

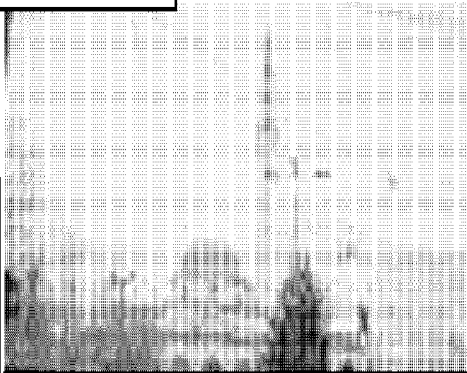


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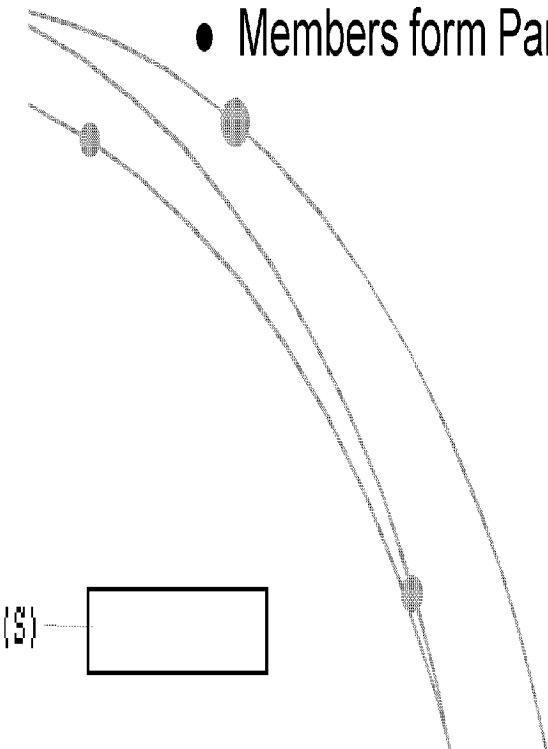
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Beginning of Islamic Extremism in Balkans

- Young Muslims (MM)

- Started in 1939
- Forced underground by Yugoslavian regime
- Members form Party of Democratic Action (SDA)



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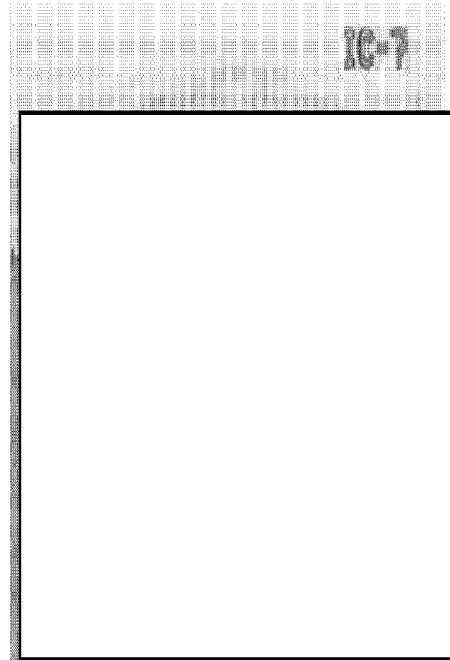
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Bosnian War

- 1992-1995
 - SERBS (ORTHODOX)
 - BOSNIAKS (MUSLIM)
 - CROATS (CATHOLIC)



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- Mujahidin come to Bosnia to assist Bosniaks (provided weapons and funding from USG)

