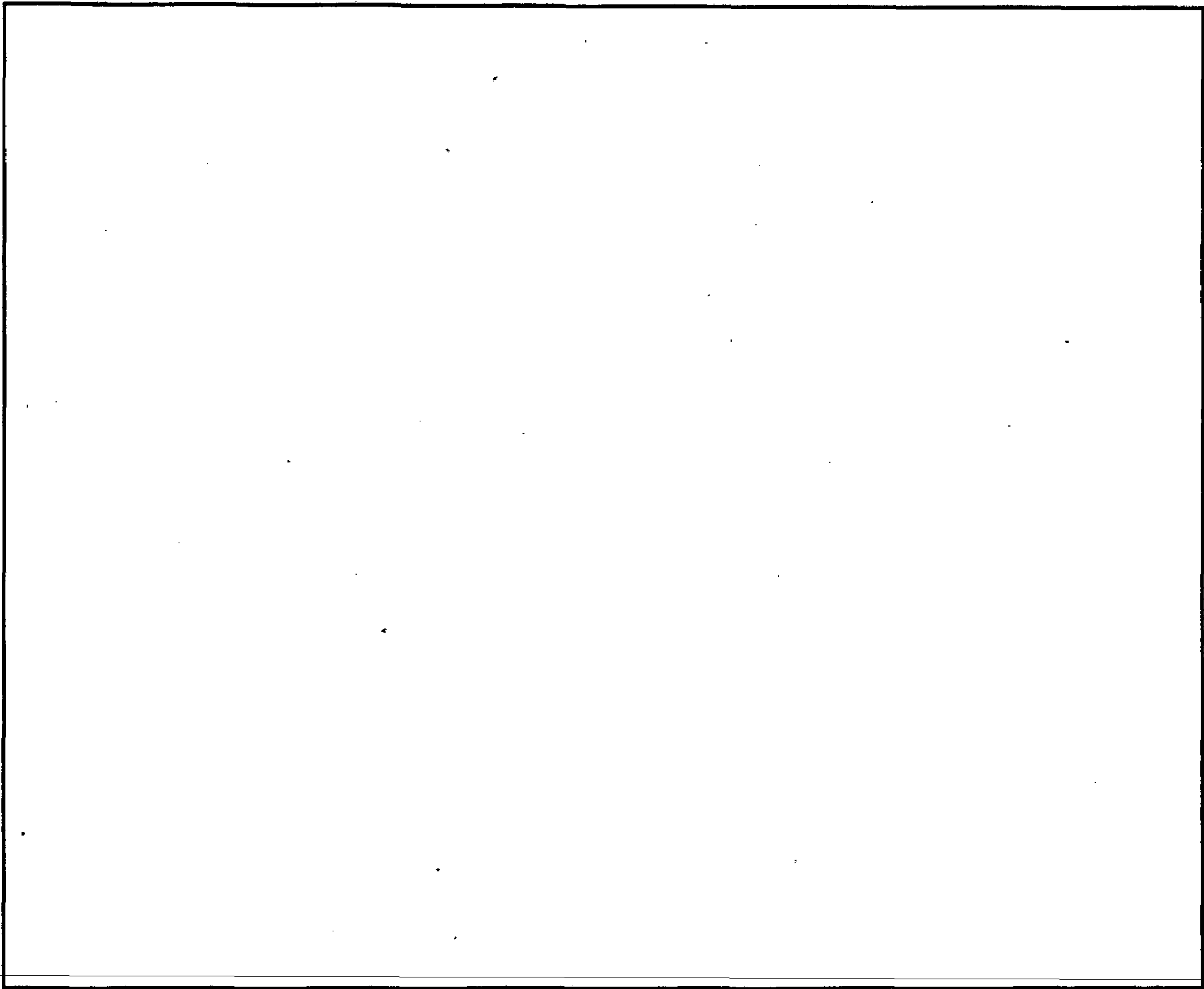
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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

