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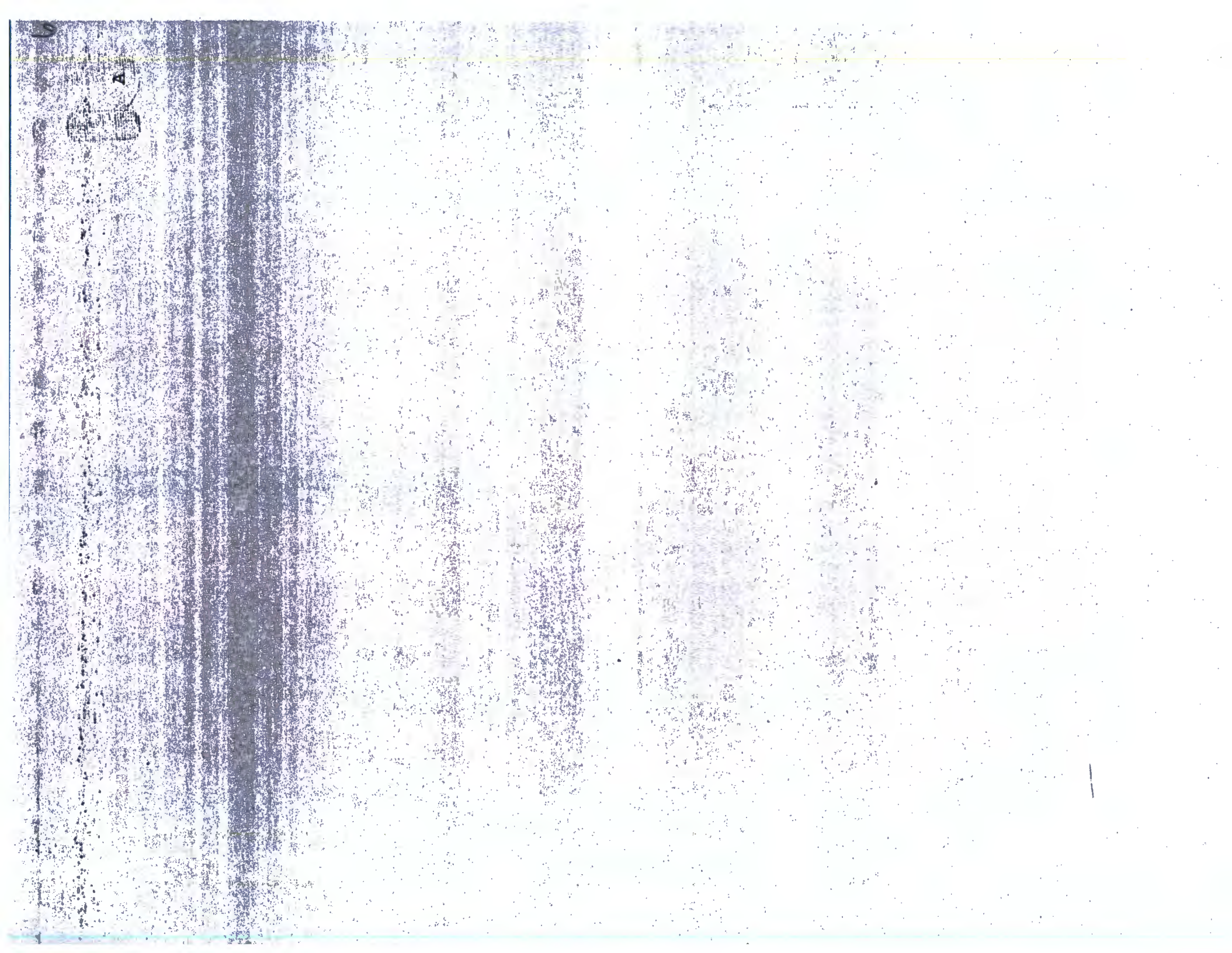
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RICHARD ALLEN TO THE PRESIDENT RE
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ALEXANDER HAIG, ET AL TO THE PRESIDENT
RE SECURITY CONTROLS

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FRANK CARLUCCI TO THE PRESIDENT RE OIL &
GAS EQUIPMENT

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A concerned group in the Administration and in Congress express the view that the project should be interdicted or at least scaled down because of the political and security considerations. In practical terms, however, it is doubtful that Urengoi-Yamburg can be stopped altogether given the advanced stage of commitments to the project by both sides.

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Finally, the view expressed herein entails recognition that the project, in some form, will go forward, but urges that a final commitment be contingent on the Western allies proceeding with a safety net of alternatives and the kind of unified policy framework mentioned above. This position can be summed up in terms of putting the horse of a collective Western economic policy towards the U.S.S.R. before the cart of long-term commercial commitments with security dimensions.