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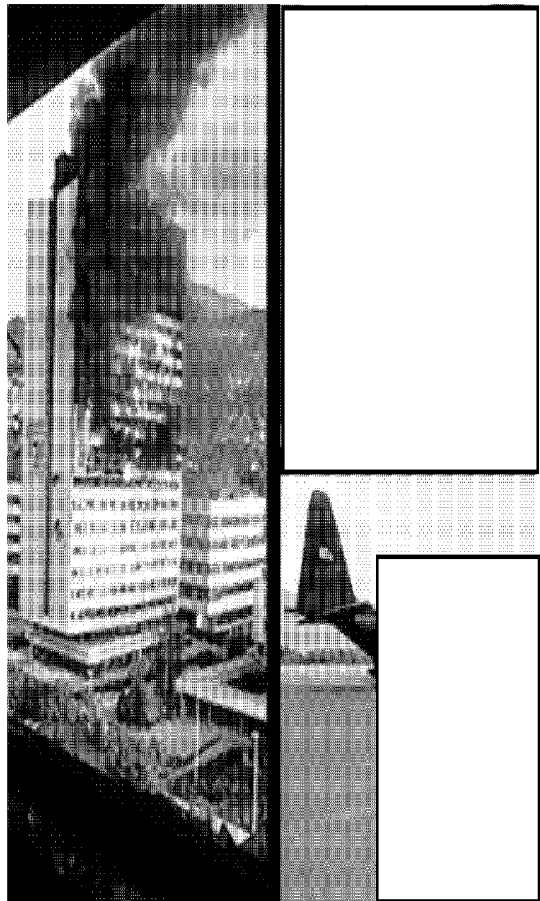
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Foreign Fighters

- These foreign mujahidin forged new ties between the Balkans and other countries

- Saudi Arabia
- Kuwait
- Iran
- Indonesia and Malaysia



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Post-War

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- Foreign Mujahidin fighting in Bosnian War are given citizenship - several hardened fighters from previous jihads

- Attempt to convert moderate Bosnian Muslim population to radical Salafist Islam and change the "Official Islamic Communities"

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“Official Muslim Communities”

- Moderate Sufi/Hanafi
- Rise of communism – weakens Muslim community
- Fall of Communism – strengthens community, but still lagging behind rest of Muslim world
- Generally opposed to radicalism, but send mixed signals (funding, educational opportunities)

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Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

- Most began work in Bosnia following War

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- Build mosques, 



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- Following Government scrutiny, many NGOs change name or officially disband, but continue to conduct business as usual

