

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLICE AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE ON THE UNFORTUNATE RECURRENCE OF KIDNAPPING AND HOSTAGE-TAKING IN NIGERIA NATIONAL WAKE UP CALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at its sitting on Thursday, 19th day of November, 2015 deliberated on a motion on the unfortunate recurrence of kidnapping and Hostage-Taking in Nigeria-a national wake up call and mandated its Committees on Police Affairs and National Security and Intelligence to invite the Inspector General of Police, Director General, Department of State Security to brief the Committees on efforts to eliminate the menace.

The joint Committee swing into action immediately and held meeting on the 3rd day of December, 2015 to deliberate and work out modalities for carrying out the assignment.

After deliberations, the Committee resolved to invite the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Mr. Solomon Arase, the Director – General, Department of State Security (DSS) Lawal M. Daura and the Hon.

Minister of Interior Lt. Gen.(Rtd) Abdulraham Dambazau to brief the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee held an interactive session on Wednesday, 9th day of December, 2015 with the Heads of the Security Agencies. The briefing received from the Security Chiefs were very useful guide in articulating the Committee framework in carrying out the assignment.

1.0 FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS

After interactive sessions with the invitees, the Committee made the following findings:

- (a) That though Kidnaping started in the Niger Delta area where oil workers mainly Foreigners were targeted nothing serious was done to stop it.
- (b) That the Security agencies are seriously tackling the menace of Kidnapping and hostage-taking
- (c) That Kidnapping and hostage-taking is now nation-wide
- (d) That the modus operandi of the Kidnappers is well-known to the Security agencies.

- (e) That it appears the Security agencies have not been able to perform optimally due to inadequate funding to enable them procure modern technology and equipment
- (f) That there appear to be unnecessary and unhealthy rivalry amongst the Security agencies leading to lack of required synergy and intelligence sharing on time
- (g) That relations of the victims are always ready to pay ransom which tend to encourage the criminals

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends as follows:

- That the funding of the Security agencies should be taken as a priority project bearing in mind that the practice of envelop budgetary for Security agencies have proved ineffective
- That effort should be geared towards creating employment opportunities for our teeming unemployed Youths
- That Security Agencies should embark on training and retraining of their personnel for effective capacity building

- State Government should enact Laws to enable Security Agencies to prosecute Kidnappers and other crime related offences in their jurisdiction.
- That synergy and intelligence sharing among Security agencies should be vigorously pursued
- That the Inspector-General of Police and Director-General of the Department of State Security in particular, and other Security agencies should be encouraged to do more.

11.0 CONCLUSION

The Joint Committee wishes to sincerely express its appreciation to the Senate President, the Leadership and the entire Senate for the opportunity to carry out this assignment.

It is my hope that the entire Senate will fully support the recommendations proposed by the joint Committee.

Thank you.

