

Attendees:

Secretary Michael Chertoff

Officer for Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Daniel Sutherland

Mary Connell, Deputy, DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis

Ed Fox, Assistant Secretary, DHS Office of Public Affairs

ICE and DHS Office for Civil Rights & Civil Liberties staff.

Akhbar Ahmed, American University

Reza Aslan, author, No God But God

M.J. Khan, Houston, TX City Counsel

Shahed Amanullah, IT entrepreneur

Zafar, Shaarik

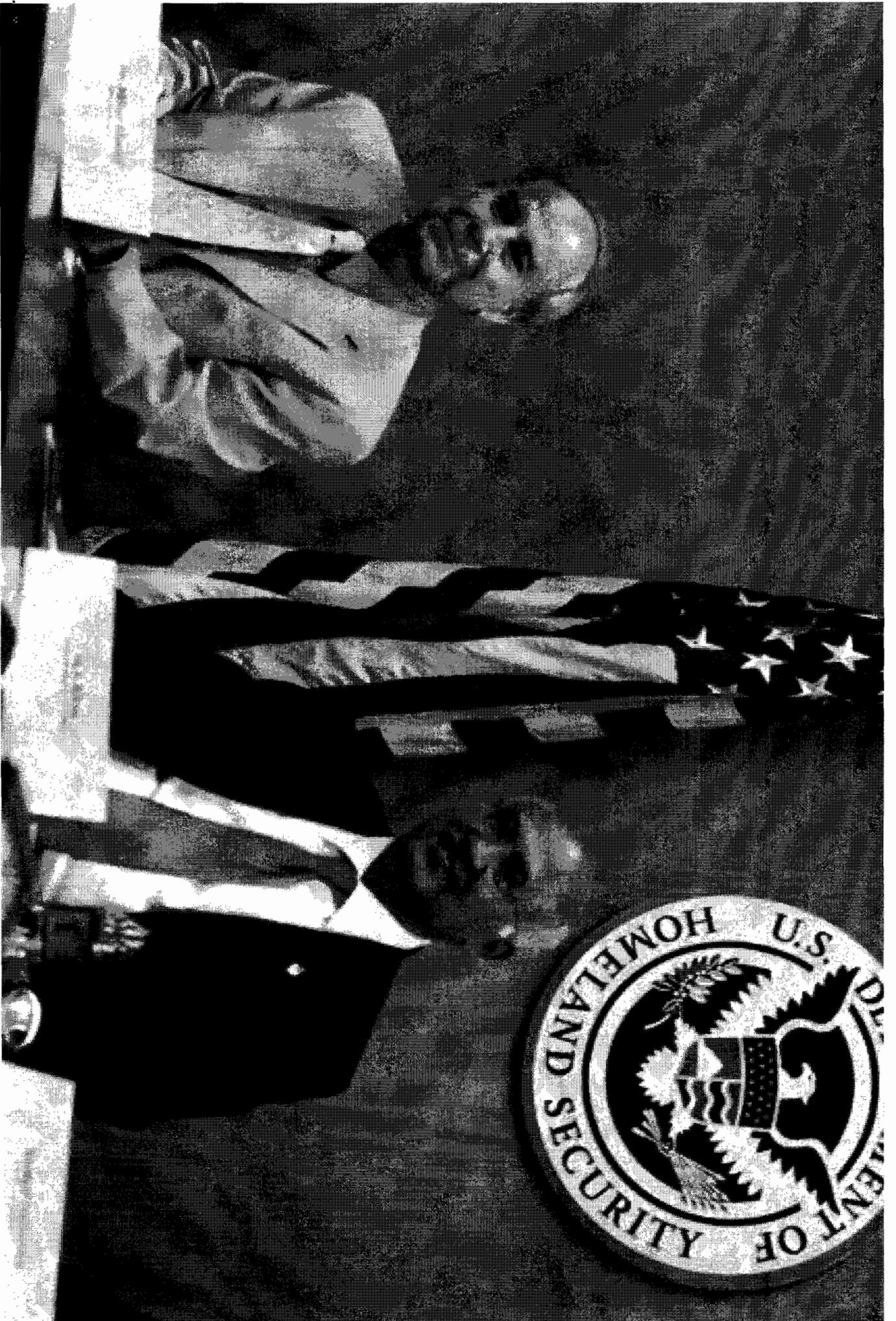
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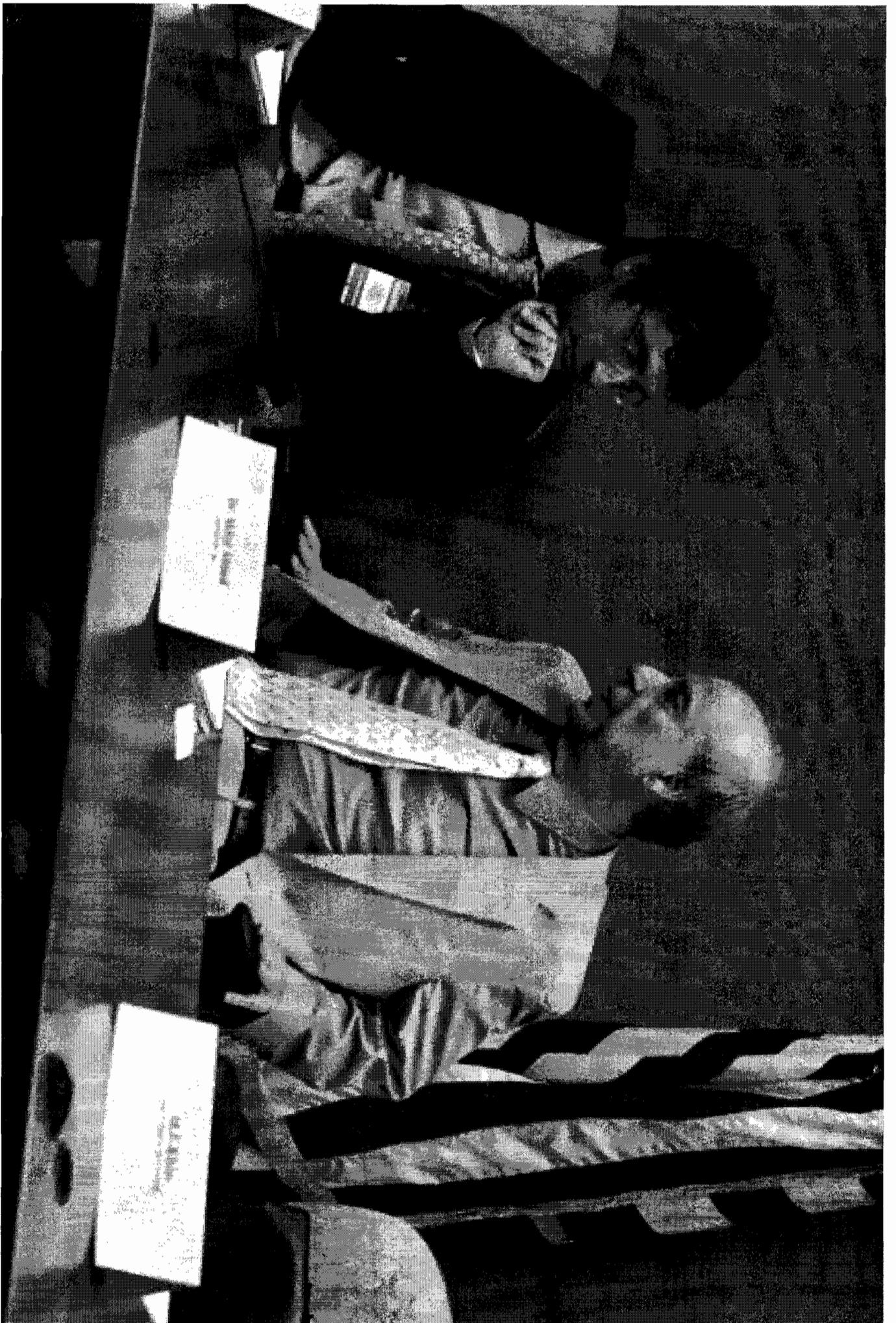
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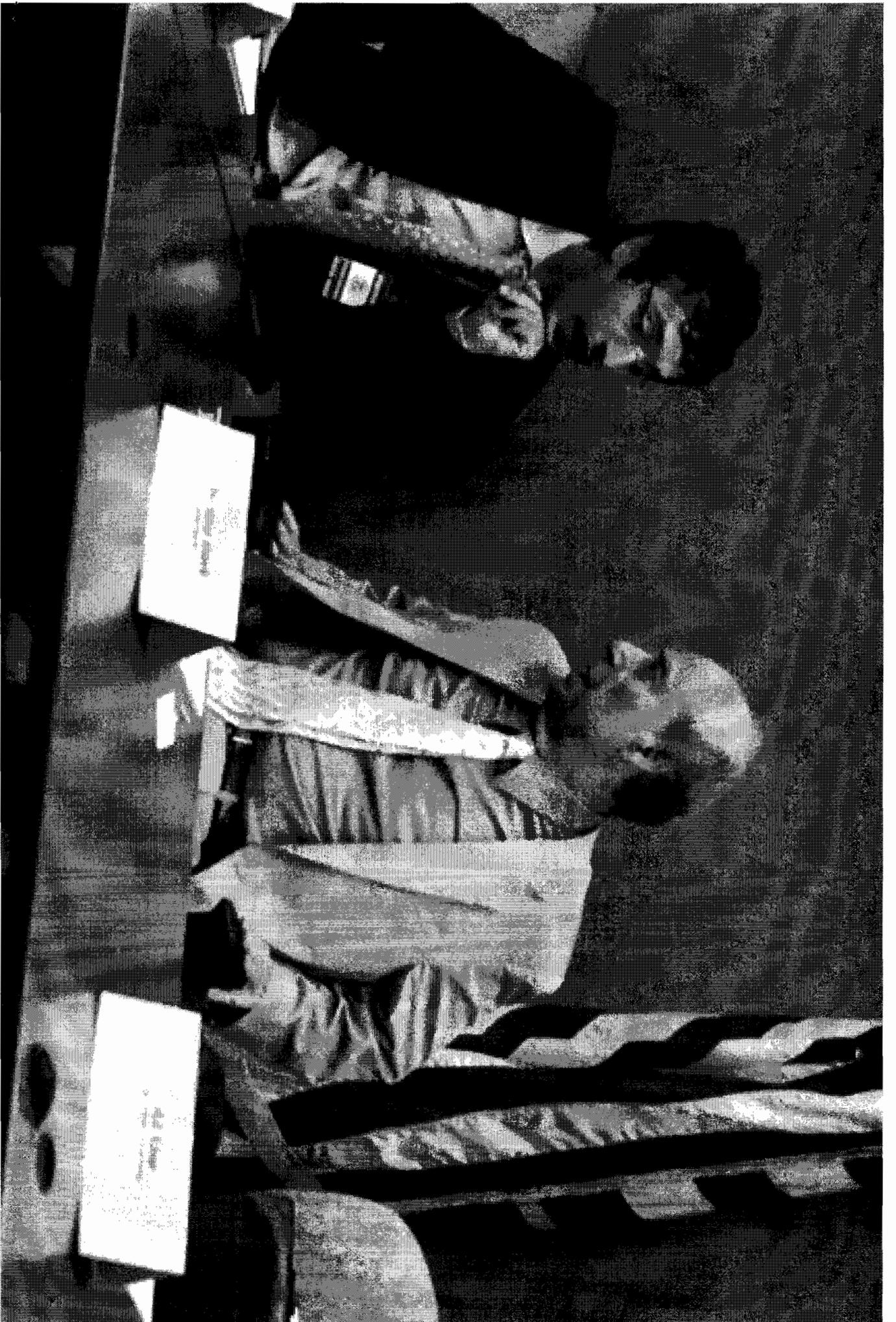
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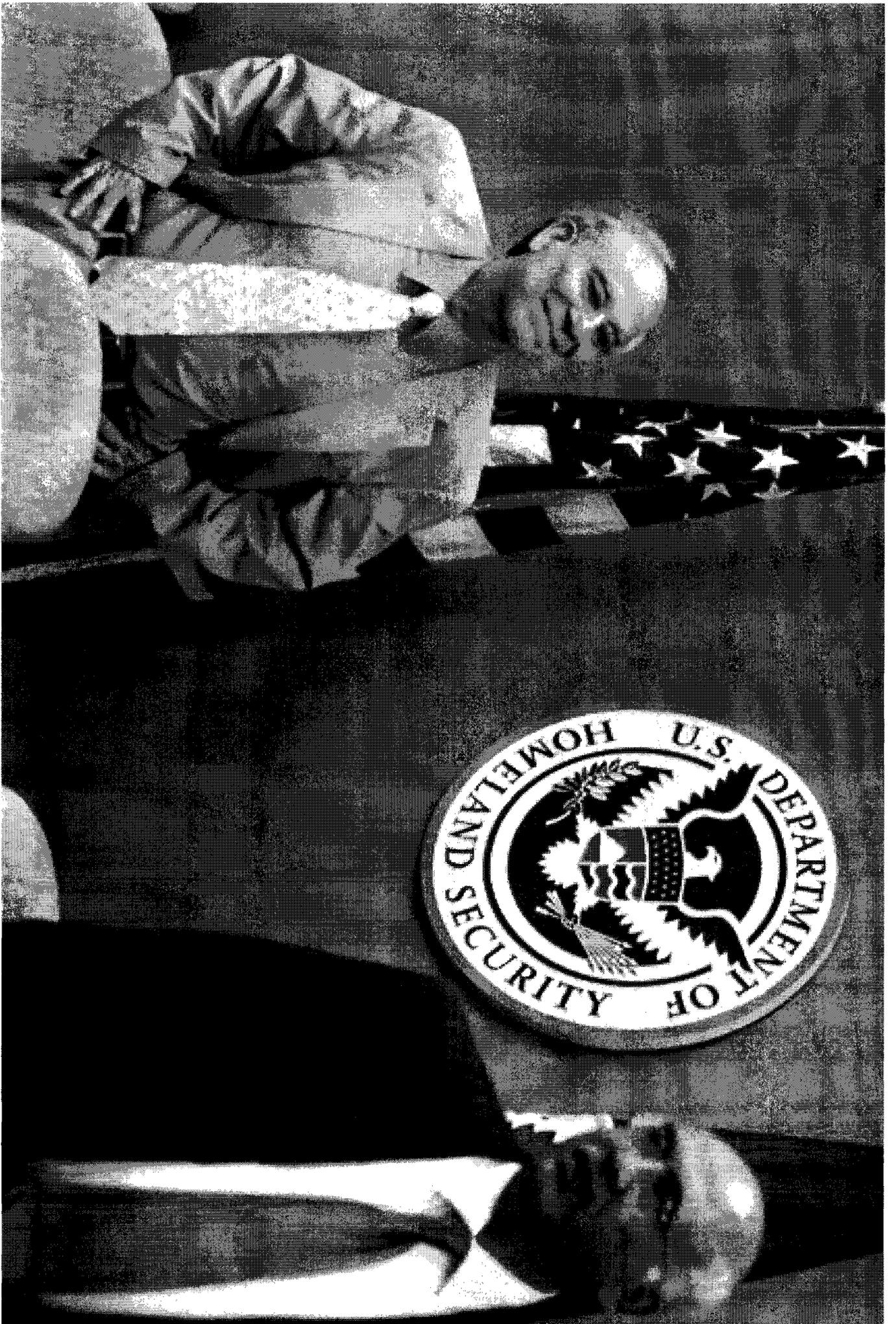












