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Deaths of Detainees Under US Military Control

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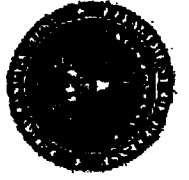
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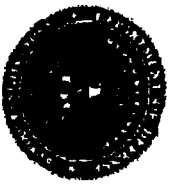
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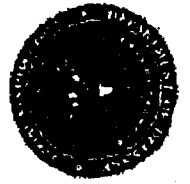
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04-357	1 suspected heart attack	Yes; results pending	
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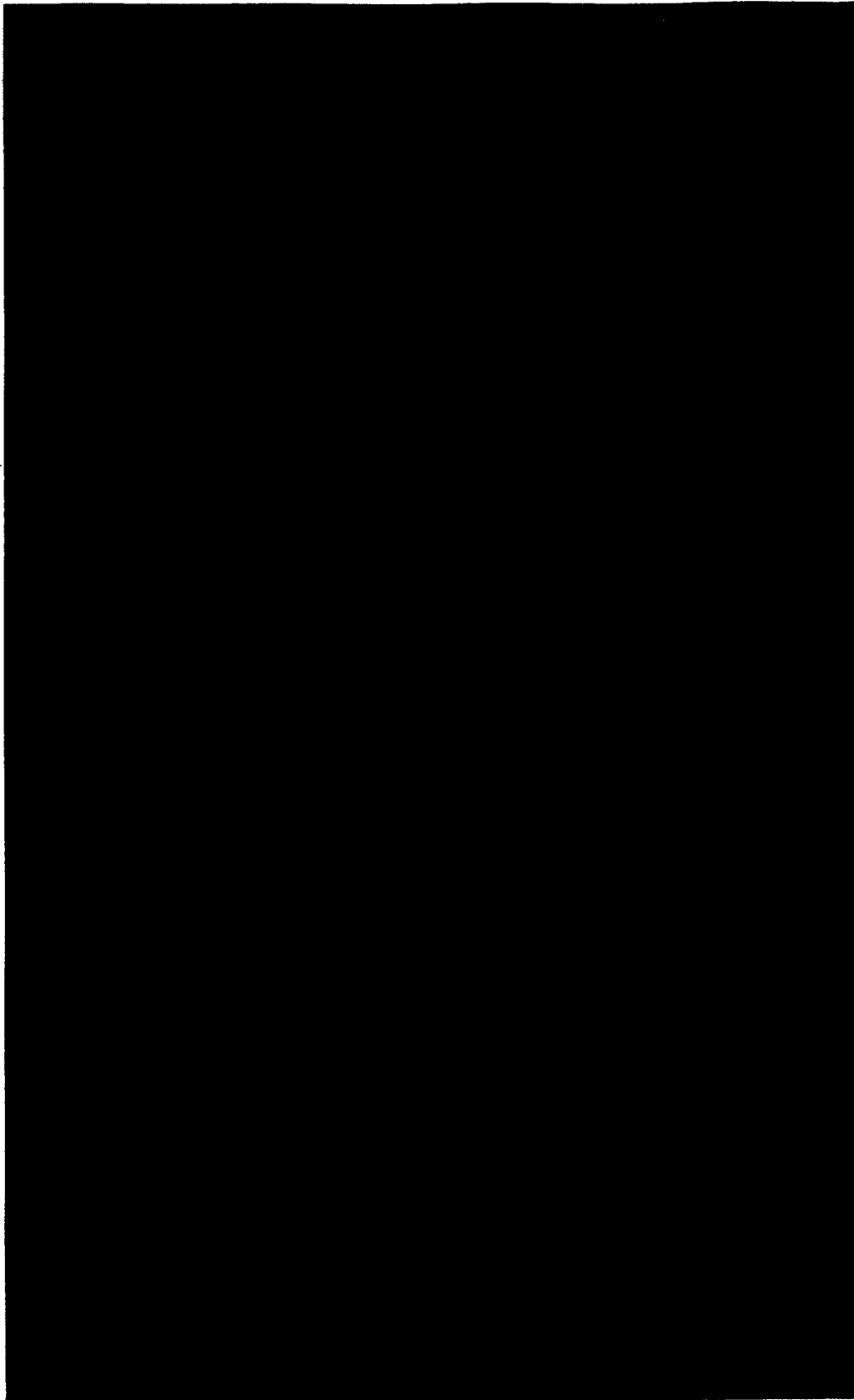
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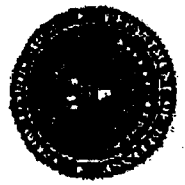