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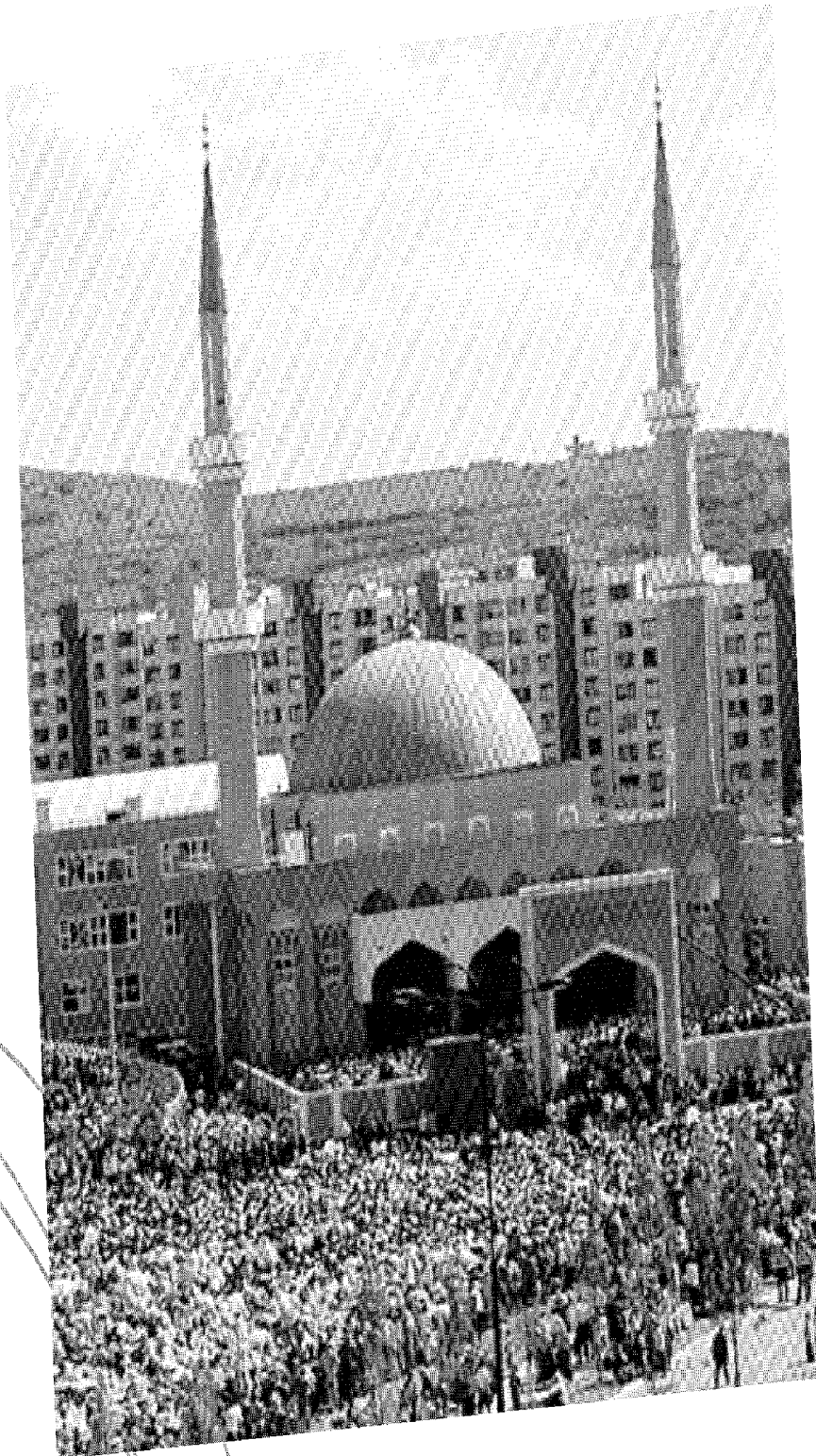
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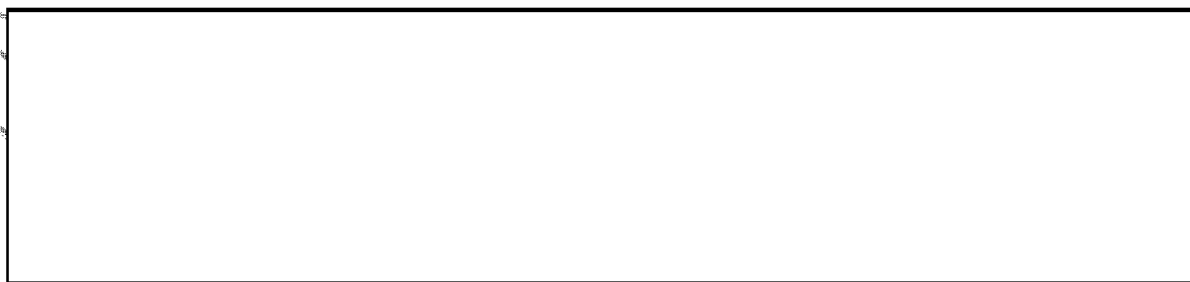
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ACTIVE ISLAMIC YOUTH

- Formed by former mujahidin in Bosnia following War
- Officially disbanded in 2006

