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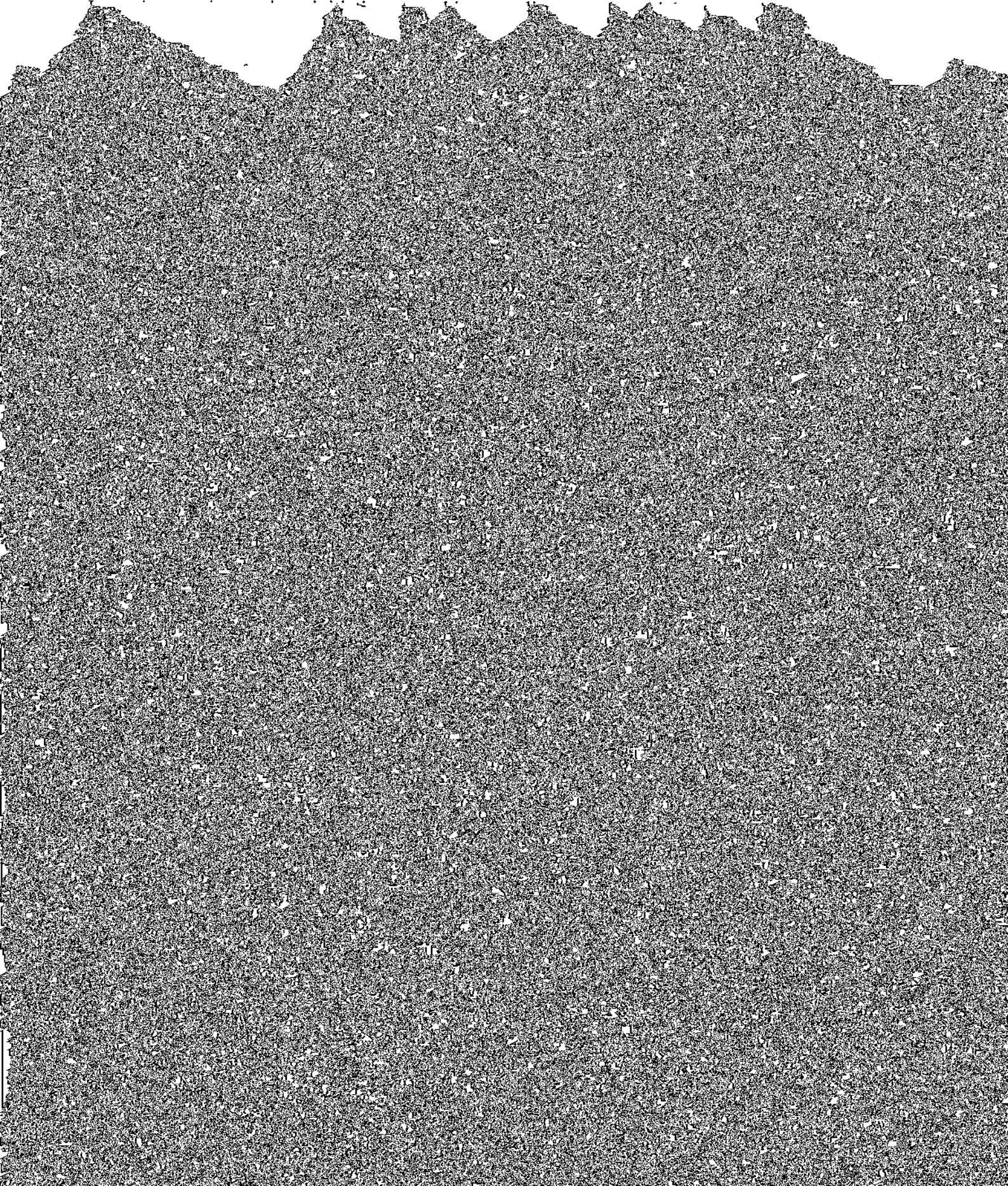
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Mr. / Mme. President,

With a view to addressing the new and continuing challenges of the post-2015 era,





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world, including in Japan and most recently in Nepal, that natural disasters can wipe out the achievements of decades of development in a matter of seconds. It is an indisputable fact that investing in disaster prevention and risk reduction is far less costly than emergency relief.