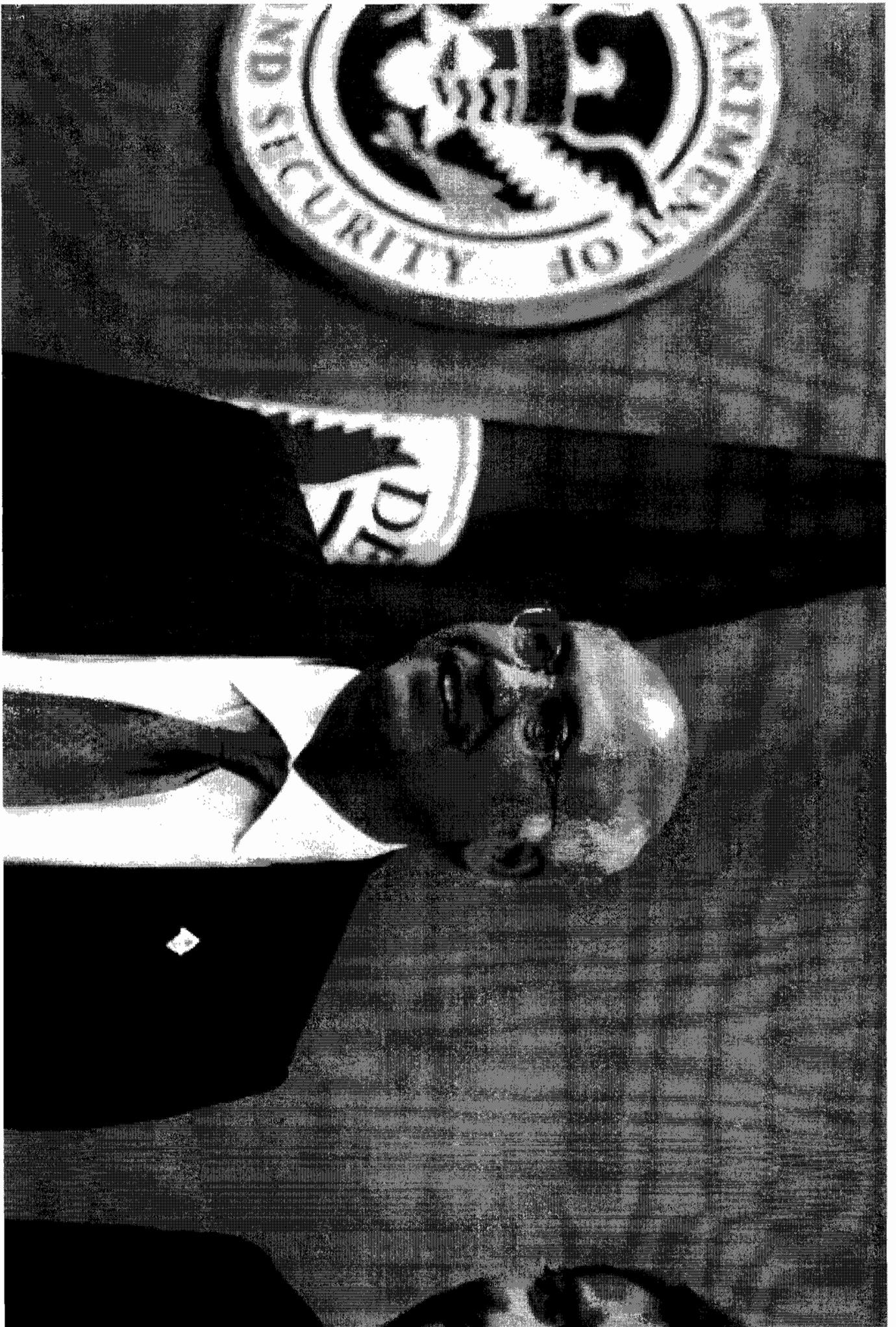






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Importance: High
Attachments: NAC Visitor Form 05 08 07.xls

Good morning:

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Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2007 7:51 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Visitor Info for Today's Meeting with Secretary Chertoff
Importance: High

Just making sure you saw this.

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Cc: Sutherland, Daniel; Zafar, Shaarik; Konieczny, Matt
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Attachments: NAC Visitor Form 05 08 07 s1 Scholars v2.xls

Please facilitate the access to the NAC for the attached visitors.

Thank you



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To be completed by Requesting Office:

Date of Visit: 5/8/2007
Time of Visit: 12:00:00 PM
Visitor/Meeting in Building Number and Room: NAC Room (b)(2) low
Point of Contact - DHS NAC Staff Employee: (b)(6)
Point of Contact Telephone Number: 202-(b)(2) low

Visitor's Full Name: Shahed Amanullah
Soc. Sec. Number: (b)(6) Date of Birth: (b)(6)
**Government Employee Yes ___ NO X Agency :

Visitor's Full Name: Eboo Patel
Soc. Sec. Number: (b)(6) Date of Birth: (b)(6)
**Government Employee Yes ___ NO X Agency :

Visitor's Full Name: Masrur J. Khan
Soc. Sec. Number: (b)(6) Date of Birth: (b)(6)
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Visitor's Full Name: Reza Aslan
Soc. Sec. Number: (b)(6) Date of Birth: (b)(6)
**Government Employee Yes ___ NO X Agency :

Visitor's Full Name: Akbar S. Ahmed
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Additional Information:

Comments: Secretary Chertoff is meeting with these individuals today Any questions re: this event should be directed to Shaarik Zafar at the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at 202- (b) (6)

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I forwarded this to (b)(6) so one way or another, you should be OK. Sorry I told them I would be out of town but I didn't understand they had to have someone on site today. Hope it wasn't too much of an inconvenience for me to be in Yorktown today...just let me know how it turns out!

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Sent: Tue May 08 08:05:12 2007
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(b)(6) has graciously agreed to help us out and serve as POC. (b)(6) here is the form. I just got an email from the Visitor's Center saying that our request has been processed, but it's probably a good idea to go ahead and submit this. Thanks again.

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Cc: Selim, George; Gersten, David; Sutherland, Daniel; Keefer, Timothy; Konieczny, Matt; 'carmen.walker@dhs.gov'
Subject: Re: Meeting with Muslim American Leaders/Scholars

Sorry for the mass email. The mtg with Secy Chertoff is running a bit long. We may be 15 min late or so.

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Sent: Mon May 07 18:34:53 2007
Subject: Meeting with Muslim American Leaders/Scholars

Colleagues,

Secretary Chertoff is meeting with 5 of the most influential Muslim American leaders tomorrow: Dr. Akbar Ahmed, Dr. Eboo Patel, Reza Aslan, Houston City Councilmember MJ Khan, and Shahed Amanullah. Our guests have graciously agreed to spend some additional time with us and continue the discussion. I apologize for the late notice, but we will be reconvening at De Carlos Restaurant <http://www.mytravelguide.com/restaurants/profile-29906605-United_States_District_of_Columbia_Washington_De_Carlos_Restaurant.html> (located at 4822 Yuma St NW, Washington, DC Phone - (202) 363-4220) tomorrow from 2:00 -3:30 pm. It would be great if you could join us.

Please let me know if you can attend so I can get an idea of how many seats we'll need. Biographies of the guests are listed below. Please note that representatives from the UK, Australian, and Canadian Embassies may attend the session at De Carlos.

Best,

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Biographical Information

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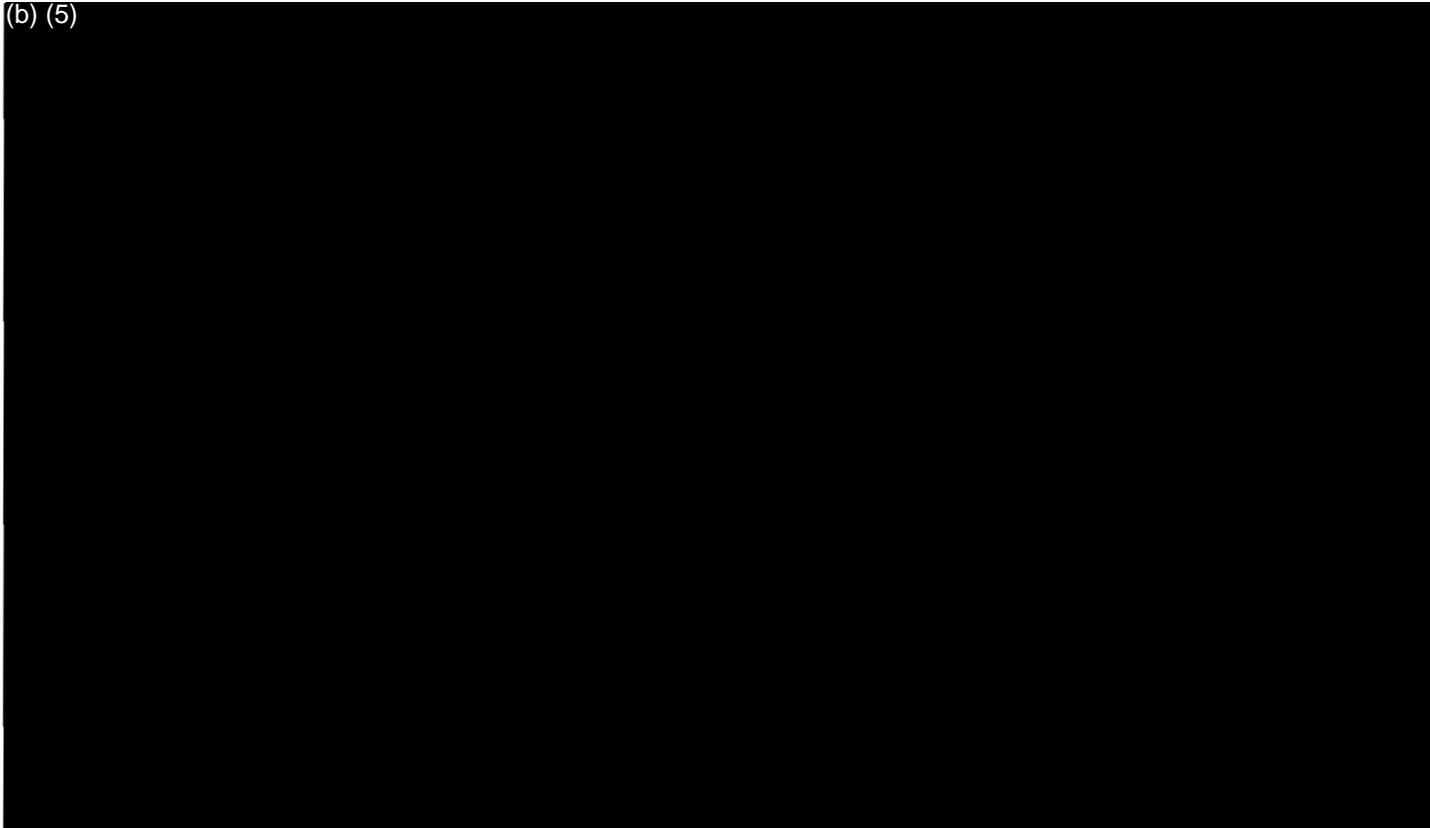
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MEETING WITH LEADING MUSLIM AMERICANS

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TIME: 1300-1400
LOCATION: Secretary's Conference Room
FROM: Daniel W. Sutherland, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

OBJECTIVES/DESIRED OUTCOME OF MEETING:

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PARTICIPANTS:

DHS

Secretary Chertoff and his Staff
Daniel Sutherland, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
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Other Senior DHS Officials (TBD)

Invited Guests

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OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

- 1) Secretary welcomes participants.
- 2) Daniel Sutherland makes brief introductions.
- 3) Secretary begins discussion by asking questions and receiving feedback (see Attachment A)
- 4) Meeting adjourned.

