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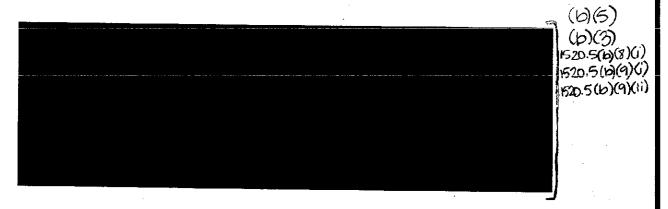
Memorandum

United States Department of Transportation Transportation Security Administration

Subject:	Development of Watch List Policy	Date: January 7, 2003
b)(6) From:		Reply to
To:	Lee Longmire	Attn. of: $(b)(\phi)$
	You requested a list of areas in which we will n The deadline established by Adm. Schor for cor	eed support to finalize a watch list policy. mpletion of the policy is January 20, 2003.
	Please note that during the briefing for Adm Scl proposed that TSA aviation watch lists Adm. Schor expressed reservation whether it is	hor on January 6, Maritime and Land Security (b)(5)
(b)(a)	The following are the areas in which we need su	apport to finalize the watch list policy.
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The follo	wing are the	e areas in which we r	need support to fir	nalize the watch	list policy.	
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We would appreciate it if you would designate someone to represent your organization on this workgroup so the policy can be developed and coordinated in time to meet Adm

Schor's suspense date.

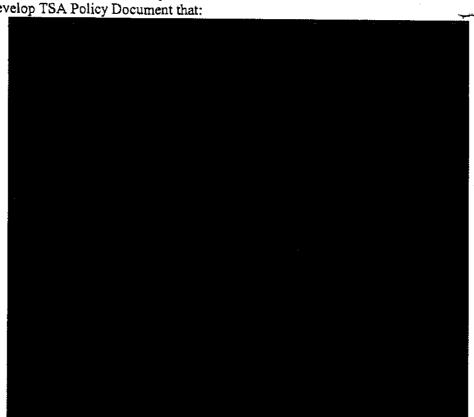
Thanks for your assistance.

Lee

WATCH LIST WORKING GROUP COORDINATION MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. Sign In
- 2. Review Briefing for Vadm Skhor
- Review Issues and Task Assignments Develop TSA Policy Document that:



Provides coordinated TSA public affairs response to watch list inquires

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- 4. Straw man Draft Policy
- 5. Working Group Schedule
- 6. Next Coordination Meeting (date/time/place)

WATCH LIST WORKING GROUP SCHEDULE

January 10, 2003

Friday, January 10

First coordination meeting, task assignments

Monday, January 13

Second coordination meeting; identification of major issues requiring policy decision

Tuesday, January 14

Submission to Policy by COB of written input (via email) for draft policy

Wednesday, January 15

Compile input into policy and distribute draft to working group for review, final comments

Thursday, January 16

Final comments to Policy by noon (via email)

Friday, January 17

Final draft policy to working group members for sign off by principals

Monday, January 20

Final sign off complete by noon; submission of Final Draft Policy to Vadm Skhor

WATCH LIST WORKING GROUP COORDINATION MEETING NO. 2

AGENDA

- 1. Pass Sign-in Sheet
- 2. Review Progress of Work for Each Issue
- 3. Review Input from Office of Intelligence
 - Discuss Alternative View
 - Discuss Additions/Deletions, if any
- 4. Review MOU Input
 - Discuss Alternative View
- 5. Discuss Other Concerns/Issues
- 6. Revise Work Schedule
- 7. Next Meeting of Working Group

WATCH LIST WORKING GROUP TASK PROGRESS UPDATE

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Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

GAO Survey of Federal Agencies' Use of "Watch lists" of Domestic and International Terrorists and Criminals

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I. Definition of Domestic and International Terrorist and/or Criminal

TSA uses the definition of terrorism contained in Title 22 of the United States Code, Section 2656f(d). That statute contains the following definitions:

- --The term "terrorism" means premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents, usually intended to influence an audience.
- --The term "international terrorism" means terrorism involving citizens or the territory of more than one country.

TSA does not specifically define "criminal," as TSA does not watch list criminals.

