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INTRODUCTION

The Senate at its sitting on Thursday, 26th February, 2015, read the Bill for an Act to establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office which shall provide the National Assembly with objective, timely and non-partisan analysis needed for economic and budget decisions and other related matters 2015 (SB. 15) the second time and referred same to the Committees on Appropriations; and Establishment and Public Service for further legislative action.

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2.	Senator Sonni O. Ogbuoji	-	Vice Chairman
3.	Senator Hayatu B. Gwarzo	-	Member
4.	Senator Ahmad Rufa'i Sani	-	"
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6.	Senator Odion M. Ugbesia	-	"
7.	Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume	-	"
8.	Senator Ita Solomon Enang	-	"
9.	Senator Ayoade Ademola Adeseun-		"
10.	Senator Mudashiru O. Husain	-	"
11.	Senator Babayo G. Garba	-	"
12.	Senator Atai Aidoko Ali	-	"
13.	Senator Shem Zagbayi Nuhu	-	"

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6.	Senator Abubakar T. Umar	-	"
7.	Senator Ifeanyi Okowa	-	"
8.	Senator Mohammed S. Saleh	-	"
9.	Senator Christopher Nwankwo	-	"

BRIEF BACKGROUND TO THE BILL

This bill was fully processed by both Houses of the National Assembly in the 6th Assembly and accordingly sent to Mr. President for his assent. Unfortunately, the Bill was not assented to, and was brought back to the National Assembly.

The Bill is important to the work of the Appropriations Committees and Finance Committees of both Houses and other Committees in that it will provide them with the essential non-partisan budgetary information needed to process national budgets as opposed to the current situation where the only source of information on the statistics of our budget is from the executive.

It is worthy of note to mention that the Bill which was again passed by the House of Representatives as HB.454 and brought to the Senate for concurrence, had a similar Bill SB.15 originating from the Senate. Both Bills were, however, referred to the Committee.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, it is important to note for the purpose of this report that the Appropriations Committee has had several retreats and meetings with civil society organisations and interest groups that support informed legislation and have also been in the forefront of encouraging the National Assembly to remain a non-rubberstamp legislature. Some of the strategic meetings have been with the House of Representatives Committee on Legislative Budget and has actually informed the identity of the provisions of the bill in both the Senate and the House.

The Appropriations Committee shared its perspectives, experiences and conclusions on the provisions of the bill with the Committee on Establishment and Public Service while deciding on the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

Having been part of the processing of this bill from its raw stage , and having taken into account the contributions of members in the debate of the general principles of this bill, the Committee hereby recommends that the provisions of the bill as retained be adopted and processed for the assent of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in line with the Acts Authentication Act.

CONCLUSION

On behalf of the Committee, I thank you for the opportunity of being part of the processing of this important bill, and urge that the bill be expeditiously processed to avoid the unfortunate fate that befell it in the last Assembly.



Senator Ahmad Maccido

Chairman,
Senate Committee on Appropriations



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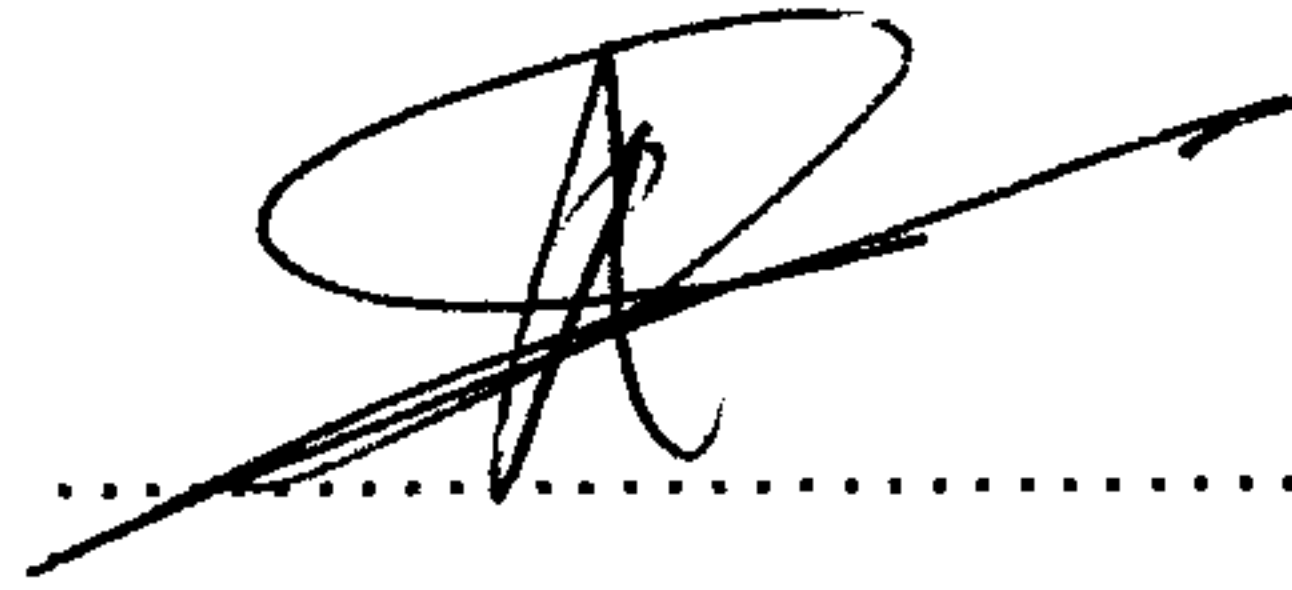


