

Thunderbolt Wind Farm 55070807896

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Sir

I would like to STRONGLY OBJECT to the Thunderbolt Wind farm for the reasons listed below.

1/ Neoon Australia Pty Ltd have proved to be a trustworthy and good neighbour in 2018-2019-2020 while I was fighting drought and Bushfires in our area they were going around planning this wind farm.

The first I heard of the Wind farm on the Neighbouring Kyabram & Looqnga was when a friend who lives on the New Highway across from Kyabram rang to ask if we were going to the Anti Wind farm meeting at Kentucky Hall that day.

My answer was "What Wind Farm & What meeting?" This is how I learnt of the wind farm. This was February 2020.

2/ At a second Meeting a few weeks later I met Joanna Murphy, Project Manager. She seemed like an honest person. During this meeting Joanna told me she would send me information regards Aerial fire fighting near Wind Farms

I am still waiting.

At the Community Drop-in Session at Kentucky on the 30 of April 2022. I asked a gentleman from Neoen if he could send me a paper copy of the application for SSD, the EIS, etc to me, he was very helpful and wrote down my address etc. THEN Joanna Murphy stepped in took over from the gentleman and asked what I wanted. I told her that to start with the information from 2 years ago would be a start as well as the SSD EIS etc. yet again I have nothing. Photo 1 is a screen shot of a text message sent on the 13 May 2022 at 3.42.

If this is the way the project will be managed Heaven Help Us.

2/ Fires. Before moving to Bulmaral I lived & worked on the Southern Tablelands. As the Wind farms popped up all over the place the use of aerial support for fire fighting became a concern. As a fixed wing Pilot said to me one day "It is DANGEROUS enough without trying to remember the towers are over there".

The LARGE road structures while giving people Access to fight the fire can also be a trap as you try to cross or join onto them.

Photo 2 shows a small area of burnt ground on Loaringa. On the 02/01/2020. a helicopter got this lightning strike fire under control before a red truck (RFS) turned up.

Photo 3 & 4. helicopters on a fire on the 03/01/2020. about a mile North of photo 2. 4 local utes and 4 helicopters had this fire ringed and down before the fire & RFS truck got there.

3, Wildlife

Koalas have been on Balmoral from before we got here in 2005 till the last drought got to bad and some died and others moved.

In July 2021 I heard the first Bull bear barking on right east of our house. The first for 3 years or more the photos 5 & 6 show a Koala. The first seen on Balmoral for a long time, this was on 05/12/2021. Photo 7 gives a GPS reading of the location.

Photo 8 is of a Wedgetail eagle over Balmoral, there has always been a family over Balmoral.

If you like we do love the sight of eagles and the other Raptors sighted on Balmoral including the occasional little eagle then the report on the AGL Macarthur Wind Farm bird losses

will at least make you sad.

Photos 9, 10 & 11 are of other wildlife on Balmoral. We have so much to loose in the District with the Construction & Running of the wind farm.

4/ Money.

On stories I have been told from the Southern Table lands Balmoral may well drop in value by 15-30% with a wind farm on 2 sides. Now if you are happy to put YOUR hand into YOUR SUPER to make up OUR LOSS then GOOD, other wise you may well understand my concern.

5/ Access.

At the Community Drop-in session on the 30/04/2022 at Kentucky I asked Joanna Murphy if Neoen or their Contractors etc would use Access to Looenga and Kyabra through Balmoral. Joanna said NO.

As you can understand with her track record I am worried.

6/ Construction.

At the Back of Kyabra along the Green Valley Rd is site of Smiths Green Valley Inn. This was there because of a spring on Balmoral that gave

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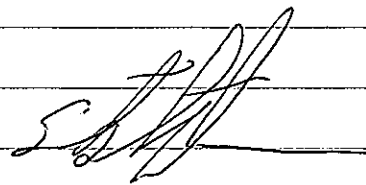
water for the Cobbe Co charging station

Balmoral has a lot of spring country and if we loose some or all of them from blasting etc we are lost and so is a lot of wild life.