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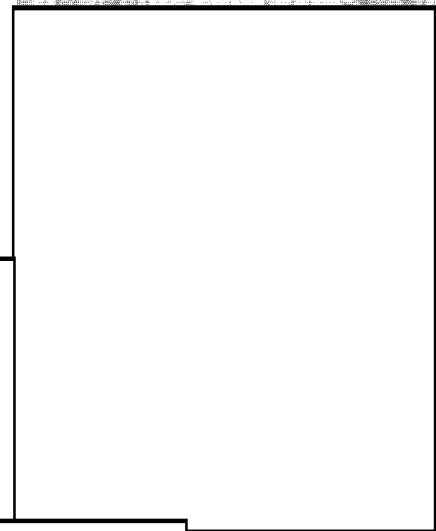
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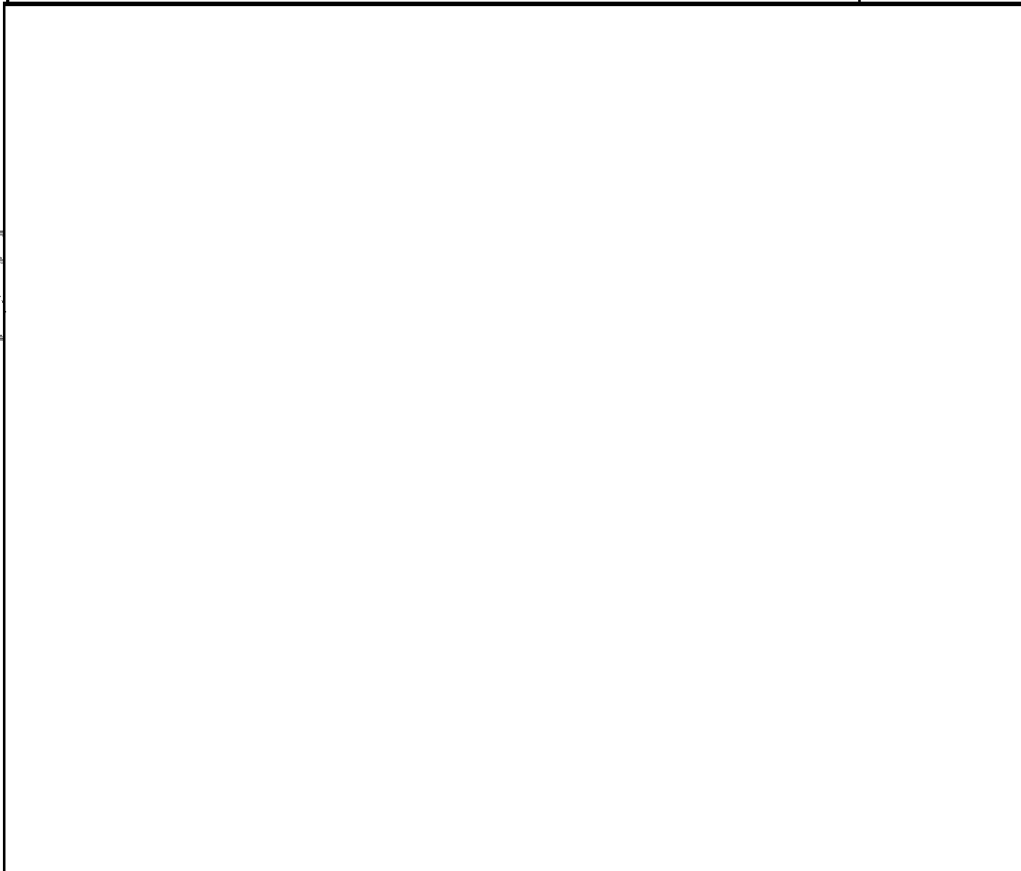
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● Youth Centers