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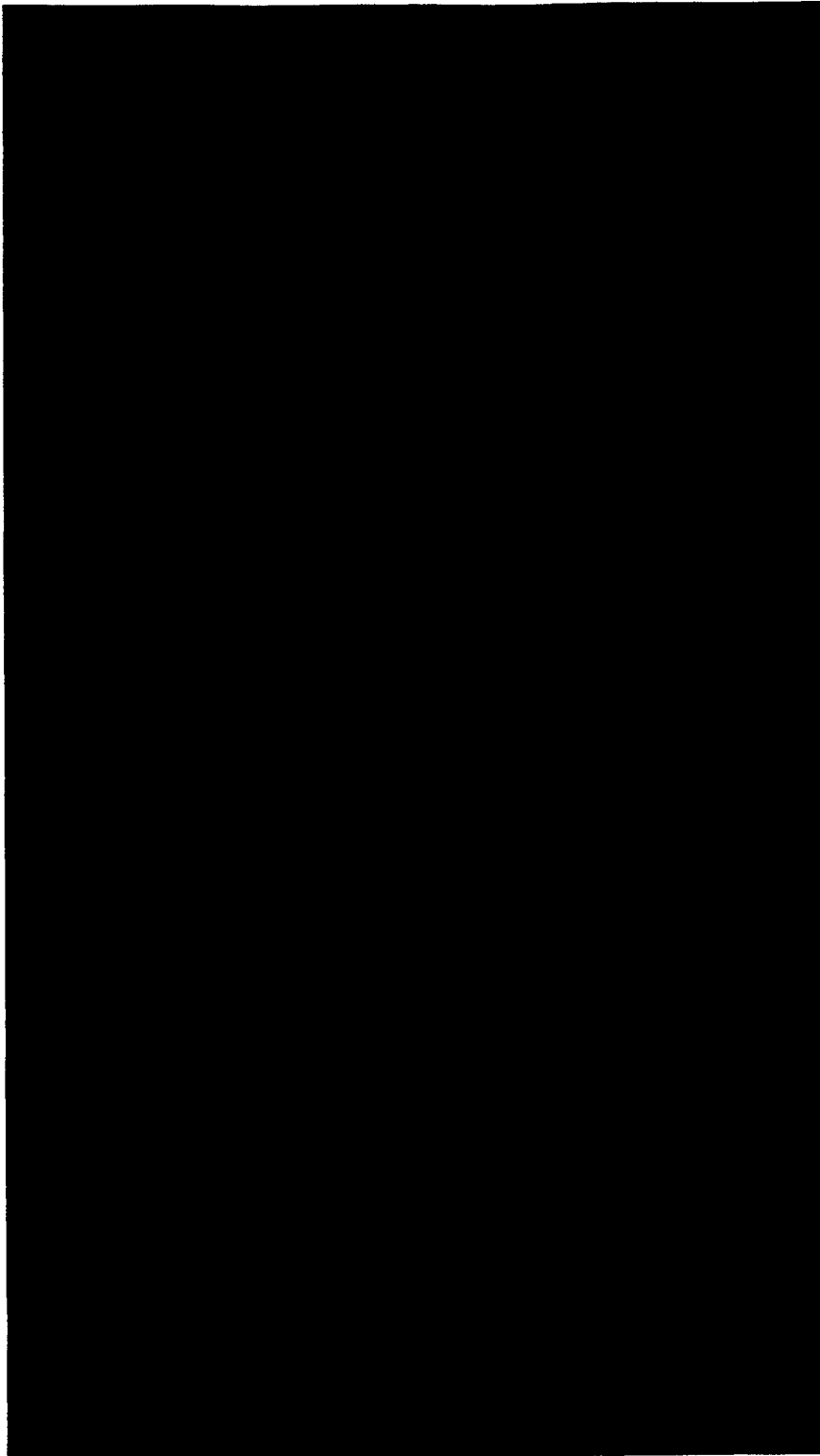


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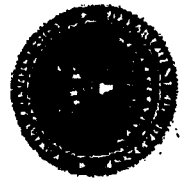




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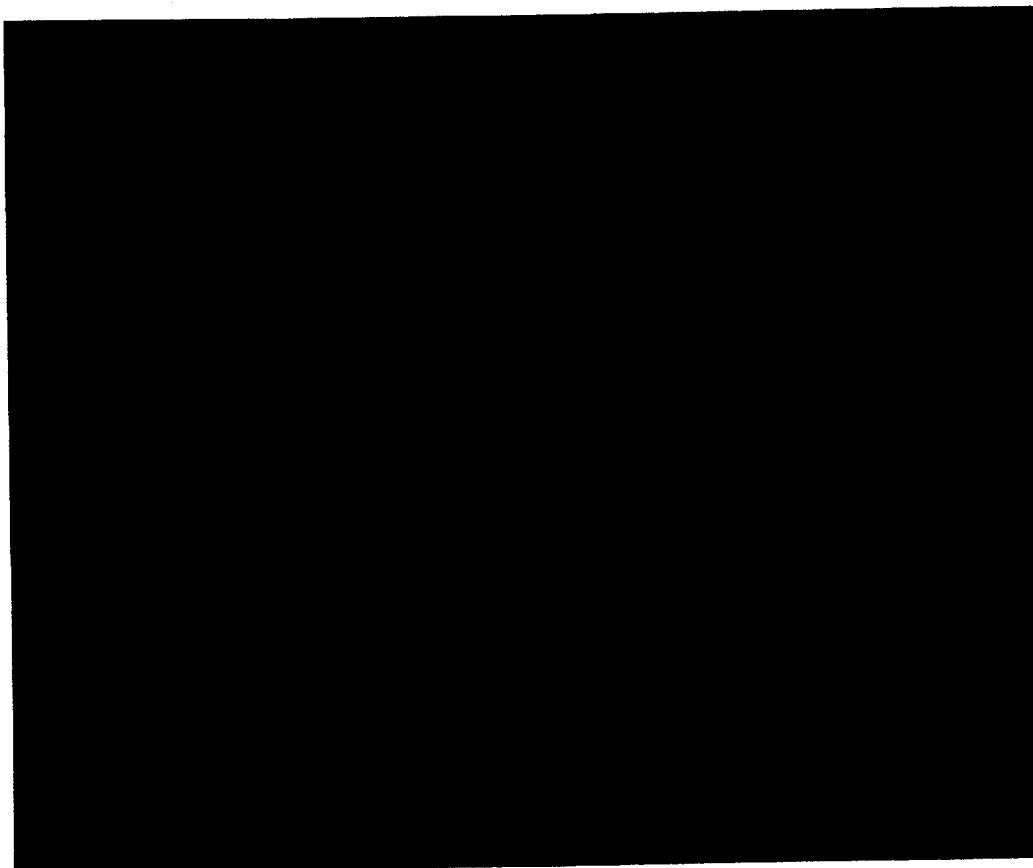