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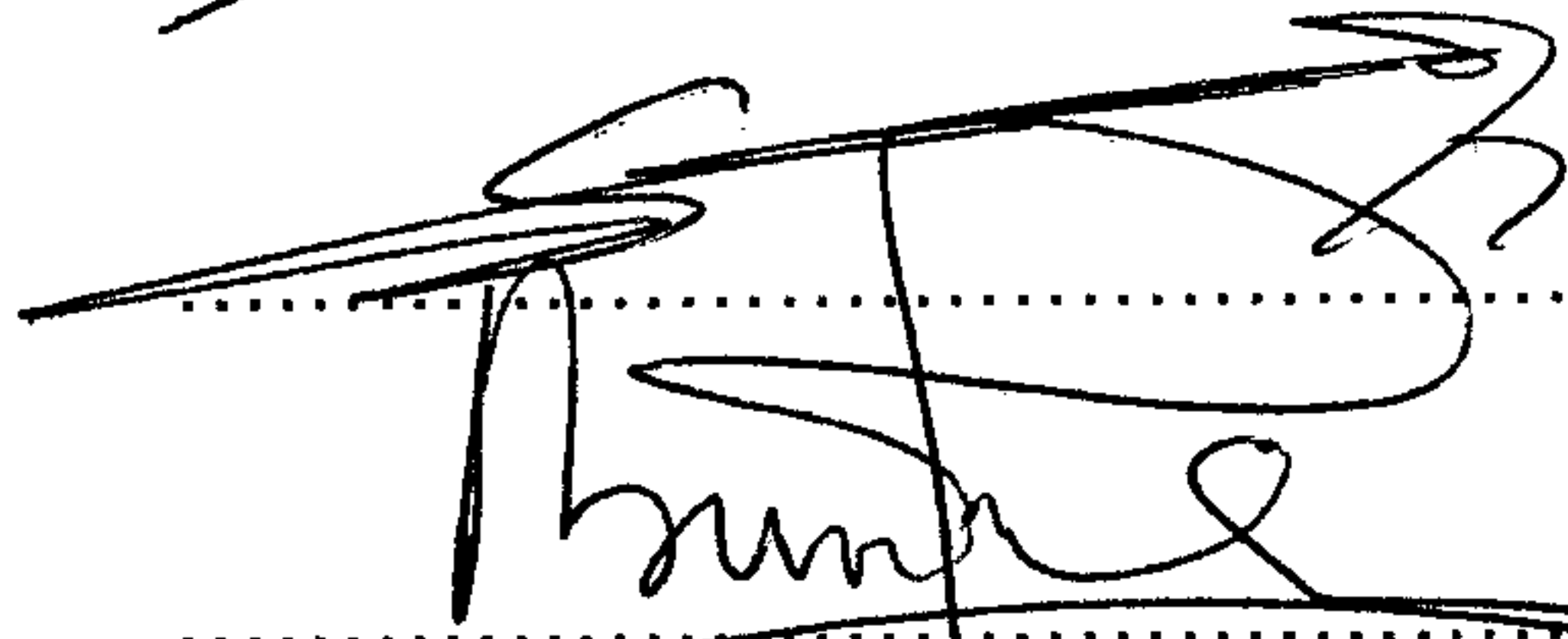
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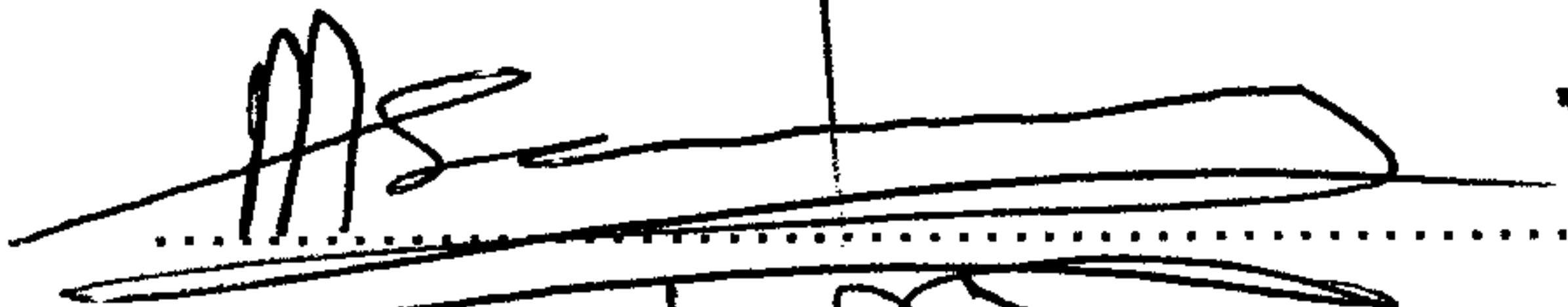
