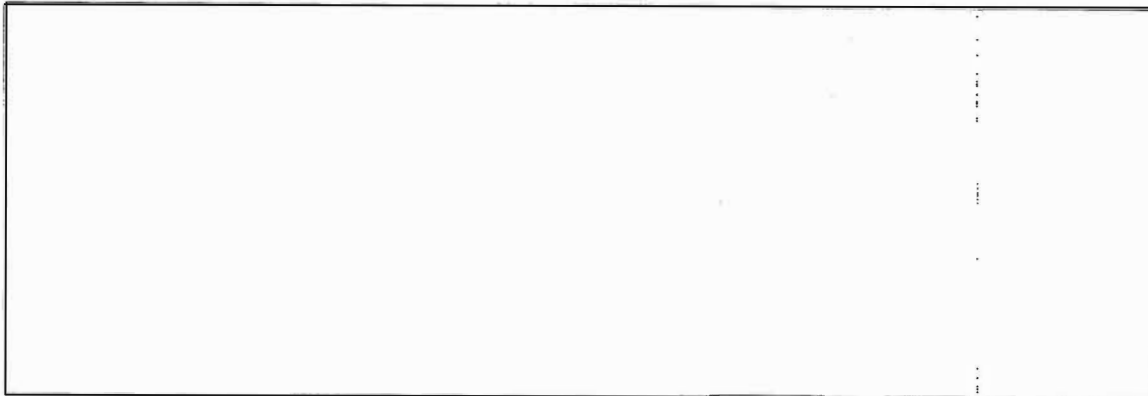


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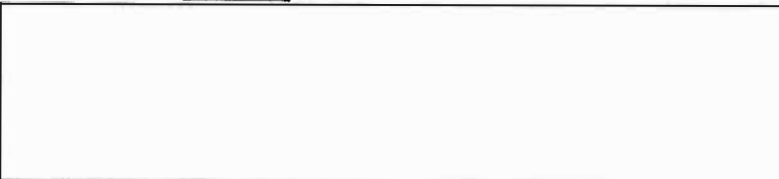
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INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

REF: NONE.

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: AT THE REQUEST OF CTC/OPS AND ALEC, BELOW
IS BEING PROVIDED FOR [REDACTED] USE WITH THE INTERROGATION OF ABU
ZUBAYDAH. [REDACTED]

2. PURPOSE: THIS PAPER DISCUSSES THE TECHNIQUES AND STRATEGIES
FOR RESISTING INTERROGATION DESCRIBED IN CAPTURED AL-QA'IDA TRAINING
MANUALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. IT SUGGESTS METHODS FOR RECOGNIZING WHEN
SOPHISTICATED RESISTANCE TO INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES ARE BEING
EMPLOYED BY CAPTURED AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVES AND OUTLINES STRATEGIES FOR
DEVELOPING COUNTERMEASURES. IT DOES SO BY PLACING AL-QA'IDA
RESISTANCE TO INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES WITHIN A METAPHOR THAT
ILLUSTRATES THEIR OPERATIONAL USE. THIS PAPER WAS PREPARED BY THE
OTS/OAD [REDACTED] THE PERSPECTIVE FOR
REVIEWING THIS MATERIAL IS BASED ON 32 YEARS OF COMBINED EXPERIENCE
IN PROVIDING OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO DETAINED US PERSONNEL, TRAINING

SPECIAL OPERATIONS PERSONNEL IN RESISTANCE TO INTERROGATION, AND DEBRIEFING HOSTAGES, PEACETIME GOVERNMENTAL DETAINEES AND PRISONERS OF WAR. WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH HOW HOSTILE COUNTRIES APPROACH INTERROGATION AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT HOW TRAINED CAPTIVES ORGANIZE THEIR RESISTANCE EFFORTS. WE ARE NOT EXPERTS IN ARAB CULTURE OR THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF AL-QA'IDA. HOWEVER, WE HAVE FOUND THAT WHILE CULTURE DOES AFFECT PERCEPTION AND BEHAVIOR, THE CARDINAL DYNAMICS OF RESISTANCE TO INTERROGATION AND EXPLOITATION ARE NOT CULTURALLY DEPENDENT. [REDACTED]