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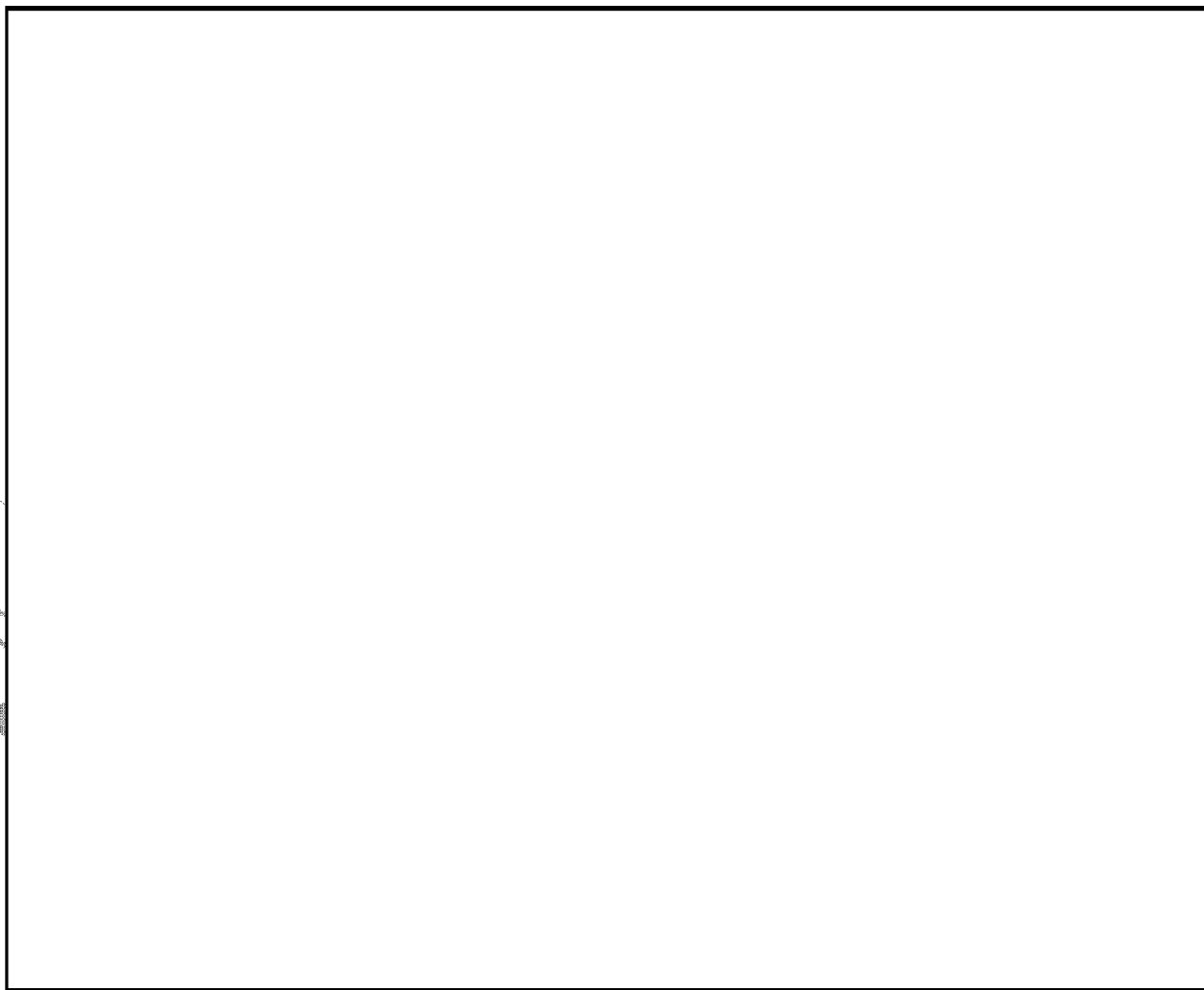
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Setbacks in the Balkans

- Weak Governments
 - Lack funding for social programs
- Agencies with Corruption/Infiltration