6/ The stress all of this has put people under as we have come out of Drought & fine is NOT to be underestimated.

7/ If you would like to send someone out to Sailors flat I would be happy to show them what a Big set of Wind Power Stations will cost us.

I HAVE MADE NO REPORTABLE
POLITICAL INNOVATIONS IN THE
LAST 2 YEARS.



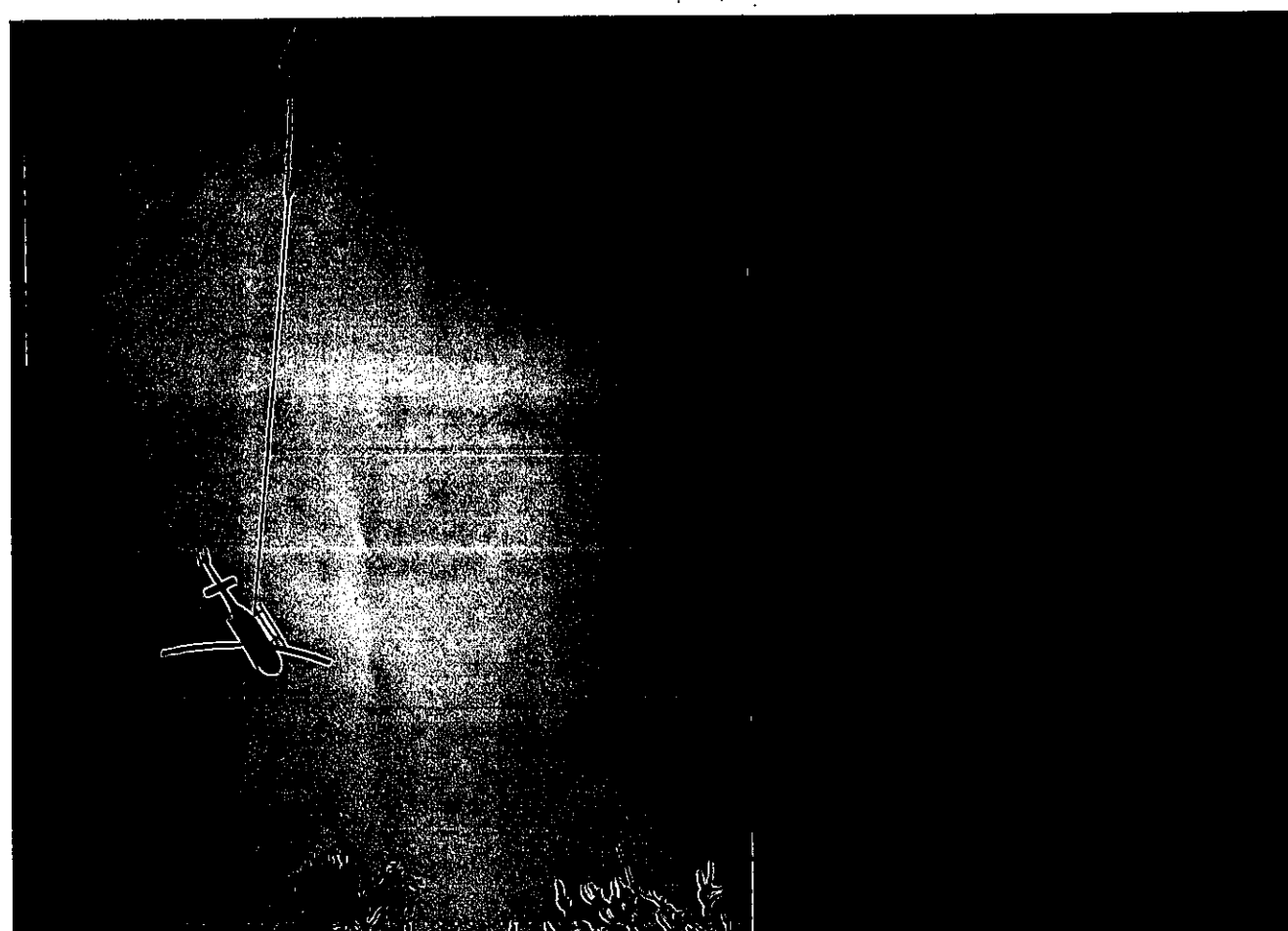
STEPHEN JOHNSTON.

