

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
District of Columbia

In the Matter of the Seizure of)
THE M/T BELLA 1 WITH INTERNATIONAL) Case No. 25-sz-56
MARITIME ORGANIZATION NUMBER 9230880)
)

APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT
TO SEIZE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE

I, a federal law enforcement officer or attorney for the government, request a seizure warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that the following property in the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia is subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 18 U.S.C. § 2339B(a)(1), 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(G)(i), 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5), 18 U.S.C. § 981(b)

(describe the property):

the M/T BELLA 1 (International Maritime Organization ("IMO") No. 9230880

The application is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT, HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

± Continued on the attached sheet.

Applicant's signature

Special Agent and Special Agent
Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in according with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 41 by telephone.

Date: 12/30/2025

City and state: District of Columbia

Judge's signature

Matthew J. Sharbaugh, United States Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

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WARRANT TO SEIZE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE BY TELEPHONE

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests that certain property located in the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia be seized as being subject to forfeiture to the United States of America. The property is described as follows:

THE M/T BELLA I WITH INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION NUMBER 9230880, FURTHER DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT A, HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

I find that the affidavit(s) and any recorded testimony establish probable cause to seize the property.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to execute this warrant and seize the property on or before January 13, 2026
(not to exceed 14 days)

☐ in the daytime — 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

☒ at any time in the day or night, as I find reasonable cause has been established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must also give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the place where the property was taken.

An officer present during the execution of the warrant must prepare, as required by law, an inventory of any property seized and the officer executing the warrant must promptly return this warrant and a copy of the inventory to United States Magistrate Judge Matthew J. Sharbaugh
(name)

☐ I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be searched or seized (check the appropriate box) ☐ for _____ days (not to exceed 30).

☐ until, the facts justifying, the later specific date of _____.

Date and time issued: 12/30/2025

City and state: District of Columbia


Matthew J. Sharbaugh, United States Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

Return		
Case No.: 25-sz-56	Date and time warrant executed:	Copy of warrant and inventory left with:
Inventory made in the presence of:		
Inventory of the property taken:		
Certification		
<p>I declare under penalty of perjury that this inventory is correct and was returned along with the original warrant to the designated judge.</p>		
Date: _____	<div style="text-align: center;"> _____ <i>Executing officer's signature</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> _____ <i>Printed name and title</i> </div>	