II. Watch List Development and/or Maintenance

**Please note that the current TSA watch lists only identify potential threats to aviation and are only implemented by air carriers. TSA does not currently administer watchlists for any other mode of transportation.

Name of Watch list: No-Fly List

Purpose of Watch list: The purpose of the No-Fly list is to prevent the transport of individuals who pose a threat to U.S. civil aviation assets, passengers, or crewmembers.

- 1. Terrorists Only
- 2. Both electronically and manually
- 3. As of August 1, 2002, there were 349 individuals listed on the No-Fly list.
- 4. External Only

1520.5(b)(9)(i) 1520.5(b)(9)(ii) 5. All individuals placed on the No-Fly list are added or removed based on the request of and/or information provided by a U.S. federal intelligence or law enforcement agency. The requesting agency must provide justification for the watchlisting request, as well as a

which are releasable at the "For

Official Use Only" level for dissemination to commercial air carriers

Since TSA has two watch lists, No-Fly and Selectee, 1520,5(b)(8) the determination of the list on which the individual is placed is based upon both the -1520.5(b) (9)(i request of the originating agency and the nature, credibility, and specificity of the threat information provided.

The placement of individuals on the No-Fly list is guided by two primary principles:

- A. Does the individual present a potential threat to U.S. civil aviation?
- B. Did the requesting agency provide enough unclassified biographical information to ensure that the name individual, if he/she presents himself/herself for transport, can be identified?

However, these principles are necessarily subjective, providing guidelines, not "hard and fast" rules. TSA has, in several instances, placed an individual on the No-Fly list

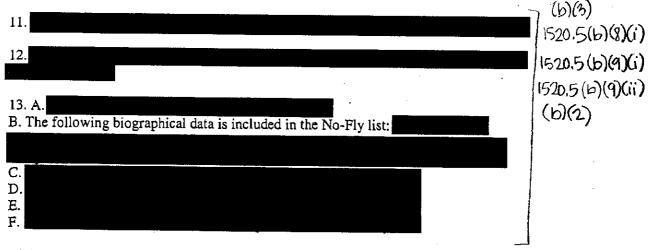
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- 6. The requests for the addition of names to the No-Fly list must be conveyed via record message traffic or a paper request (faxed or emailed), which ensures a paper trail on how the request came to TSA and what the justification was for the request. Any aberrations in application of the watchlisting criteria are noted and maintained in a file. The Current Intelligence Operations Division Manager reviews all additions before the list is amended and disseminated.
- 7. TSA will only remove a name from the No-Fly list if the originator of the request to watch list provides, in writing, a request for the individual to be removed from the list, as well as a sufficient justification for the removal, i.e. a statement from the requester that the agency no longer considers the individual a threat to civil aviation. Additionally, TSA will consider any threat information that other agencies may have presented concerning the individual before deciding whether to remove the person from the No-Fly list.
- 8. The requests for the removal of names to the No-Fly list must be conveyed via record message traffic or a paper request (faxed or emailed), which ensures a paper trail on the justification for the removal request. Any aberrations in application of the removal criteria are noted and maintained in a file. The Current Intelligence Operations Division Manager reviews all removals before the list is amended and disseminated.

9. The list is updated as necessary, if requests are received for additions/removals. These updates are performed at the close of business each day if any requests have been received for processing. However, if the requesting agency indicates there is an urgency to the request, the list will be updated and disseminated immediately regardless of the time of day or day of the week. 10. The information is classified "For Official Use Only." Additionally, it is labeled as Sensitive Security Information (SSI), which is a handling and dissemination caveat,

which specifies that only personnel involved in aviation security are allowed to have access to the list and its contents. SSI ensures that only individuals who are involved in

aviation security are allowed to review and handle the list and its contents.



14. TSA shares all or some of this information with select Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private sector firms.

15. A. Federal Agencies: law enforcement and intelligence.

TSA shares

information with other federal agencies based on the release given by the agency that provided the information on the particular individual on the No-Fly list. For example, if the FBI allows information about an individual on the No-Fly list to be shared with the CIA, then TSA will also share that information with the CIA. However, because most information for the No-Fly list is provided to TSA to be shared

TSA cannot release the information to an agency or the originator of the information permits release to the

third agency.