Good day.
How long does
it take to send
the paper copy
of information
on aerial fire
fighting near
wind turbines
and the EIS etc
for the wind
farm next door.
Still waiting.

Steve
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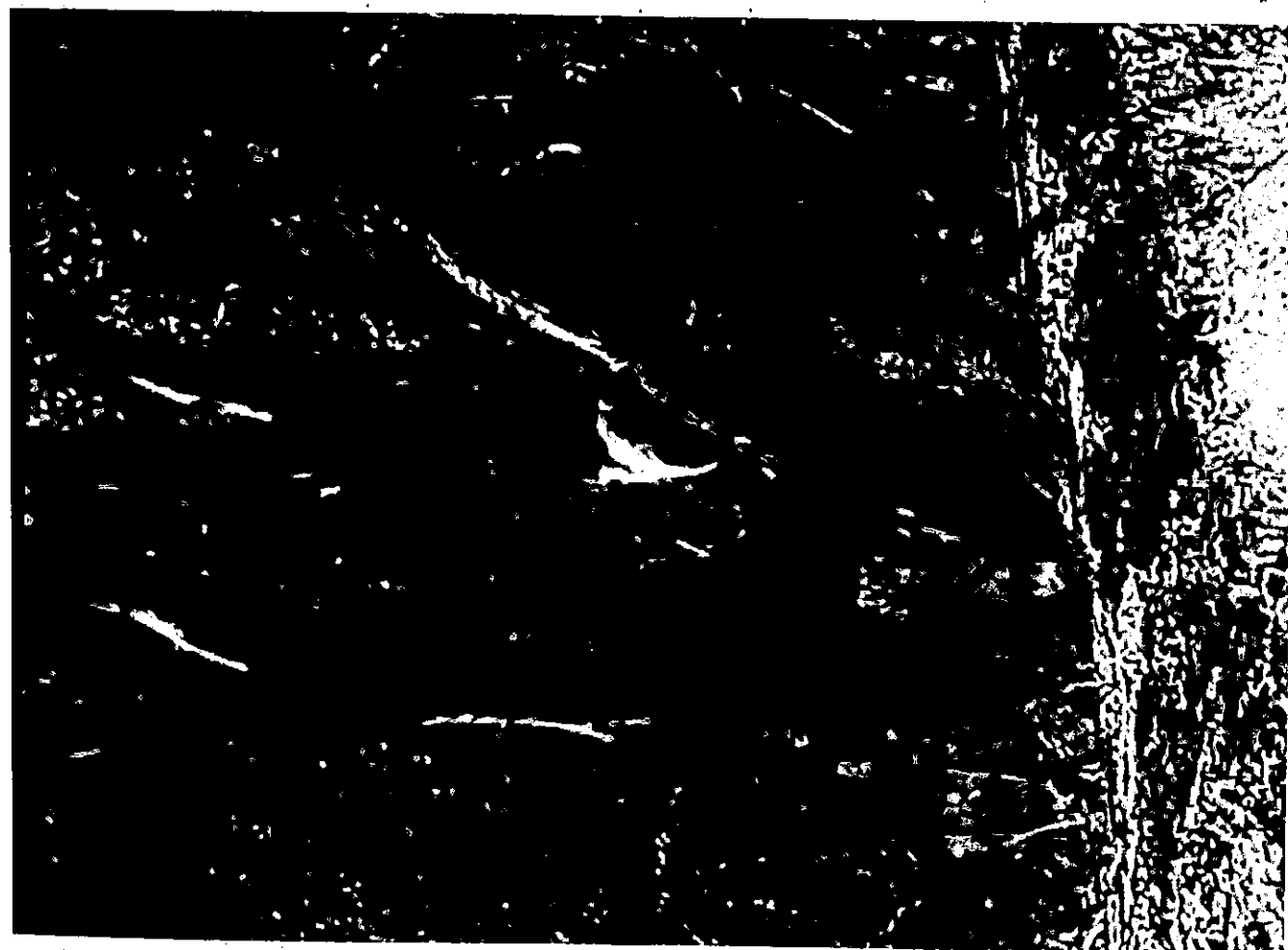
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