PRESS PLAN: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Biographical Information on Invited Guests

Attachment B: Question to consider asking

Attachment C: Talking Points

Attachment D: Background Interagency Talking Points: Arab American and Muslim American
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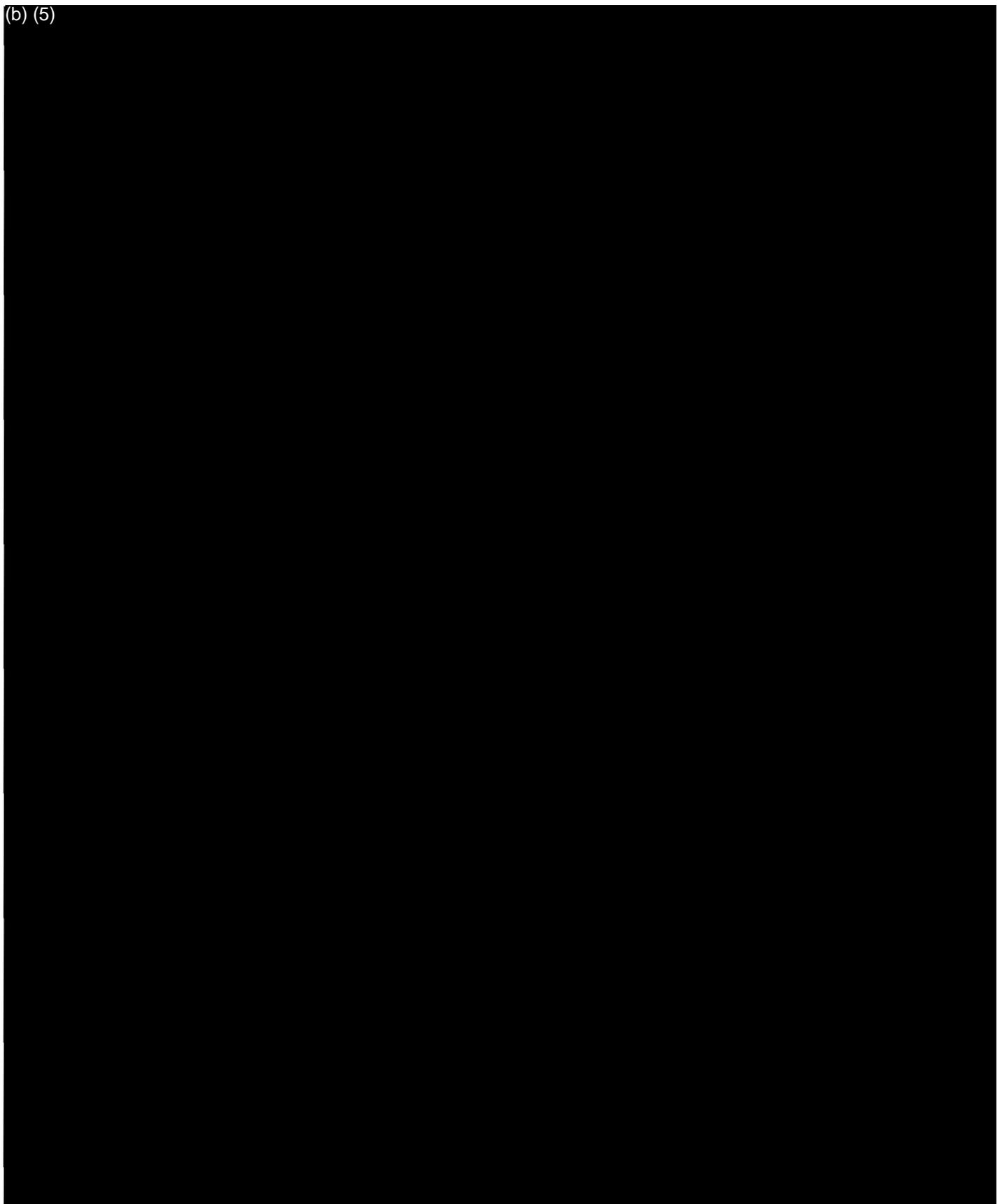
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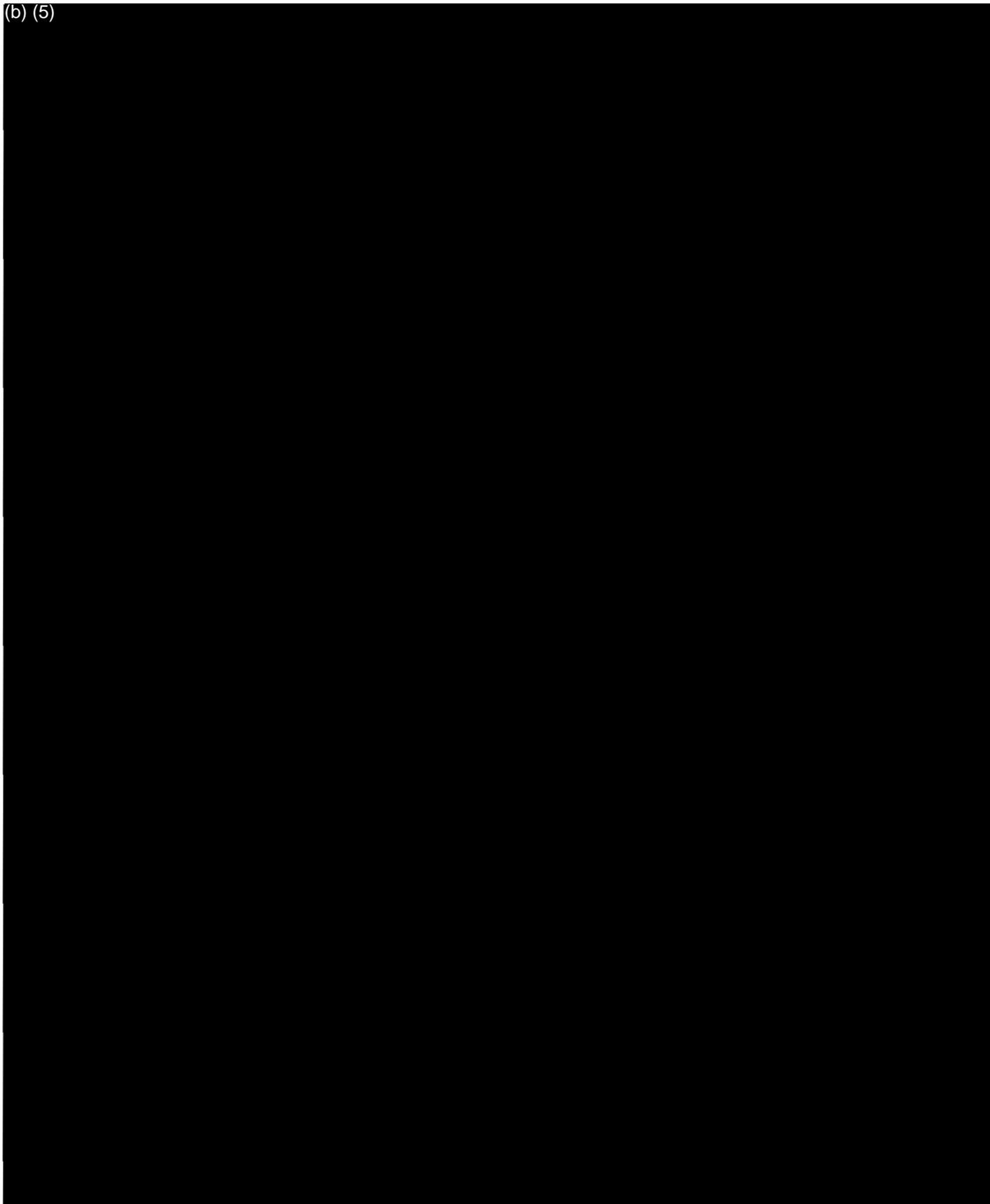
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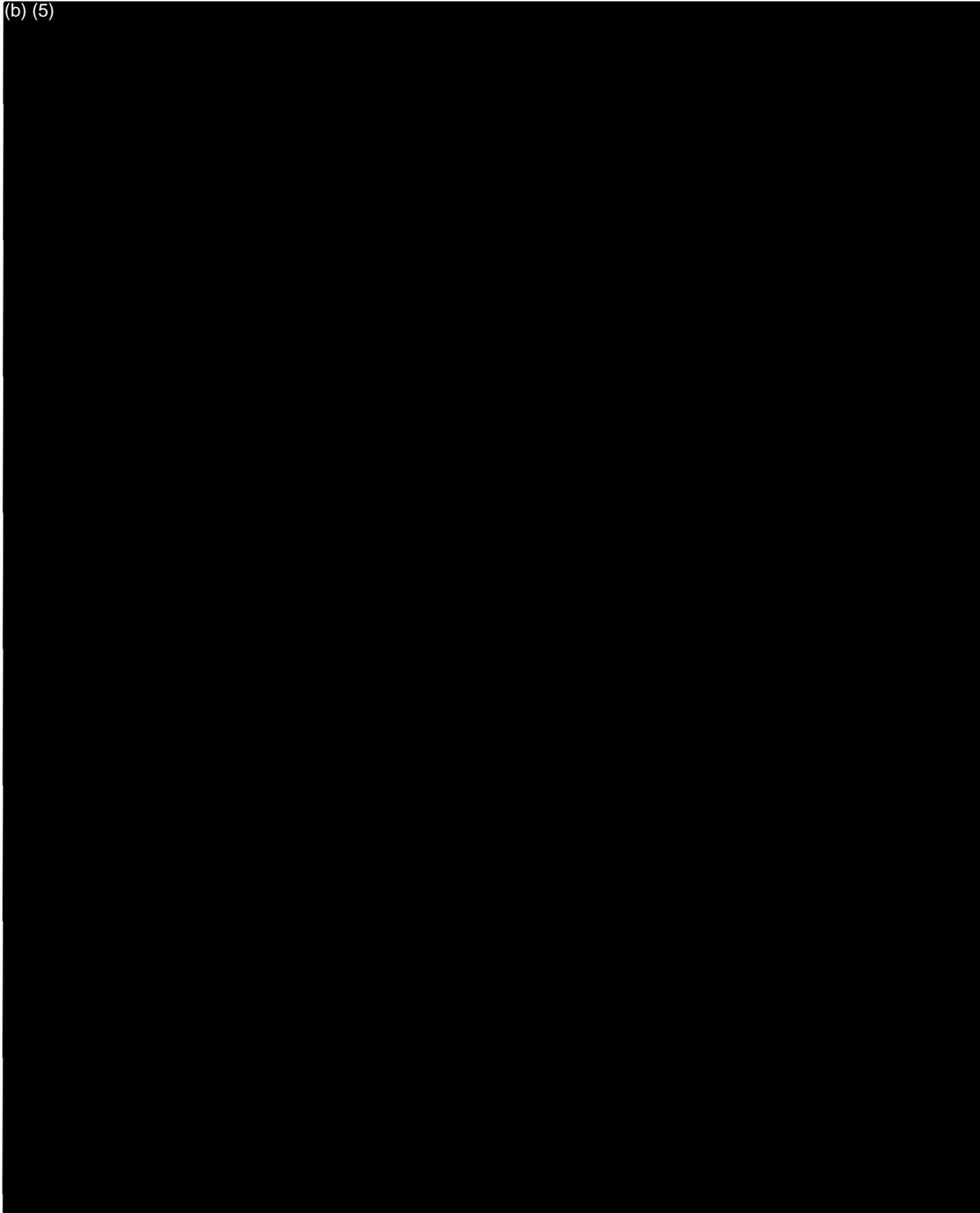
