



He is aware of a past occasion, before his time,

... the independence of the Director

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helps. The degree of co-operation depends a lot on the individuals involved. He had a lot of difficulty with

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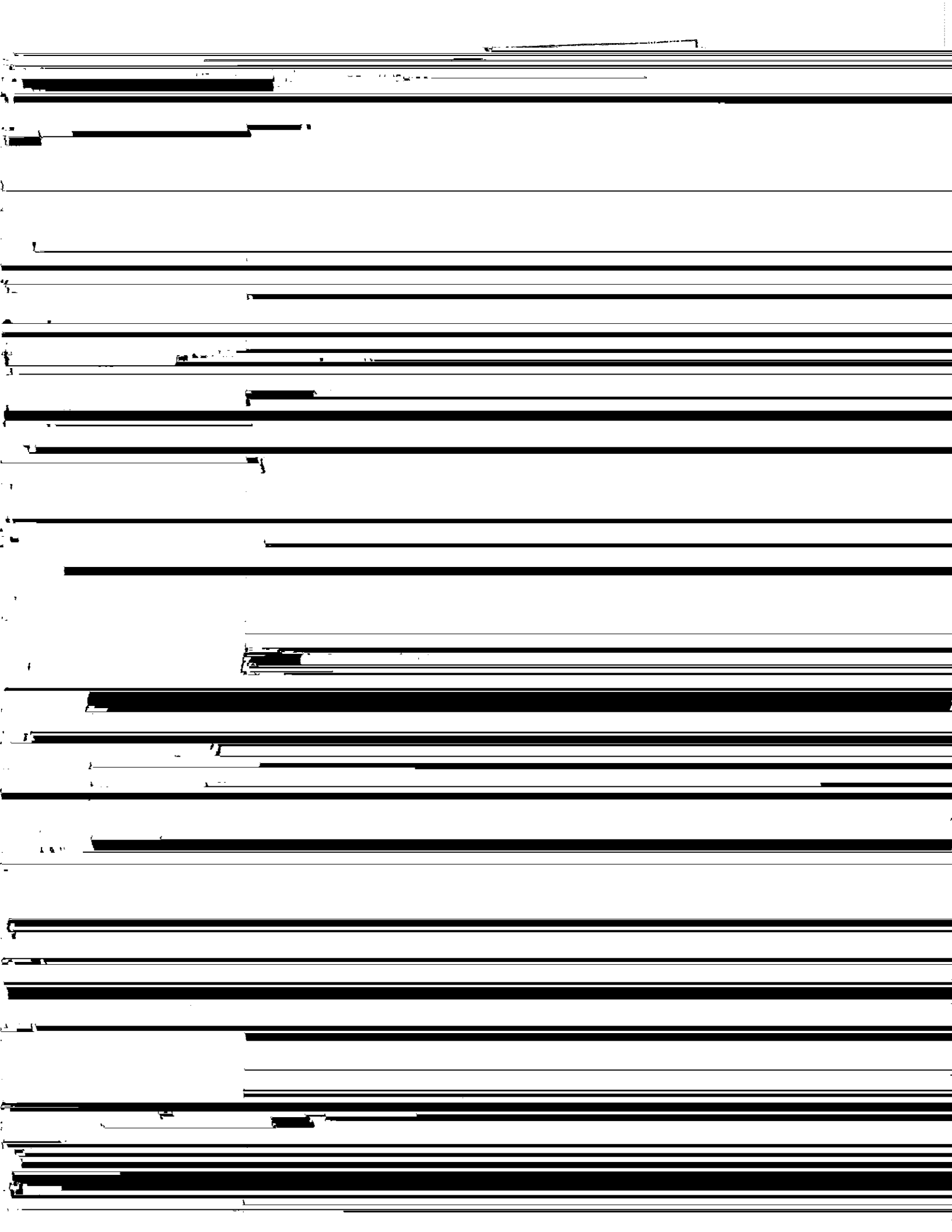
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attempt by the Security Service to manipulate the Government.

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had made the points orally to Supt. Forest which I made in

There can be no doubt from my message to Supt. Forest of 12th October that it was my intention to inform Ministers of the Security Service's involvement. That this was not done immediately was due to the simple fact that Jean-Pierre Goyer was not available.

A general election had been called to take place on Monday October 30th, 1972 and the Minister was busy electioneering in Quebec from early October until early November.