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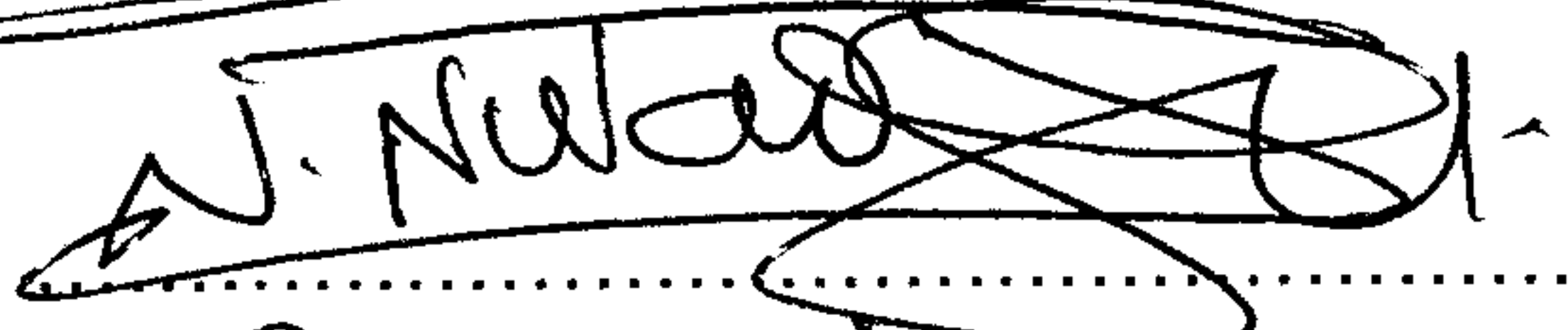
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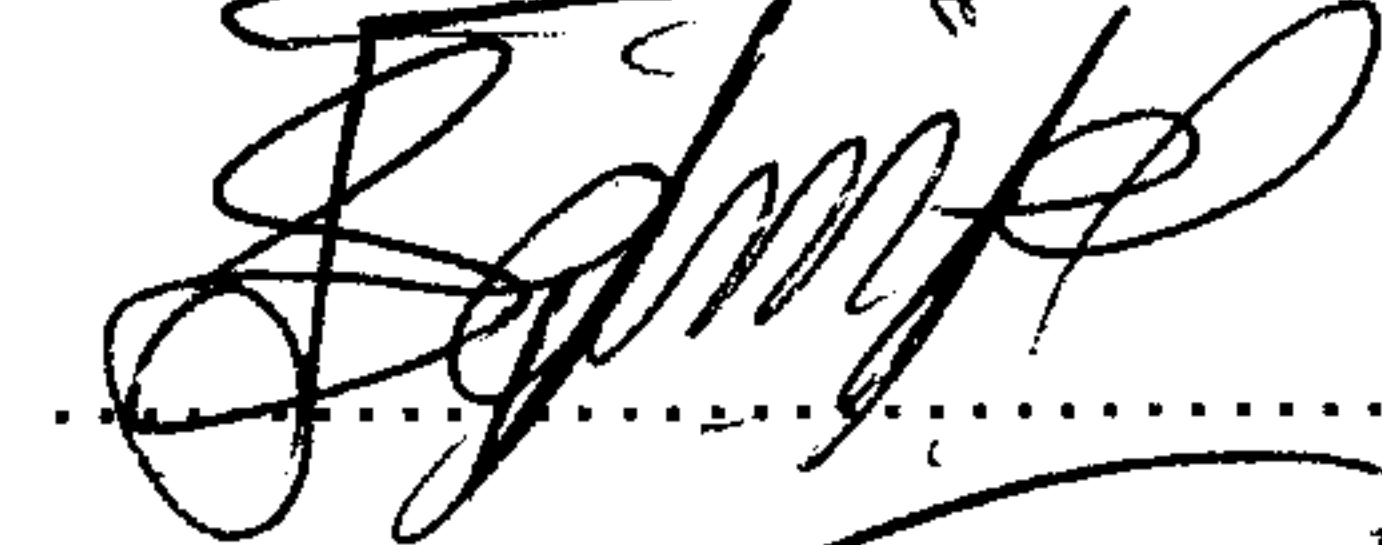