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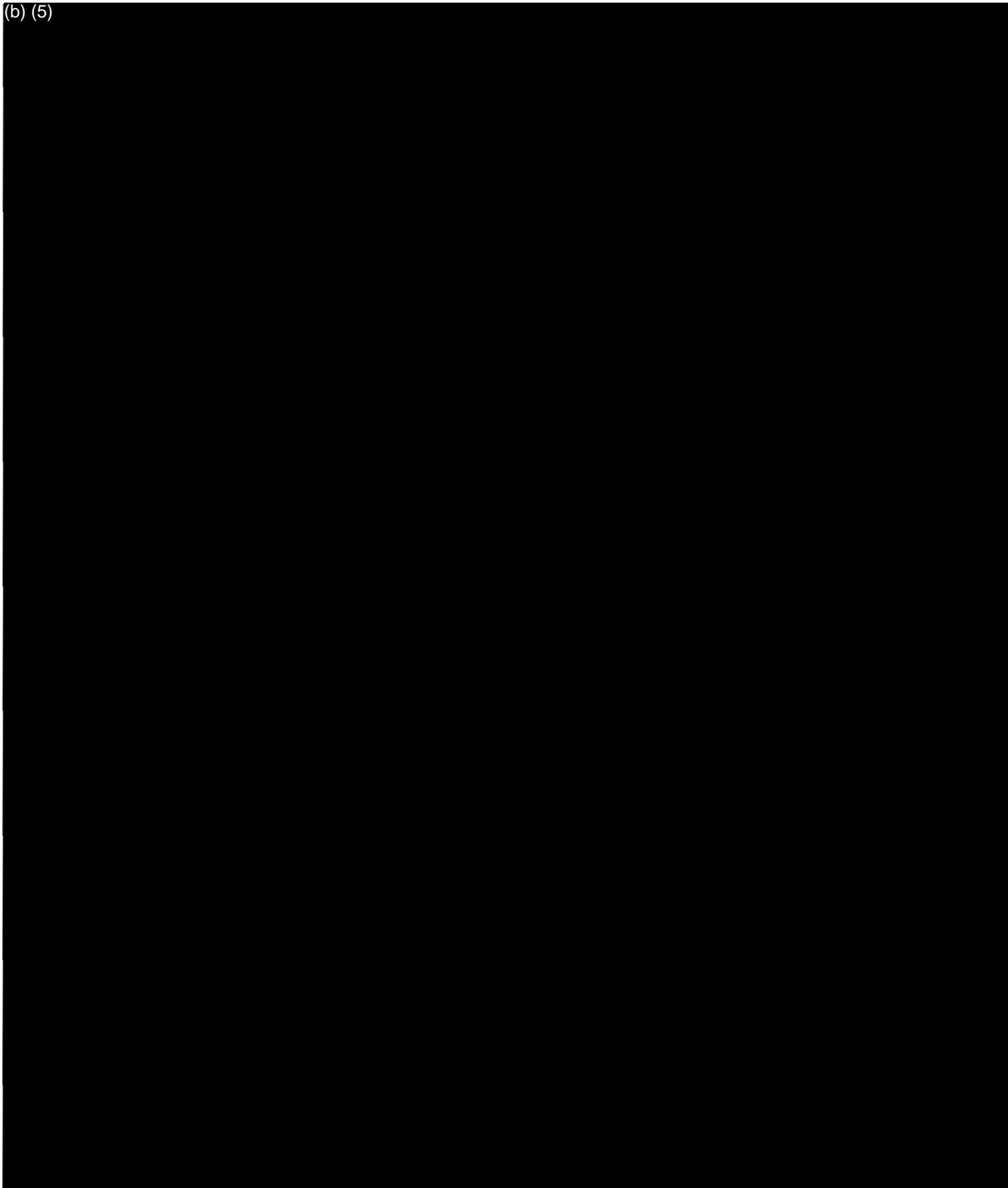
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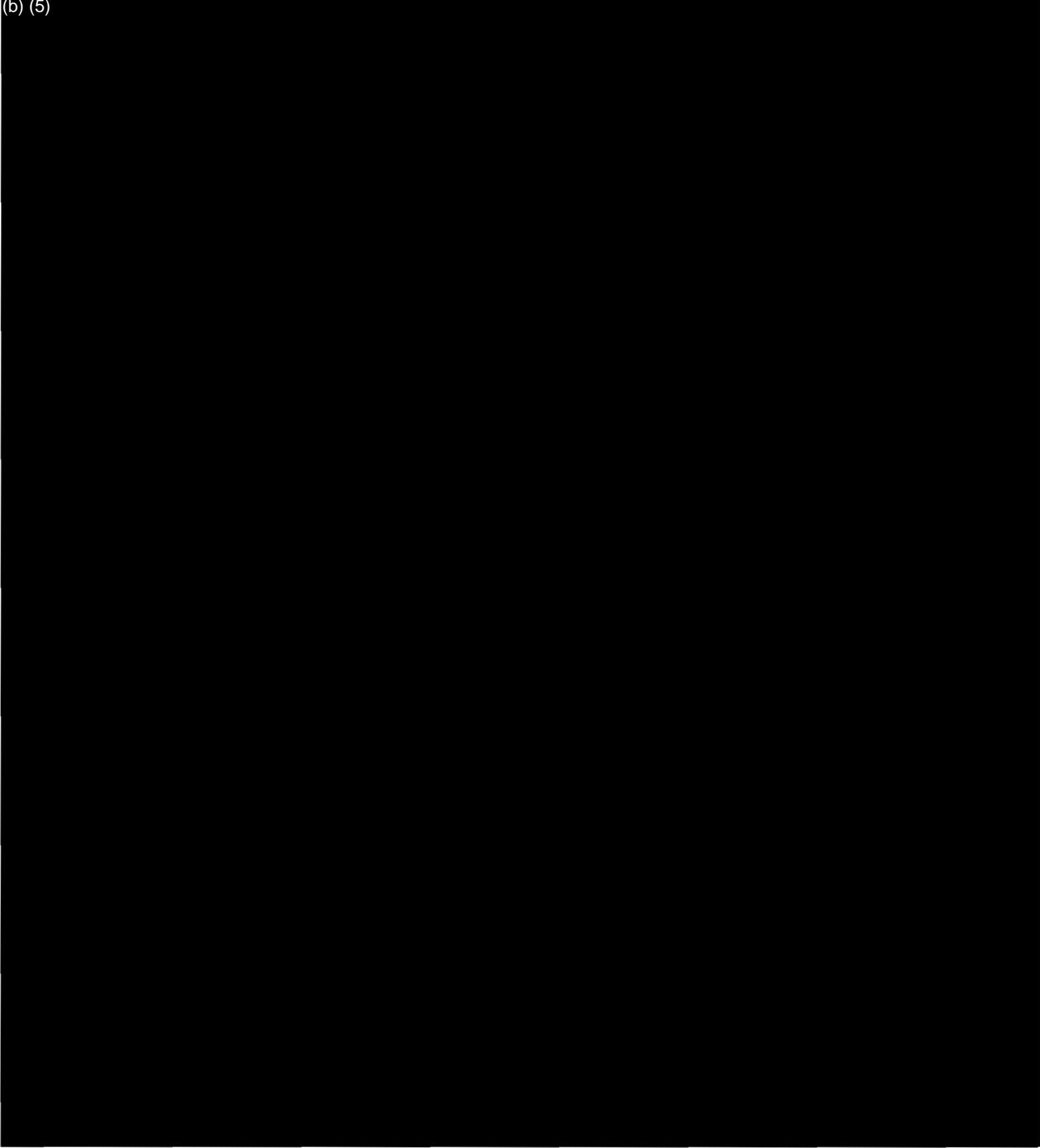
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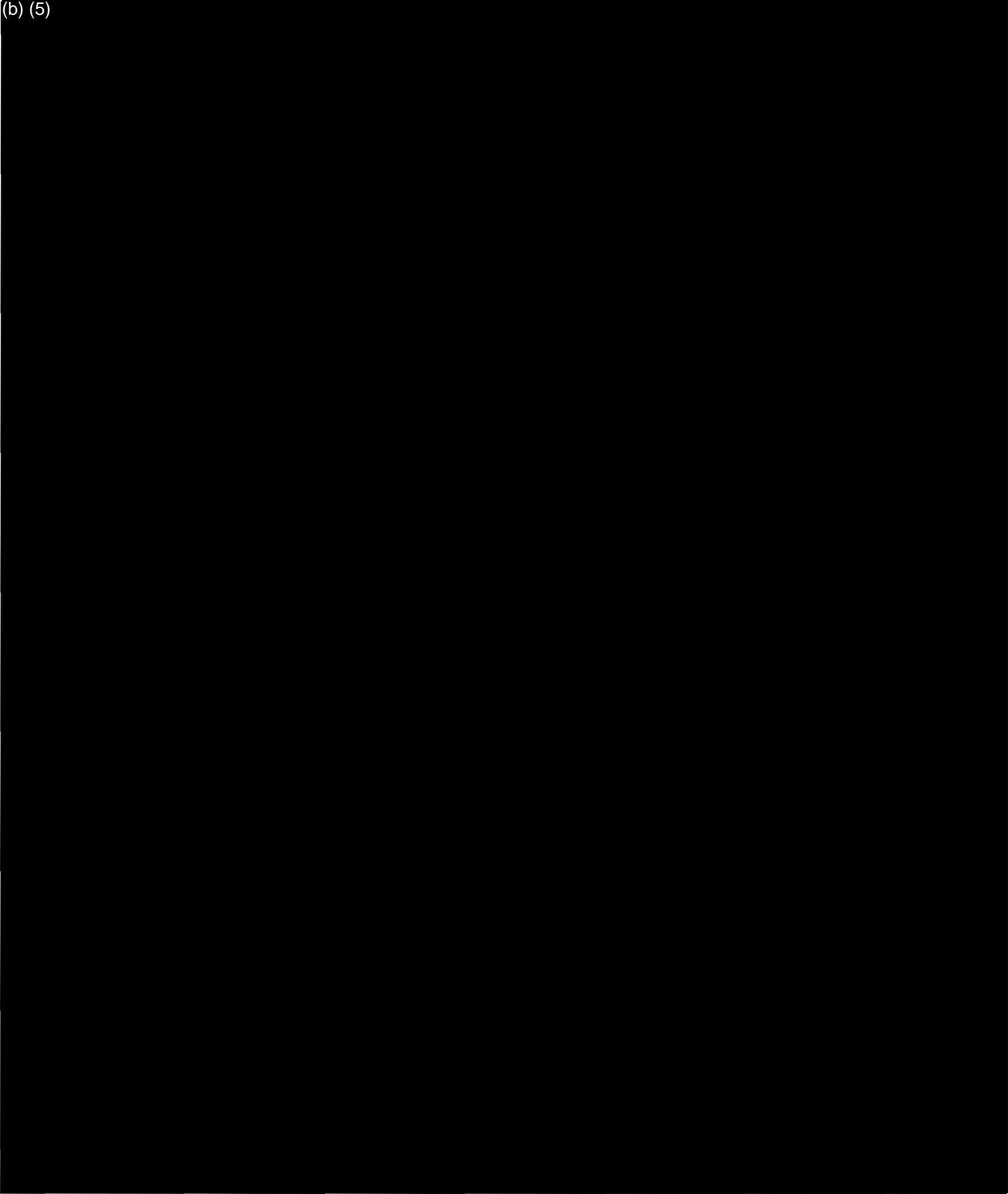
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