3. BACKGROUND: JUDGING FROM WHERE THE MANUAL THAT SERVED AS A PRIMARY REFERENCE FOR THIS PAPER WAS FOUND [REDACTED]

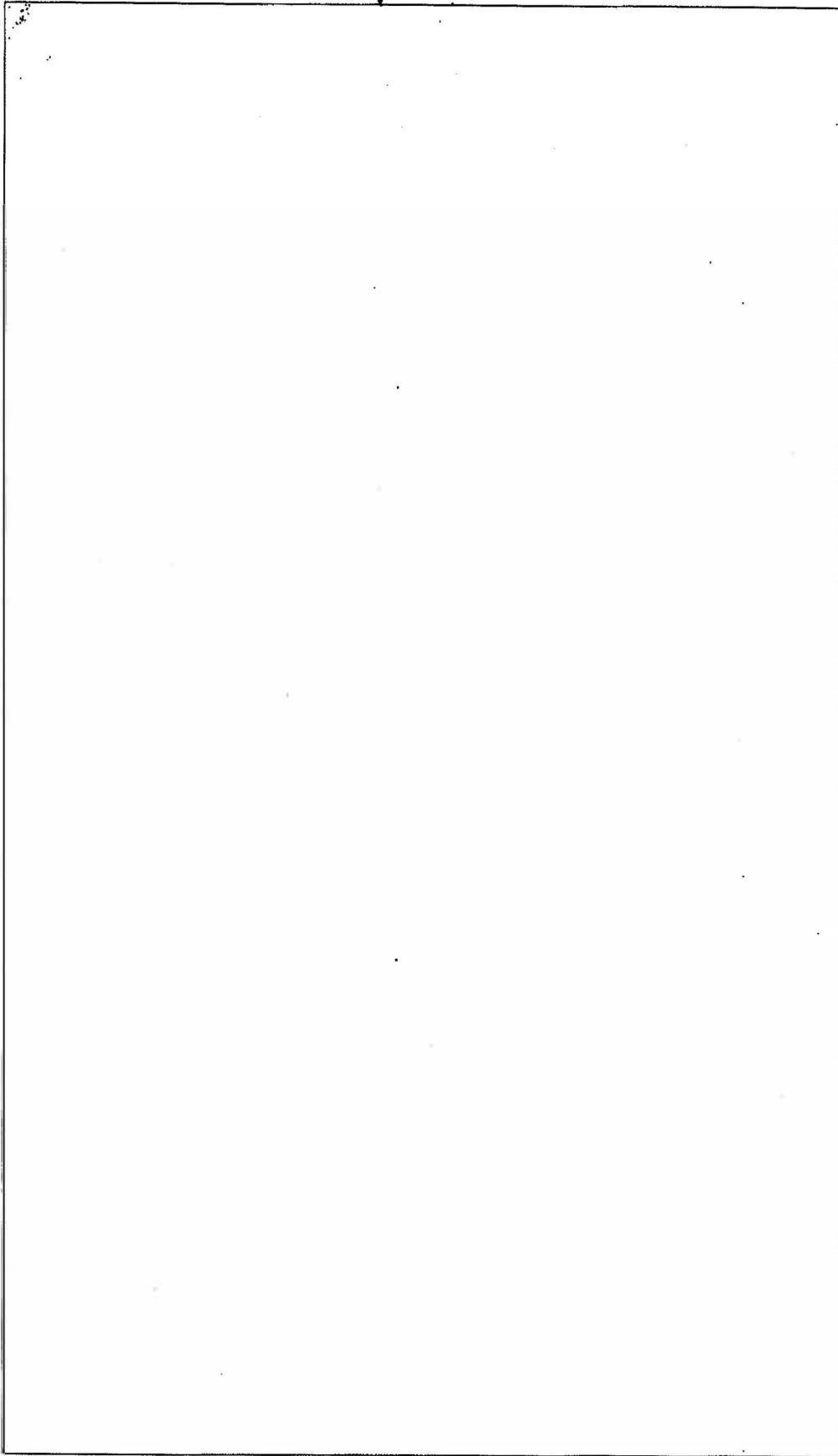
[REDACTED] THE AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVES MOST LIKELY TO EMPLOY THESE TECHNIQUES ARE [REDACTED]

