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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

CM-1736-77
16 December 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Subject: Presidential Tasking/Questions

This responds to the President's questions at the 28 November 1977 discussions of IVORY ITEM and associated [redacted]

[redacted] The attached draft is recommended for your response to the President.

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George S. Brown
GEORGE S. BROWN, General, USAF
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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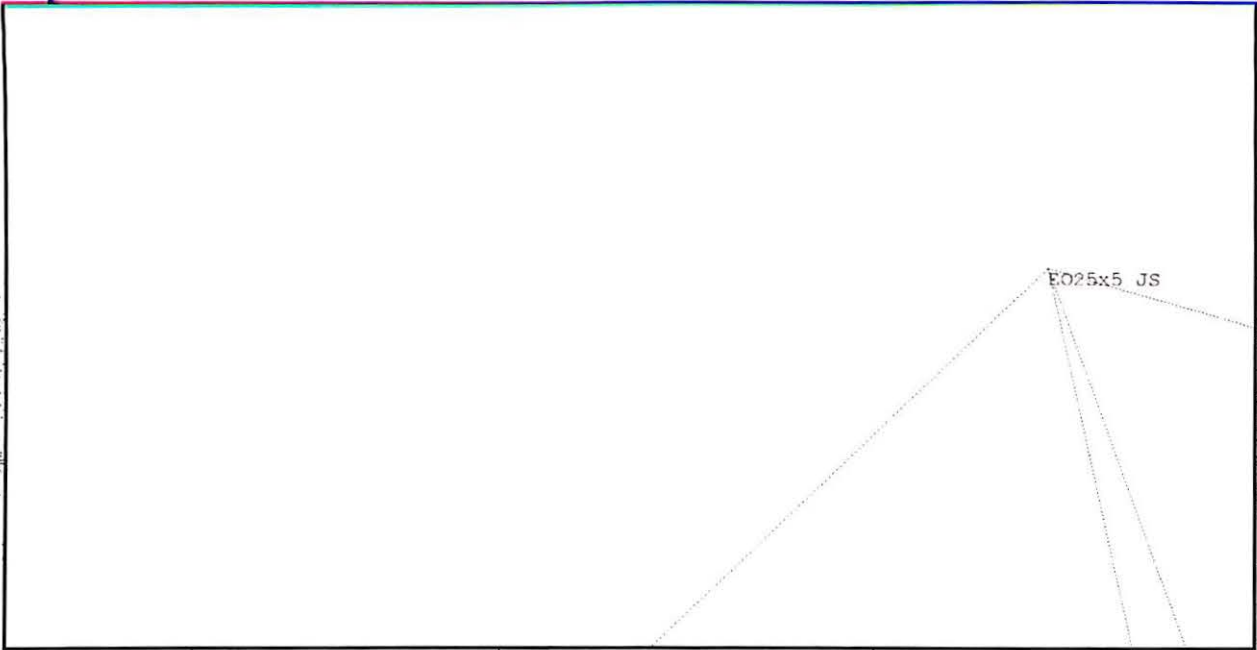
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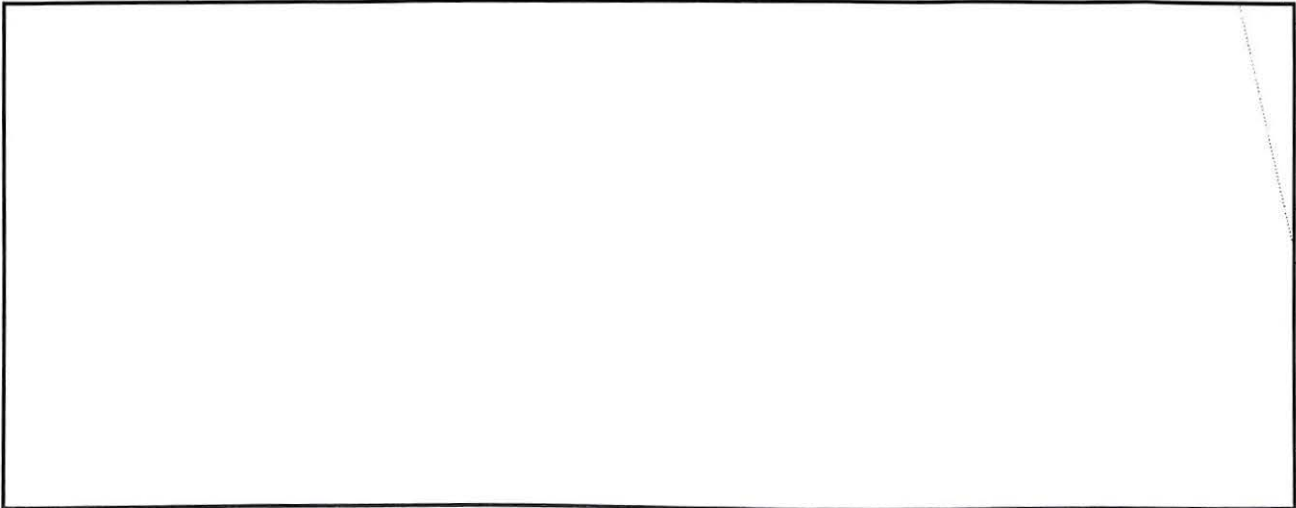
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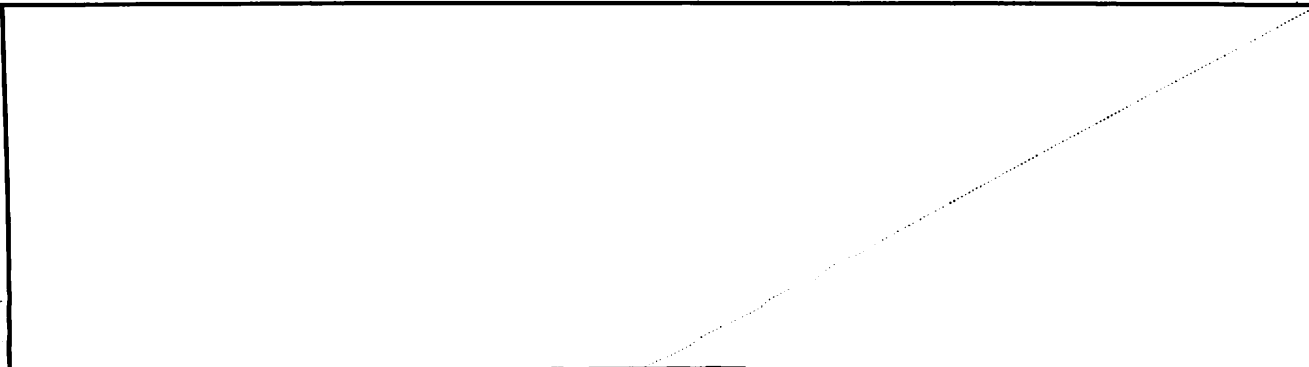
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Joint Chiefs of Staff