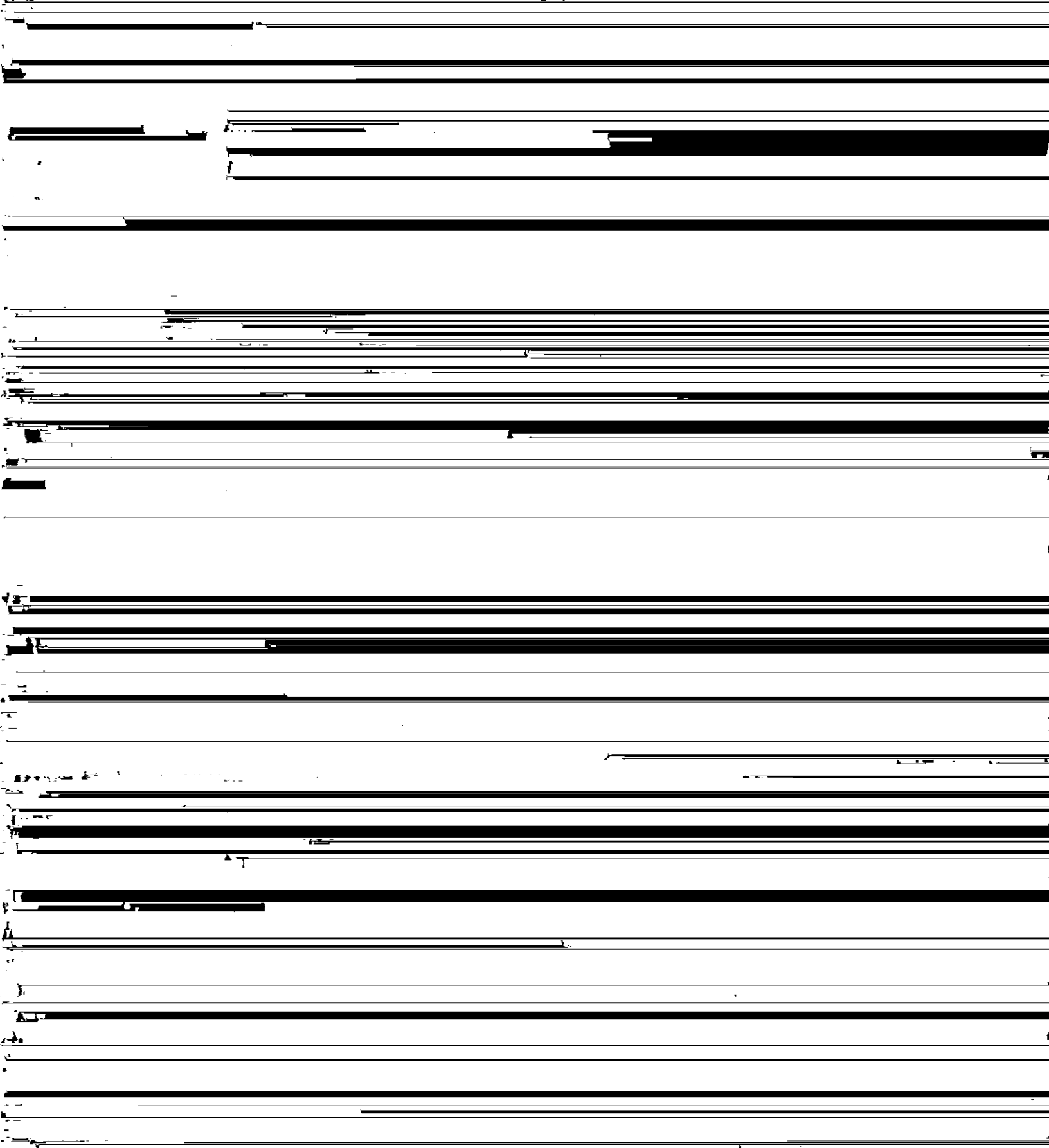
My personal appointments book for the period (which again by chance was not destroyed) shows I saw the Minister at 10:30 A.M. on October 3rd but that I did not see him in the period between the 10th of October and the 18th of October

Incidentally, my absence for these purposes at that time had been specifically approved by the Minister sometime in advance.

I did not return to Ottawa until the weekend of

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On the same day he also placed  
his initials and the figures "2 11 72" written in his own

hand, on a document listing various audio surveillance  
installations across Canada covering the previous five-month  
period.