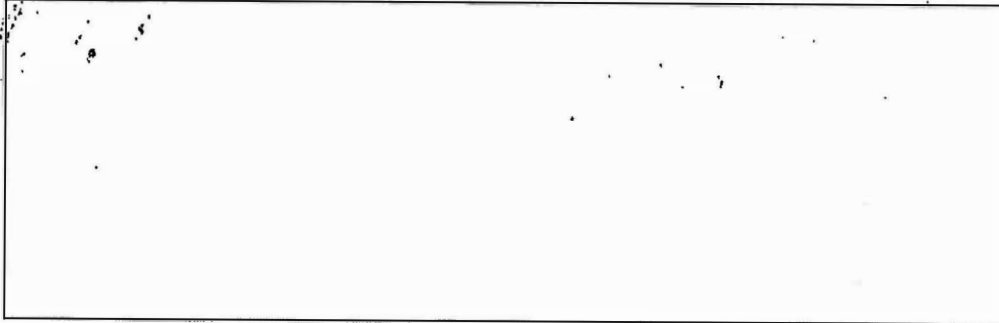
[REDACTED] THIS MANUAL DESCRIBES IN DETAIL VARIOUS RESISTANCE TECHNIQUES AND STRATEGIES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN REVIEWING THIS MATERIAL, WE HAVE TRIED TO PROVIDE MORE THAN SIMPLY A STATIC DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE MANUAL SAYS. WE HAVE PLACED THE MATERIAL WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF HOW OTHERS HAVE HISTORICALLY EMPLOYED THESE RESISTANCE TECHNIQUES.

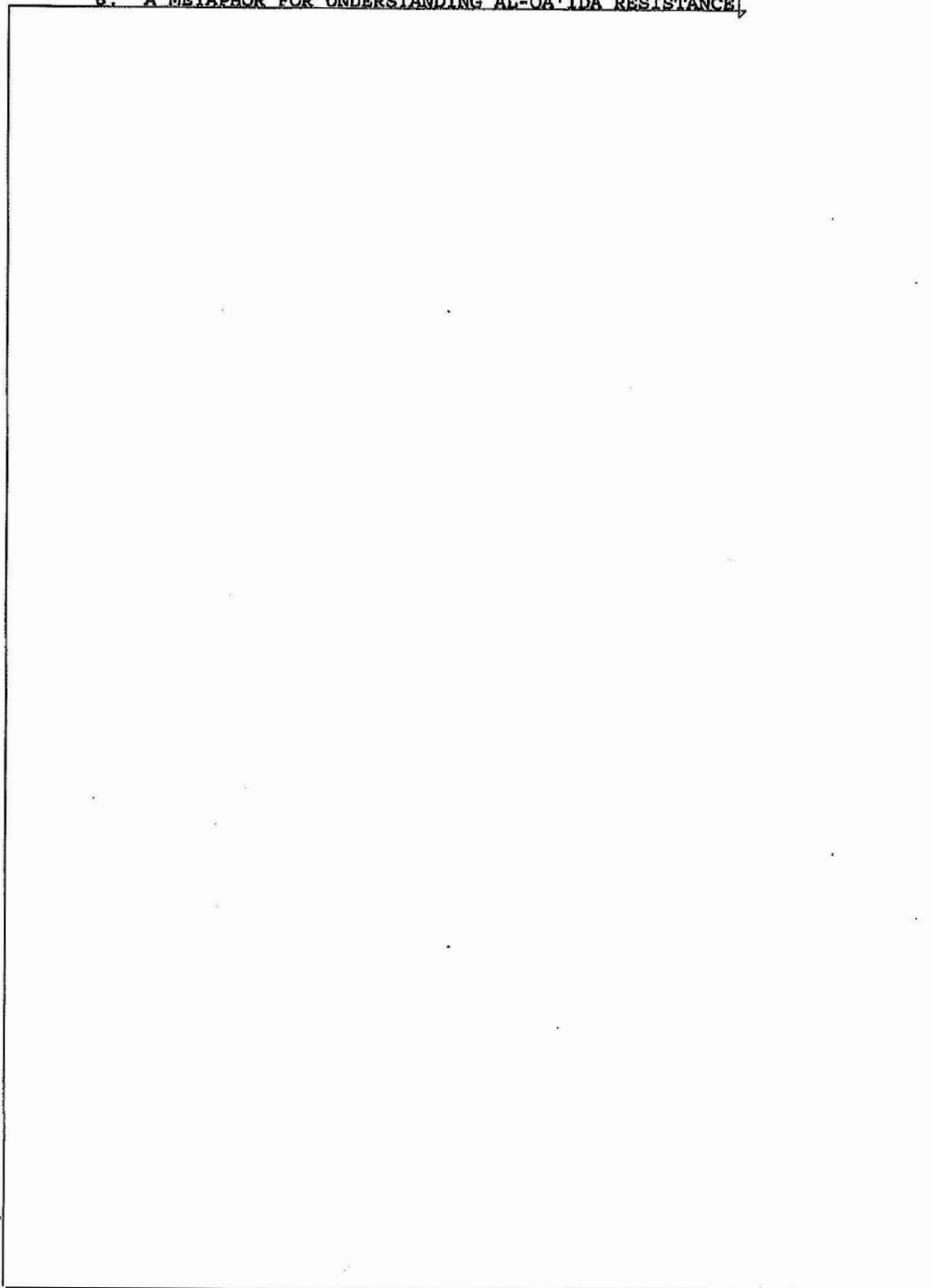
4. IT IS APPARENT FROM READING THE [REDACTED] MANUAL THAT THE THRUST OF THE RESISTANCE TRAINING PROVIDED TO OPERATIVES IN SPECIAL TERRORIST CELLS FOCUSES ON PREPARATION FOR CAPTURE IN COUNTRIES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE TEXT IN THESE DOCUMENTS CONVERGE TO INSTRUCT CAPTIVES TO STICK TO A PREPLANNED COVER STORY DURING INTERROGATION, REQUEST LEGAL COUNSEL, COMPLAIN ABOUT TREATMENT AND CONDITIONS, ASK FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, AND THEN REPORT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TORTURED AND MISTREATED REGARDLESS OF ACTUAL EVENTS. IN TOTAL, THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENTS REVEALS THAT A SOPHISTICATED LEVEL OF RESISTANCE TRAINING IS AVAILABLE TO HIGH-RISK AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVES.