B. State agencies: law enforcement, if personnel are directly involved in aviation security.

C. Local agencies: law enforcement, if personnel are directly involved in aviation security.

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D. Private Sector: Commercial Airlines. The No-Fly list is disseminated to all U.S. commercial air carriers, as well as foreign air carriers who provide last point of departure service into/out of the United States.

16. Of the watch list data items listed,

This data is shared with Federal law and intelligence agencies, which are either involved in aviation security or are granted access to the information by the originator of that information. TSA also shares this information from the No-Fly list with state and local law enforcement personnel that are directly involved with aviation security. TSA disseminates the biographical information contained in the No-Fly list to U.S. commercial air carriers, as well as foreign air carriers who provide last point of departure service into/out of the United States.

1520,5(b)(8)(i) 1520.5(6)(9)(1) 1520.5(6)(9)(11) (b)(1)

Although it is not contained in the No-Fly list, originating agencies do provide TSA with some classified threat information about the persons on the No-Fly list. This information is shared only with Federal agencies' personnel who have an appropriate clearance level and are also approved to receive the information by the originating agency.

17. Whether federal, state, local, or private sector, TSA provides watch list data only to persons who "need to know" the information to perform their duties in aviation security, or are permitted access to the information by the originating agency. Agencies that provide the information to TSA do so with the understanding that it will only be shared with those persons. Unauthorized disclosure would jeopardize other agencies' willingness to provide information to TSA in the future.

Name of Watch list: Selectee List

Purpose of Watch list: The purpose of the Selectee List is to ensure additional security screening measures are applied to individuals

These individuals are

The additional security screening is deemed sufficient to ensure these persons are not a threat to an aircraft, its passengers, or crewmembers.

- 1. Terrorists Only
- 2. Both electronically and manually
- 3. As of August 1, 2002, there were 265 individuals listed on the Selectee list.
- 4. External Only

5. All individuals placed on the Selectee list are added or removed based on the request of and/or information provided by a U.S. federal intelligence or law enforcement agency. The requesting agency must provide justification for the watchlisting request, as well as a which are releasable at the "For

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Since TSA has two watch lists, No-Fly and Selectee, 1520.5(b) (3) the determination of the list on which the individual is placed is based upon both the request of the originating agency and the nature, credibility, and specificity of the threat information provided.

Individuals are placed on the Selectee list if they are deemed to be

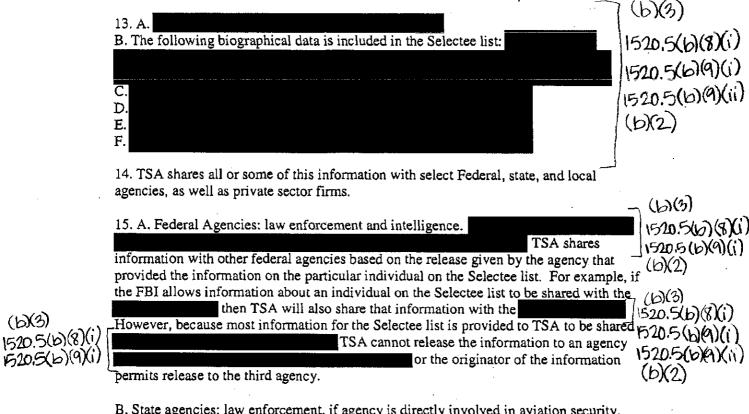
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- 7. TSA will only remove a name from the Selectee list if the originator of the request to watch list provides, in writing, a request for the individual to be removed from the list, as well as a sufficient justification for the removal, i.e. a statement from the requester that the agency no longer considers the individual a threat to U.S. interests. Additionally, TSA will consider any threat information that other agencies may have presented concerning the individual before deciding whether to remove the person from the Selectee list.
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- B. State agencies: law enforcement, if agency is directly involved in aviation security.
- C. Local agencies: law enforcement, if agency is directly involved in aviation security.
- D. Private Sector: Commercial Airlines. The Selectee list is disseminated to all U.S. commercial air carriers, as well as foreign air carriers who provide last point of departure service into/out of the United States.