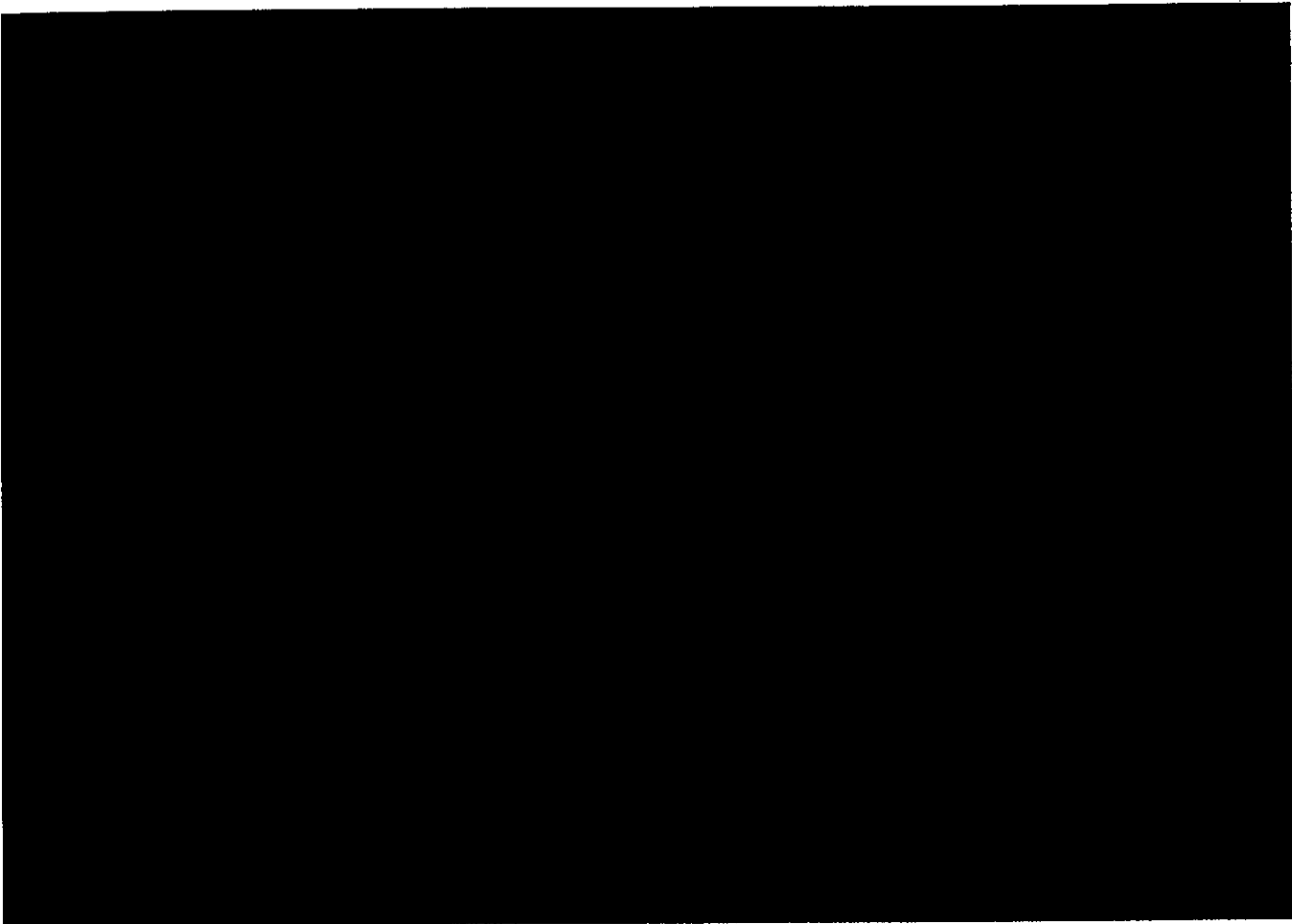
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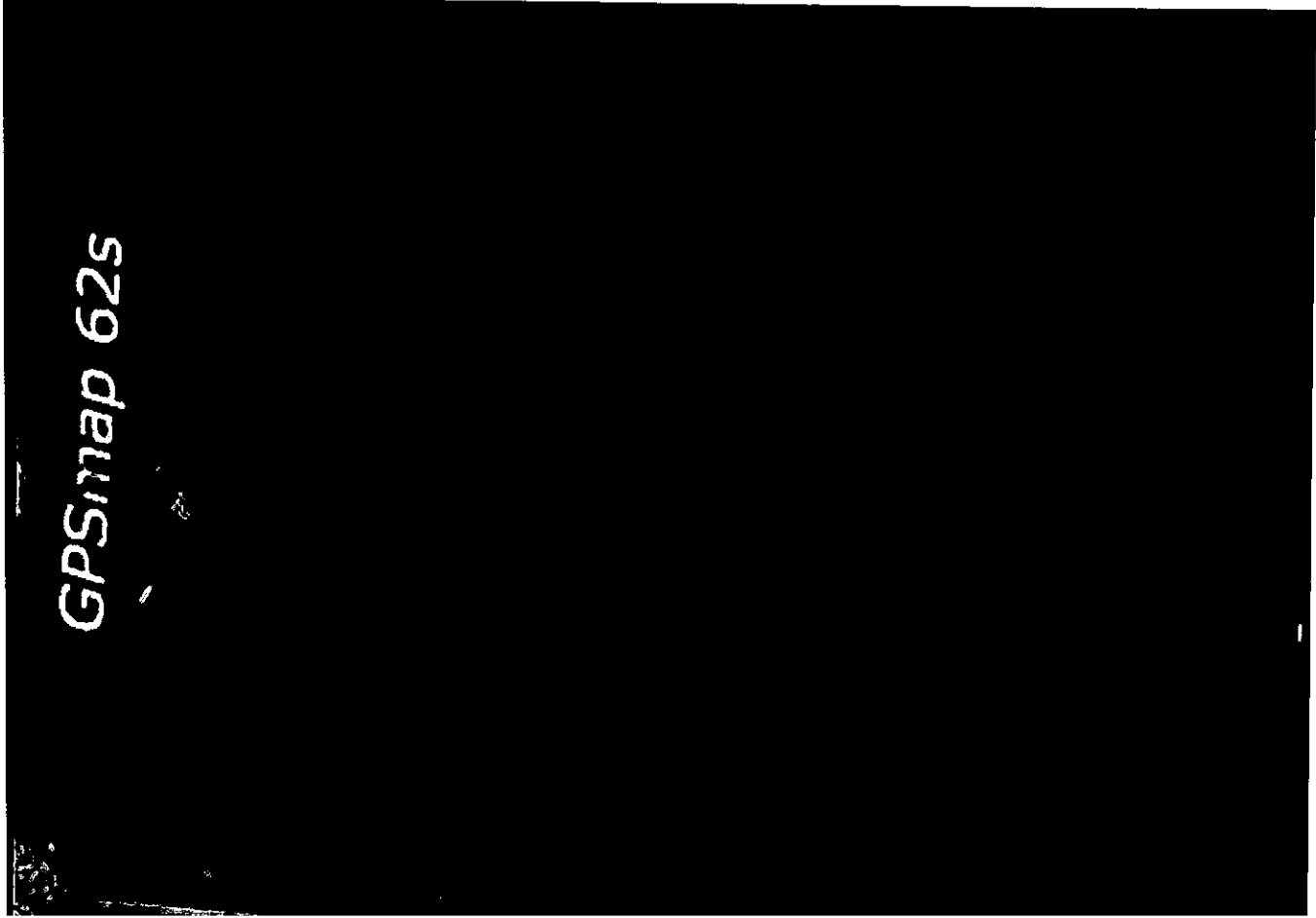