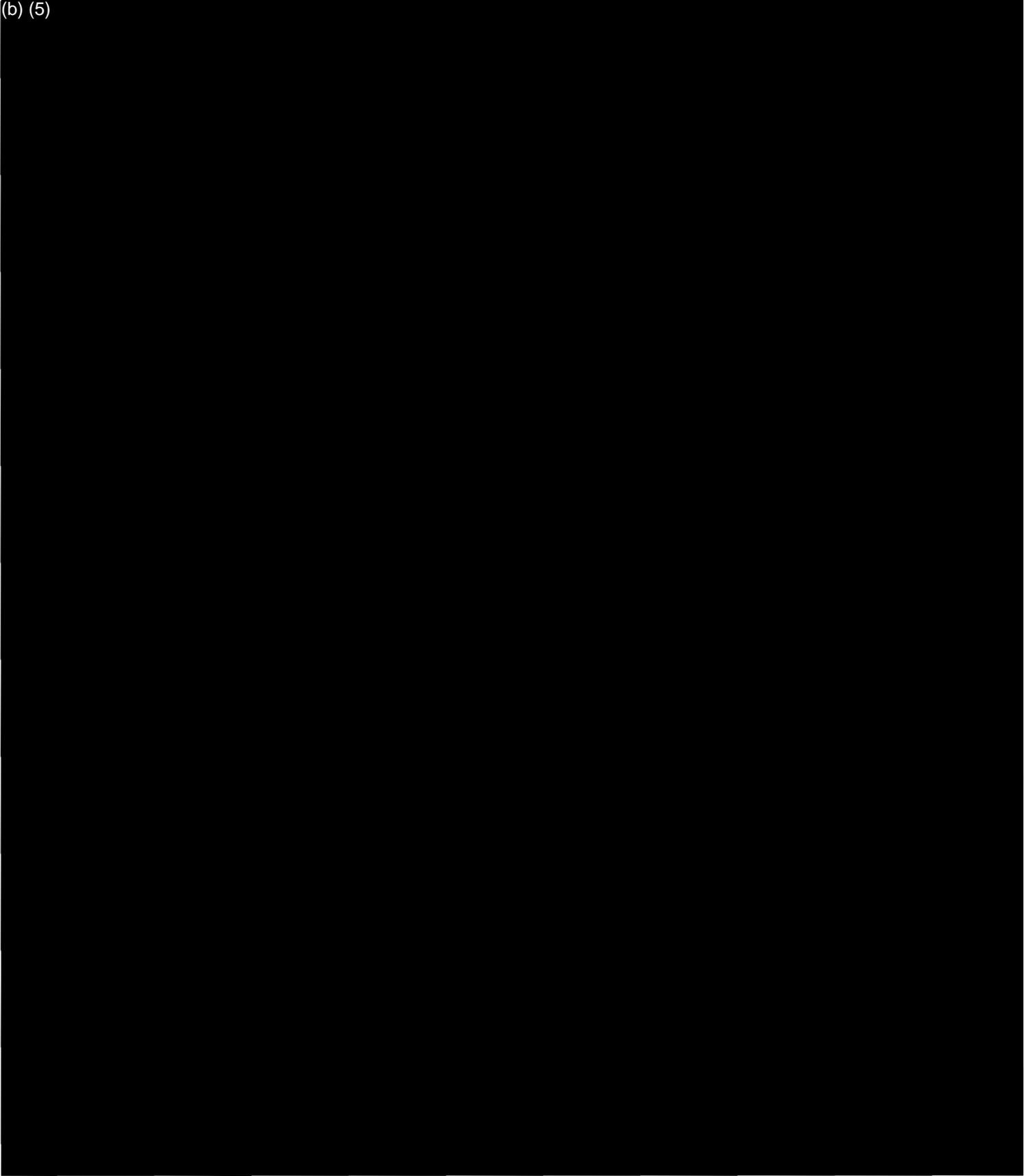
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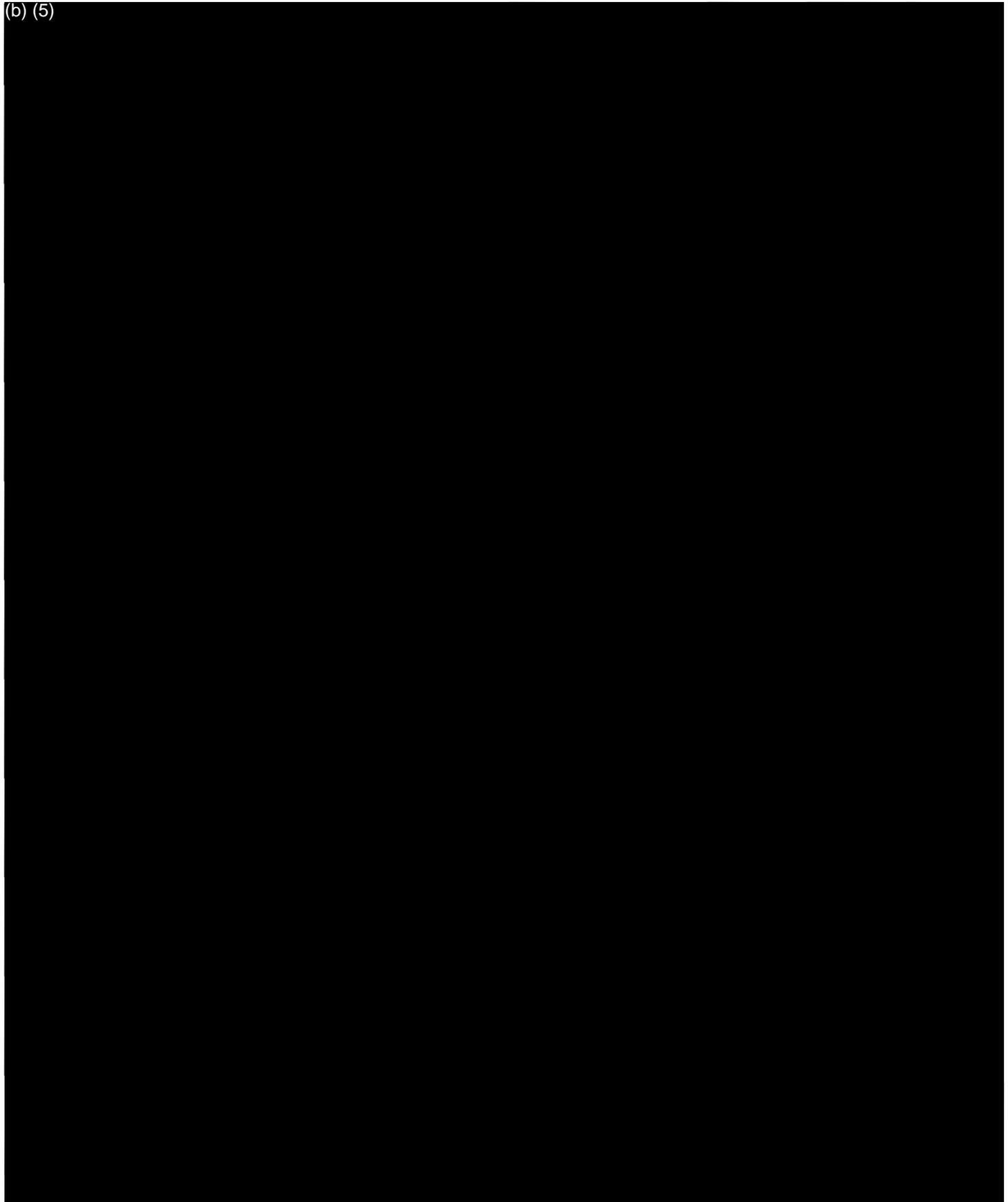
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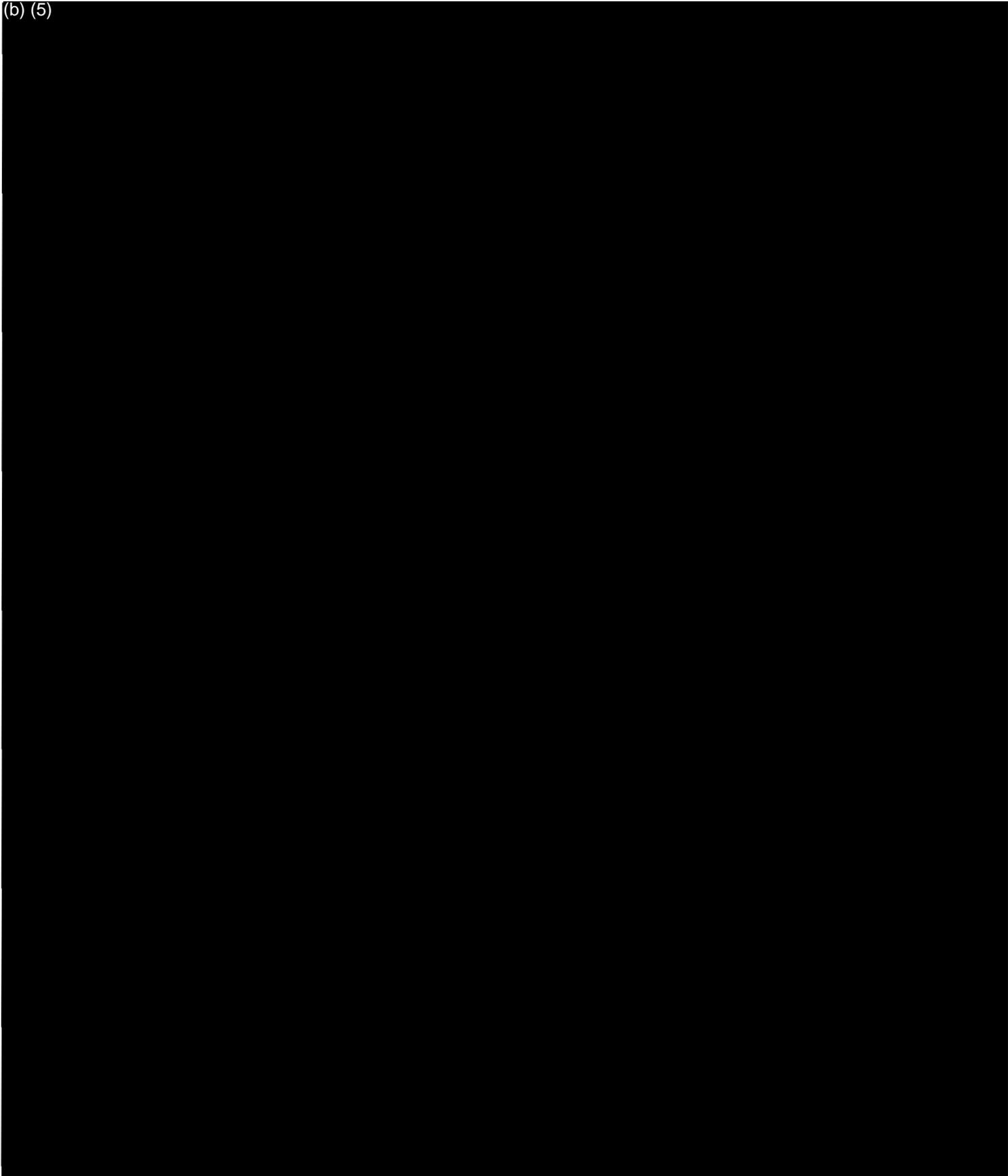
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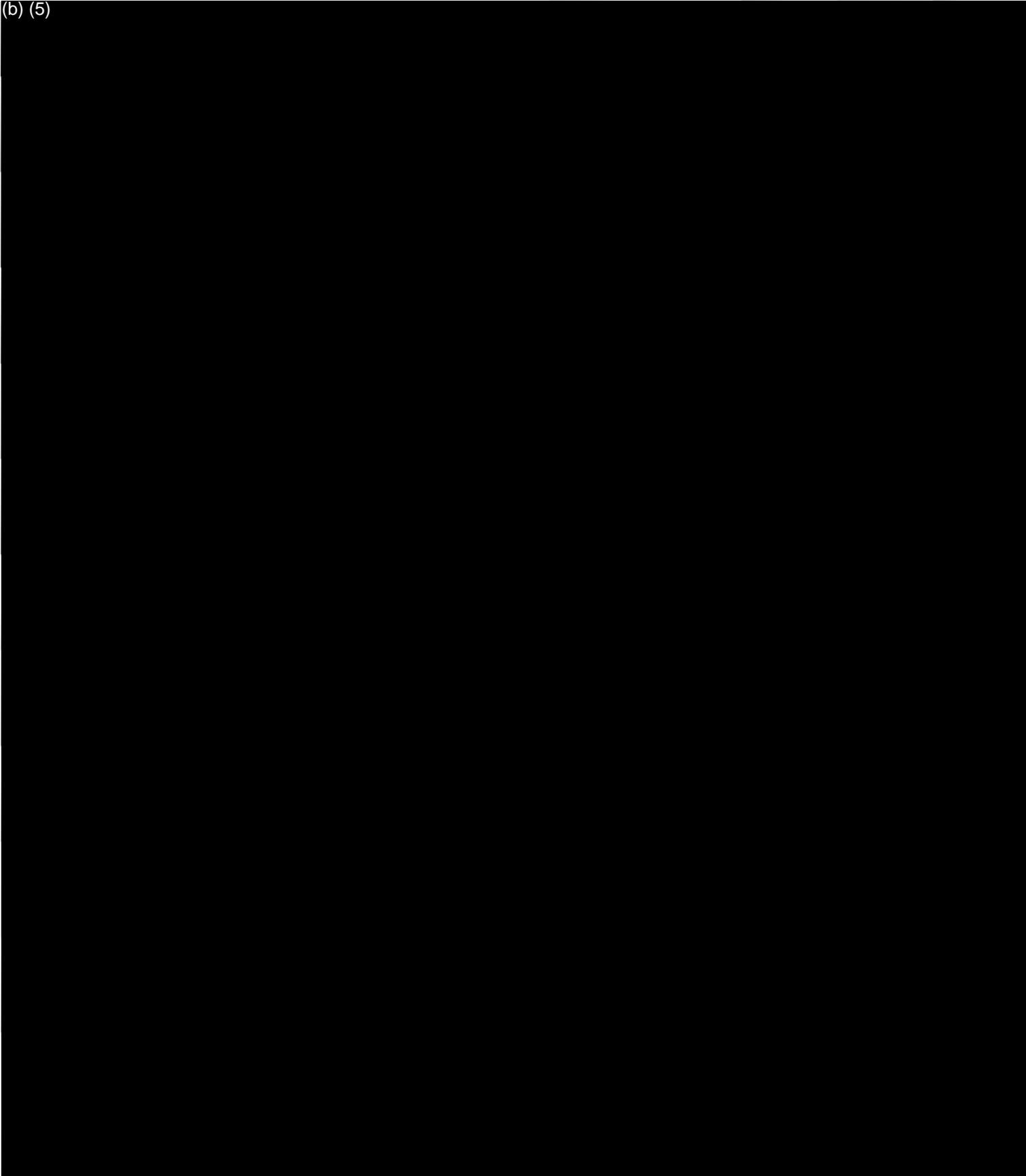