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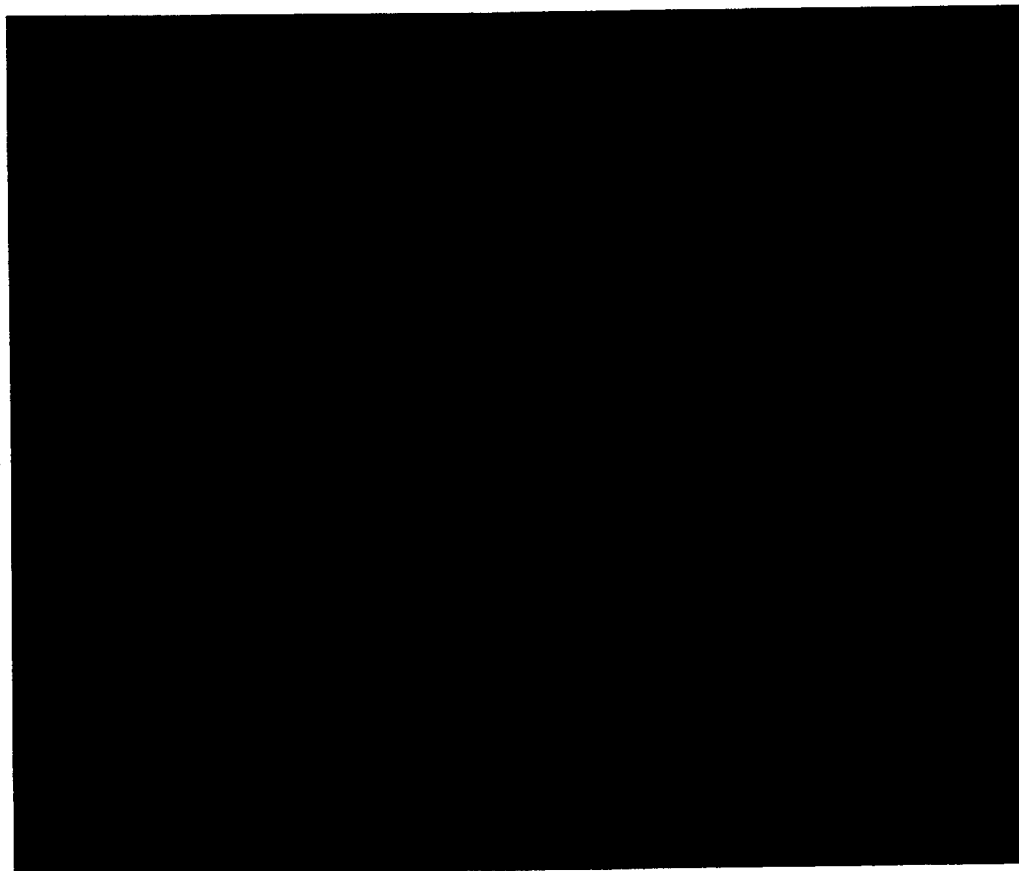
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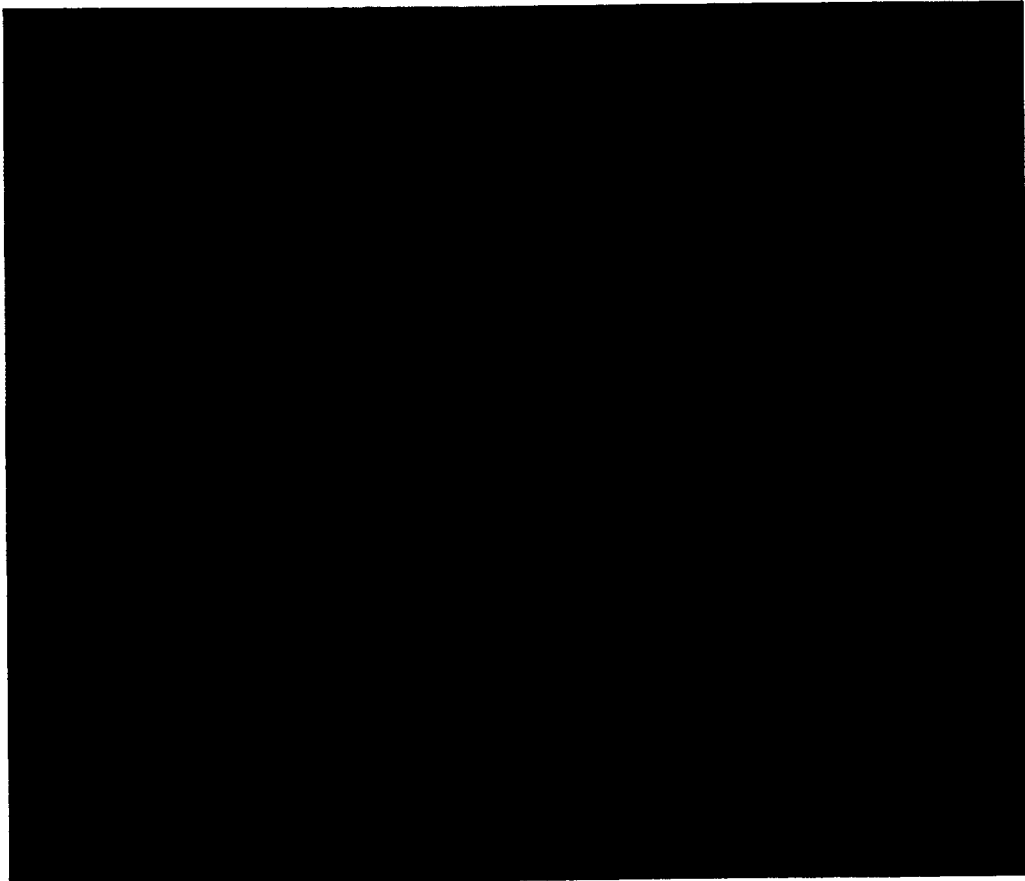
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Afghanistan

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 - autopsies completed; all ruled by Medical Examiner as homicides