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III. Watch list Policies and Procedures

- 1. No
- 2. No, TSA does not have an official watch list data sharing agreement with any agency. However, TSA does have general memorandums of understanding and "statements of intelligence interest" to facilitate information sharing with CIA, FBI,

3. Yes. TSA directly shares the No-Fly and Selectee lists with the FBI TSA shares this information with other agencies on an ad hoc basis. depending on involvement in aviation security and release by originating agency. CIA, and state and local law enforcement agencies may be provided this information as required and approved.

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- 4. Electronically.
- 5. TSA shares the lists electronically via telecommunications links and web access.
- IV. Watch list Users-Those Who Access and Use Other Agencies' Watch lists

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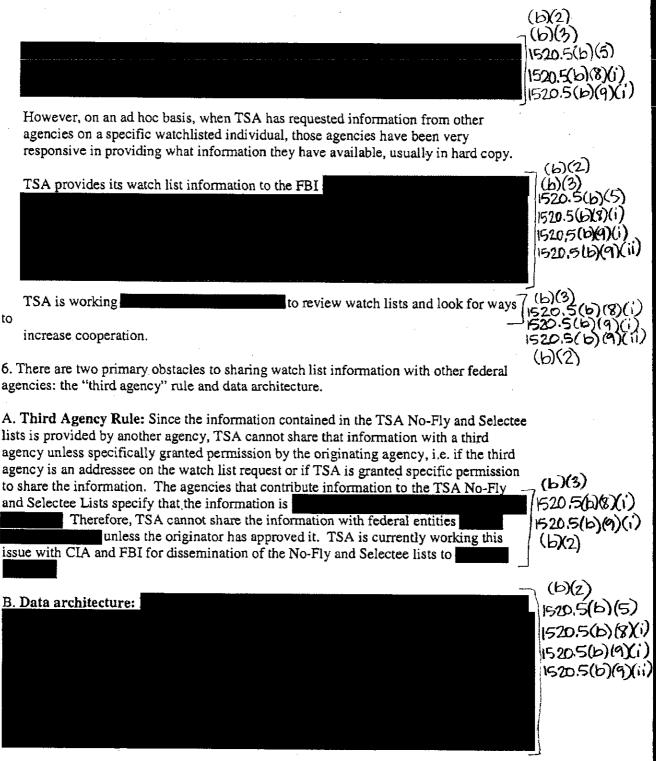
Agency Providing Watch list:

How Does Your Agency Use This Watch list: TSA only has direct access to one intelligence or law enforcement watch list,

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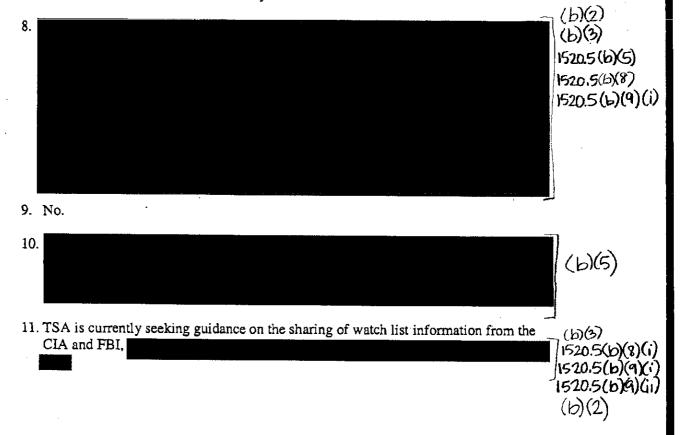
- 1. Terrorists only.
- 2. Electronically.
- 3. Intelink.
- 4. Yes.
- 5. Real-time.