8. A METAPHOR FOR UNDERSTANDING AL-QA'IDA RESISTANCE,



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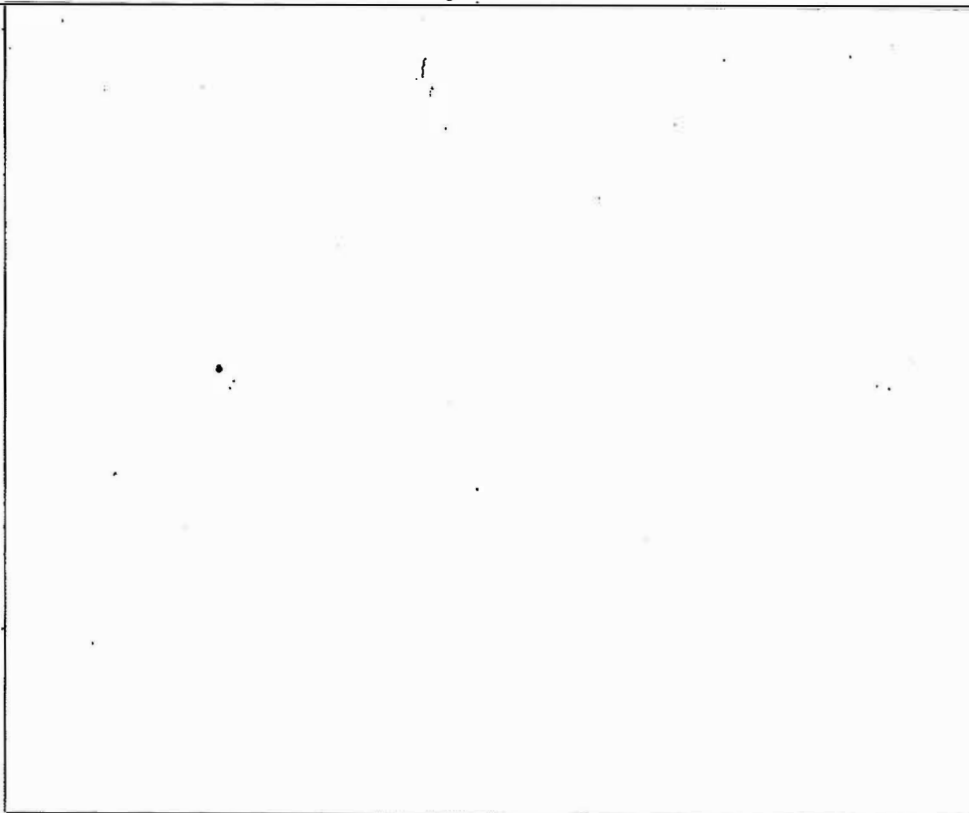
12. THE AL-QA'IDA TRAINING MANUAL ASSERTS THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE RESISTANCE TECHNIQUES CAN RENDER A CAPTOR'S USE OF COERCION LESS EFFECTIVE. [REDACTED]