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 - no autopsy done

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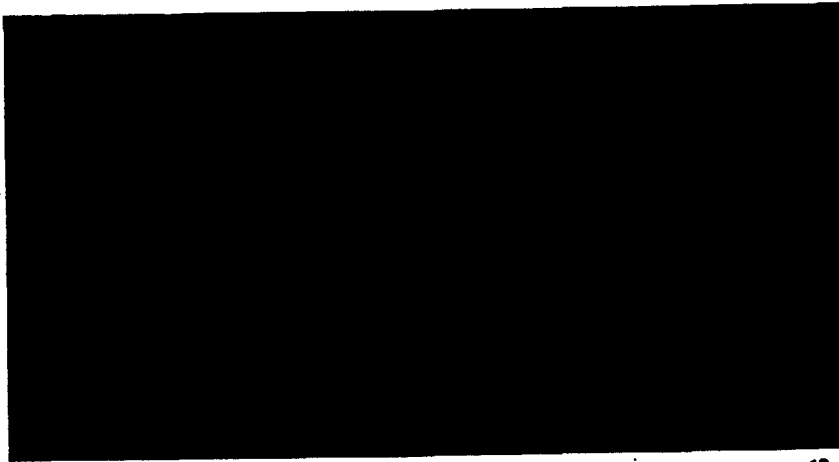
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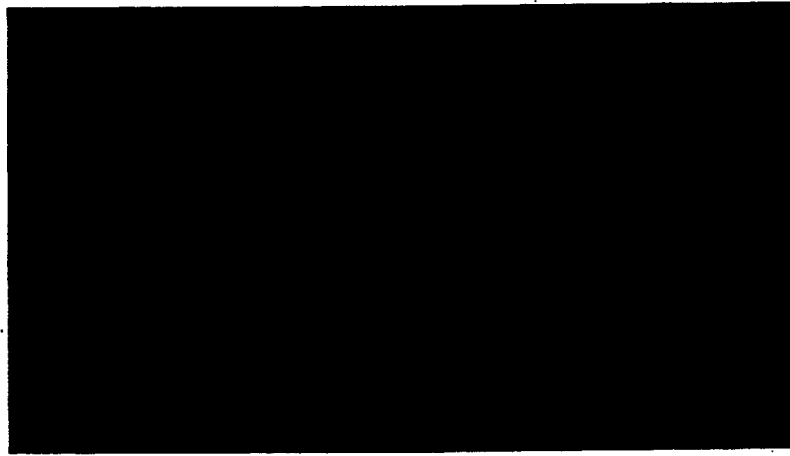


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