15 December 1977

MEMO TO: GENERAL BROWN

THROUGH: LT GENERAL SMITH *S*

Subj: Presidential Tasking/
Questions of 28 Nov 77

1. Attached is memo for your signature and clean draft memo for the President, redone per your instructions. General Ellis read the contents of the Bomber Recall paragraph personally over the phone to MG O'Malley. Words changed but not the substance.
2. Recommend sign memo forwarding draft to SECDEF.

COLONEL FREDERICK

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TO	NAME	INITIAL	REMARKS
	CHAIRMAN, JCS	00	12 December 1977
3	EXECUTIVE <i>14 Dec</i>	02	1. ACTION - CM.
2	THE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN	01	2. J-3 provides draft response to President's questions at 28 November discussions on IVORY ITEM and [redacted] CM forwards draft response to SECDEF for his approval and signature. I believe the draft response is a good one with the exception of the use of the word "excessive" at the BLUE.TAB. That word presupposes the outcome of the current examination of the [redacted]
4	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04	
	CHAIRMAN'S STAFF GROUP AIR FORCE MBR	01B	
1a	CHAIRMAN'S STAFF GROUP NAVY MBR	01C	
	CHAIRMAN'S STAFF GROUP MARINE MBR	01D	
1	CHAIRMAN'S STAFF GROUP ARMY MBR	01E	[redacted] I recommend "excessive" be changed to "high".
	LEGAL ADVISOR AND LEGISLATIVE ASST	01F	
	SPECIAL ASSISTANT (SPEECHES)	01G	3. With above change to draft, I recommend you sign forwarding CM.
	MARINE AIDE	05	
	ARMY AIDE	06	
	<i>Final 16 Dec 77</i>		
	<i>General Brown</i>		<i>General Brown -</i>
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TO: CJCS	CLASSIFICATION TOP SECRET	FOR USE BY ORIGINATING DIRECTORATE J3M 2458 1977 19 DEC 1977					
THRU: DJS	<i>J. J. Harms</i>	DJSM NO.		ODJS SUSPENSE DATE			
		DJSM DATE					
SUBJECT: Presidential Tasking/Questions of 28 November 1977		ACTION					
		APPROVAL	SIGNATURE	INFORMATION	OTHER		
			X				
REMARKS Facing memorandum forwards to the Secretary of Defense a proposed draft memorandum to the President addressing his tasking/questions from your meeting at the White House on Monday, 28 November 1977.							
ACTION OFFICER J.H. VERDERY Maj, USAF Ch SIOP Sec NWSB 79053 DATE OF PREPARATION 30 Nov 77		COORDINATION/APPROVAL					
		OFFICE	NAME	EXTENSION	OFFICE	NAME	EXTENSION
		J-3	<i>O'Malley</i>				
			<i>W. King</i>				

