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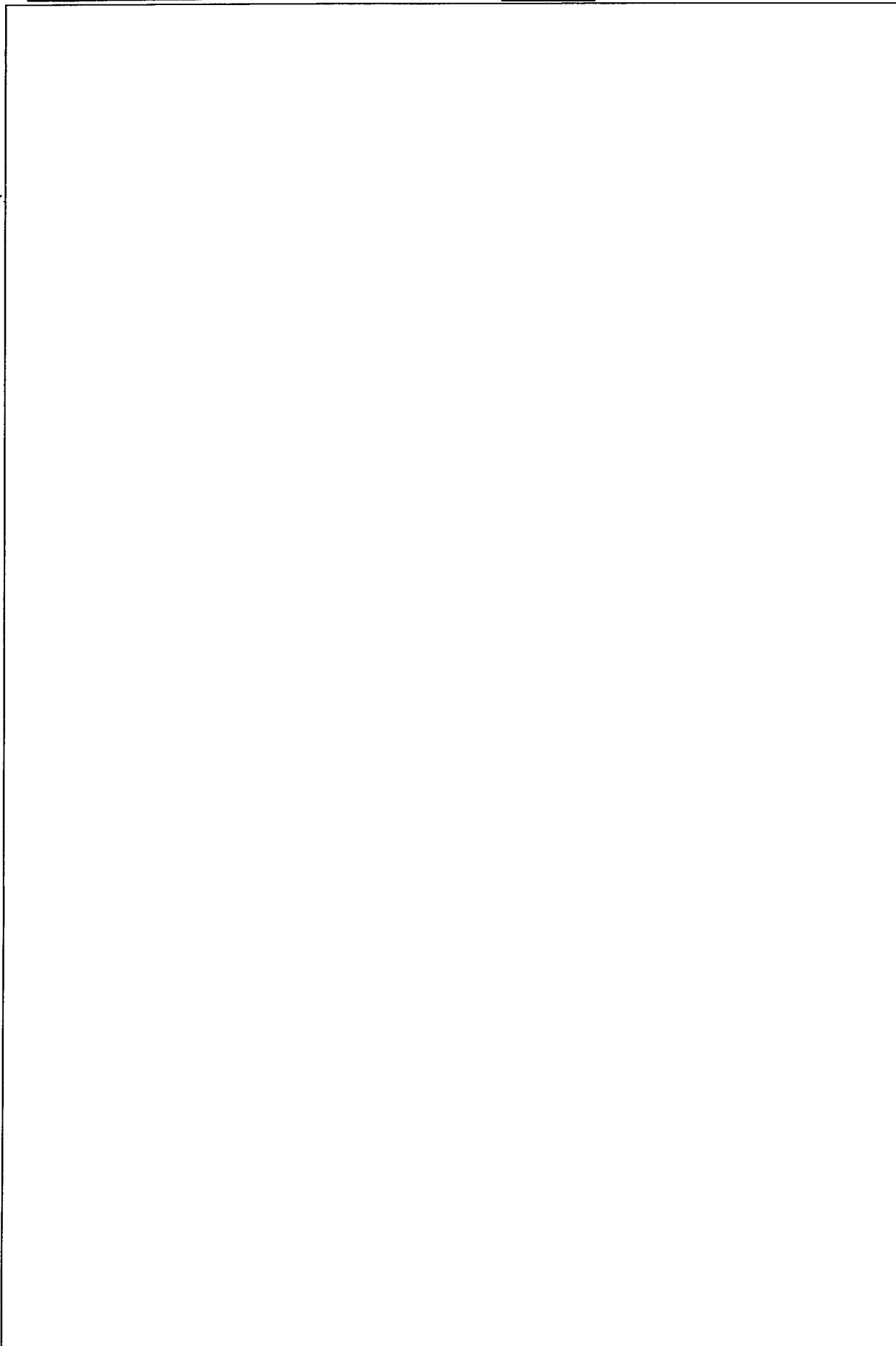
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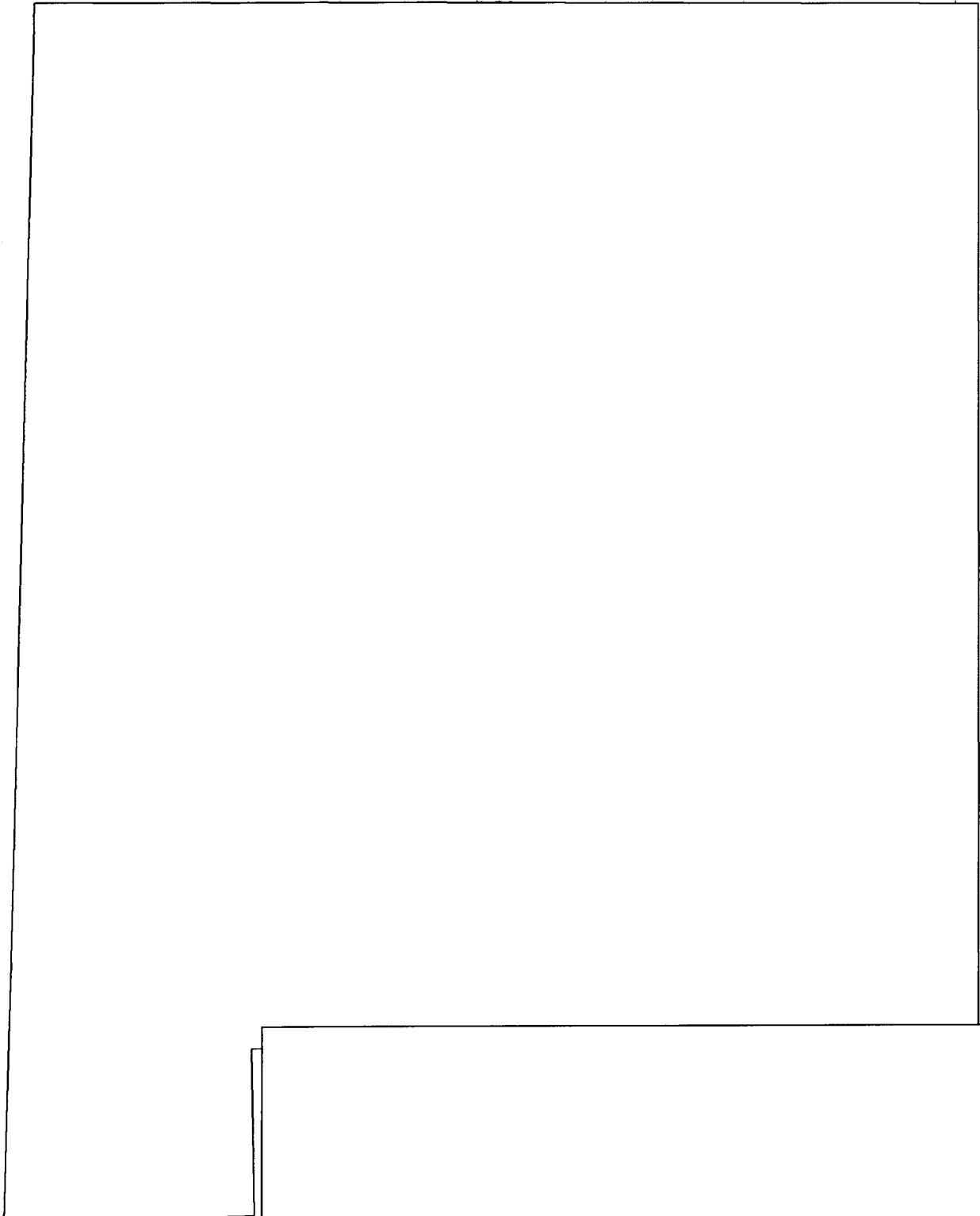


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The decision to free Kay was unexpected. The communists had consistently argued that they did not consider him a prisoner of war because his capture in May 1973 had occurred after the cease-fire agreement was signed.

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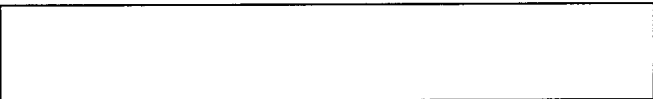
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