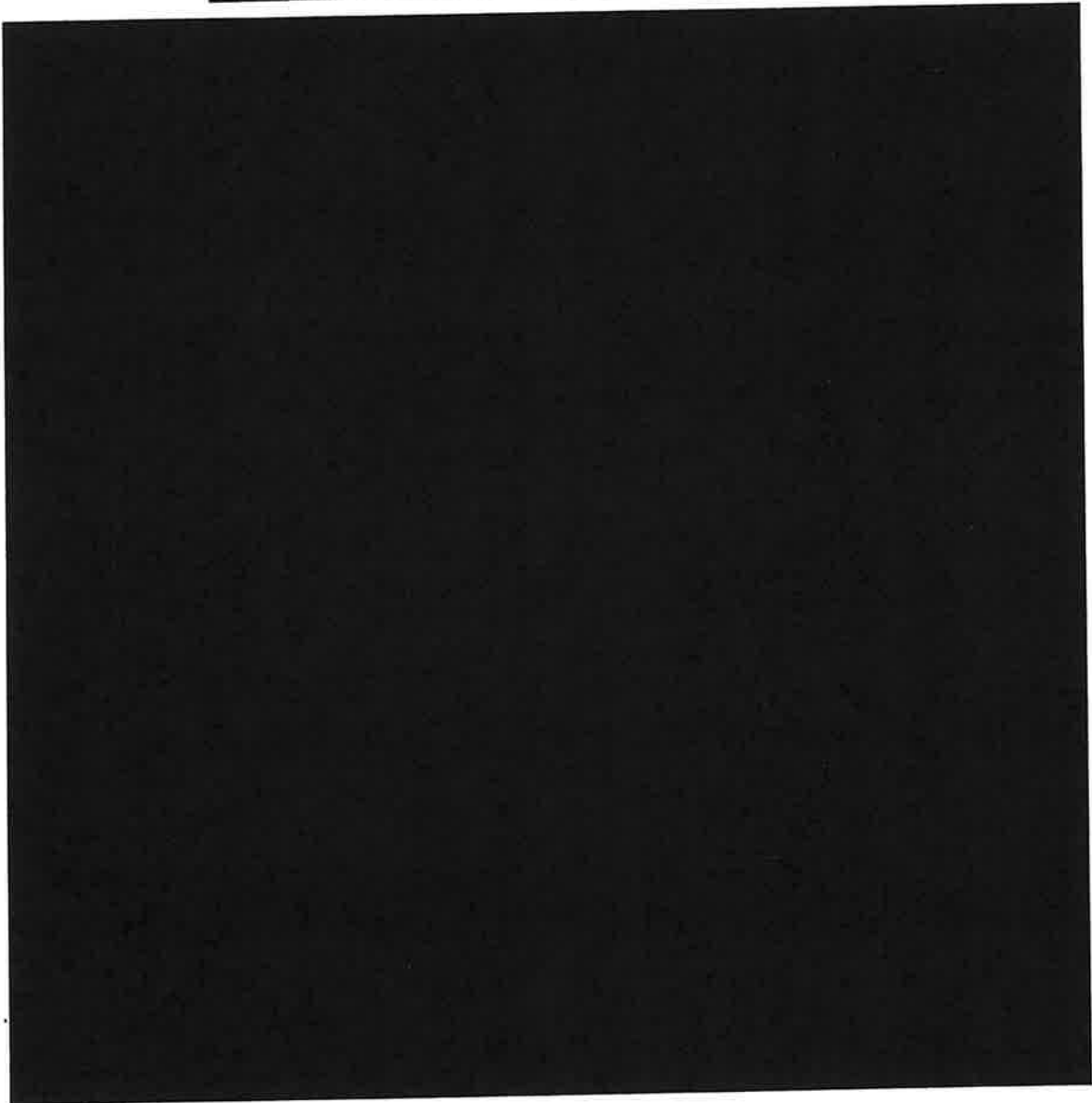
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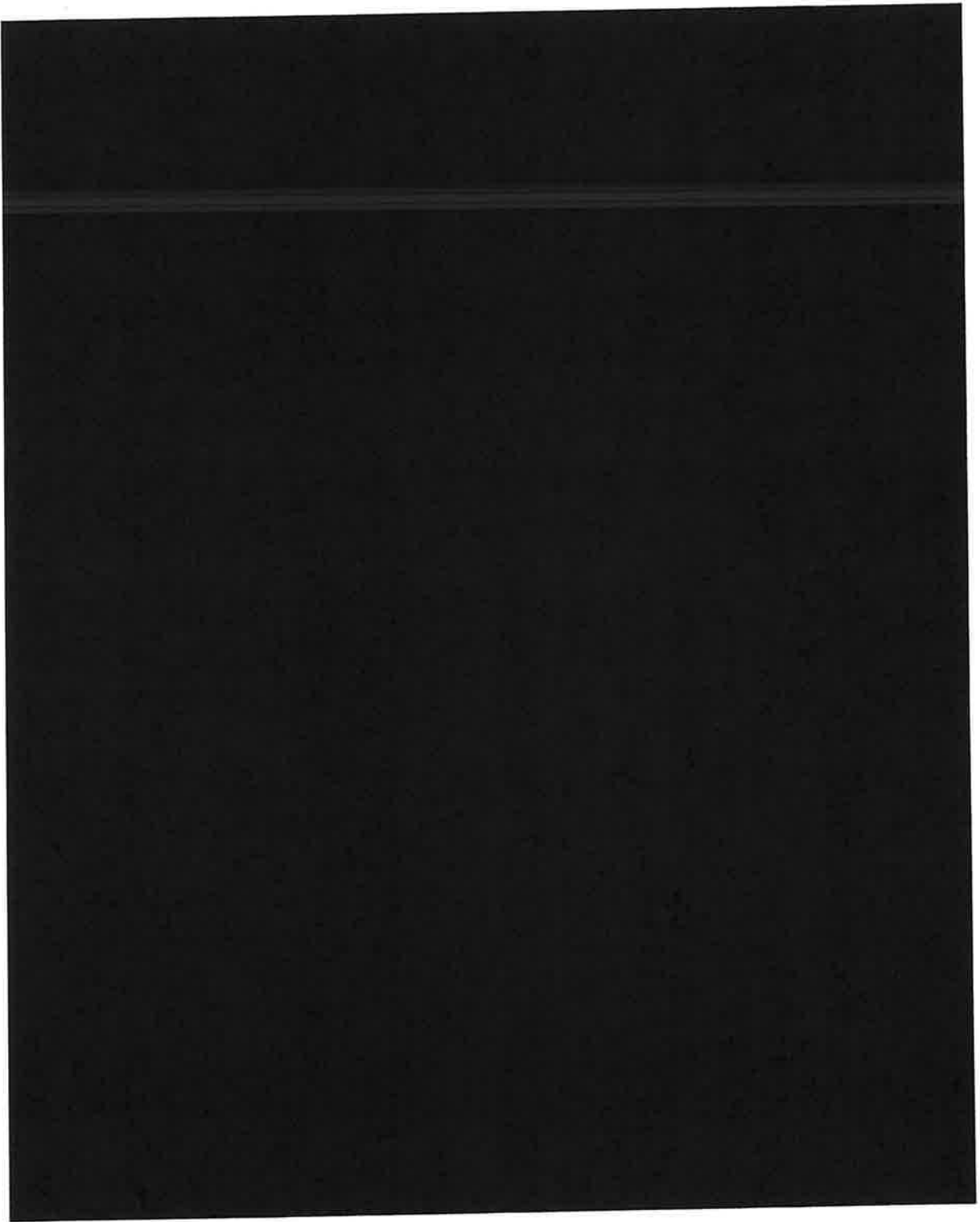
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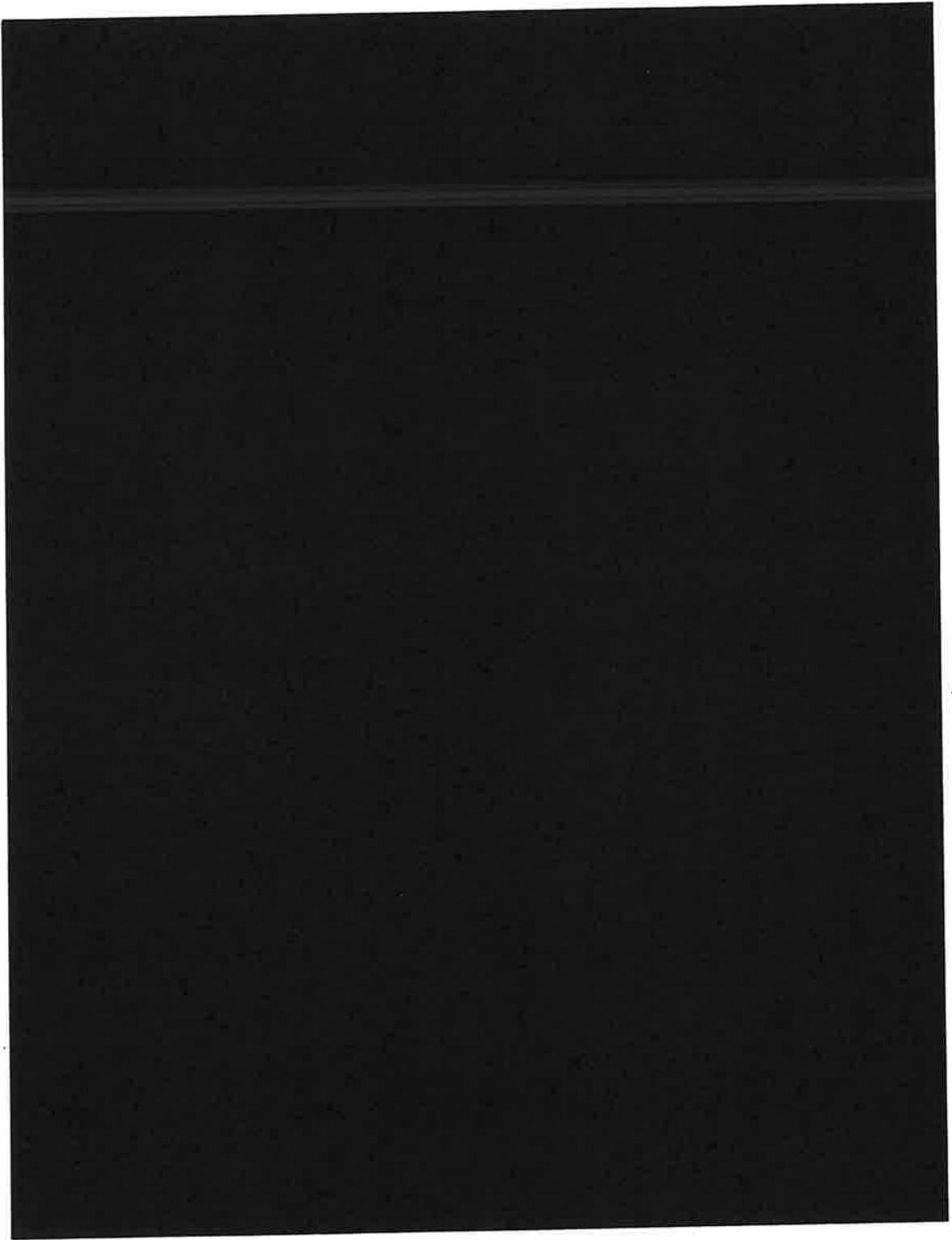
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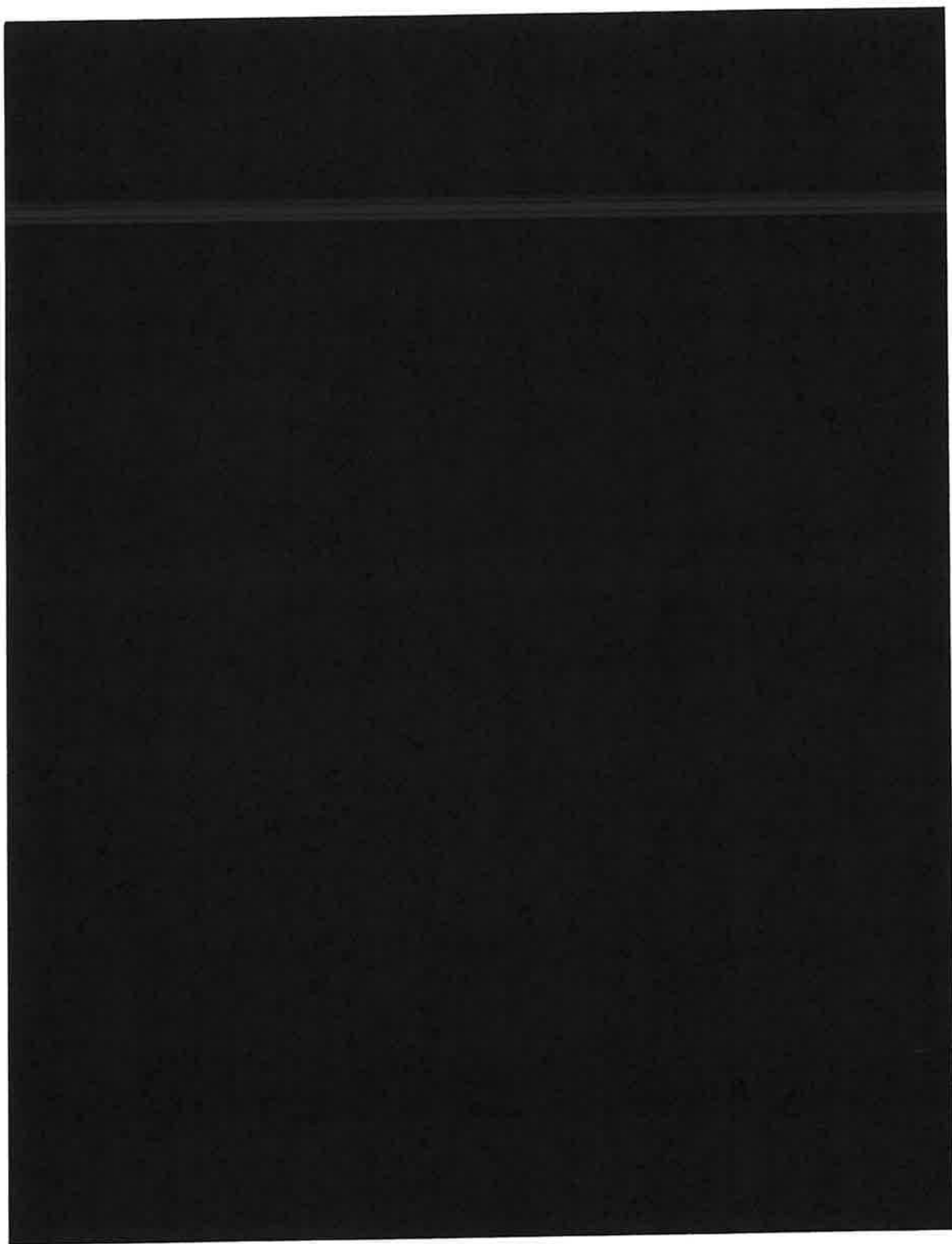
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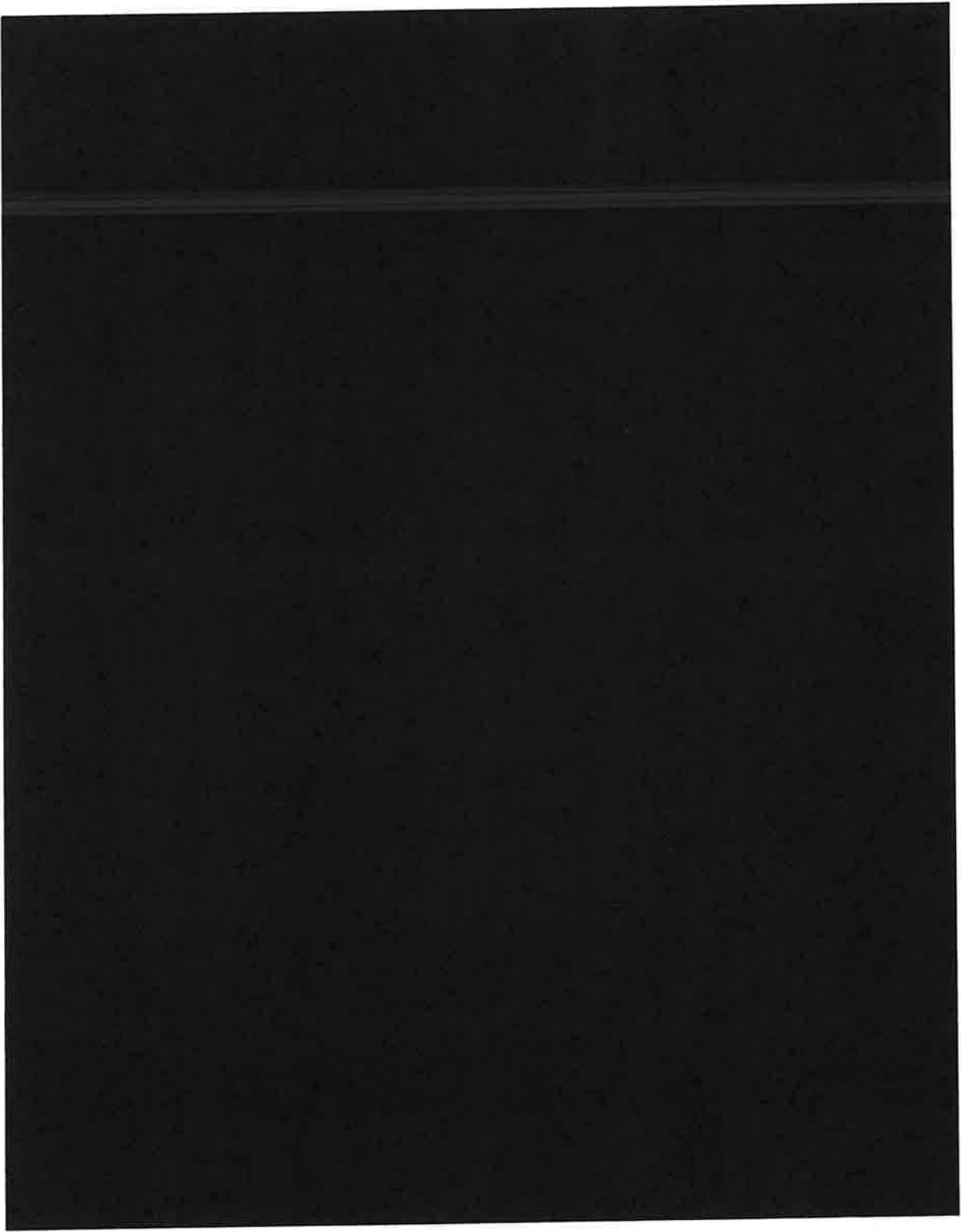
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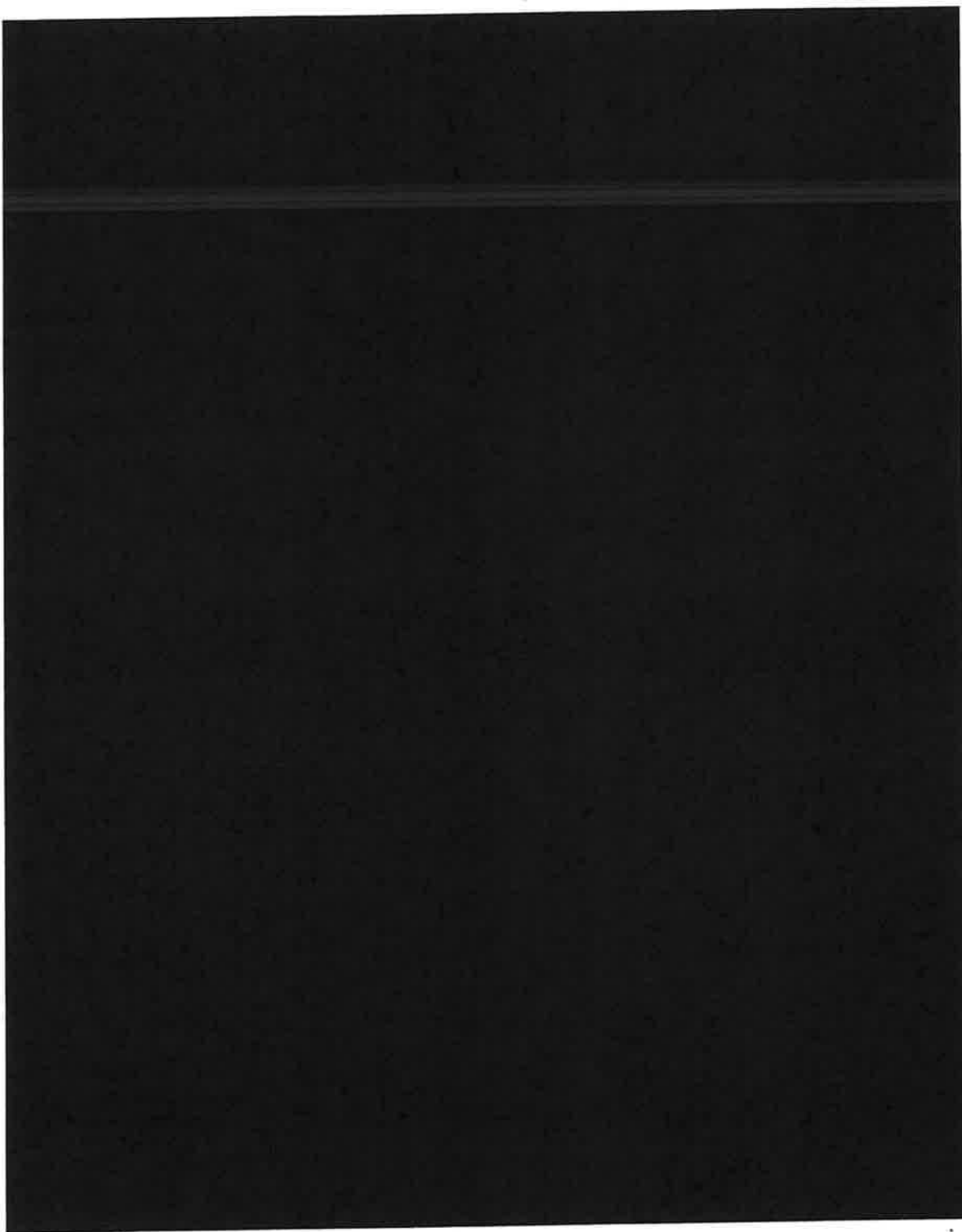