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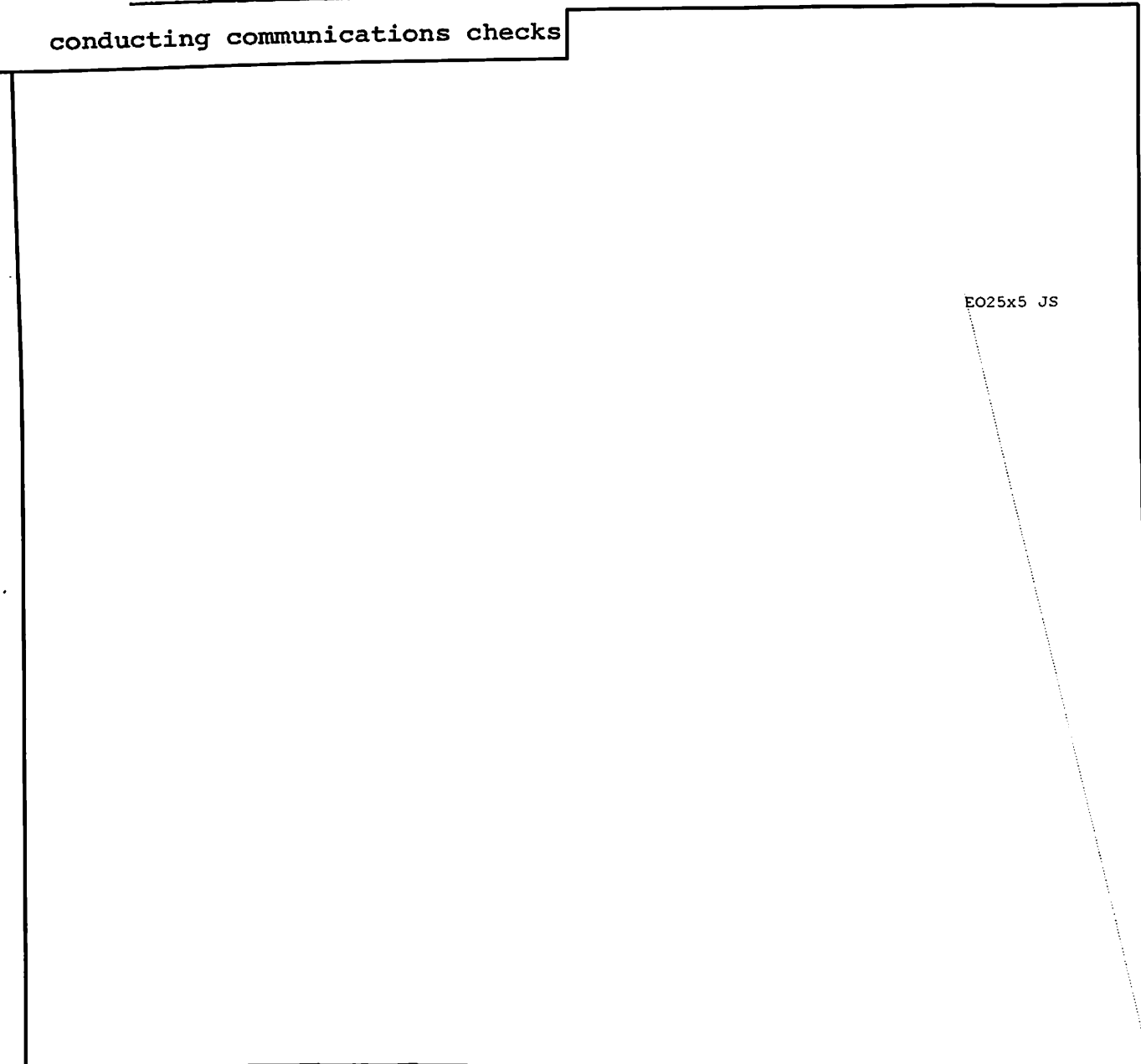
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