My appointments book does not show a meeting  
with the Minister on November 3rd. I suspect the reason

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Security Planning and Research Group,  
were made aware of RCMP participation in  
this operation before March 16, 1976. The  
established practice called for their  
being informed of important questions  
pertaining to the RCMP's activities, to  
allow them to assist me in following up  
on such matters. Normally, at least one



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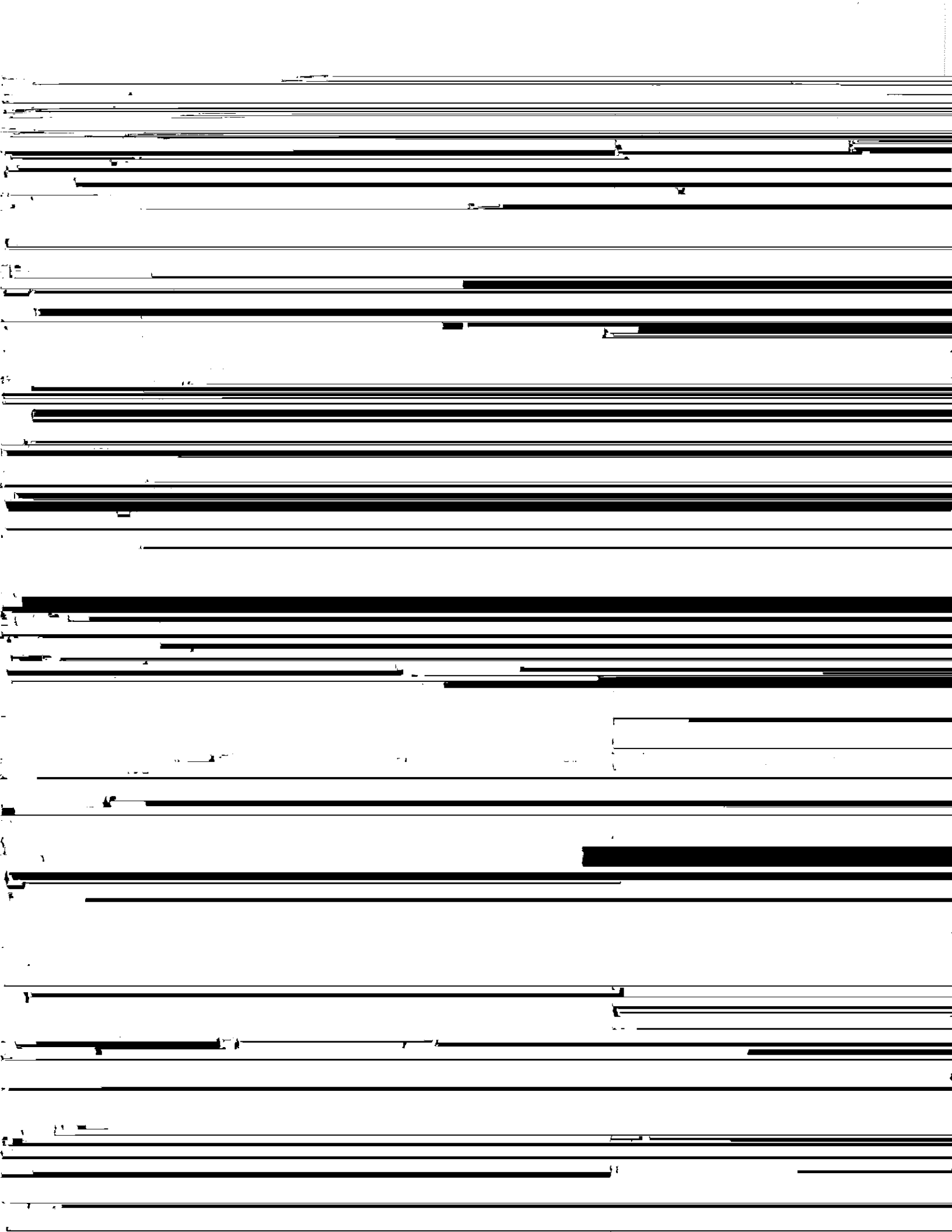
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he had done so and was unequivocal in his  
conclusion. Was it reasonable for me to  
doubt his conclusions? The RCMP did not tell

Quebec Justice Minister stated bluntly that  
no police force was involved; it was thus  
clear to me that the RCMP was not involved  
in the incident. I had no reason to suspect  
of the Quebec Minister of







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I never discovered why I was considered a likely candidate. Apart from having a relative of the same name who had been Commissioner of the RCMP in the 1920's, I had had little to do with the Force except on the intelligence

and security side of its work.

