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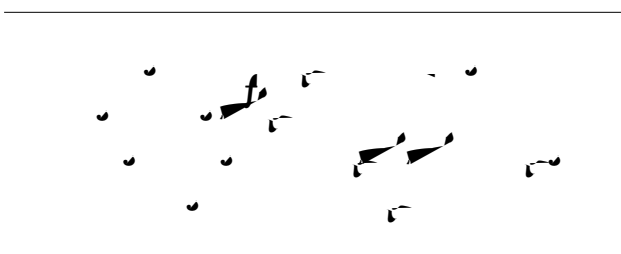
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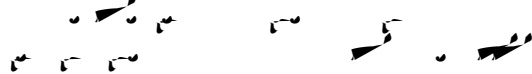
As the Commission on Access to Information has noted, the right of access to information is not absolute. It is subject to certain limitations. These limitations must be defined in a clear and precise manner. The Commission has identified several categories of information that are exempt from disclosure. These include information that is related to the national defence, international relations, or the security of Canada. It also includes information that is confidential, or that would be injurious to the economy or to the financial interests of Canada. The Commission has also noted that the right of access to information is subject to the provisions of the Access to Information Act. This Act sets out the procedures for requesting and receiving information, and also provides for the review of decisions made by the government regarding access to information.

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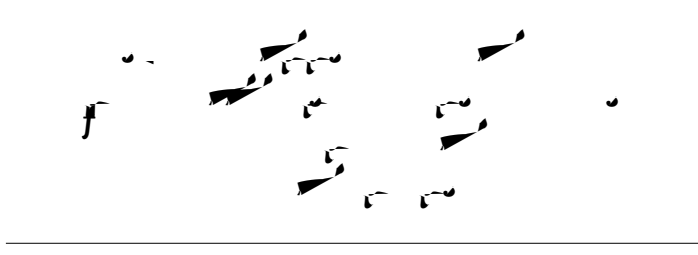
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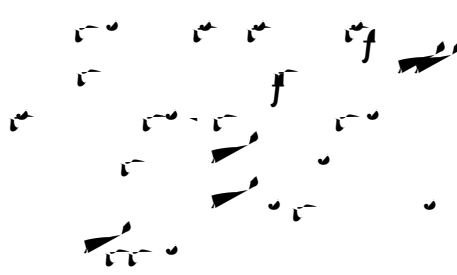
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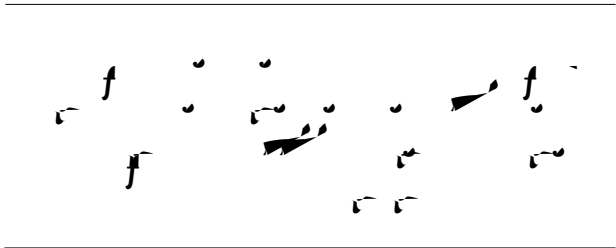
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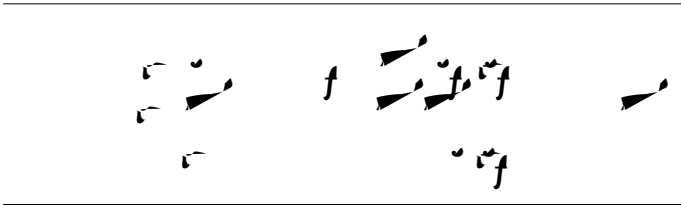
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THE CARTER CENTER AT A GLANCE

WHAT IS THE CARTER CENTER?

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WHAT HAS THE CENTER ACHIEVED IN 20 YEARS?

In its first 20 years, the Carter Center has achieved significant milestones. It has facilitated over 65 peace agreements, including the 1995 Dayton Accords, the 1998 Dayton Accords, and the 2000-2001 Dayton Accords. The Center has also been instrumental in resolving numerous international conflicts, including the 1995 Dayton Accords, the 1998 Dayton Accords, and the 2000-2001 Dayton Accords. The Center has received a total of \$34 million in funding, including a \$501,000 grant from the U.S. State Department. The Center has also received a total of \$4,000,000 in funding from the U.S. State Department.

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HOW IS THE CENTER STAFFED AND FUNDED?

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WHERE IS THE CENTER LOCATED?

The Carter Center is located in Atlanta, Georgia. It is situated in the heart of the city, near the downtown area. The Center is a prominent landmark in Atlanta and is a popular destination for tourists and diplomats alike. The Center's location in Atlanta is strategic, as it is a major hub for international trade and diplomacy.