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4. Senator Usman Nafada (CON)
5. Senator Adamu Aliero
6. Senator Emmanuel Paulker
7. Senator Emmanuel Bwacha
8. Senator. Olusola Adeyeye
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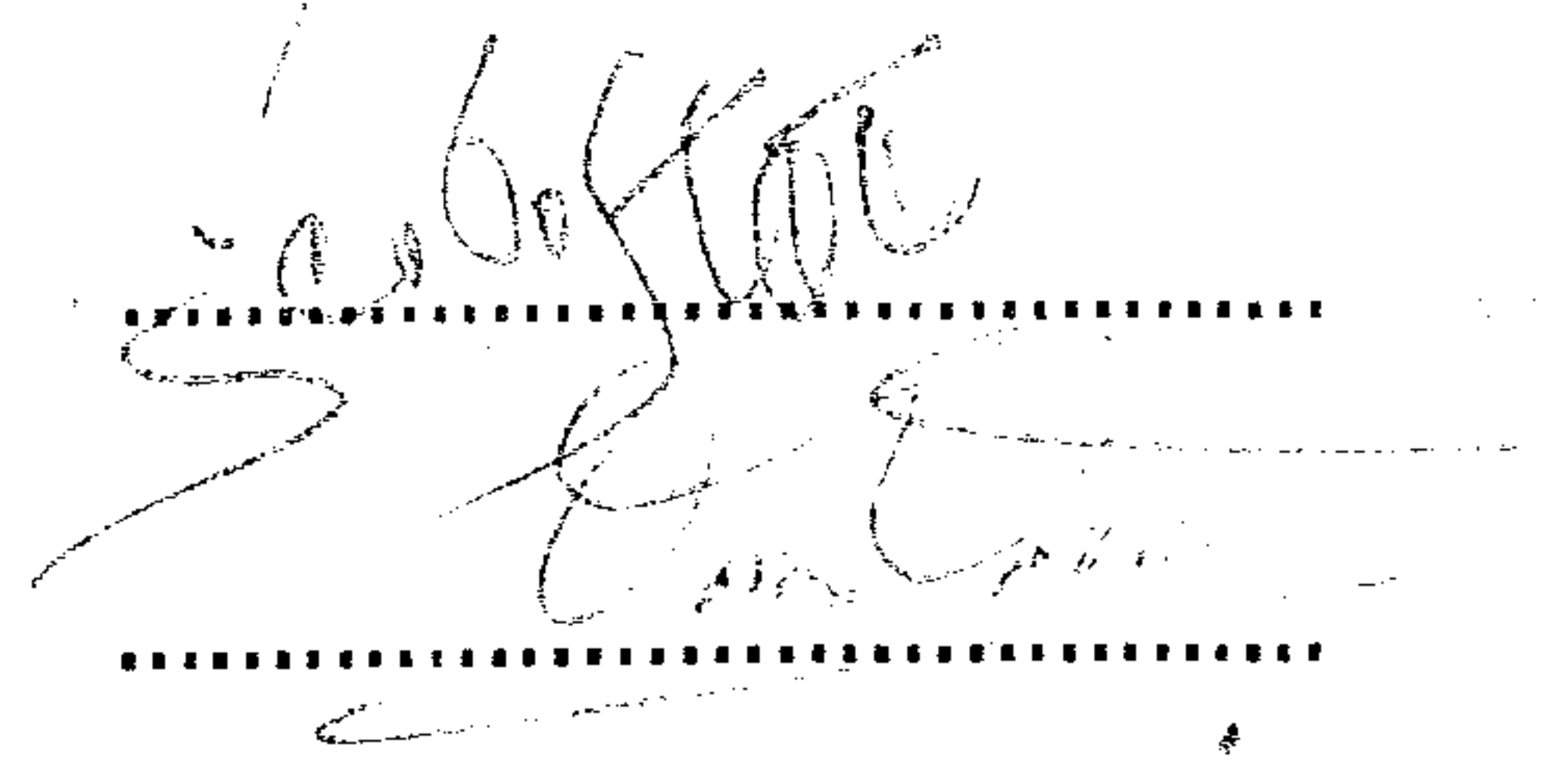
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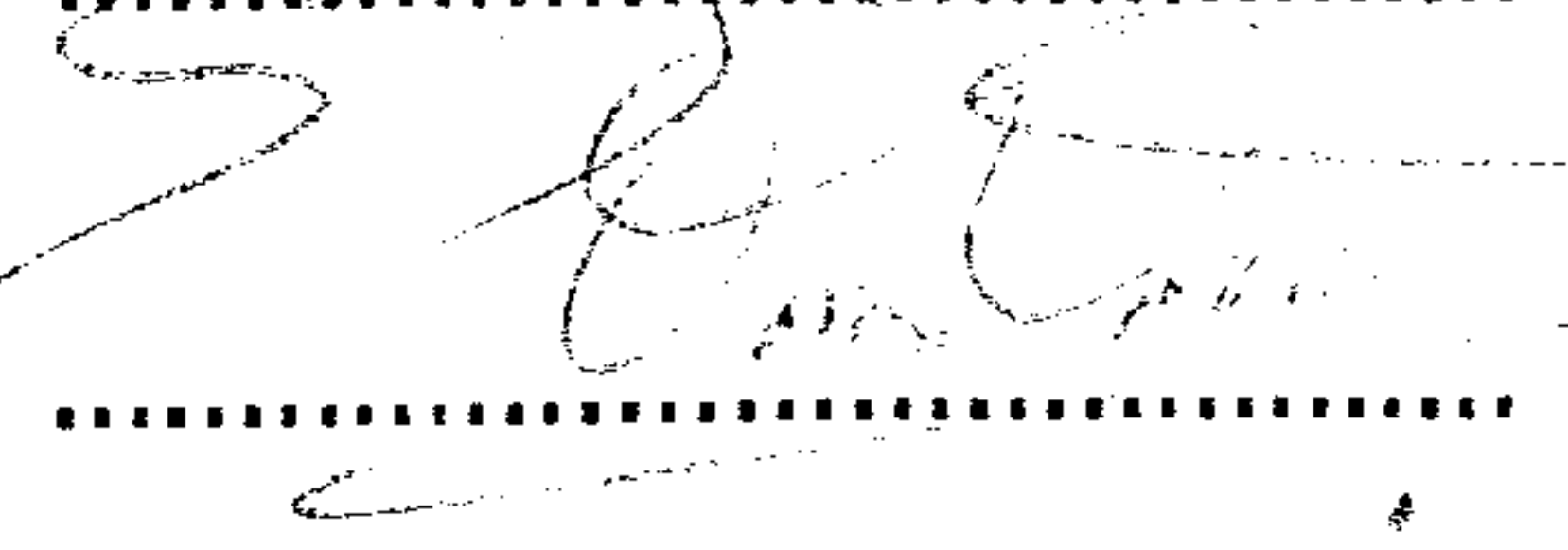