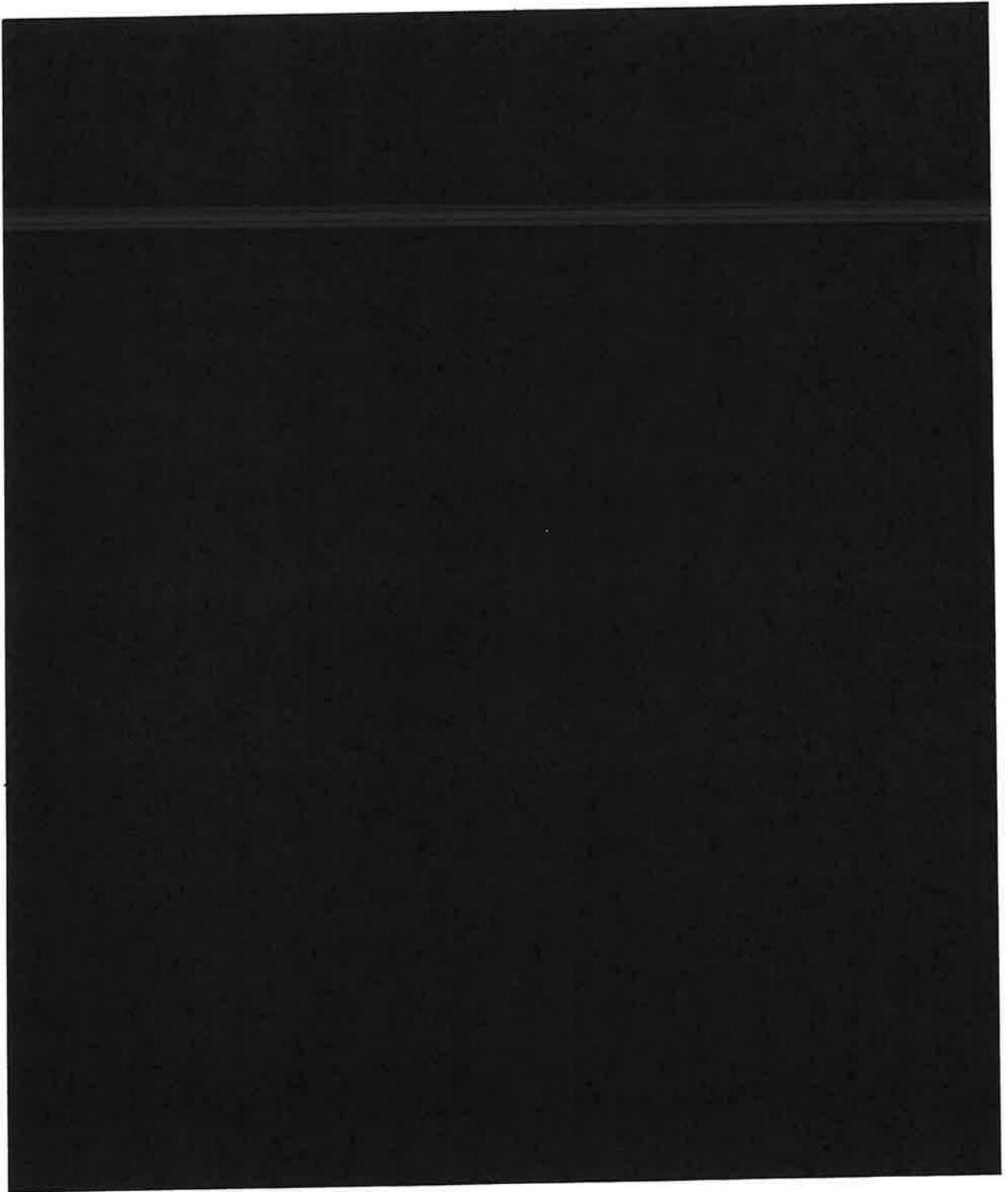


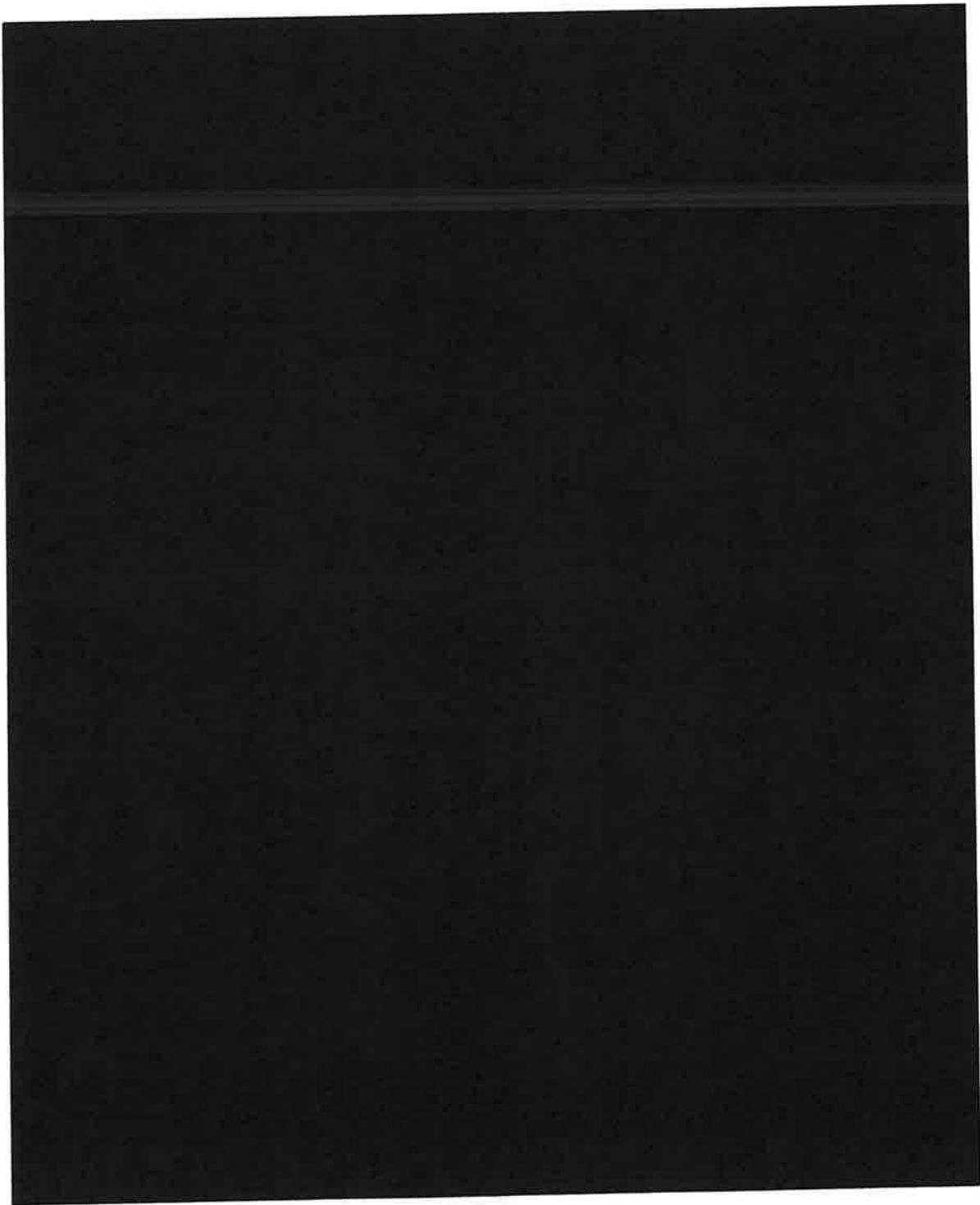


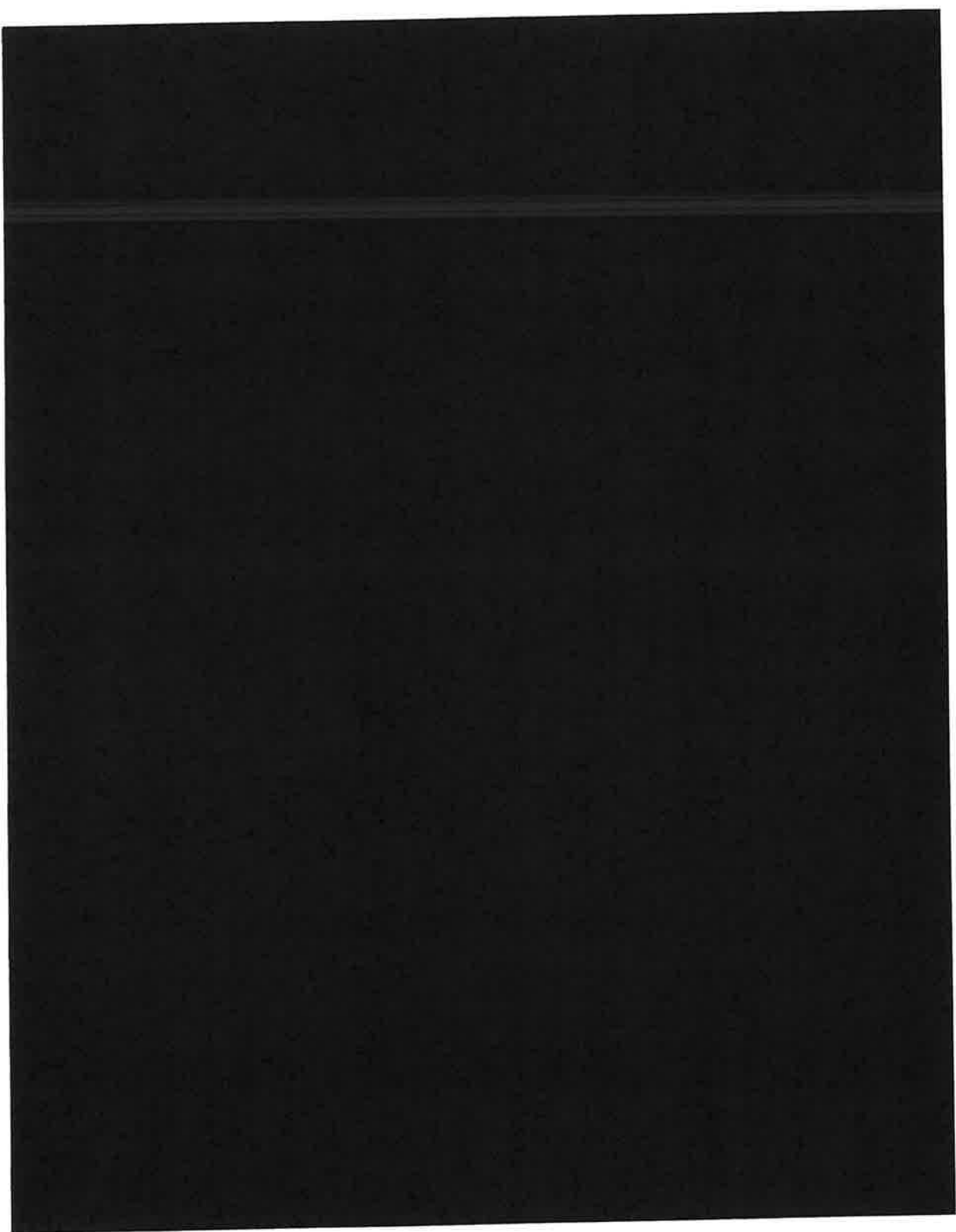


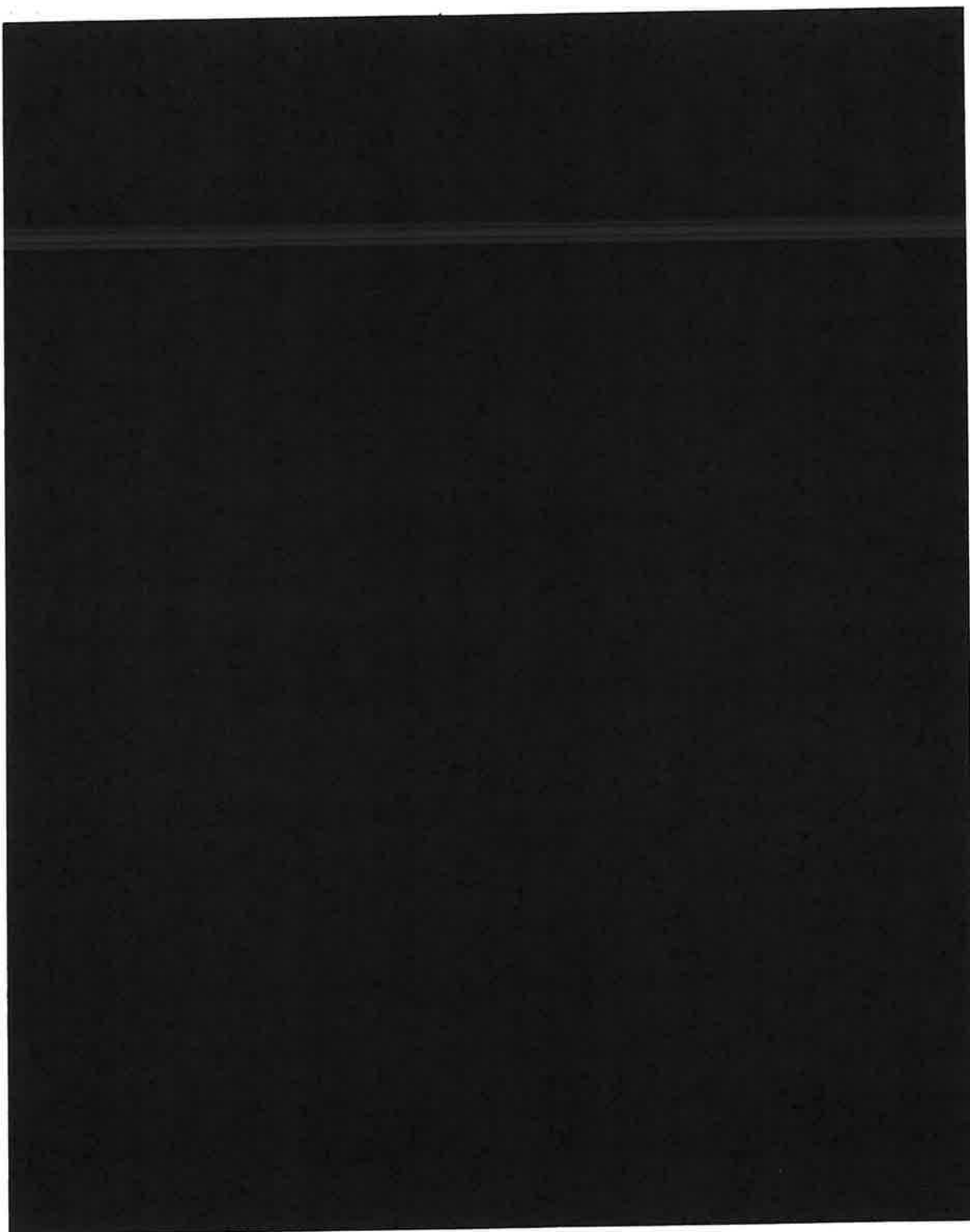


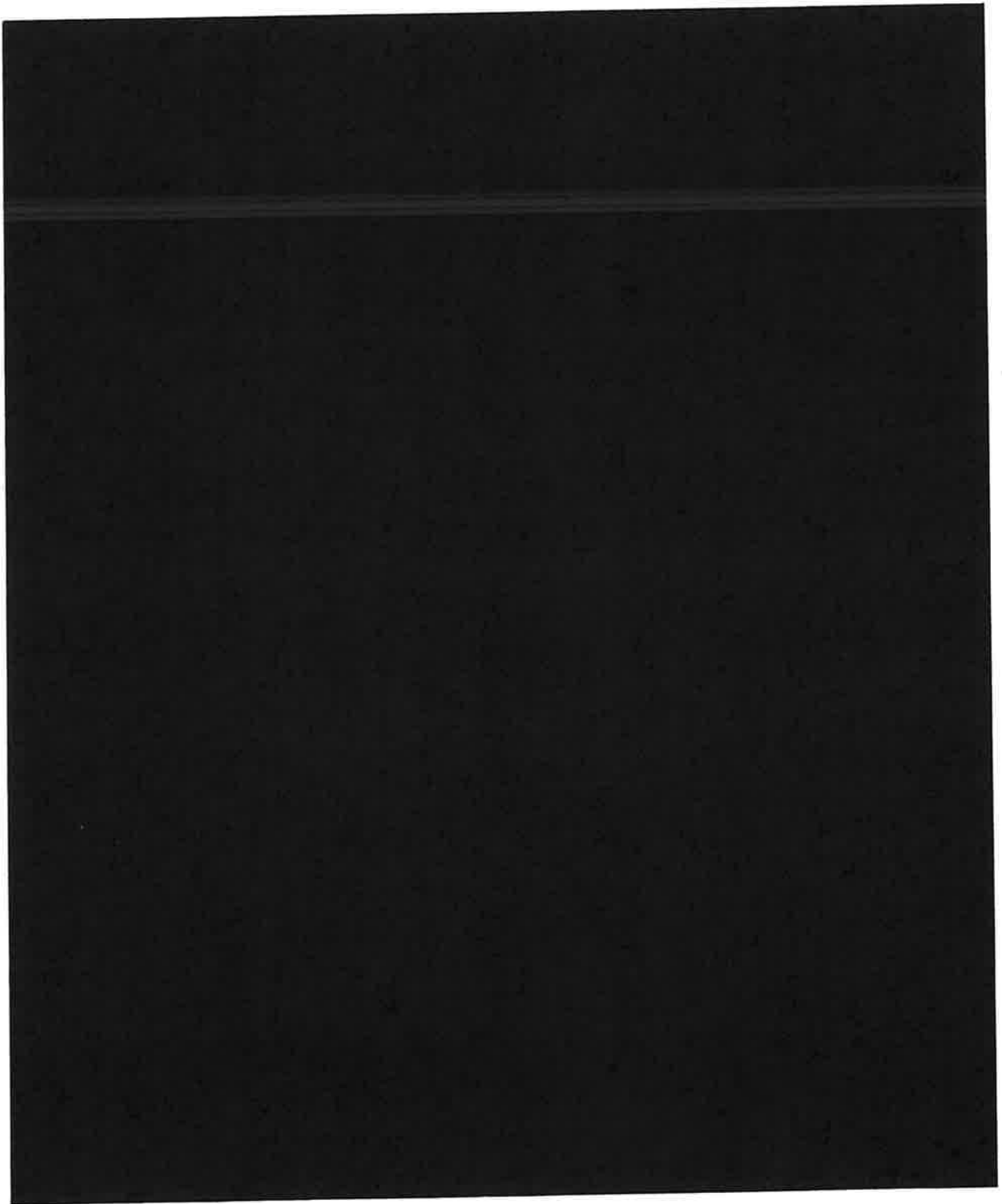