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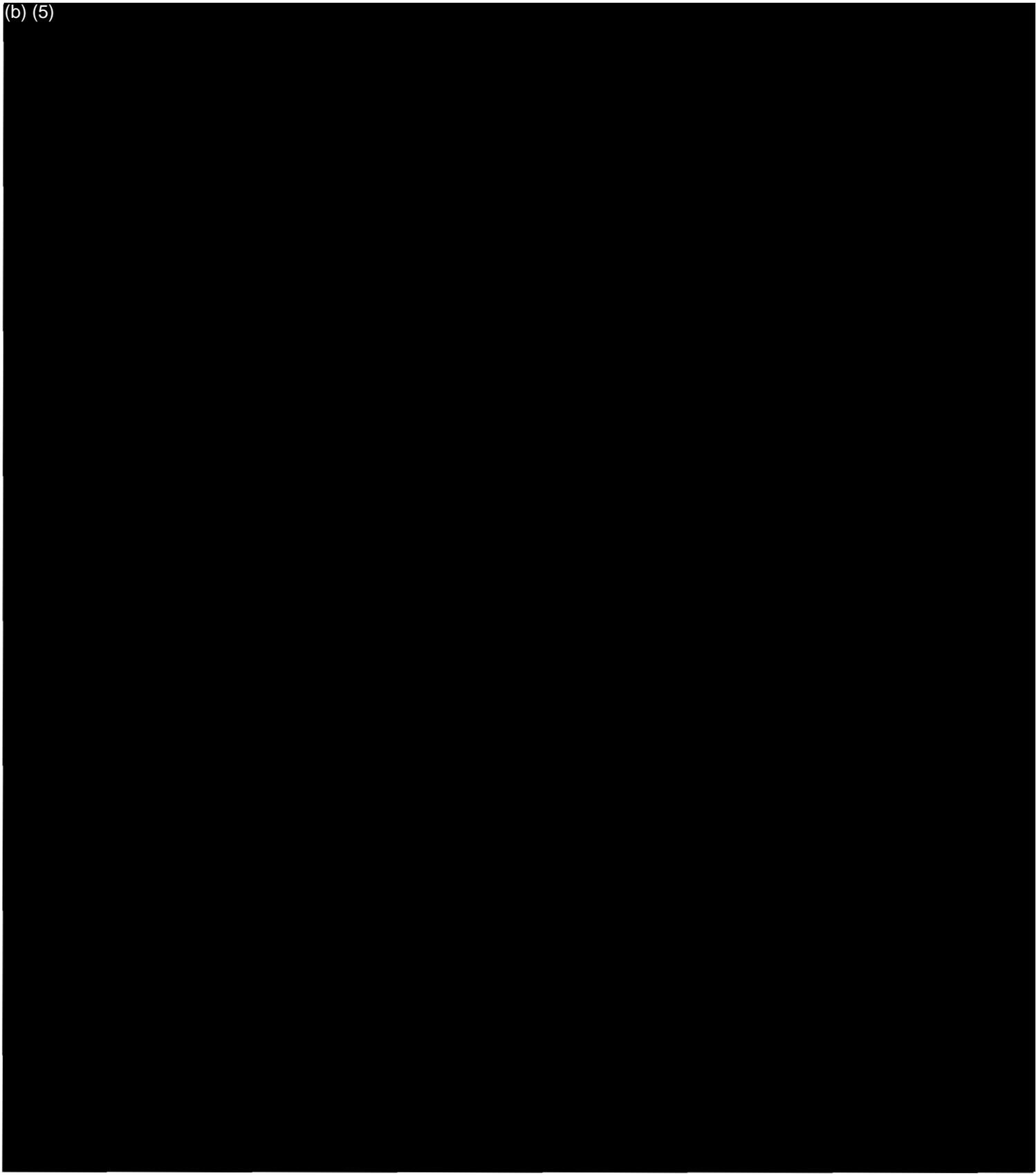
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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

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