- Agencies with ulterior motives

- Countries pursuing EU membership
 - Deny any terrorism problems

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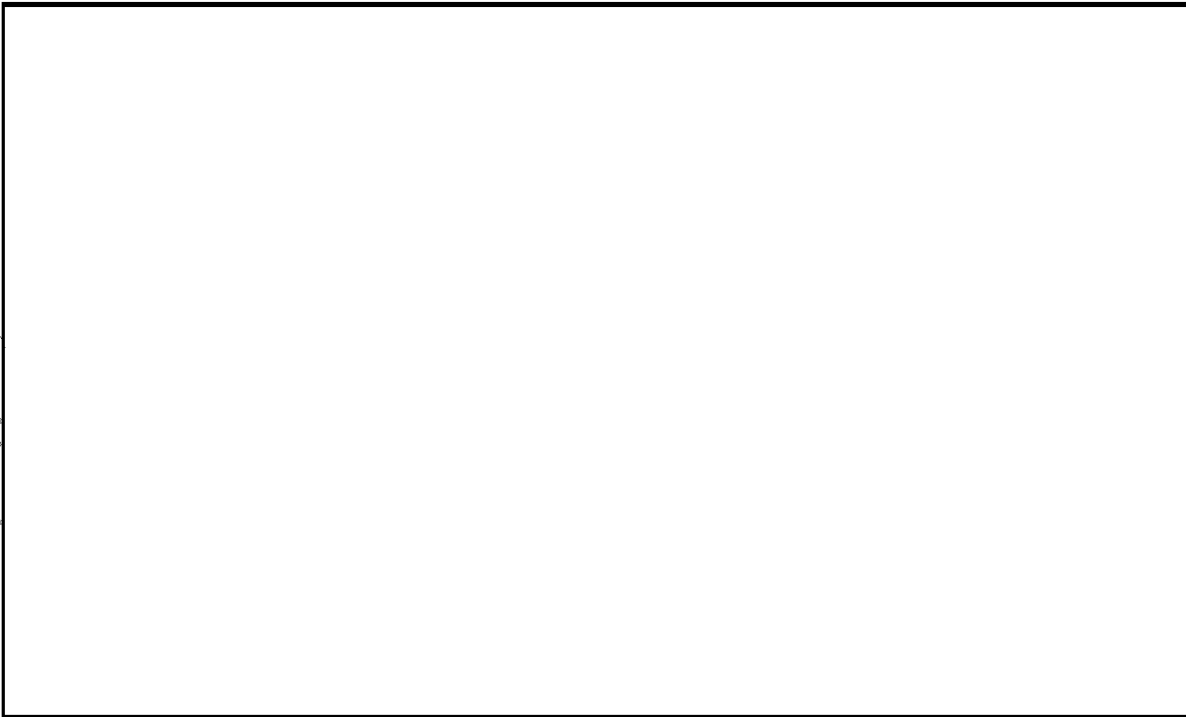
Difficulties