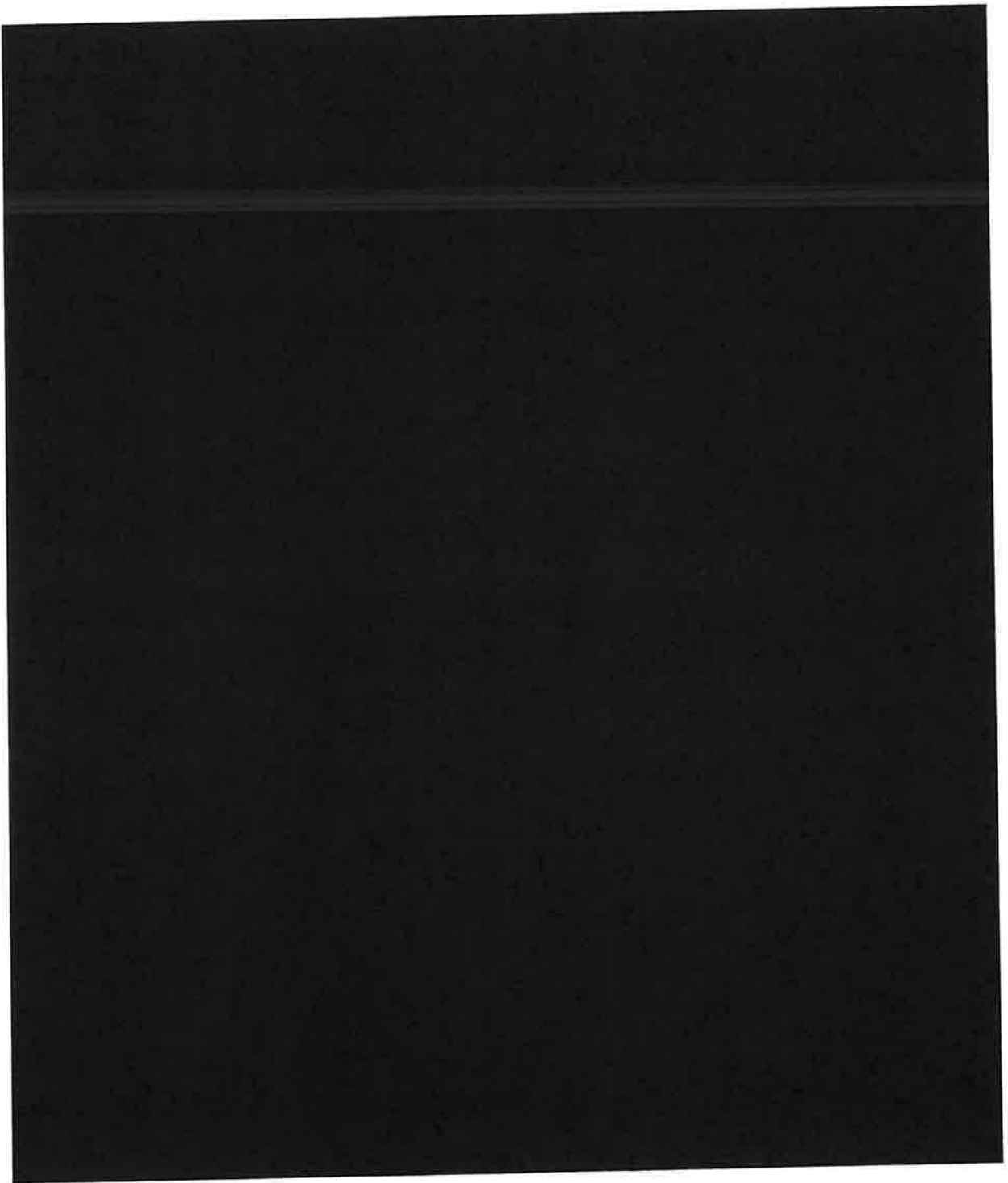


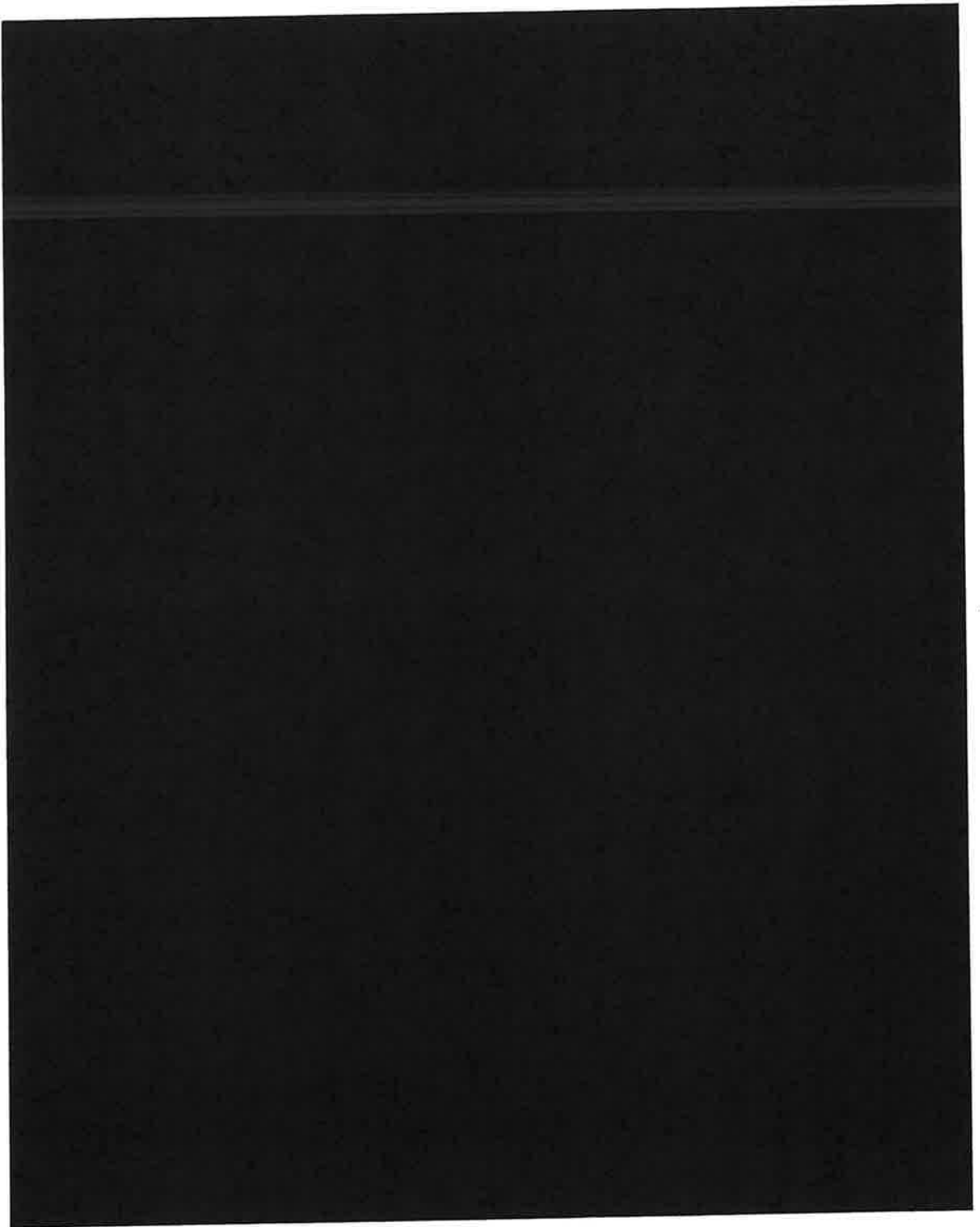


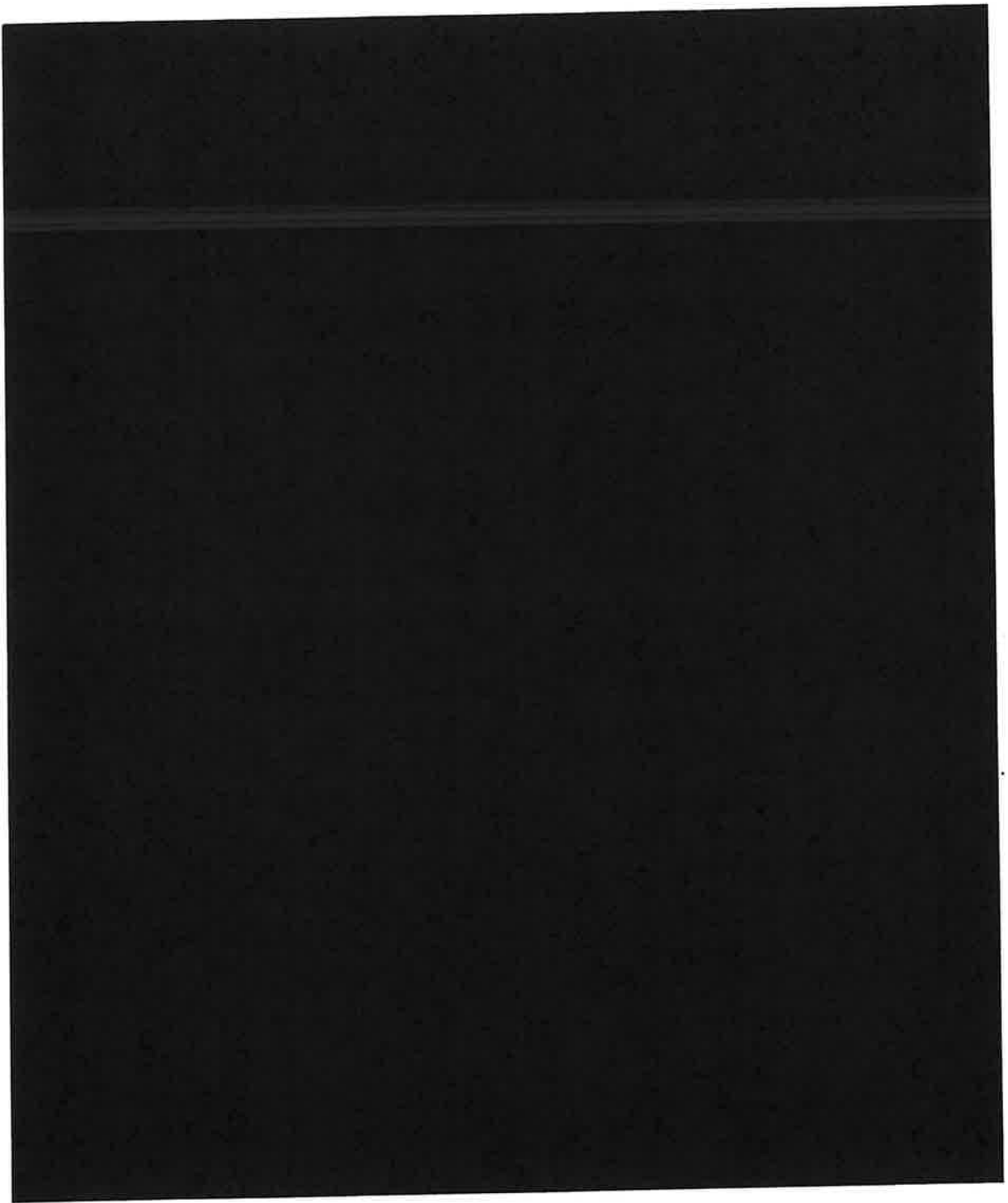


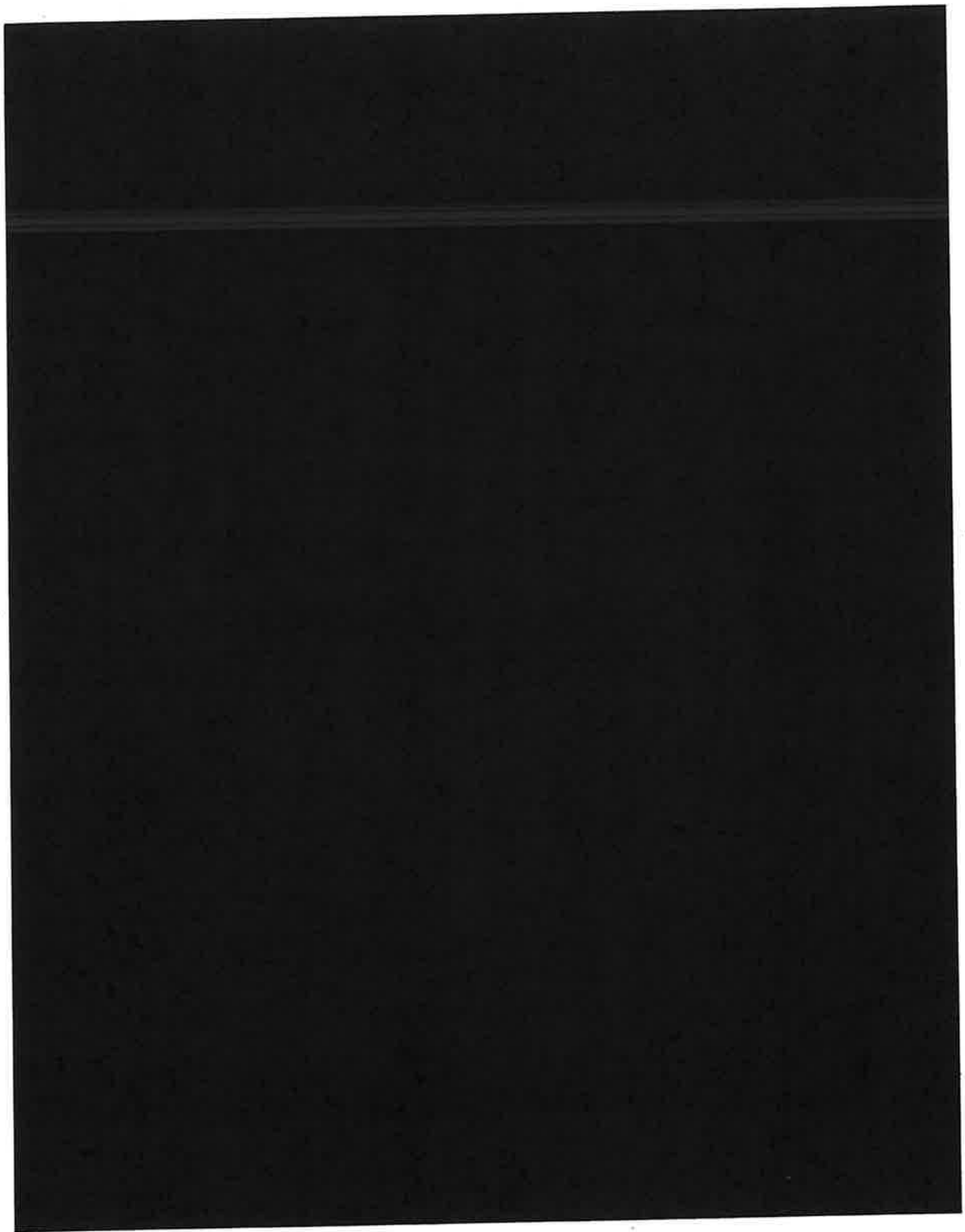


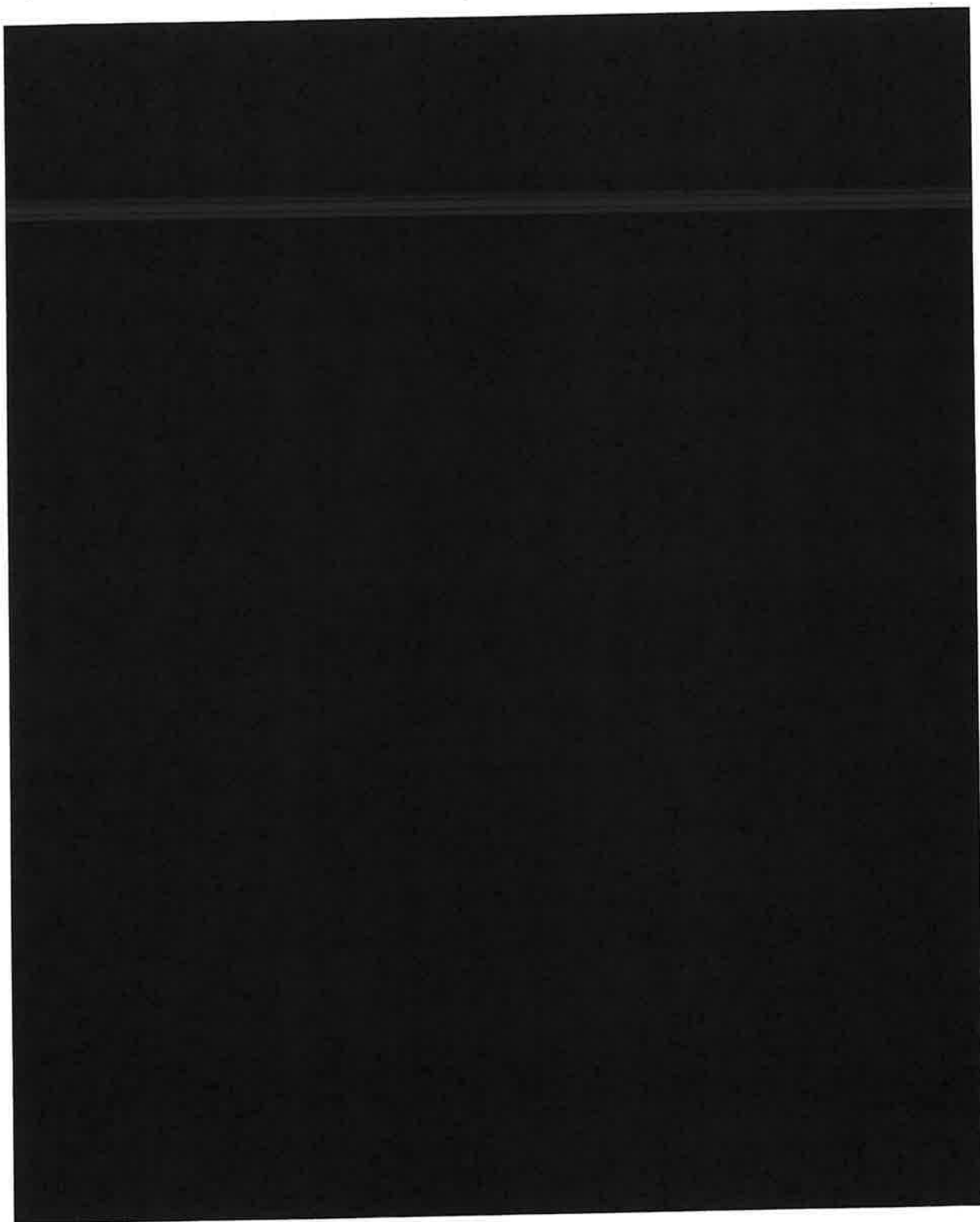