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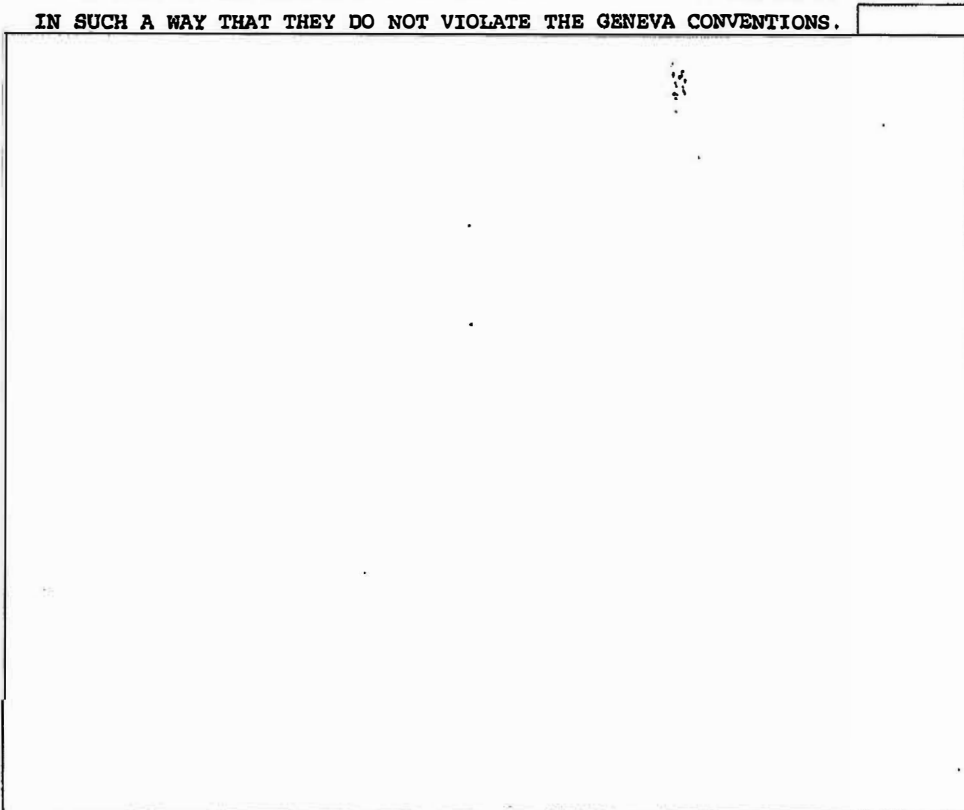
13. WE CHOOSE TO USE THIS METAPHOR NOT TO IMPLY THAT TRAINED AL-QA'IDA OPERATIVES THINK OF RESISTANCE IN TERMS OF CIRCLES, BUT RATHER TO ILLUSTRATE THAT USE OF THE CIRCLE CONCEPT IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF THINKING ABOUT RESISTANCE BEHAVIOR. THIS METAPHOR CAN HELP MAKE SENSE OUT OF A COMPLEX AND DYNAMIC SITUATION WHERE SOPHISTICATED FORMS OF RESISTANCE CAN BE OBSCURED.

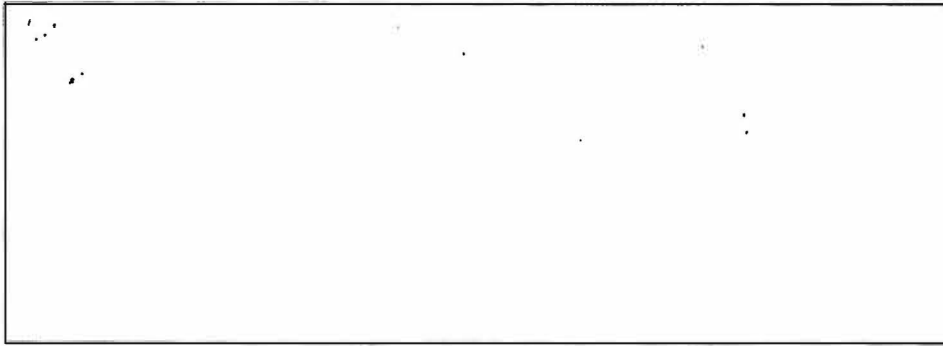
14. A WORD ABOUT RESISTANCE POSTURE: RESISTANCE TECHNIQUES ARE NOT USED IN ISOLATION. THEY ARE WOVEN INTO A CONSISTENT WAY OF ACTING THAT BLENDS RESISTANCE TACTICS WITH THE DEMEANOR THEY PRESENT TO THE CAPTOR. THIS IS CALLED A RESISTANCE POSTURE. A GOOD RESISTANCE POSTURE IS A CONSISTENT, PERSISTENT, APPARENTLY LOGICAL WAY OF ACTING THAT ENABLES THE CAPTIVE TO APPEAR UNATTRACTIVE AS A SOURCE OF EXPLOITATION.