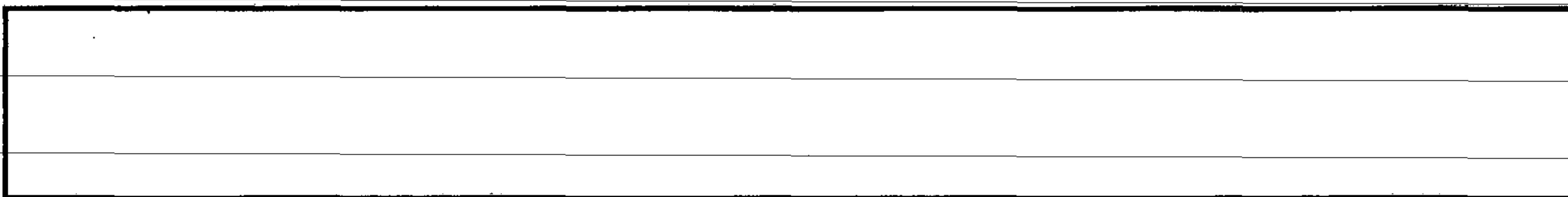
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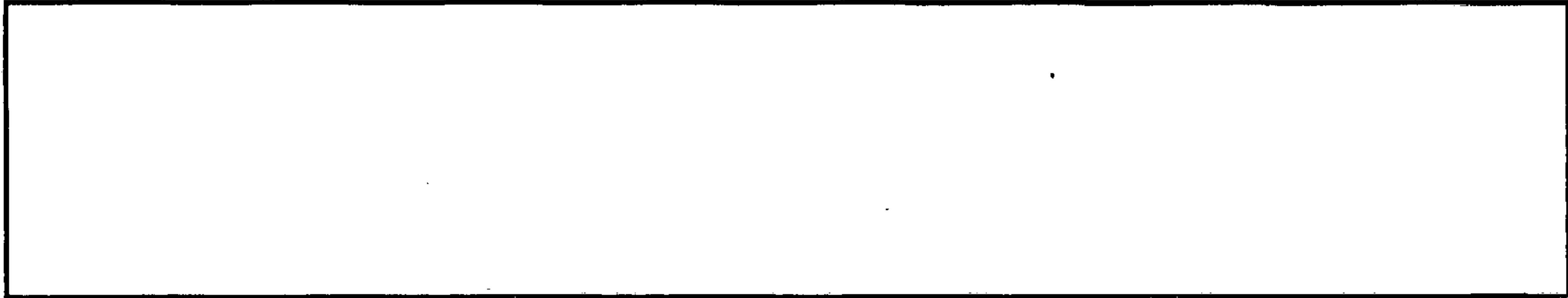
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Haitian Comments on Ambassador Young's Visit: [redacted]

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[redacted] Haiti will not oppose openly U.S. human rights policies and will welcome the OAS commission on human rights. [redacted] however, [redacted] members of the commission will see nothing contrary to their standards because "we will hide what has to be hidden." [redacted] Duvalier does not intend to introduce any significant reforms or to refrain from using arrests or the threat of arrests to remove people he views as political threats.

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The middle class and professional sector in Haiti were overwhelmingly in favor of Ambassador Young's visit. The businessmen approved of Young's toughness and only regretted that Haiti will not change as a result of the visit and [redacted] [redacted] are convinced that the current administration sincerely wants to improve the situation in Haiti.

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Possible French Air Base in the Ivory Coast: [redacted]

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[redacted] France is reportedly considering establishment of an air base in the Ivory Coast. A study on the feasibility of stationing Jaguar jet aircraft at Bouake, approximately 300 kilometers north of Abidjan, has been completed by an air force team and coordinated with the Ivorians. It is now under review, and it is expected that the decision will be announced before President Giscard's visit to the former French colony in November. At the fourth Franco-African summit held in Dakar, Senegal, last April, Giscard verbally committed French support to countries of Africa to combat any foreign attack or interference. The proposed establishment of an airbase could be part of an effort to honor that commitment. If the base is established, it is probable it will be the logistic arm of the new West African nonaggression/defense pact.

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