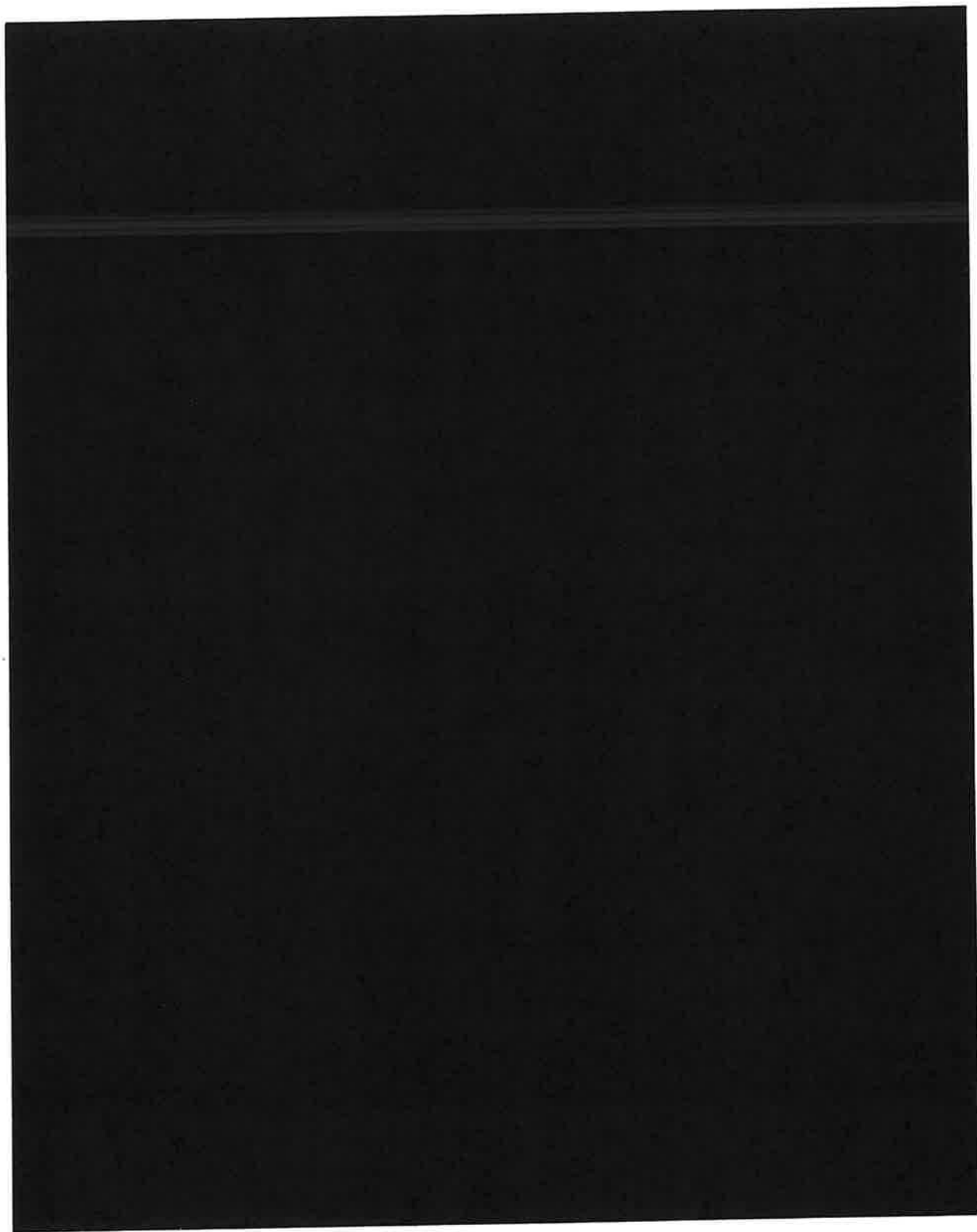


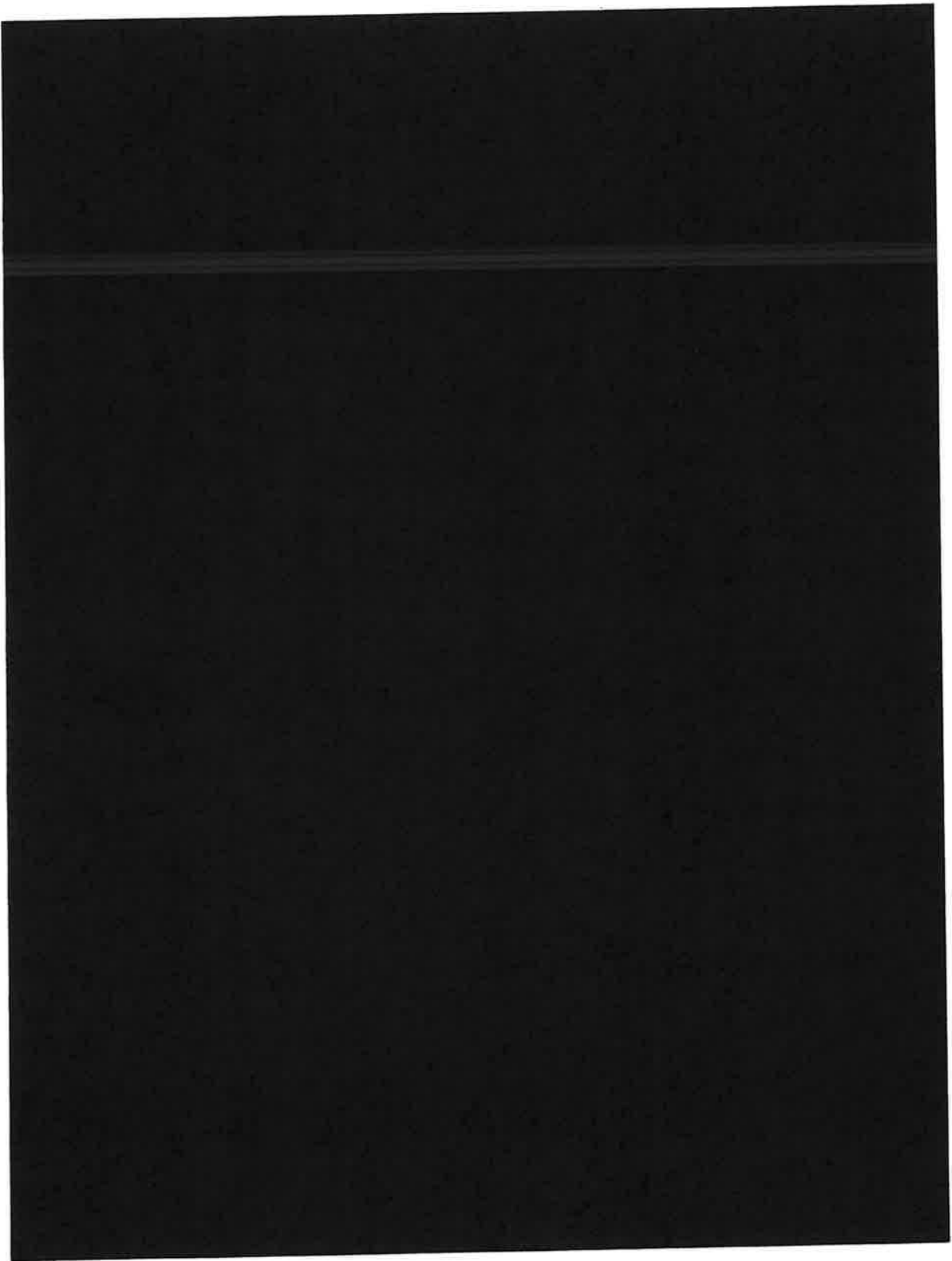


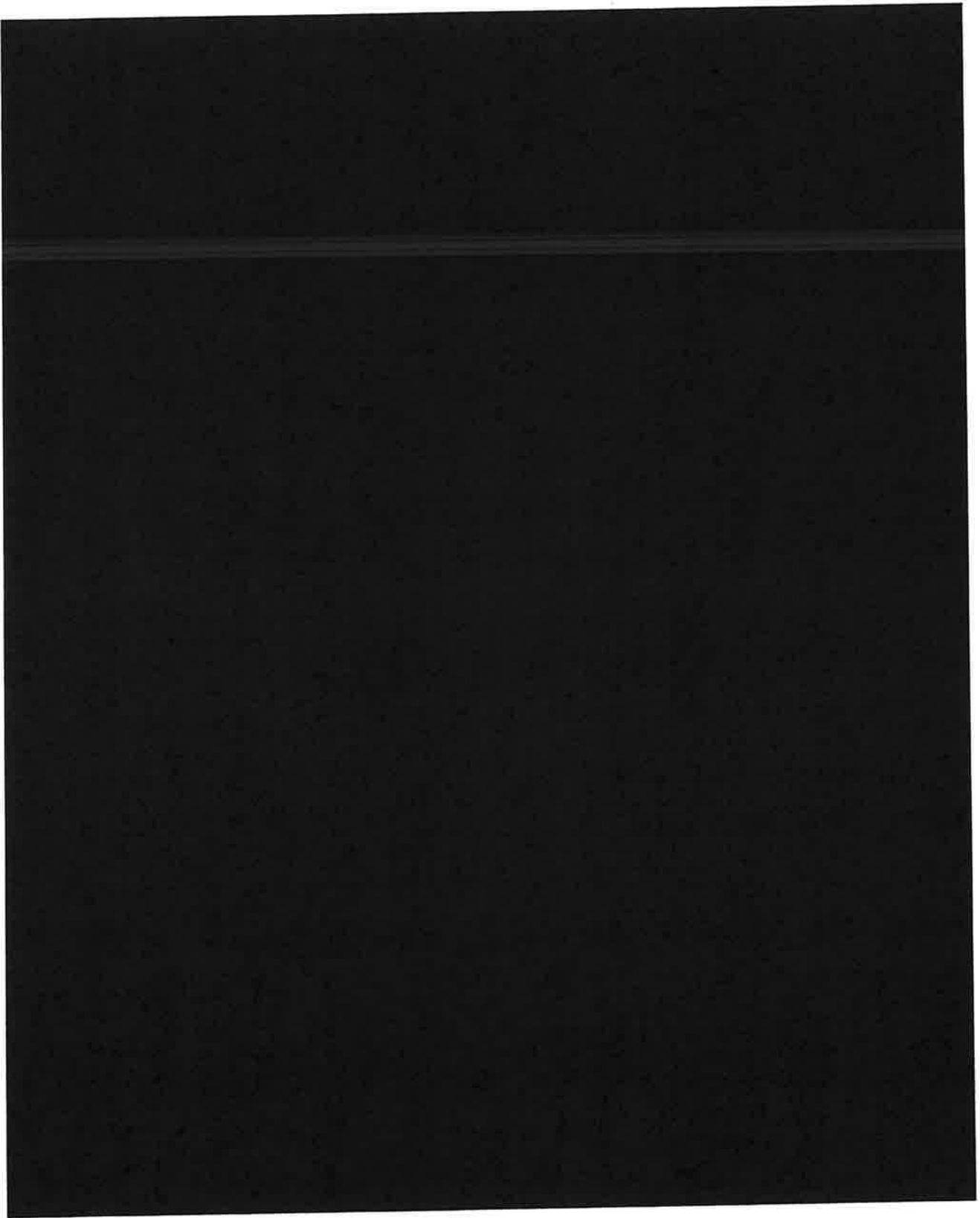


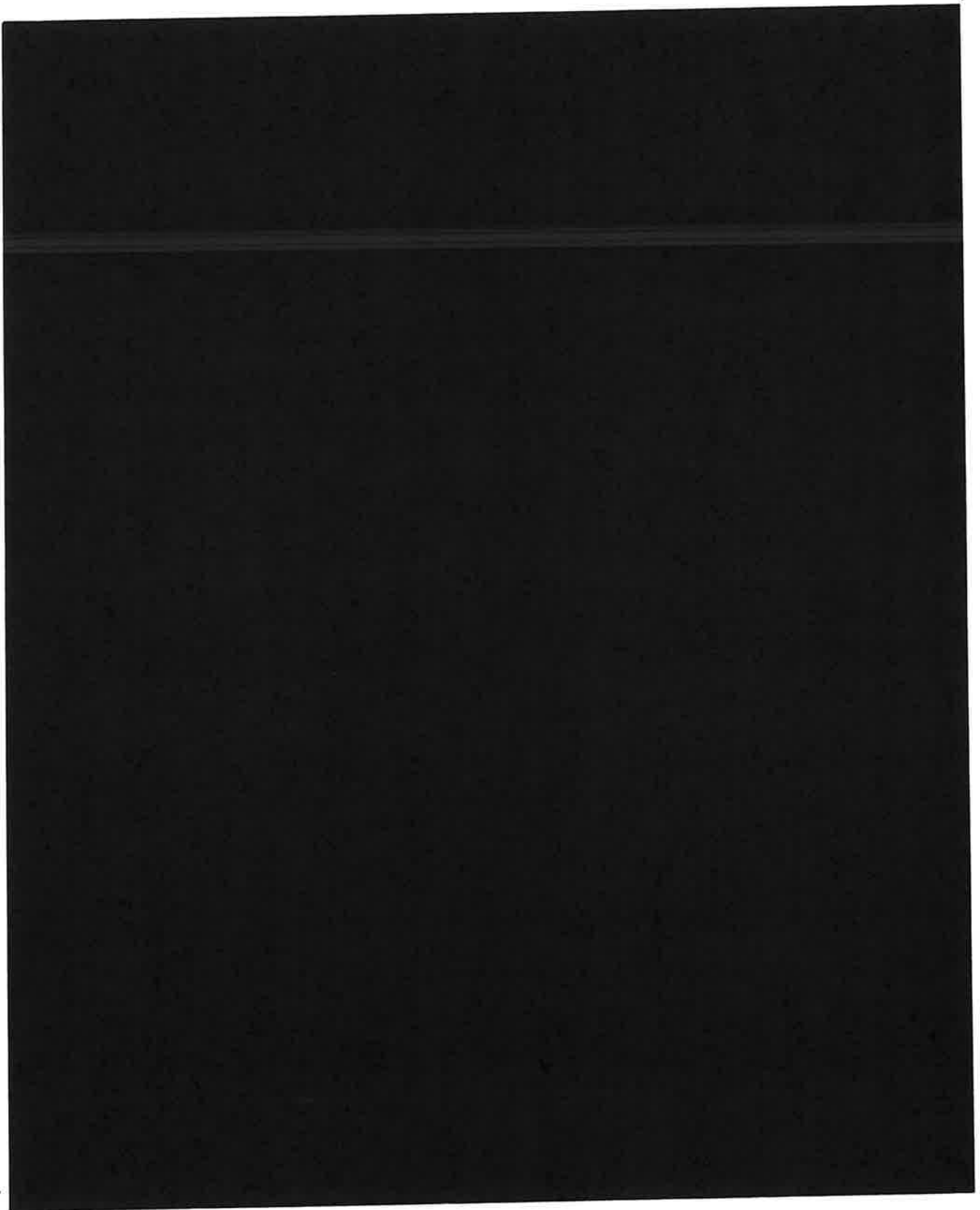


