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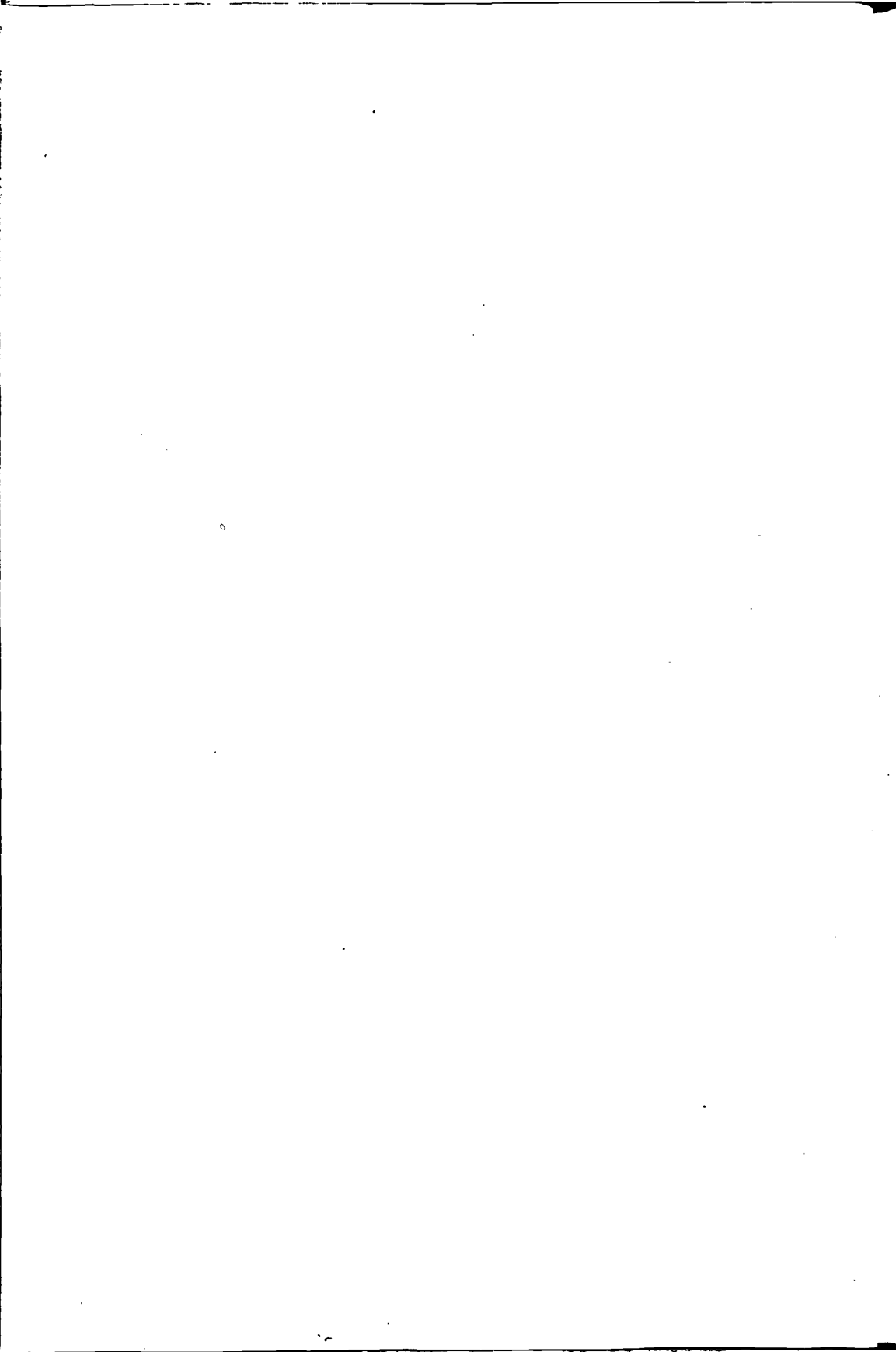
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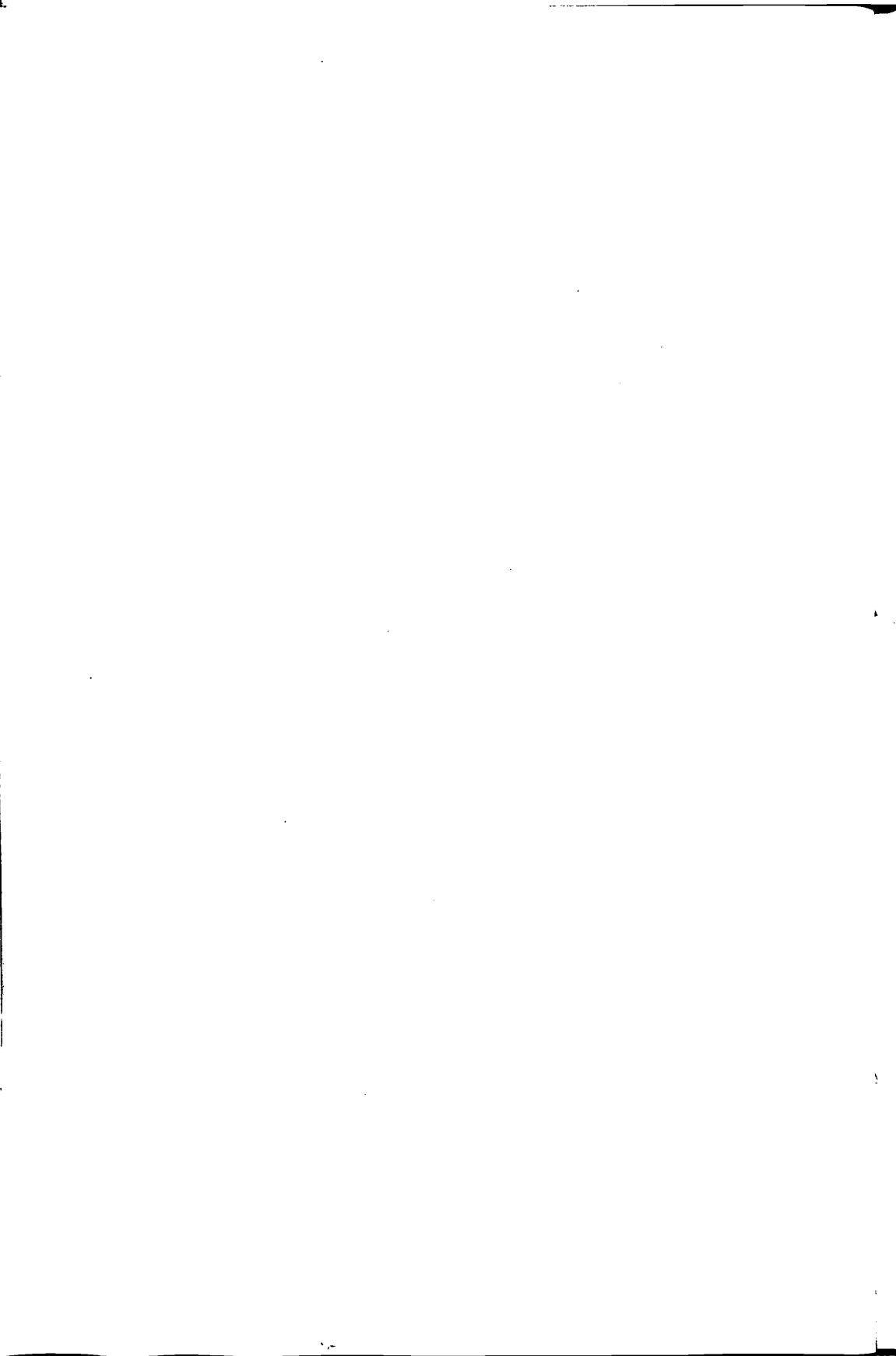
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Foreword

In 1970 the National Bureau of Economic Research, with the support of a grant from the American Council of Life Insurance, undertook a major study of some of the important effects of inflation on financial markets. The present book began as a report of the overall project, but, as we brought in related work of others, the report grew into a survey of recent research on the financial effects of inflation. Although there are many aspects of inflation we do not attempt to deal with, we have endeavored, in drawing together the main results of the National Bureau's study and other work on the financial effects of inflation, to summarize what has been learned and what questions remain open.

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