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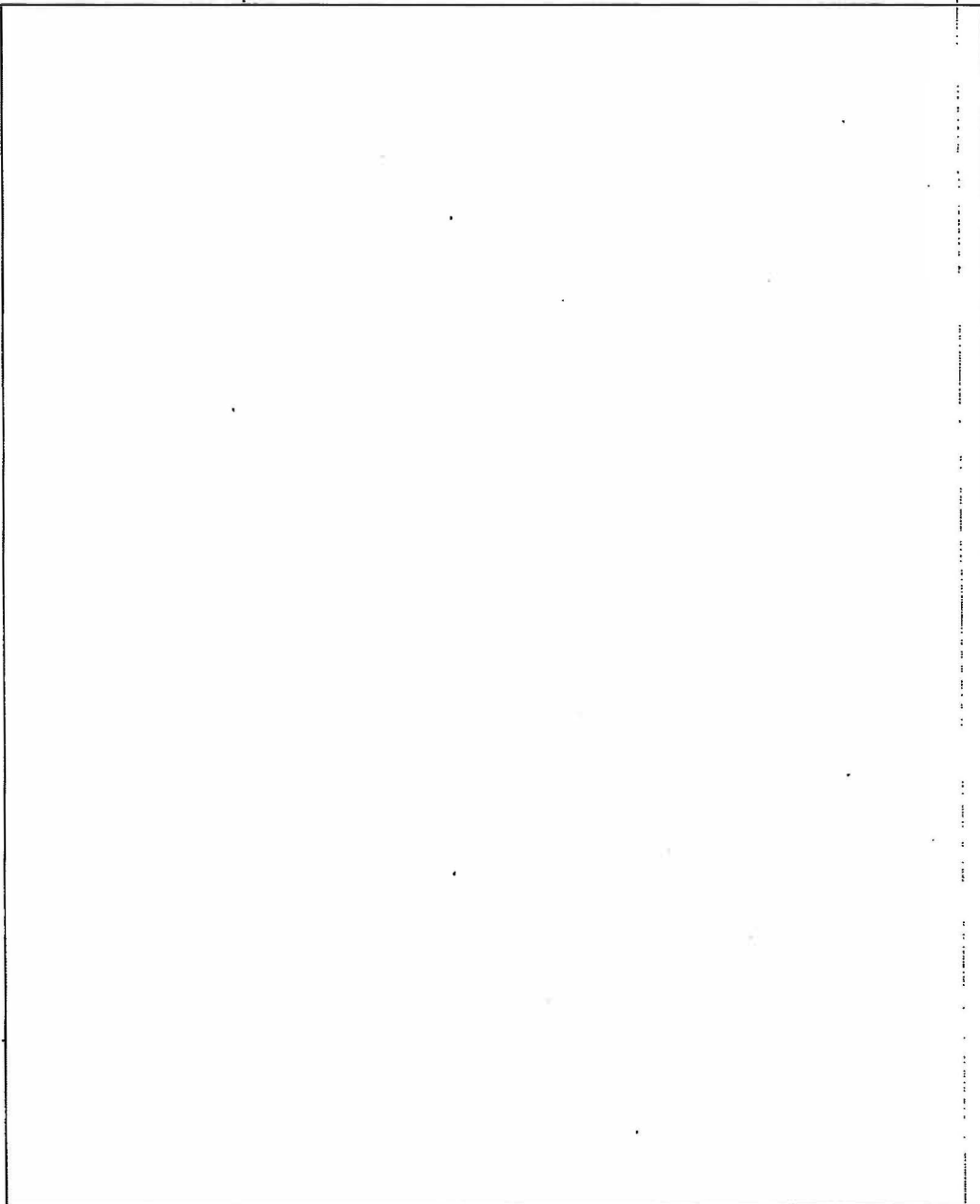