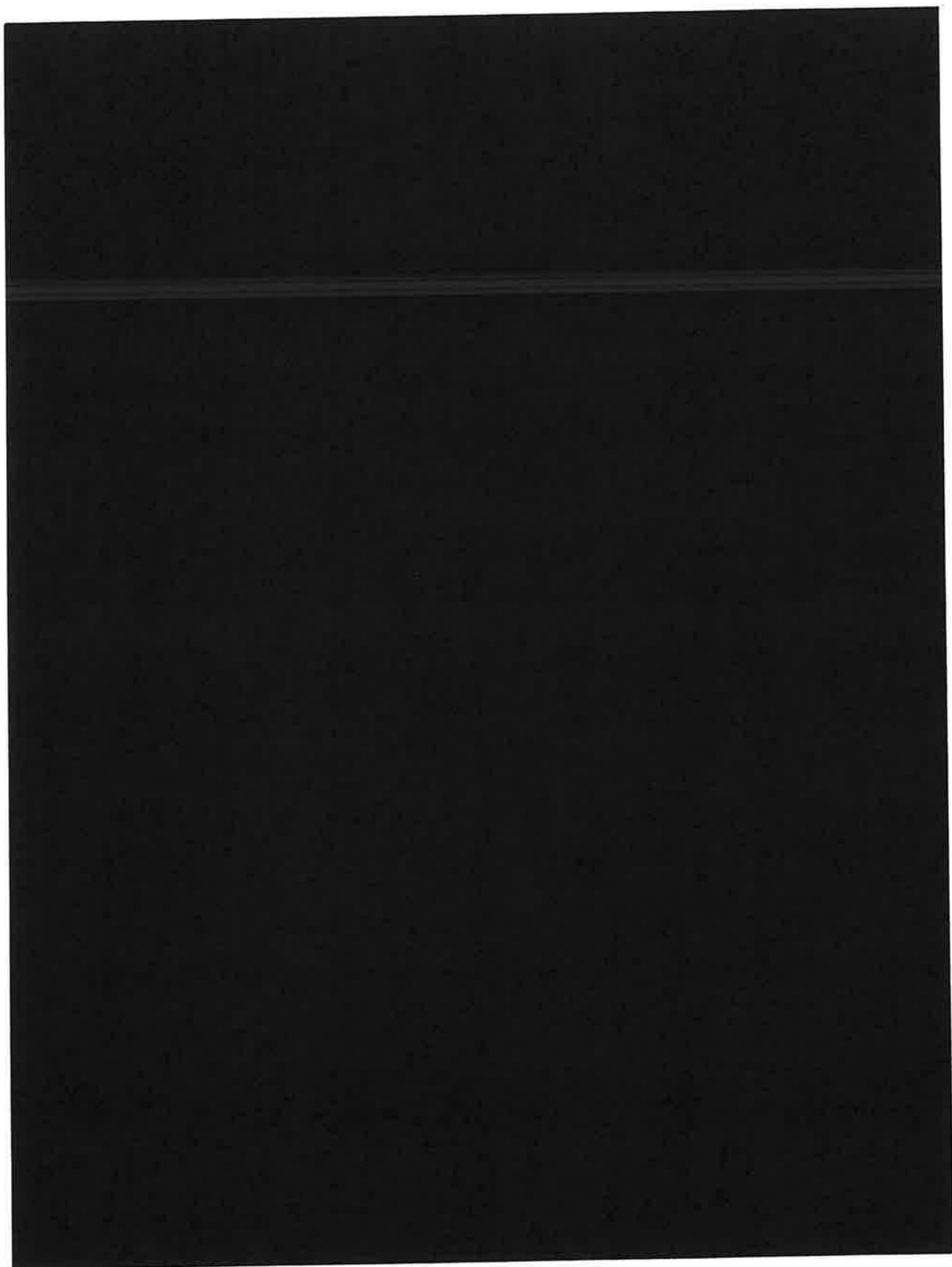


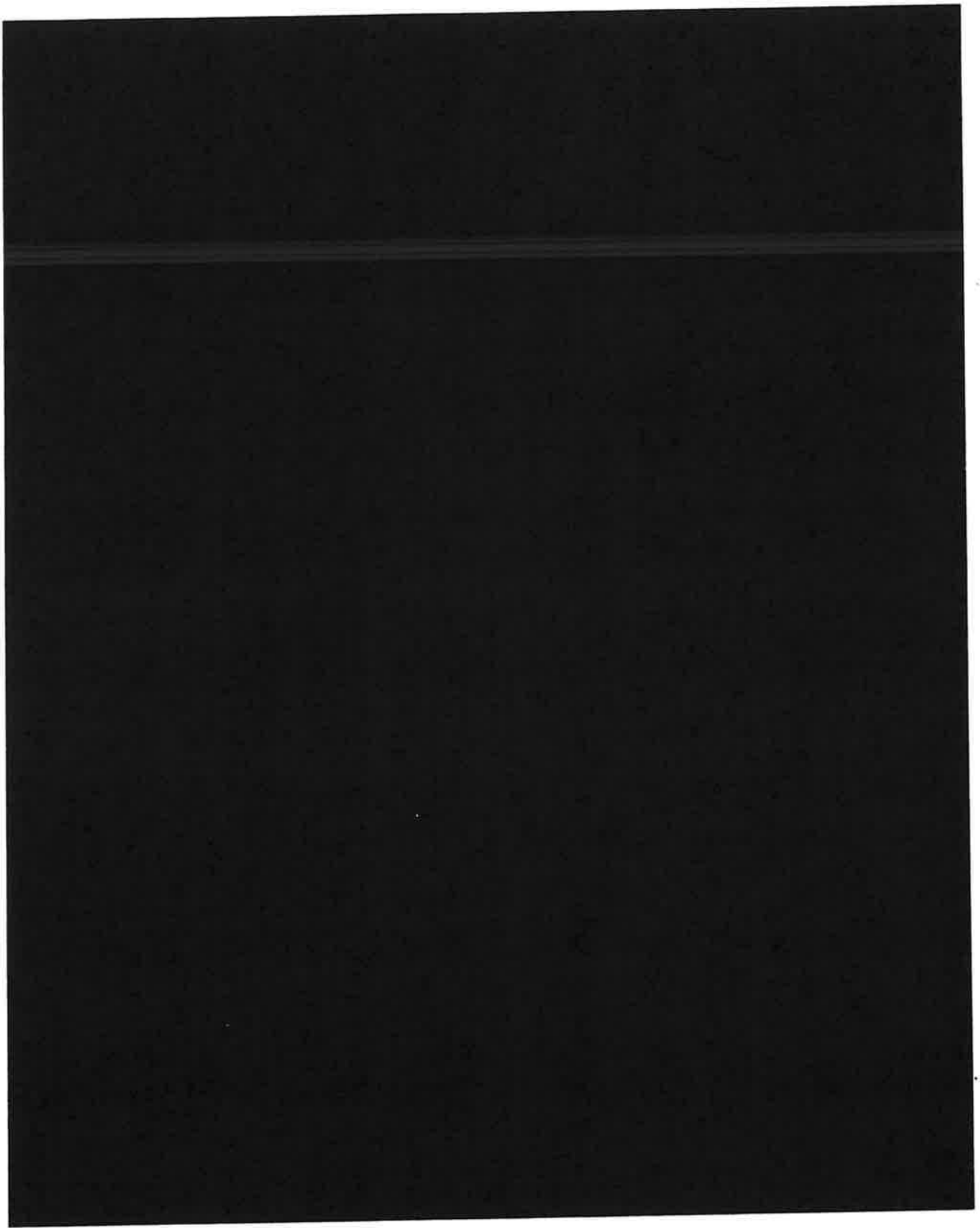


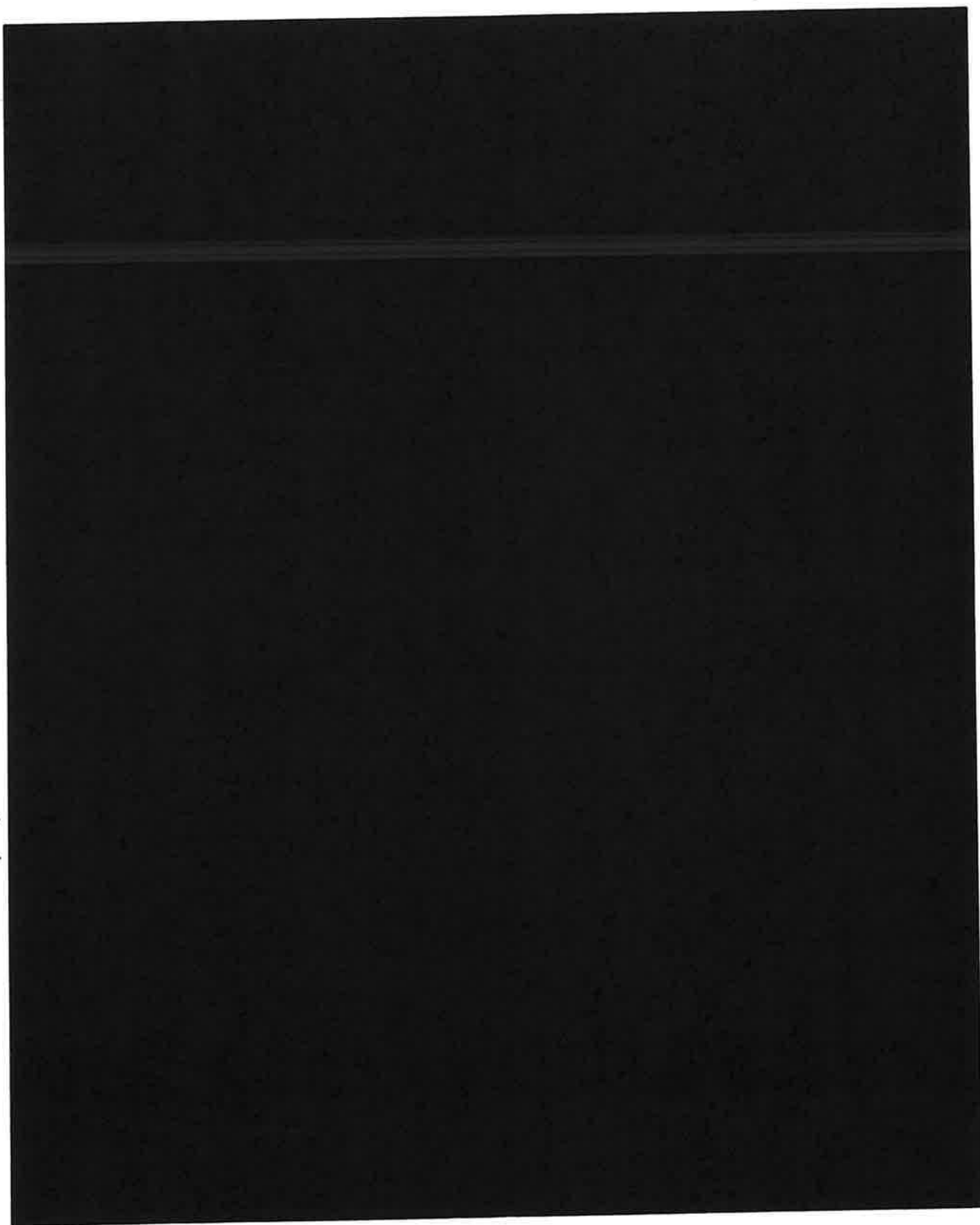


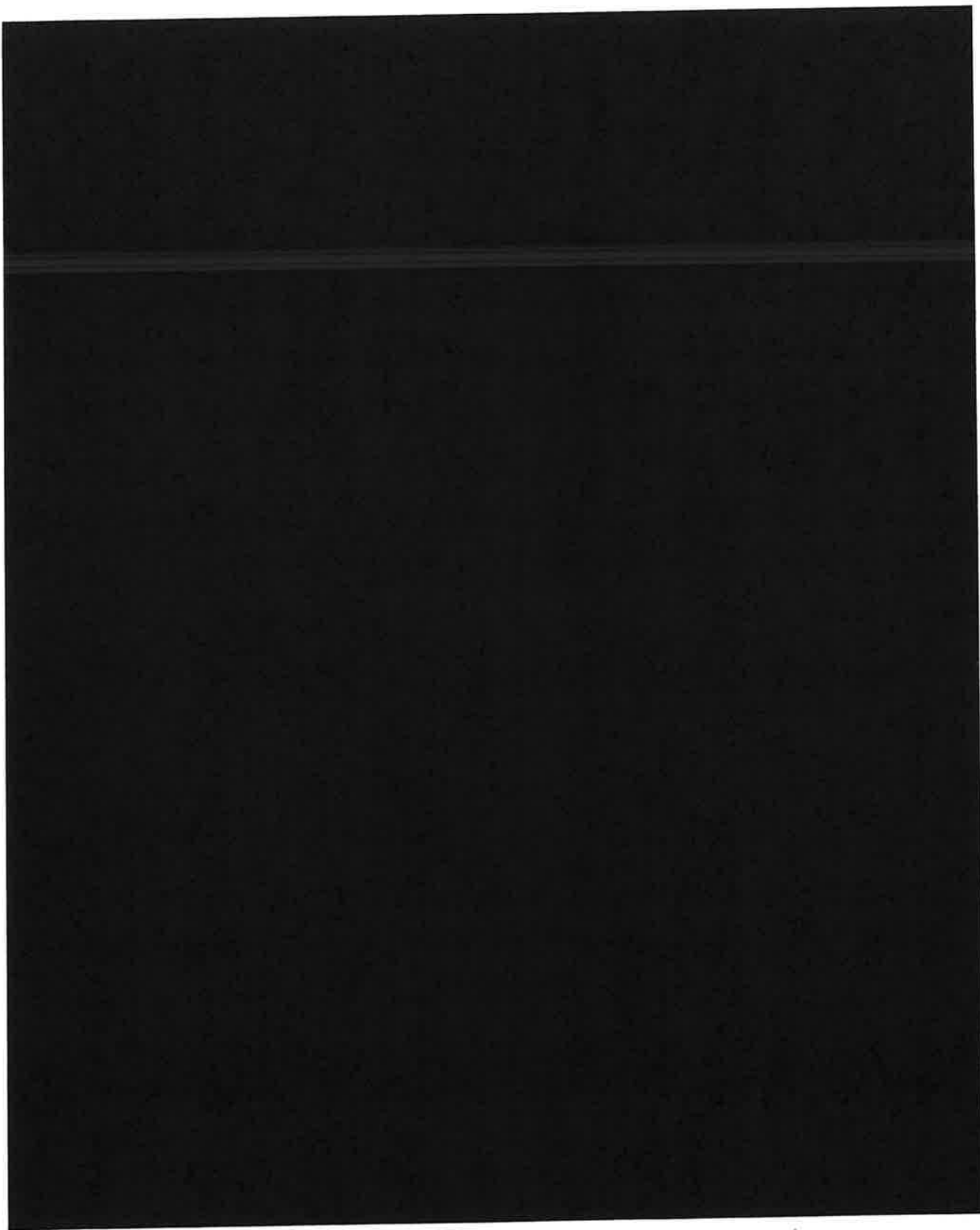


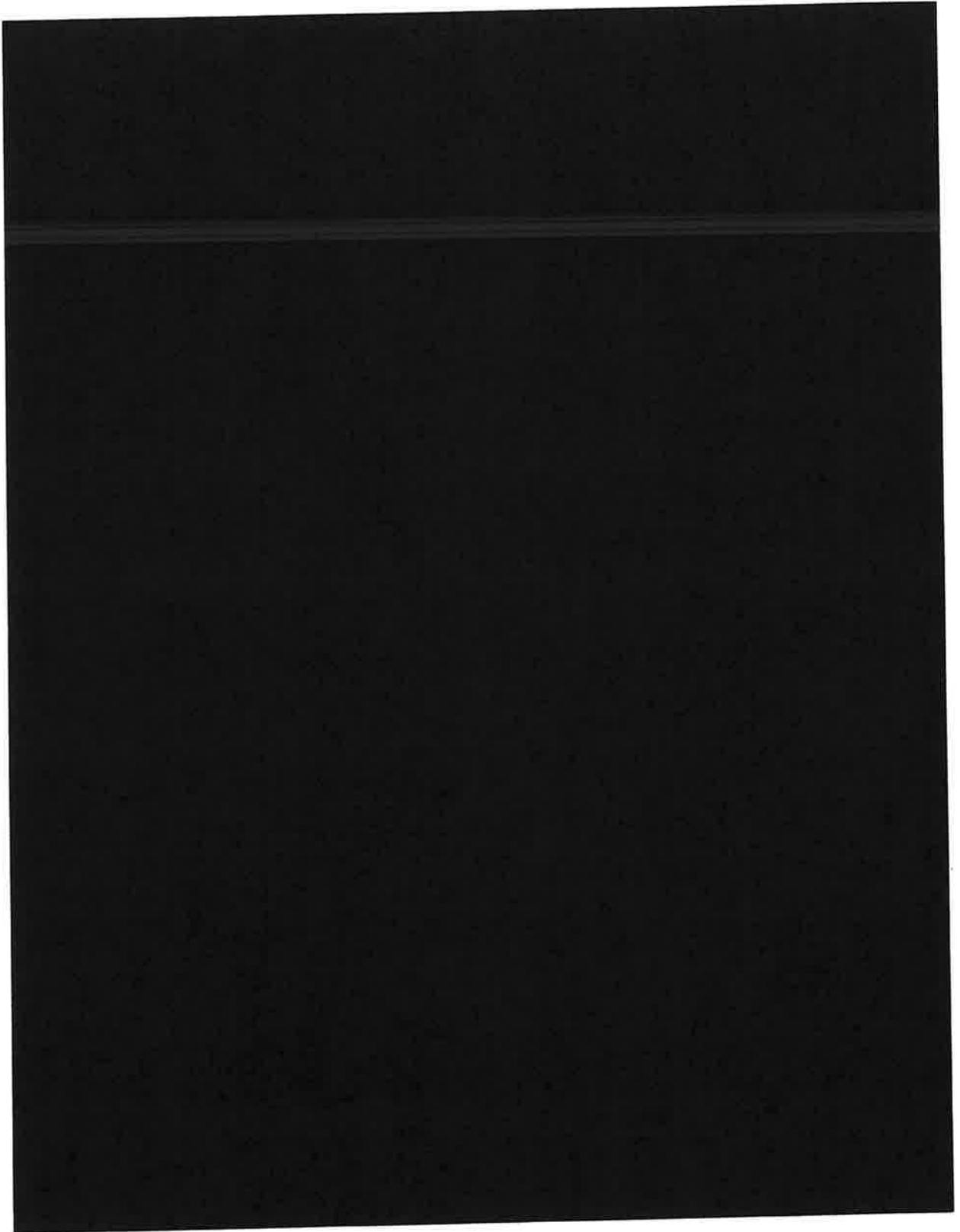