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9.	Yes.
v.	Information/Data Architecture
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VĮ.	Consolidation of Watch lists
1.	Yes.
2.	No.
3.	N/A
4.	Each agency's watch list serves a purpose particular to the interests and missions of that agency. For example, the TSA No-Fly and Selectee lists contain names of individuals who may pose a threat to commercial aviation, passengers, and crewmembers. The overriding concern is the safety of the flying public on American air carriers or in U.S. airspace. (b)(3) 1520.5(b)(8)(i)
5.	Overall, because there are so many different watch lists supported by various agencies, there is insufficient information sharing between federal agencies. (b)(2) (b)(3) 1520.5(b)(5) 1520.5(b)(9)(i)



7. TSA shares the No-Fly and Selectee lists with U.S. commercial air carriers, as well as foreign air carriers who provide service into/out of the United States. This information can also be shared with state and local law enforcement entities when

responsible for aviation security, such as law enforcement officers at airports. However, this information is shared on a strict "need to know" basis when law enforcement involvement is necessary.



(b)(6 From: Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2002 6:11 PM To: Cc: Re: Selectee/No Fly Listing Procedures Subject: Below are the answers to your questions. How does Alaska Airlines' system works in terms of handling Selectee/No Fly (b)(2)list passengers? (b)(3)When Alaska Airlines receives a new list from the TSA we enter the names 1520.5(b)U)(i. into a Sabre database. |1520,5(b)(2)(i) 1520.5 (6) (8) Please briefly explain how the system works? When a person the passengers name is compared against the 520.5(b)(8)(i)list in Sabre. If Sabre finds the passenger's name one on the 1520.5(b)(9)(i) list it will restrict our CSAs from checking in the passenger. 1520,5(b)(9)(1) What does Alaska Airlines consider a match? What procedural steps do you take upon receiving a match? Alaska Airlines definition of a match is the same as described in SD 1544-01-21B and SD 1544-01-20A. Consequently, when a match is found we follow the steps as described in the SD. Any passenger who is not a match is cleared to travel. Let me know if you have any other questions. Alaska Airlines >Morning >Could you please advise; per TSA Intelligence (TSI) request, how does >Alaska Airlines' system works in terms of handling Selectee/No fly list >passengers? Please briefly explain how the system works? What does Alaska

>Apparently there have been a couple of instances whereupon an individual >has been on a list, however they are not on the TSI listing, hence we and myself) are trying to clear up this problem and >need your assistance in describing your procedures.