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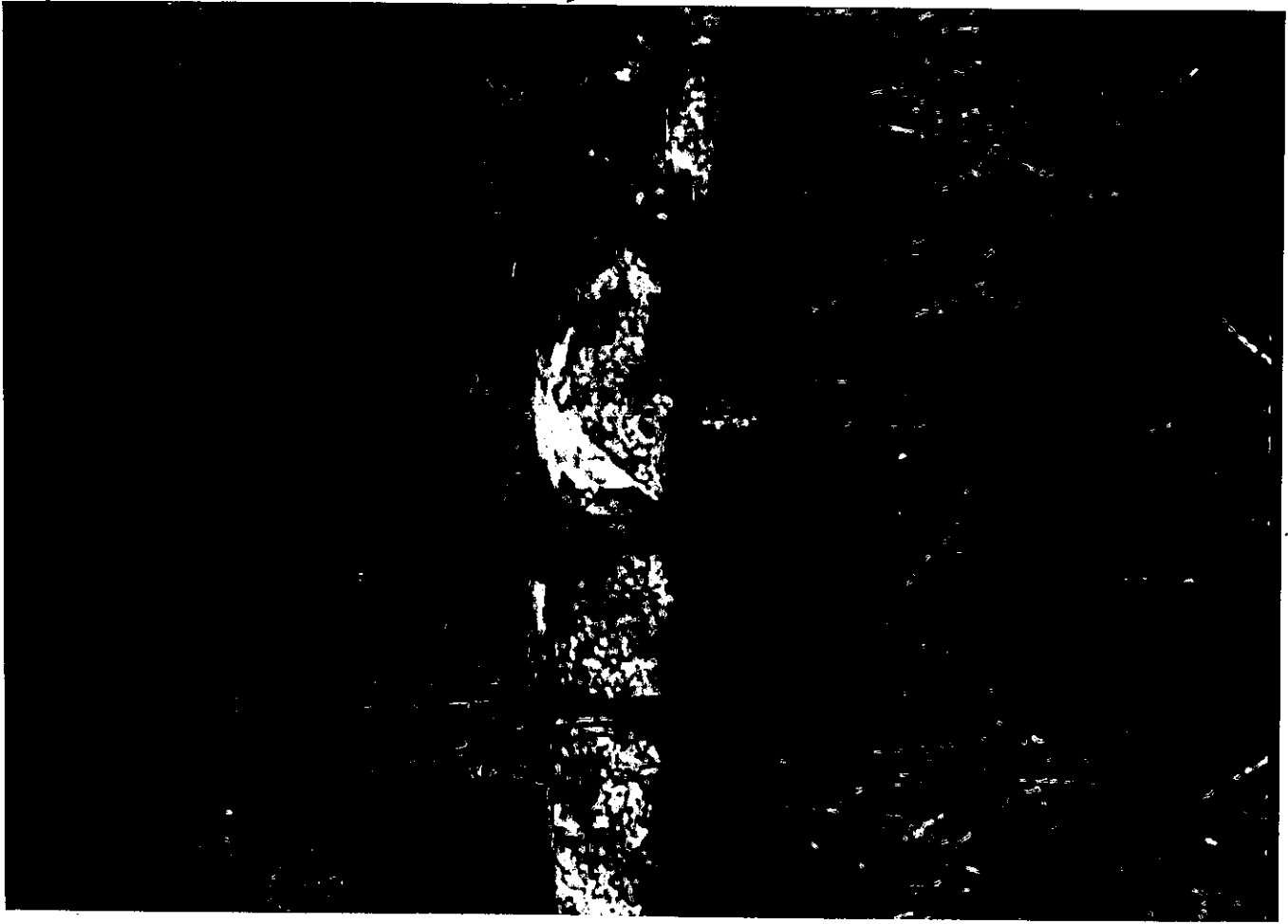
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