After a lull in negotiations, the Soviets are now pressing for a firm commitment to Urengoi-Yamburg prior to President Brezhnev's announced visit to Bonn, currently scheduled for November. If the United States and its NATO partners fail to reach a coordinated policy approach in the near term, they may face the bleak prospect that the project, in turn, will shape the policy.

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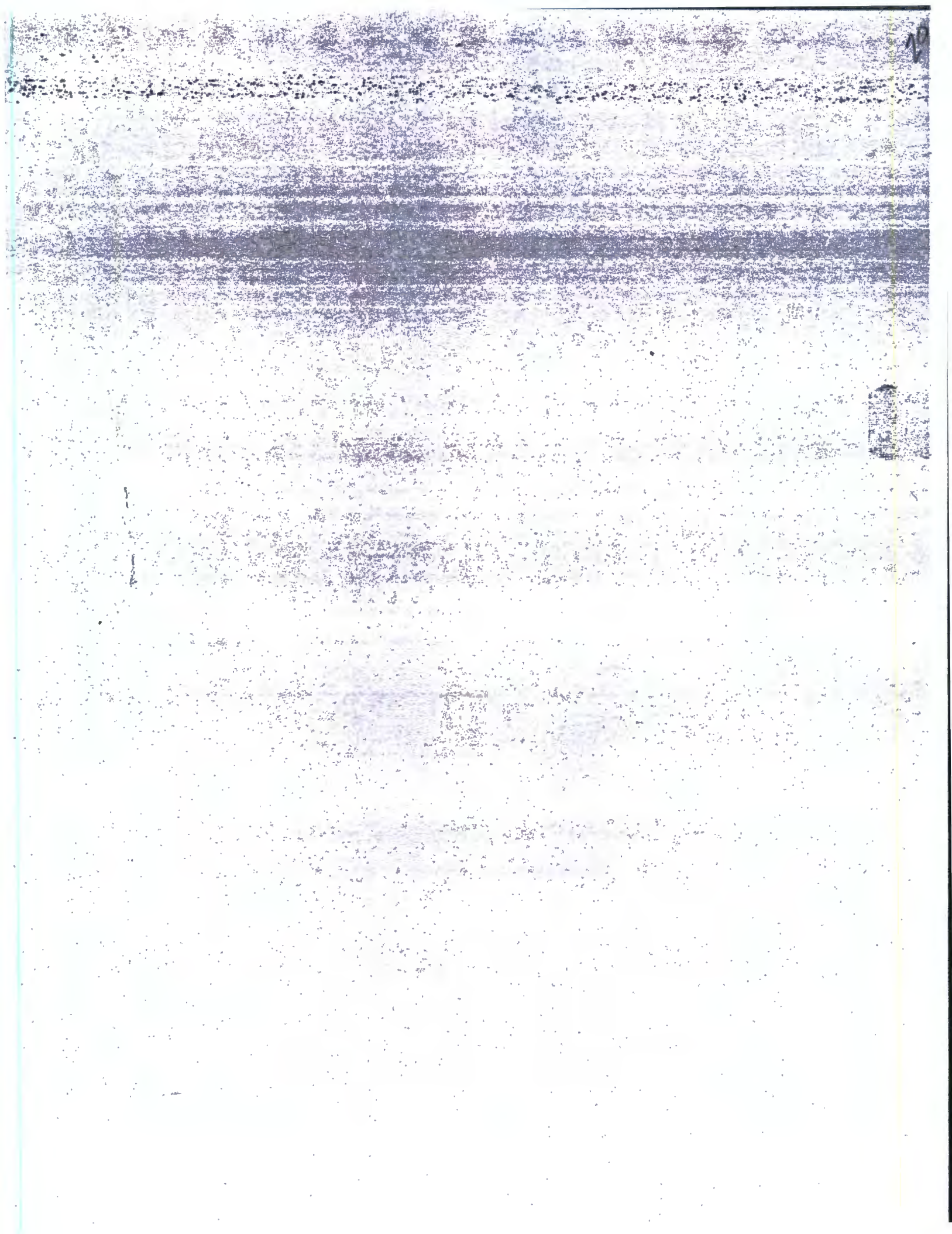
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Beyond the benefits of developing a specific institutionalized framework would be the parallel advantages to Western suppliers stemming from the enhanced stability of East-West commercial relations. This is particularly applicable to U.S. companies which in the past have often been hampered by erratic go-no go government decisionmaking.

The Urengoi-Yamburg debate currently revolves around three basic points of view. Most proponents of the project believe that Urengoi-Yamburg should be treated as a routine commercial undertaking on the assumption that East-West dependencies are evenly balanced. This view tends to gloss over the character of the U.S.S.R.'s command economy that is better equipped to implement major shifts in the allocation of resources when deemed politically necessary.

The bulk of the resulting hardships have traditionally been absorbed by Soviet consumers who have a far higher tolerance threshold than their Western counterparts.

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