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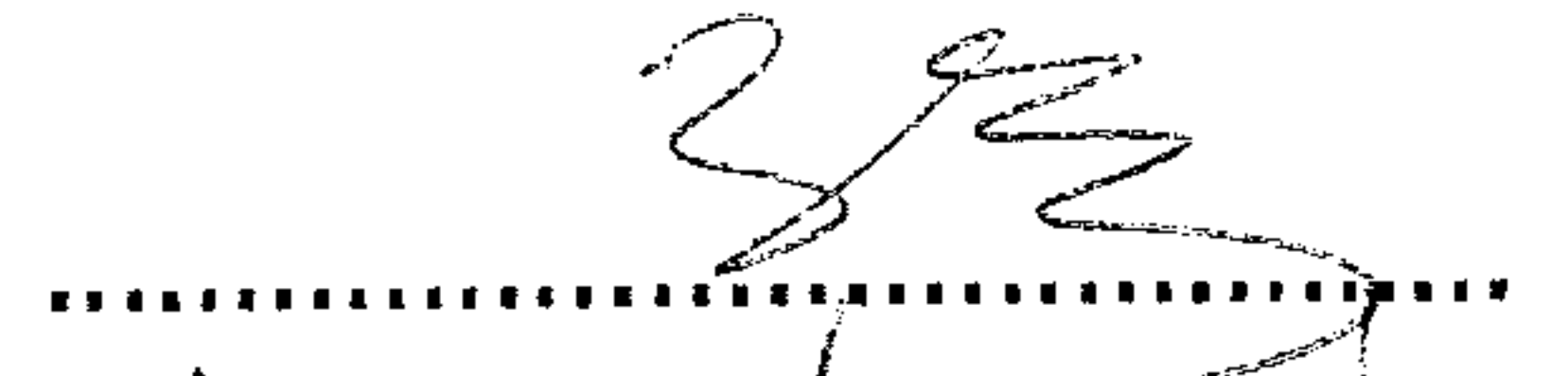
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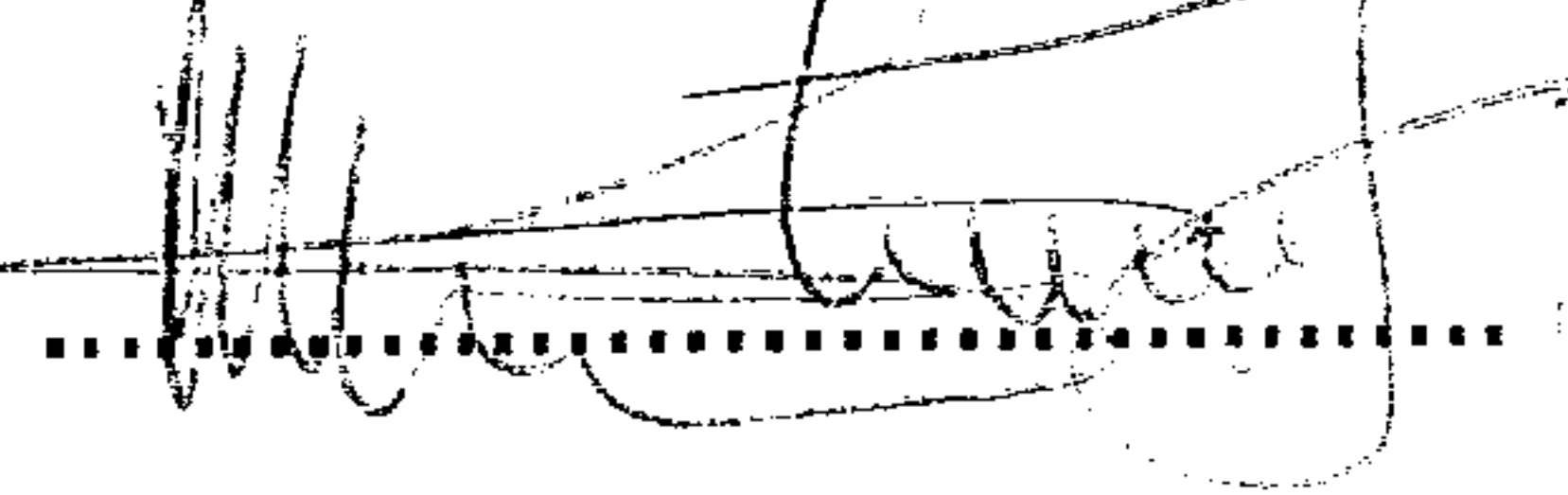
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