This led to my being involved closely with the Security and Intelligence Directorate of the RCMP.

A couple of hours later I was asked to go to Gordon Robertson's office, adjacent to the room in which the Cabinet usually meets in the East Block. In due course, I was led into the Cabinet room through a connecting door to find myself

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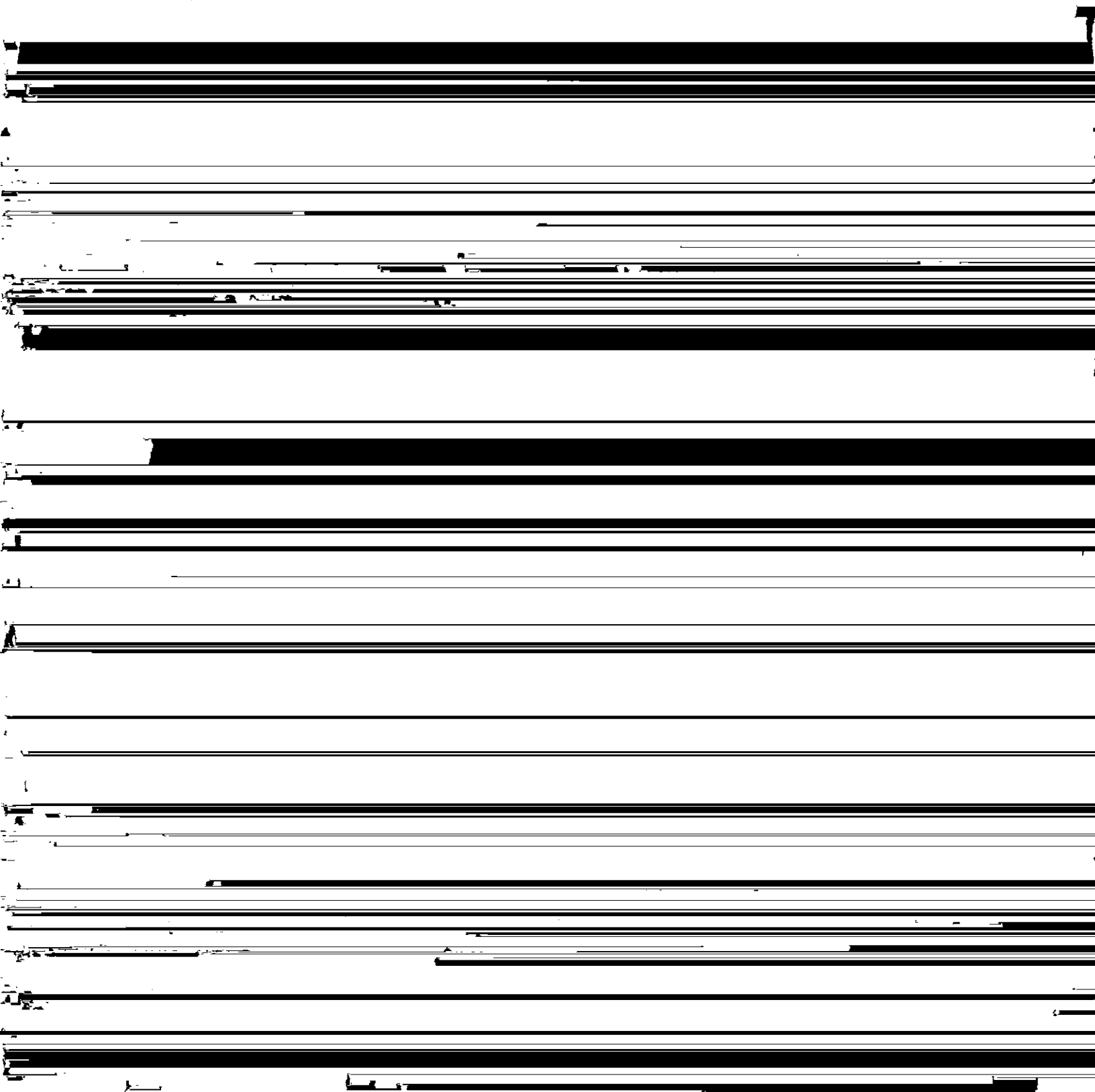