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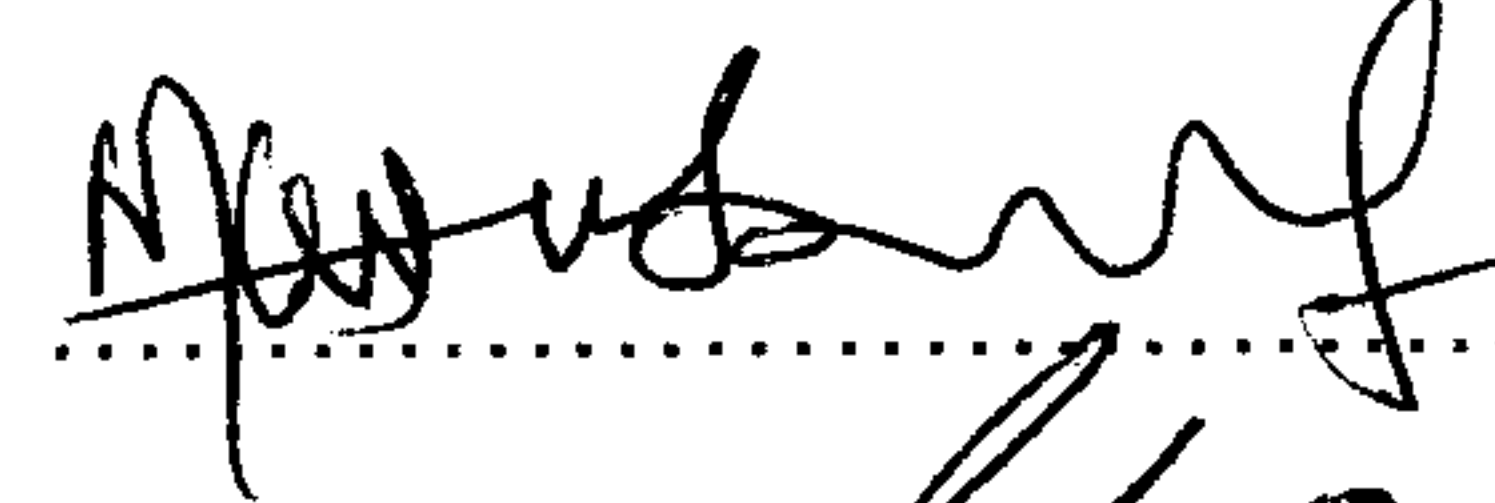
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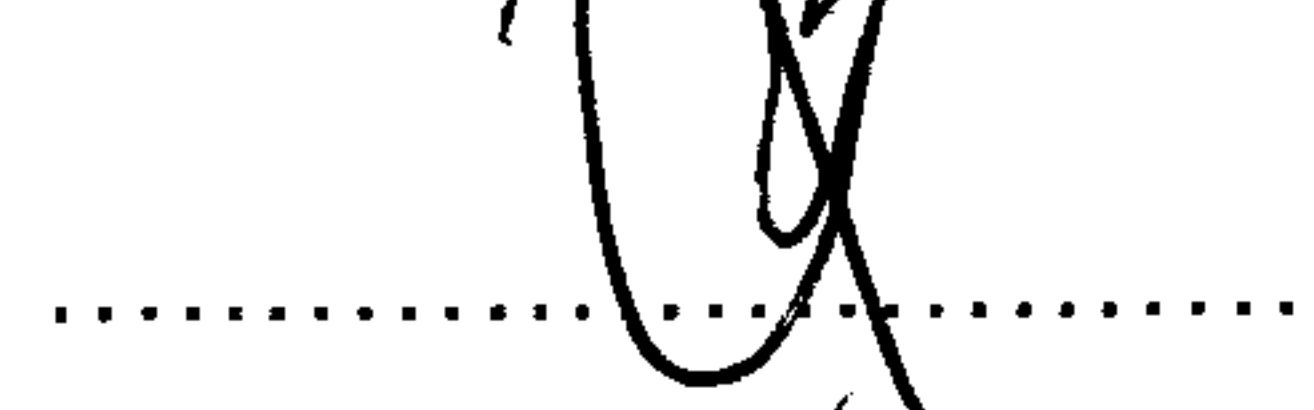
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