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**TREATMENT OF DETAINEES IN GUANTANAMO**

**Q: Is there daylight between the State Department and the Administration on the classification of the detainees -- POWs or illegal combatants? What are the legal differences between the two? How does the Geneva Convention apply to both POWs and illegal combatants?**

**-- THE LEGAL STATUS OF DETAINEES IS CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION.**

**-- WHATEVER THE LEGAL STATUS OF DETAINEES, THE INDIVIDUALS BEING DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO ARE BEING TREATED HUMANELY CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.**

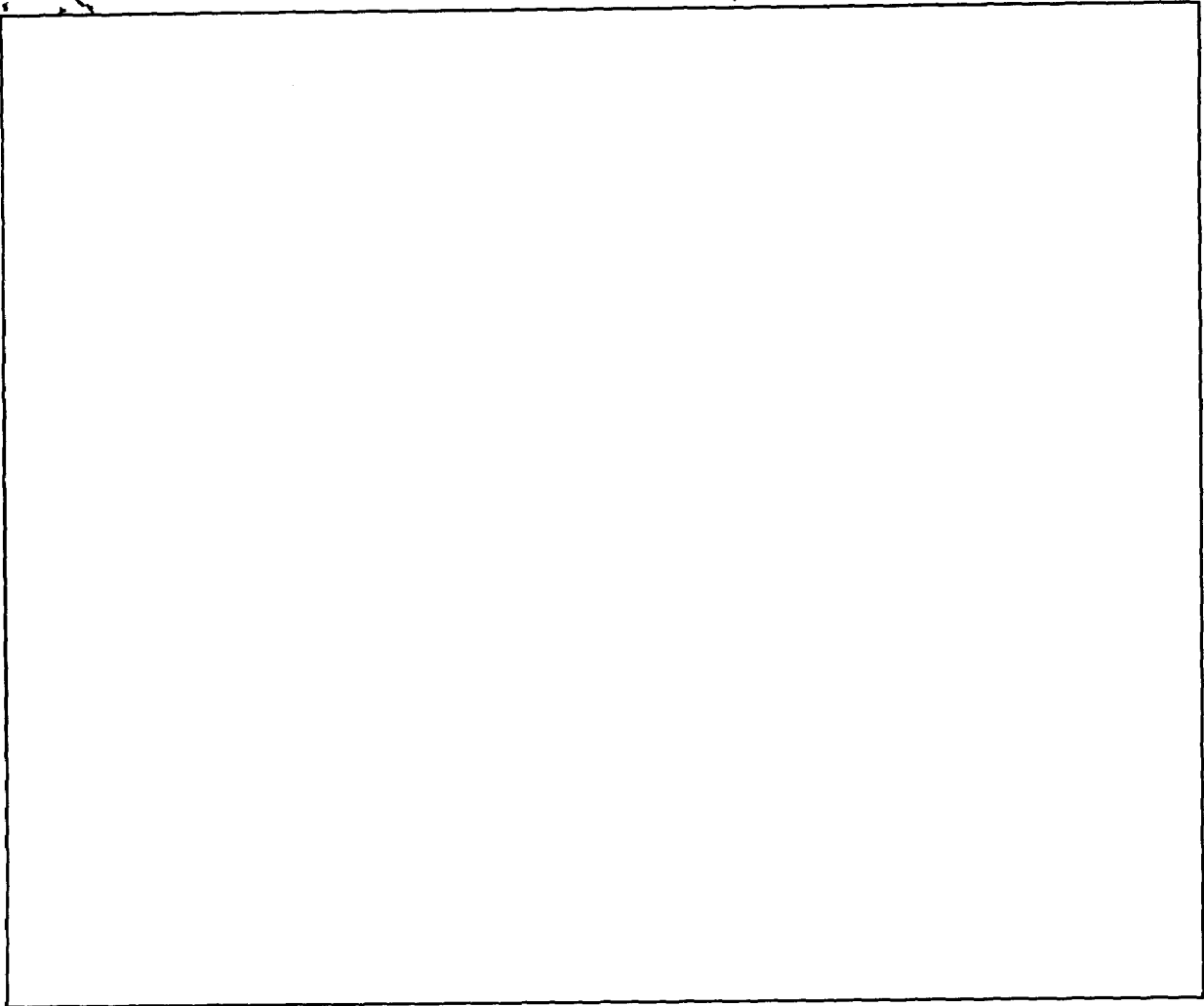
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