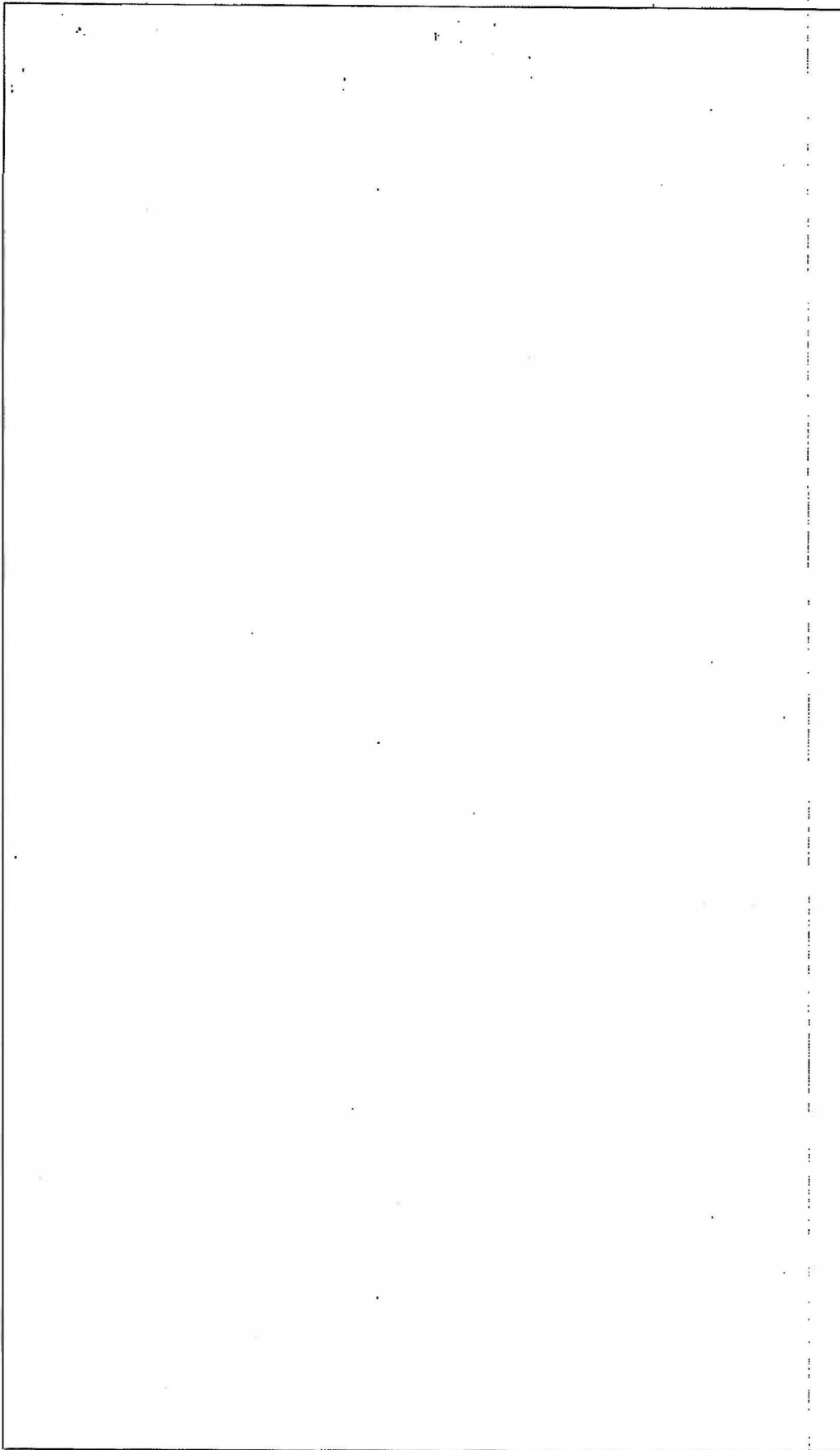
17. COUNTERMEASURES: THE POINT OF USING COUNTERMEASURES IS TO DISTRACT CAPTIVES FROM THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE INTERROGATION, LEAD THEM TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS FUTILE TO CONTINUE RESISTING, OR GRADUALLY SHAPE COMPLIANCE. SKILLFULLY CRAFTED COUNTERMEASURES CAN BE DEVELOPED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY DO NOT VIOLATE THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.