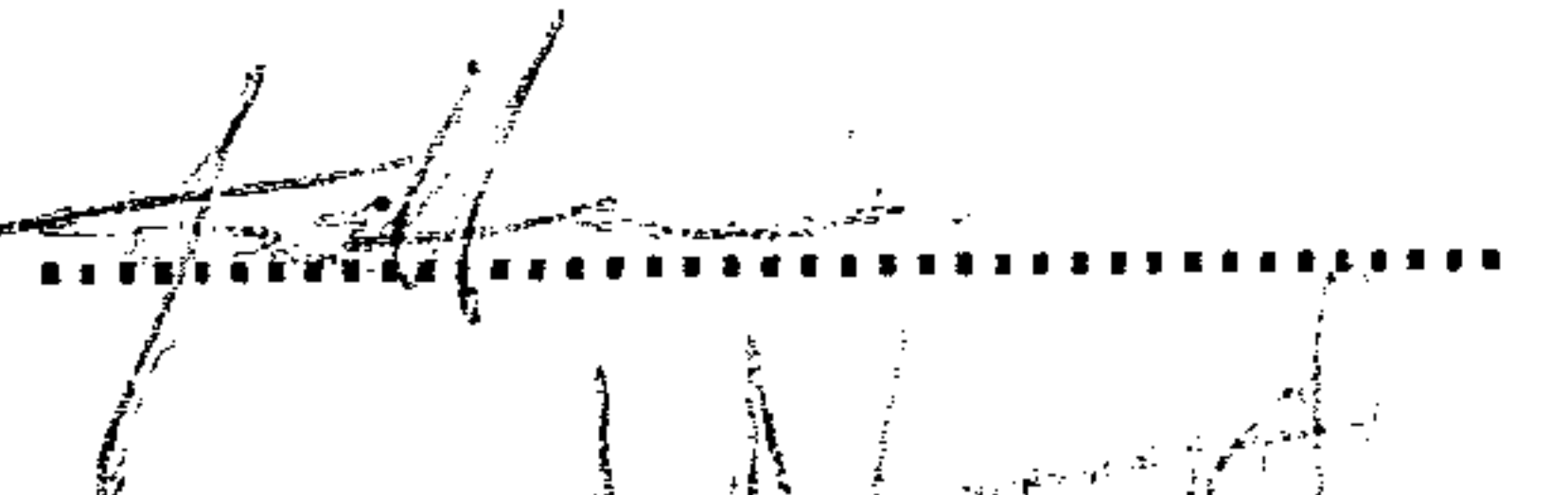
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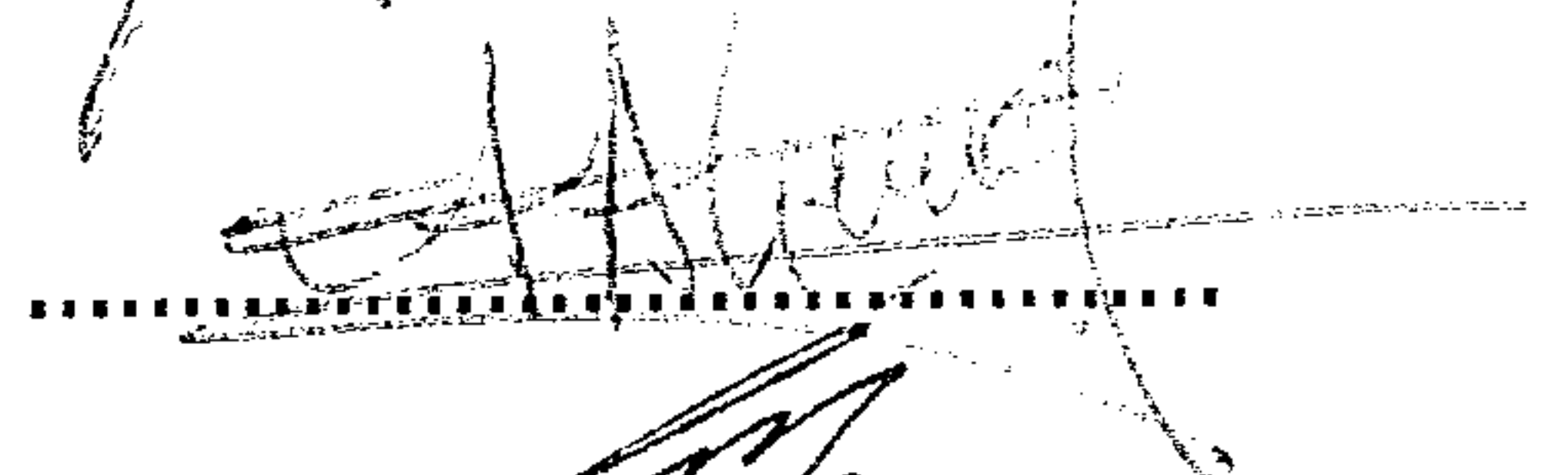
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