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I concluded that given my background and experience  
I probably could be of most use to the Security Service in



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d) clarifying and defining the role of the Security

e) improving and strengthening the liaison arrangements

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While my advent met with varied reactions on the part  
of divisional commanders and their staffs, I was refreshed and  
by the almost universally favourable reactions among

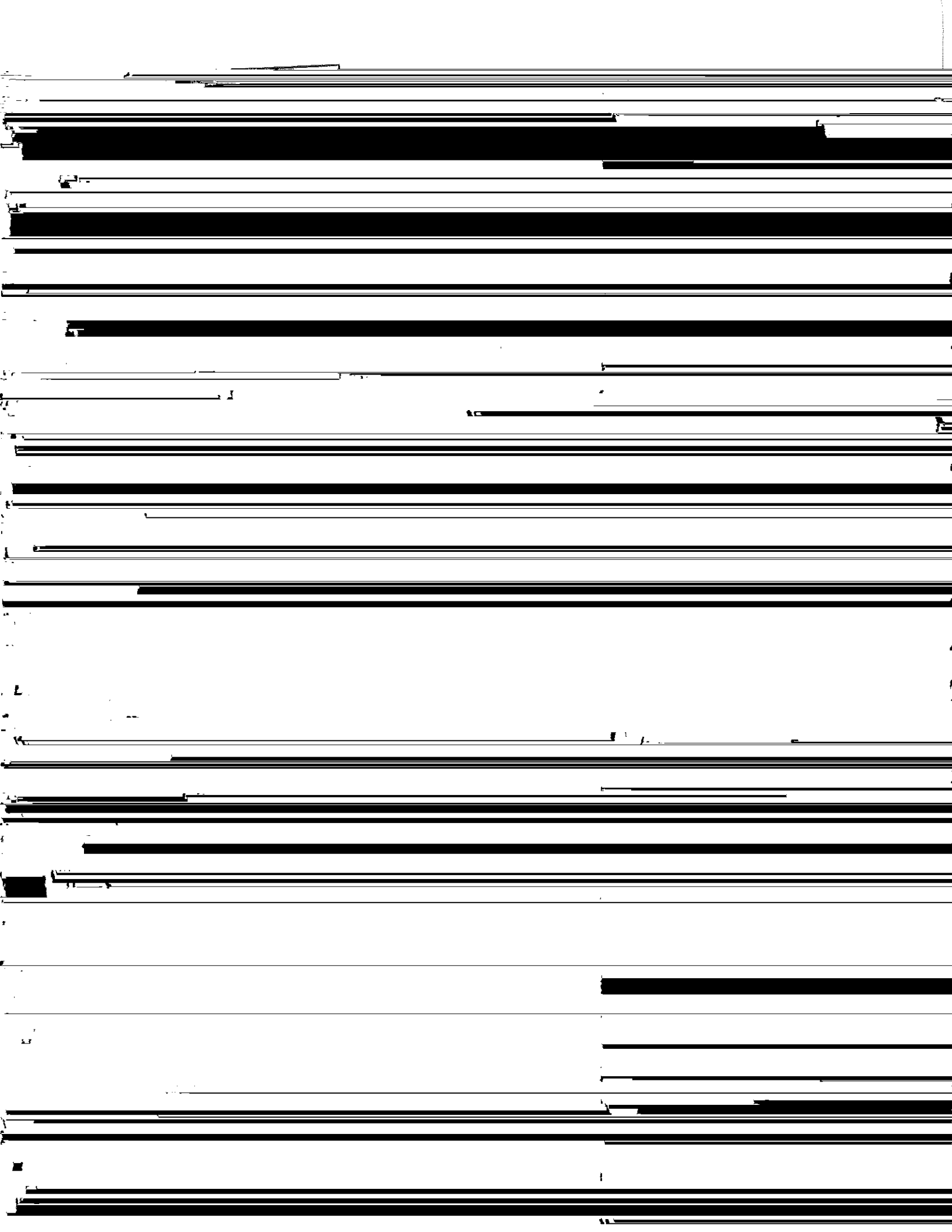
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absolutely nothing which would support such an allegation.



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~~As I recall~~ my attendance was suggested by George McIlraith.  
Since I was still a member of the Department of External  
Affairs at the time and obviously present only in the role