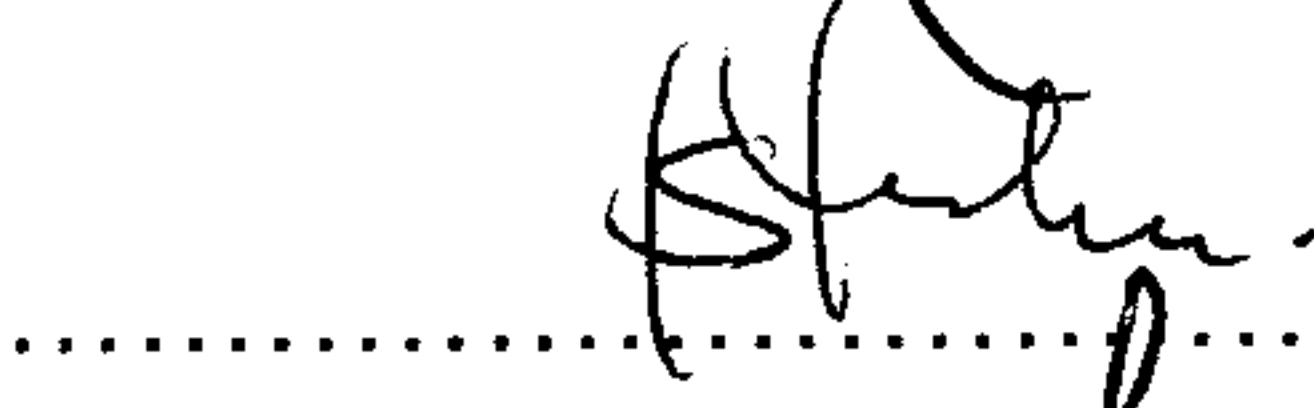
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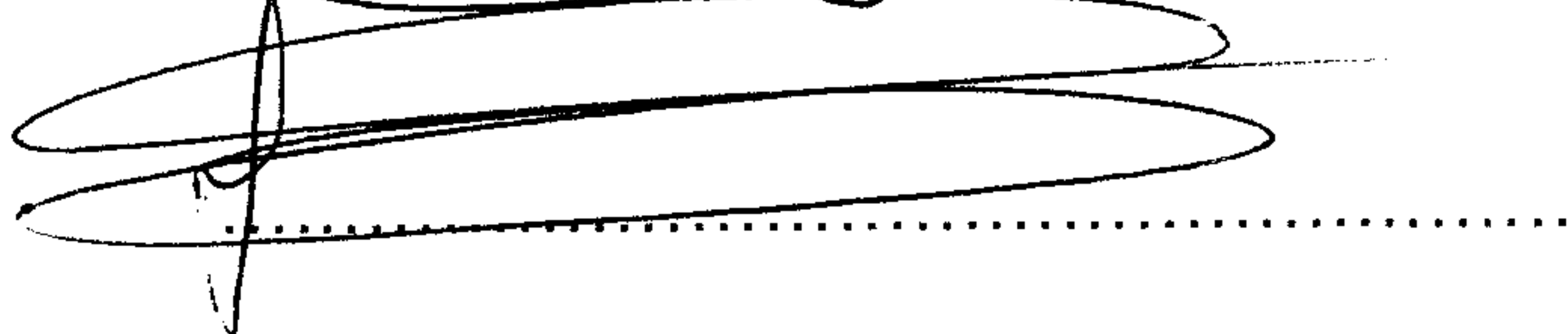
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