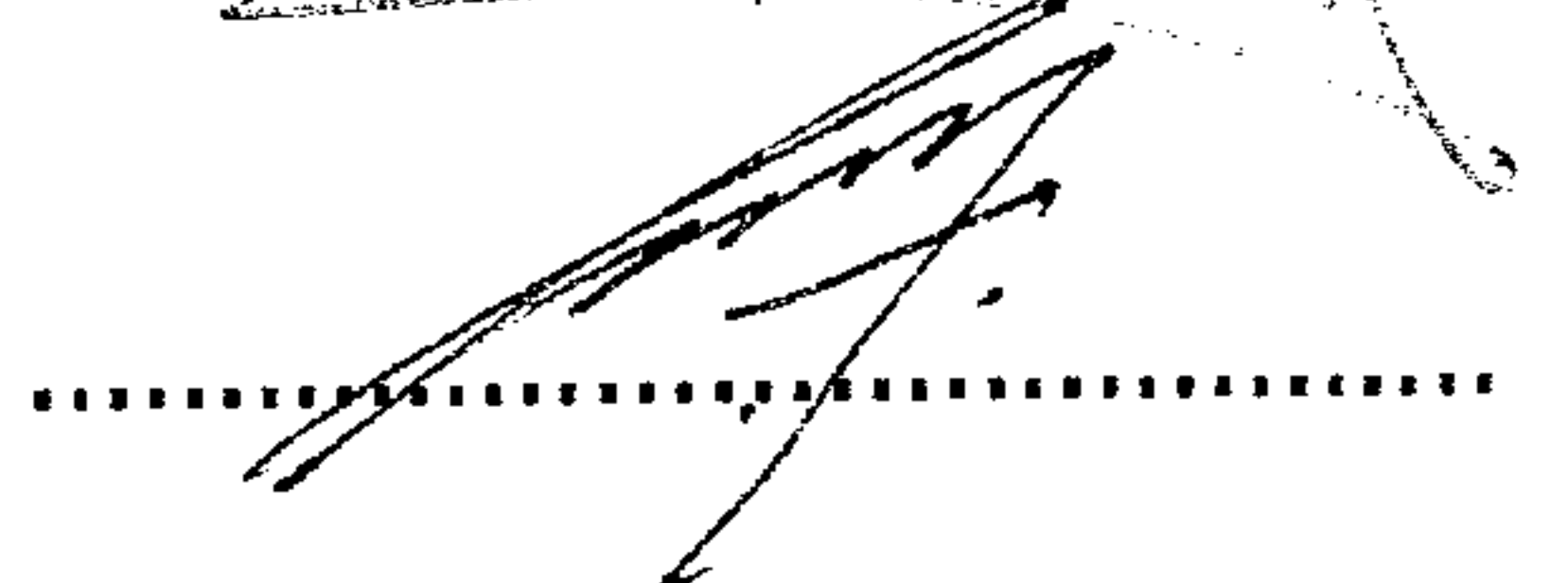
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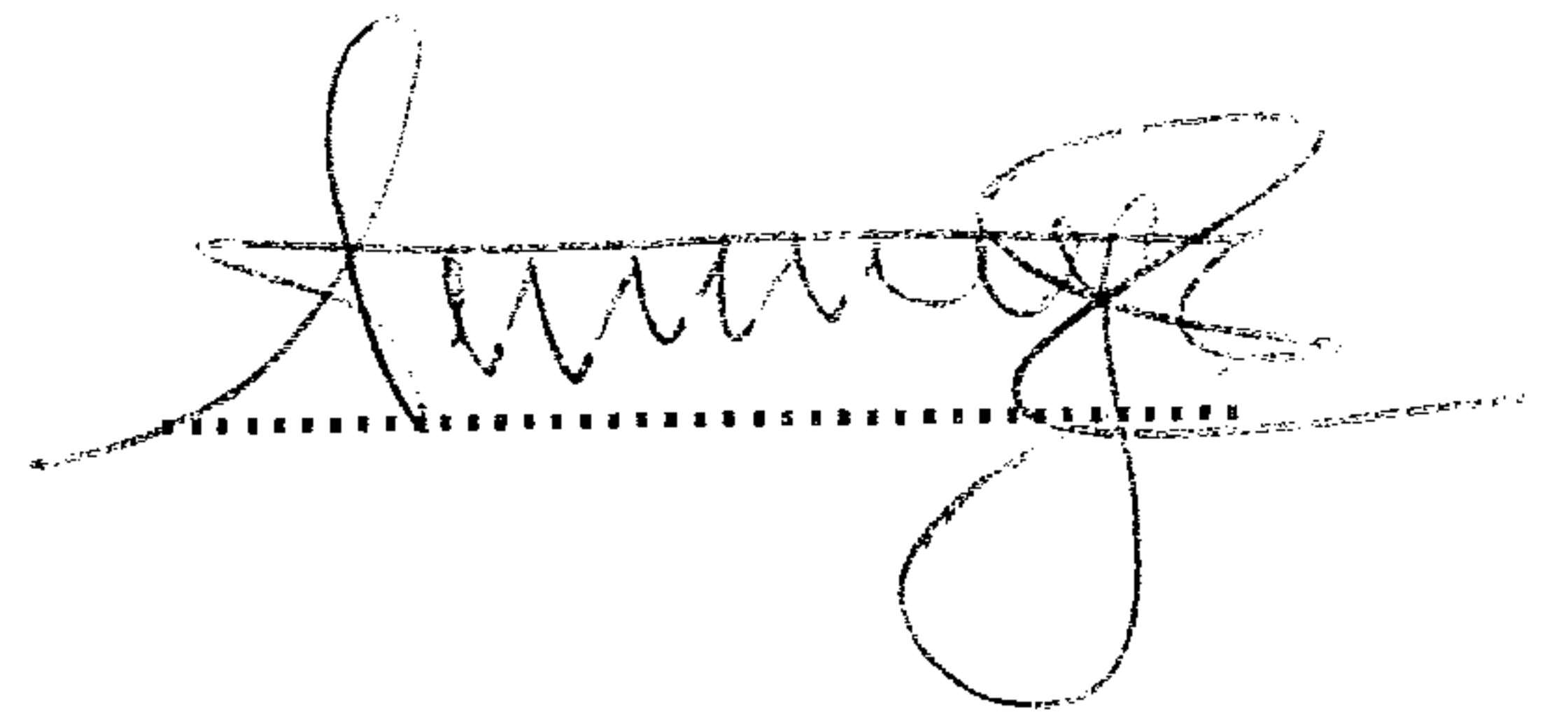
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