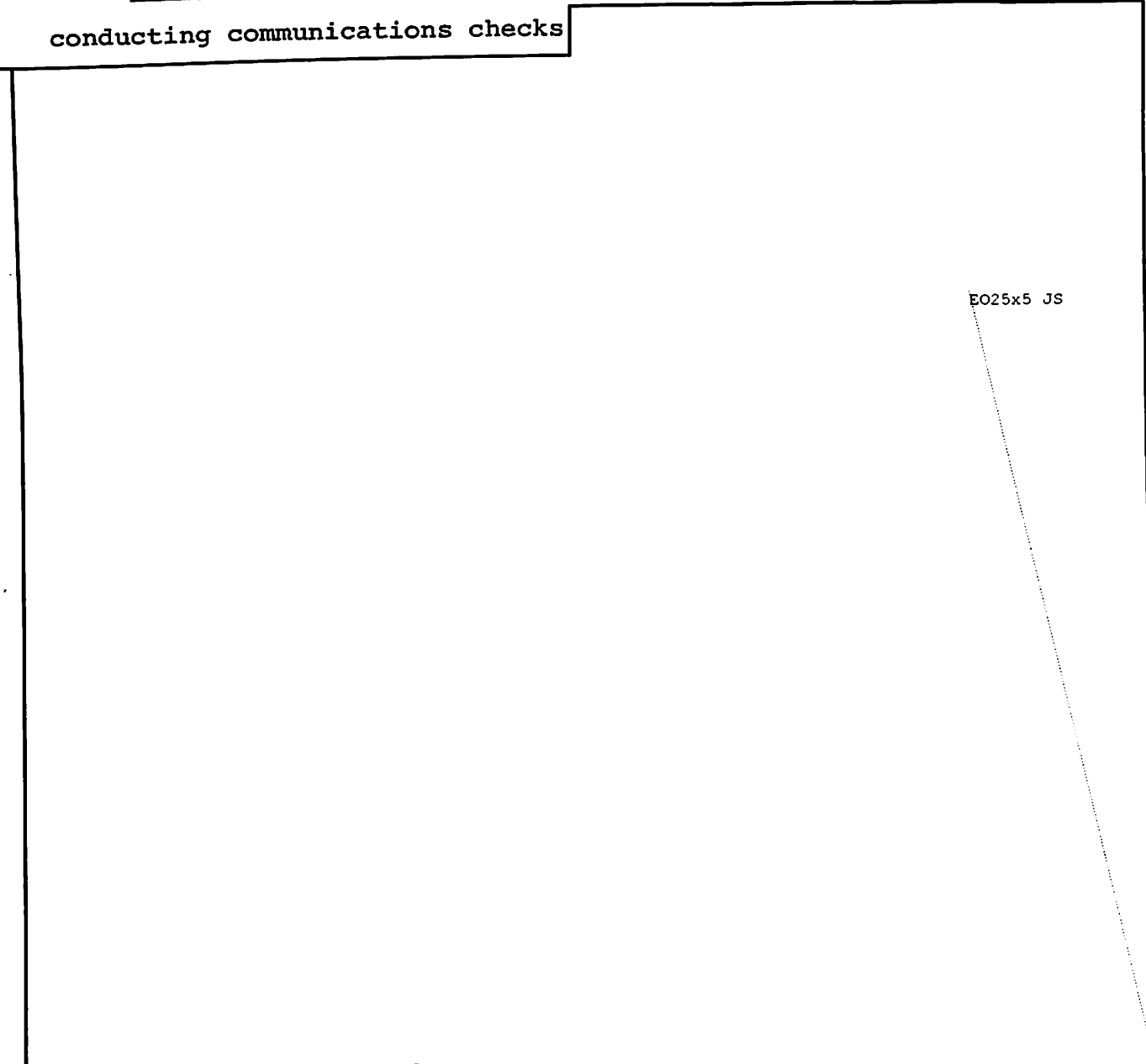
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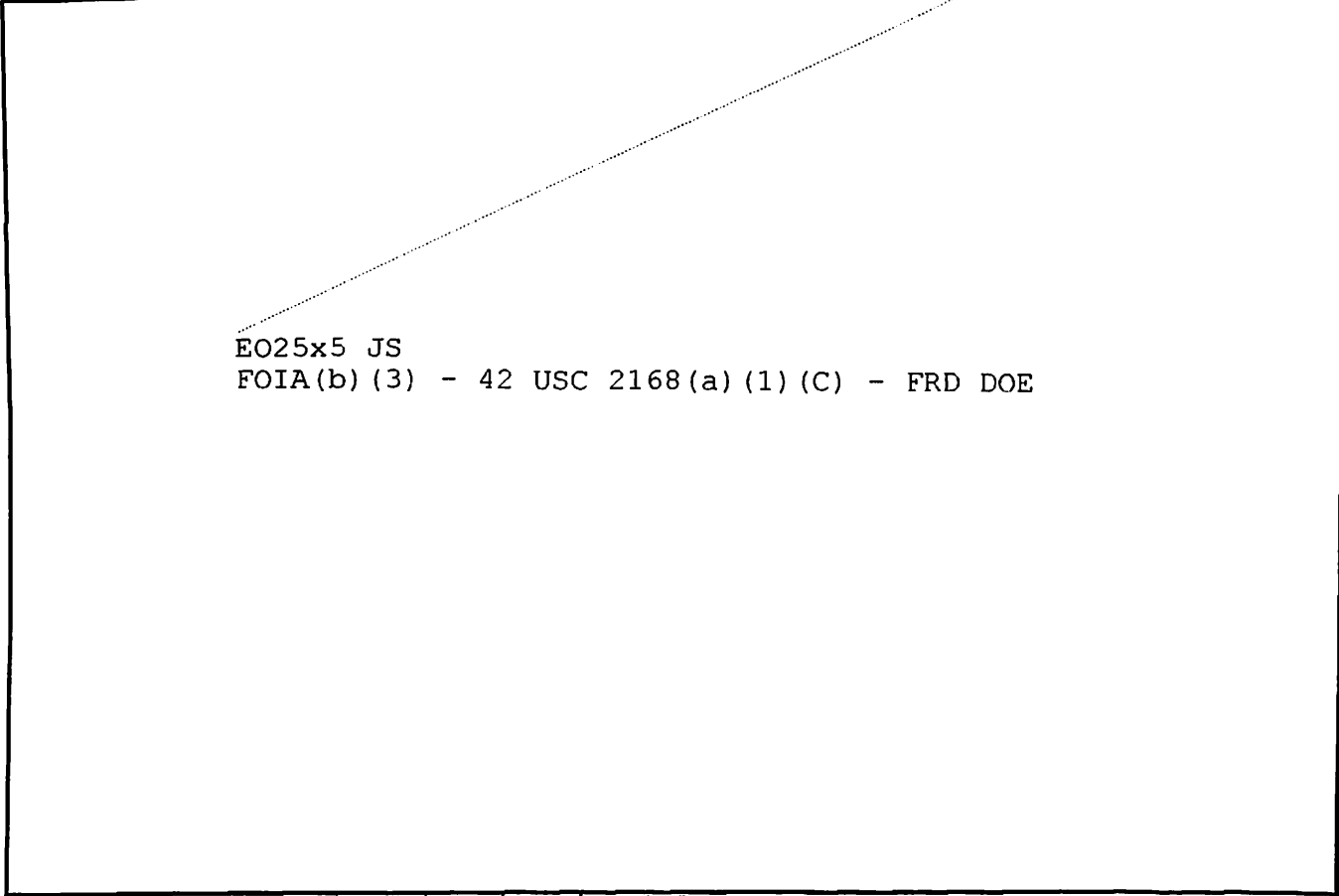
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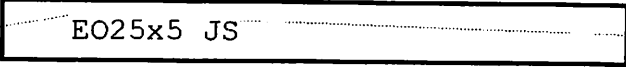

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