- US Intel Community in disagreement

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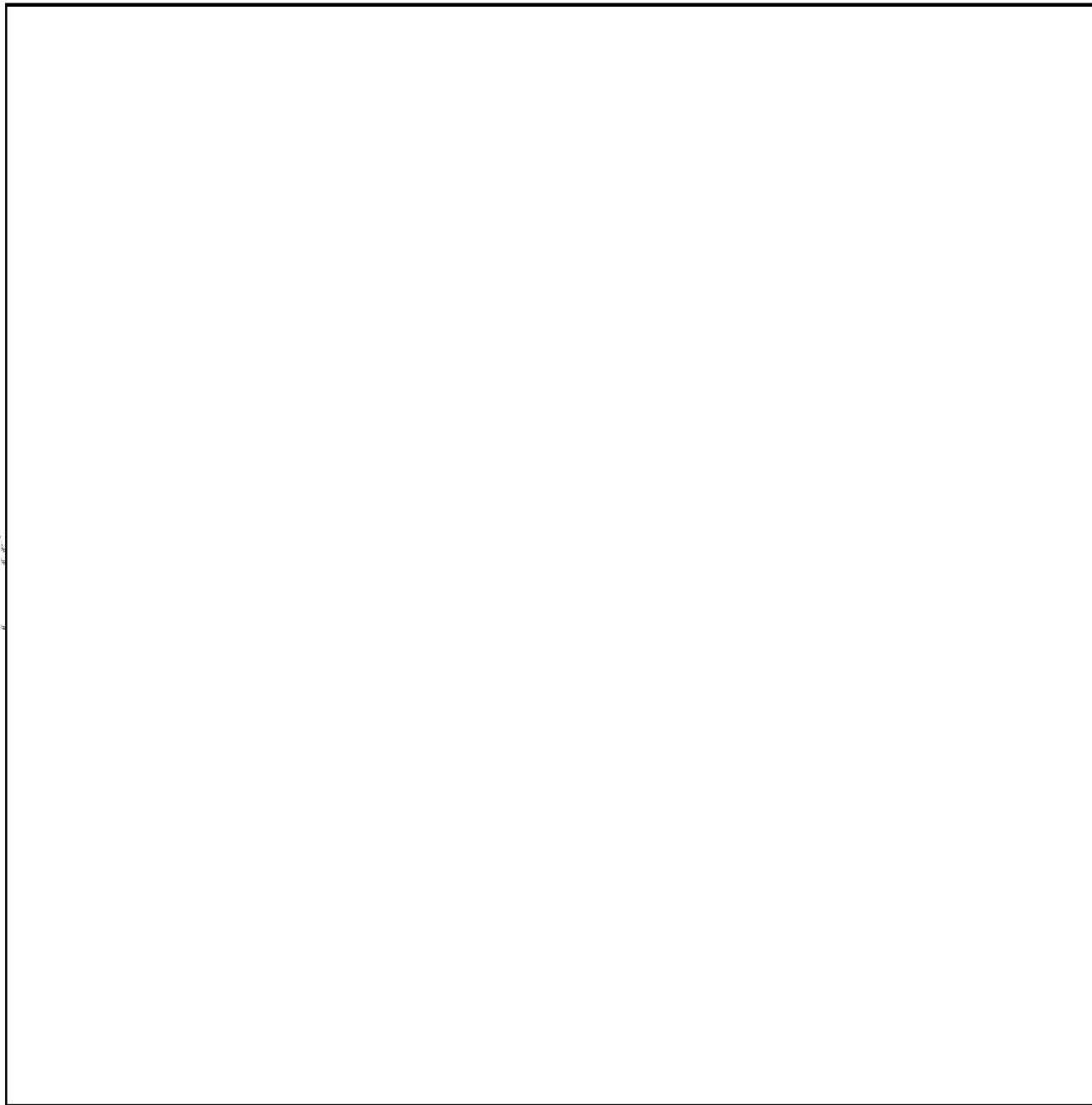
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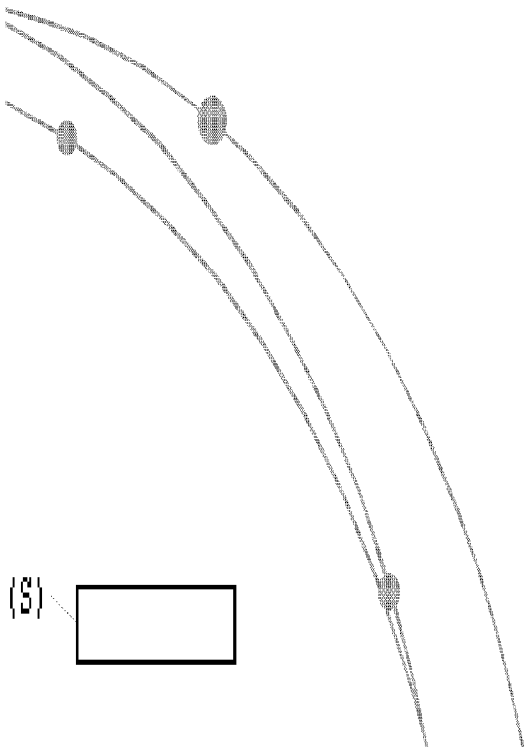
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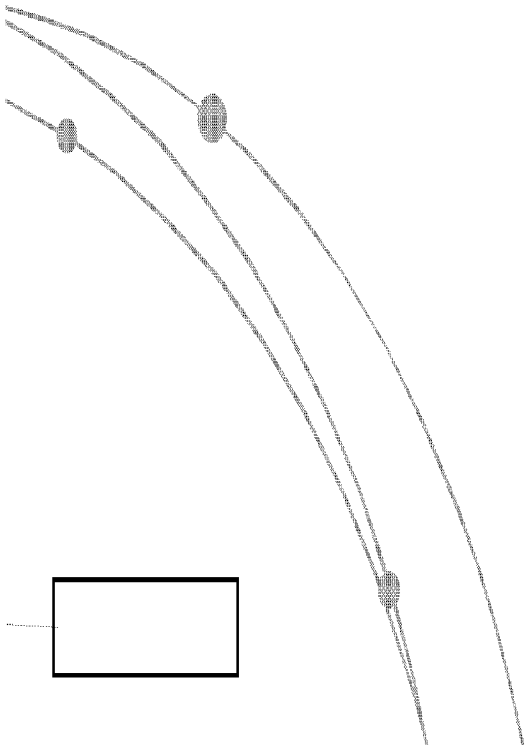
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