>Airlines consider a match? What procedural steps do you take upon receiving

>Thanks in Advance,

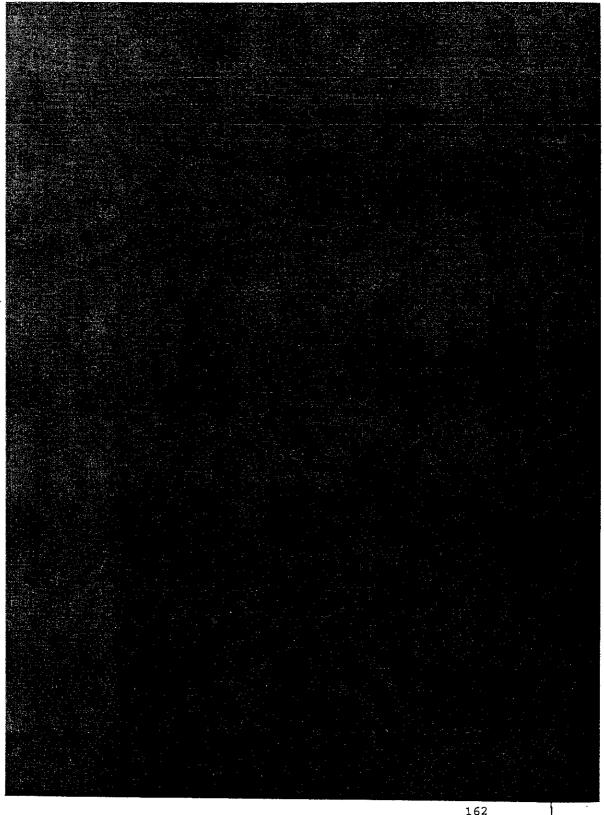
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I've asked Sabre since Octob it is urgent enough and are	ber to help us fix this problem, but dragging their feet.	they don't feel (b)(2)
3.	system to e program unless asked by the TSA. (ing so the government handles the na	1520.5(6)(2)(1 1520.5(6)(8)(1) 1520.5(6)(8)(1)
Thanks for working with us. or combinations would be gre	This has been such a headache for meatly appreciated.	ne. Any solutions
<pre>>understanding the problem of >watchlist.Any suggestions if >flagged by Sabre but not of</pre>	for the information. It is a big he of people being pulled aside when the how to assist the passenger who is a	ney are not on a
> >Again, many thanks.		
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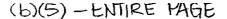
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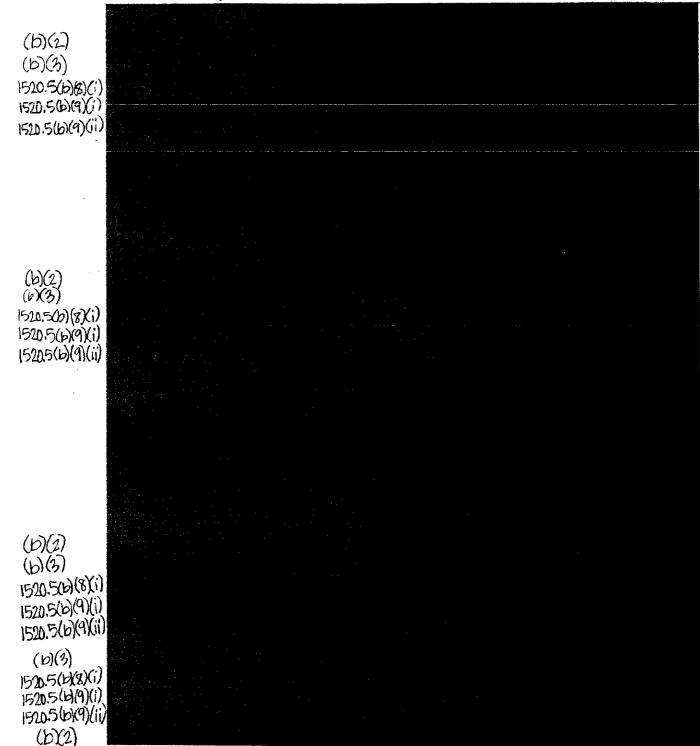
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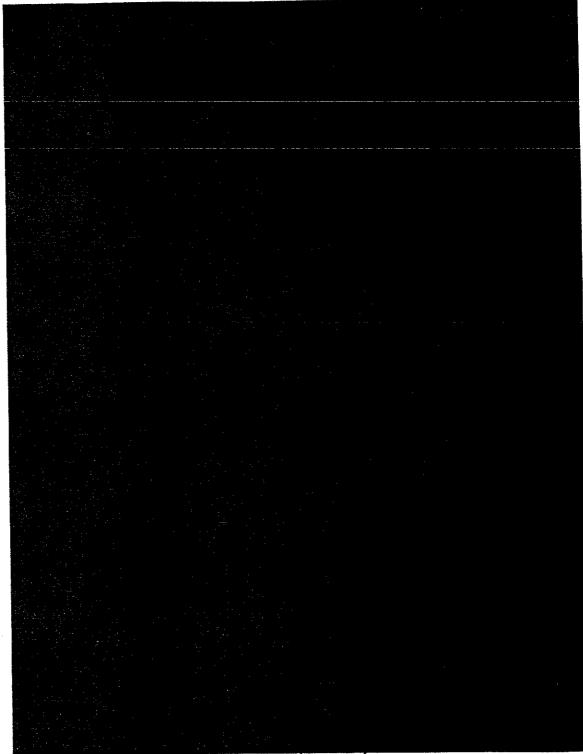
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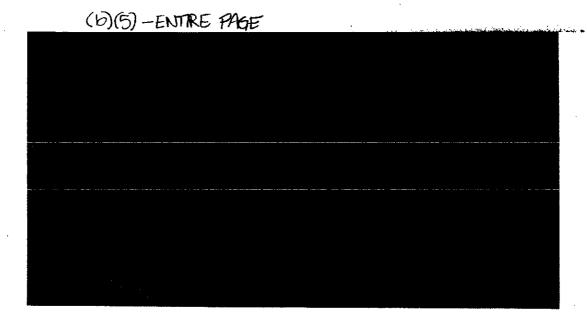
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