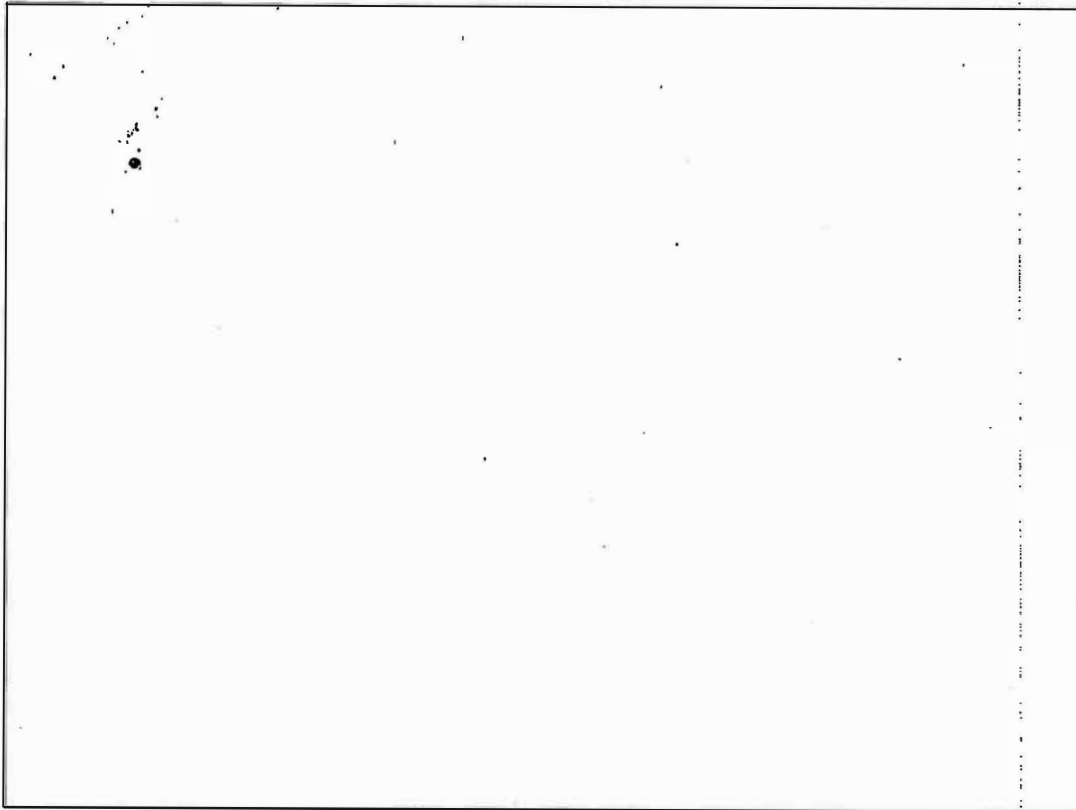




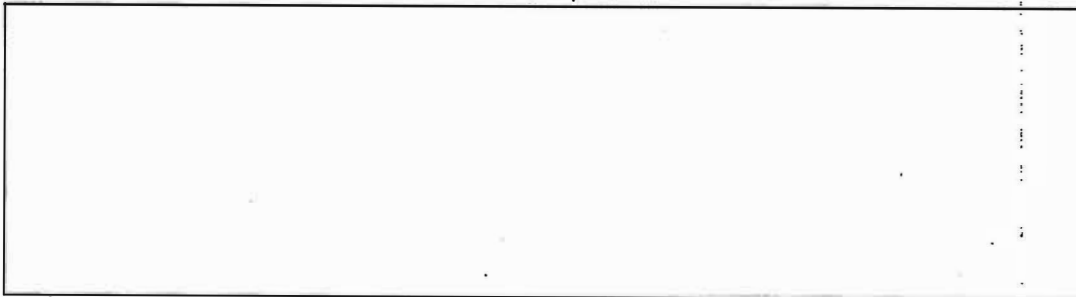
18. CRAFTING COUNTERMEASURES: EMPLOYING COUNTERMEASURES IS A DYNAMIC PROCESS. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE IN THIS PAPER TO PROVIDE A DETAILED COOKBOOK. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING WILL PROVIDE A FLAVOR FOR HOW THIS MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED.







20. OTS/OAD WELCOMES COMMENTS AND STANDS READY TO ASSIST.



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