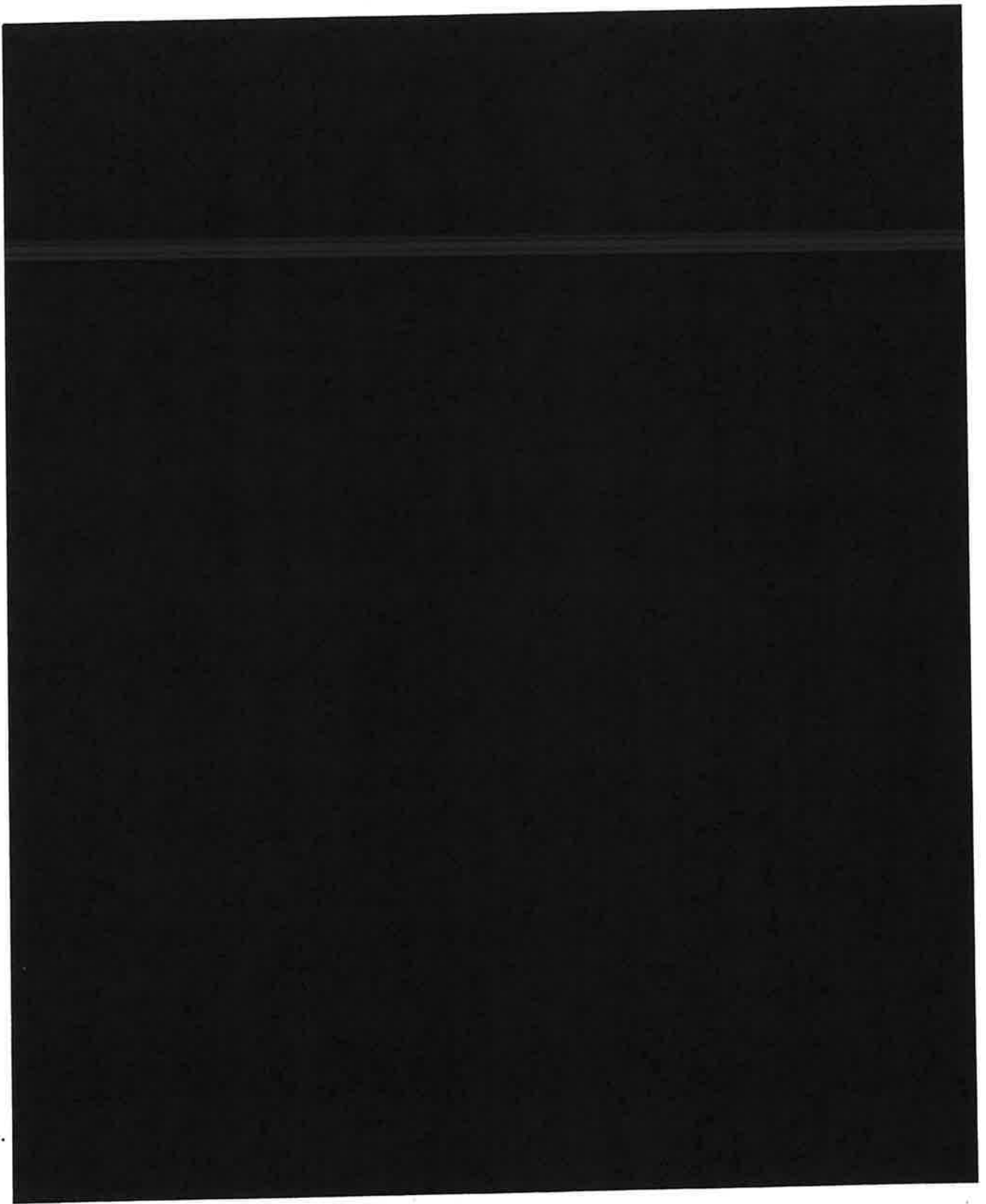


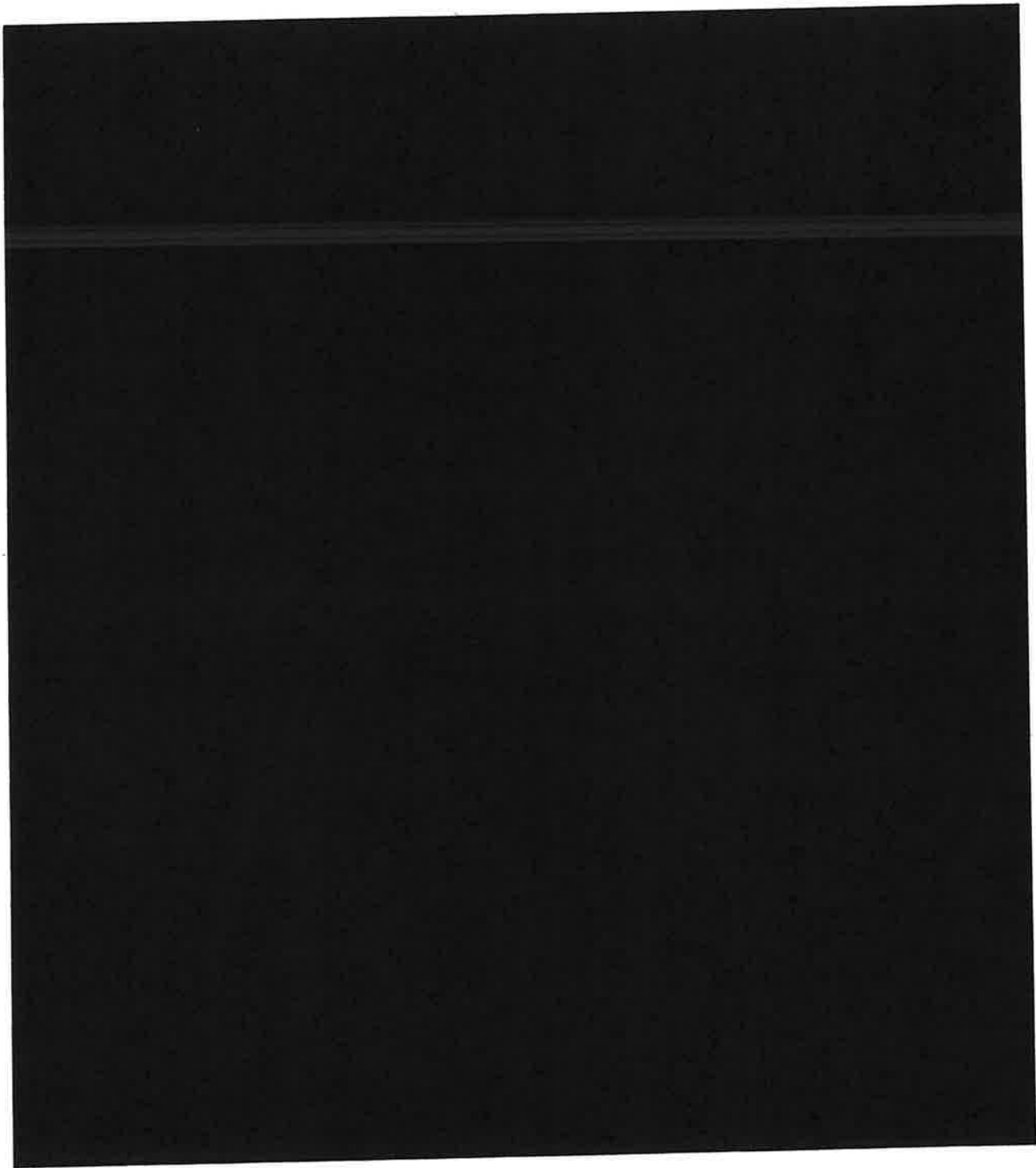


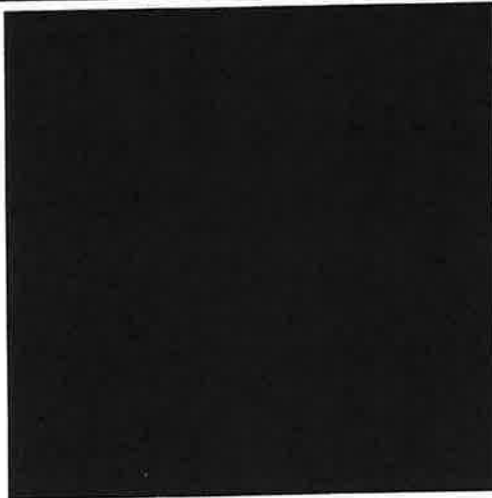
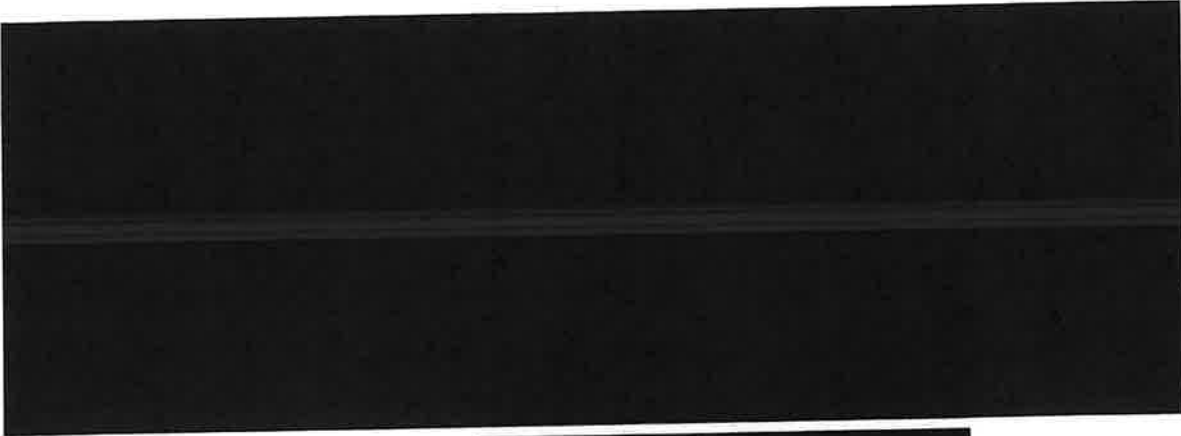












Attested to by the applicants in accordance with the requirements of
Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone on December 30, 2025.


HONORABLE MATTHEW J. SHARBAUGH
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE