

# United States Department of the Interior

### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, DC 20240

January 31, 2023

IN REPLY REFER TO: **DOI-ASIA-2022-004125** 

David Bossie Citizens United 1006 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Washington, DC 20003 Email Address: info@citizensunited.org

Dear Mr. Bossie:

The Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (AS-IA) Immediate office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated June 7, 2022, and assigned it control number **DOI-ASIA-2022-004125**. Please cite the control number in any future communications with our office regarding this request.

In your request you asked for the following: "For the period of January 20, 2021, to the present, please provide copies of:

- Any emails or text messages to or from Interior Department White House Liaison Maggie Thompson or Deputy White House Liaison Amber Gaither and any employee of the Executive Office of the President mentioning "Hatch Act" and/or Executive Order 14019 ("Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting").
- Any emails or text messages to or from the following Interior Department staff: Maggie Thompson, Amber Gaither, Tommy Beaudreau, Bryan Newland, Robert Anderson, Ruchi Jain, Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes, Scott de la Vega, Eric Shepard, Matthew Kelly, Heather Gottry, Monica Garcia, Edward McDonnell, Jennifer Van der Heide, Rachael Taylor, Joel West Williams, Tracy Goodluck, Elizabeth Klein, Andrew Wallace, and/or Kate Kelly mentioning "Hatch Act" in the context of Executive Order 14019 ("Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting").
- Any emails or text messages to or from any Office of Special Counsel employee, including but not limited to, Ana Galindo-Marrone and Erica Hamrick, and the following Interior Department staff: Maggie Thompson, Amber Gaither, Tommy Beaudreau, Bryan Newland, Robert Anderson, Ruchi Jain, Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes, Scott de la Vega, Eric Shepard, Matthew Kelly, Heather Gottry, Monica Garcia, Jennifer Van der Heide, Rachael Taylor, Joel West Williams, Tracy Goodluck, Elizabeth Klein, Monica Garcia, Andrew Wallace, and/or Kate Kelly

mentioning "Hatch Act" in the context of Executive Order 14019 ("Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting")."

We have enclosed one file in portable document format (PDF) containing 54 pages, which are being released to you in part as described below. Please note the red text near some of the attachments in the cover emails indicating where we have removed duplicate attachments.

### Exemption 5—43 C.F.R. §§ 2.23, .24

Exemption 5 allows an agency to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party ... in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process, attorney work-product, attorney-client, and commercial information privileges. We are withholding 41 pages in part under Exemption 5 because they qualify to be withheld both because they meet the Exemption 5 threshold of being inter-agency or intra-agency and under the following privileges:

### Presidential Communications Privilege

The presidential communications privilege "preserves the President's ability to obtain candid and informed opinions from his advisors and to make decisions confidentially." Loving v. Dep't of Def., 550 F.3d 32, 37 (D.C. Cir. 2008); see also In re Sealed Case, 121 F.3d 729, 750 (D.C. Cir. 1997) ("[T]he privilege itself is rooted in the need for confidentiality to ensure that presidential decision-making is of the highest caliber, informed by honest advice and full knowledge."). Unlike the deliberative process privilege, the presidential communications privilege "applies to documents in their entirety and covers final and post-decisional materials as well as pre-deliberative ones." In re Sealed Case, 121 F.3d at 745.

We reasonably foresee that disclosure would harm an interest protected by exemption 5. The materials that have been withheld under the presidential communications privilege of Exemption 5 reflect confidential presidential decision-making and deliberations and were solicited and received by White House advisers and their staff in the course of performing their function of advising the President on official government matters. The materials are the result of frank and open discussions and their contents have been held confidential by all parties. Public dissemination of these materials would expose the presidential decision-making process in such a way as to discourage candid discussion, and thereby undermine presidential decision-making.

#### Deliberative Process Privilege

The deliberative process privilege protects the decision-making process of government agencies and encourages the frank exchange of ideas on legal or policy matters by ensuring agencies are not forced to operate in a fish bowl. A number of policy purposes have been attributed to the deliberative process privilege, such as: (1) assuring that subordinates will feel free to provide the decisionmaker with their uninhibited opinions and recommendations; (2) protecting against premature disclosure of proposed policies; and (3) protecting against confusing the issues and misleading the public.

The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative. The privilege covers records that reflect the give-and-take of the consultative process and may include recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency.

The materials that have been withheld under the deliberative process privilege of Exemption 5 are both predecisional and deliberative. They do not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. They are the result of frank and open discussions among employees of the Department of the Interior. Their contents have been held confidential by all parties and public dissemination of this information would have a chilling effect on the agency's deliberative processes; expose the agency's decision-making process in such a way as to discourage candid discussion within the agency, and thereby undermine its ability to perform its mandated functions.

The deliberative process privilege does not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested.

### Exemption 6—43 C.F.R. §§ 2.23, .24

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."  $\underline{5}$  U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). We are withholding 11 pages in part under Exemption 6.

The phrase "similar files" covers any agency records containing information about a particular individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about a particular individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information.

Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens 'know what their government is up to. The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which is the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information, for example, personal email addresses, work email addresses for White House employees, personal phone numbers and a link to an Office of Management and Budget site for uploading documents, and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Additionally, you have not provided information that explains a relevant public interest under the FOIA in the disclosure of this personal information and we have determined that the disclosure of this information would

shed little or no light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals, and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

### Exemption 7—43 C.F.R. §§ 2.23, .24

Exemption 7 protects from disclosure "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes" if the records fall within one or more of six specific bases for withholding set forth in subparts (A) through (F). <u>5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A)-(F)</u>. We are withholding one page in part under Exemption 7 because it is protected under the following subpart:

7(E)

Exemption 7(E) protects law enforcement records if their release would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigation or prosecutions or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. For the materials that have been withheld under 7(E), we have determined that they are techniques, procedures and/or guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions whose release could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

We reasonably foresee that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one or more of the nine exemptions to the FOIA's general rule of disclosure.

Justin Davis, AS-IA FOIA Officer, is responsible for this partial denial. Leah Bernhardi, Attorney-Advisor, in the Office of the Solicitor was consulted.

We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See 43 CFR § 2.37(g). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See <u>5 U.S.C. 552(c)</u>. This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This letter is a first interim response to your request. We are continuing to review more records and will issue a response to you regarding those records once our review is complete. If you have any questions, you may contact Heather Garcia by phone at 202-208-3135, by email at asia\_foia@bia.gov or by mail at 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-4660-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Sincerely,

JUSTIN Digitally signed by JUSTIN DAVIS

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Date: 2023.01.31 08:45:54 -05'00'

Justin Davis FOIA Officer Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs From: Newland, Bryan
To: Cardinale, Richard

Cc: Myers, Richard G; Todacheene, Heidi J; Heard, Preston S

Subject: Fw: 9/20 10AM New Deadline: DOI Interim Voting Rights Strategic Plan

**Date:** Monday, September 20, 2021 2:25:05 PM

Attachments: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting (updated 9-20-21).docx

Rich.

Please find attached for surname review the Department's voting rights plan for the White House Interagency Policy Council on Voting Rights.

#### **Bryan Newland**

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior

From: Todacheene, Heidi J <heidi\_todacheene@ios.doi.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 1:40 PM

To: Newland, Bryan <br/>
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Hello,

Please find the final draft (unless anyone has last minute edits) attached to this email. Next steps are to send the document to DTS— I'm not sure if this should go directly to Mr. Rich Cardinale for submission or if there is another process to move this along. The White House deadline for this document is **Wednesday, September 23** through the MAX OMB online submission process.

I understand that Mr. Cardinale has been notified that this document has a tight timeline to receive internal signatures prior to submission. If someone wouldn't mind sending this along or sending instructions on how this is inserted into DTS, I would appreciate it.

Thank you,

Heidi Todacheene

From: Newland, Bryan <br/> sryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:31 AM

**To:** Bledsoe Downes, Ann M <ann.bledsoedownes@sol.doi.gov>; Landreth, Natalie A <natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov>; Todacheene, Heidi J <heidi\_todacheene@ios.doi.gov>; Gosar, Mili N <mili\_gosar@ios.doi.gov>; Castro, Maria J <maria\_castro@nps.gov>; Farinelli, Susan <Susan\_Farinelli@nps.gov>; Schwartz, Melissa A <melissa\_schwartz@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Myers, Richard G < Richard G. Myers@bia.gov>

Subject: Re: 9/20 10AM New Deadline: DOI Interim Voting Rights Strategic Plan

I picked a few nits, but it looked great. Thank you so much for doing this.

#### **Bryan Newland**

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior

From: Bledsoe Downes, Ann M <ann.bledsoedownes@sol.doi.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:57 AM

To: Landreth, Natalie A < natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov >; Todacheene, Heidi J

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<melissa schwartz@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Newland, Bryan < bryan newland@ios.doi.gov >; Myers, Richard G < RichardG.Myers@bia.gov >

Subject: Re: 9/20 10AM New Deadline: DOI Interim Voting Rights Strategic Plan

Agreed. Thank you! Nothing else from me.

From: Landreth, Natalie A < natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 6:27:45 AM

**To:** Todacheene, Heidi J < heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov >; Gosar, Mili N < mili gosar@ios.doi.gov >; Bledsoe Downes, Ann M < ann.bledsoedownes@sol.doi.gov >; Castro, Maria J

<maria castro@nps.gov>; Farinelli, Susan <<u>Susan\_Farinelli@nps.gov</u>>; Schwartz, Melissa A <melissa\_schwartz@ios.doi.gov>

**Cc:** Newland, Bryan < <a href="mailto:bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov">bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov</a>>; Myers, Richard G < <a href="mailto:RichardG.Myers@bia.gov">Richard G <a href="mailto:RichardG.Myers@bia.gov">Richard G <a href="mailto:RichardG.Myers@bia.gov">Richard G <a href="mailto:RichardG.Myers@bia.gov">Richard G <a href="mail

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Thank you so much Heidi for all the work. I reviewed again and it looks great to me.

From: Todacheene, Heidi J < heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:30 AM

To: Landreth, Natalie A < <a href="mailto:natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov">natalie A < natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov</a>>; Gosar, Mili N < <a href="mailto:mili gosar@ios.doi.gov">mili gosar@ios.doi.gov</a>>;

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**Cc:** Newland, Bryan < bryan newland@ios.doi.gov >; Myers, Richard G < RichardG.Myers@bia.gov >

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Hello,

I finalized my last edits and cleaned up the document. There is one last major edit that I included in the BIE section under (b) (5)

incorporates the note that Mili added (and also flagged by AIHEC) (5)

That being said, I think the document is ready for final review/edits. Thank you for everyone's input and help on this plan. I really appreciate the edits that ya'll helped with and I hope it's in shape to send it through DTS tomorrow. Everyone on this email has been added to the SharePoint document to review and make any last edits.

Thank you,

Heidi Todacheene

From: Landreth, Natalie A < natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov>

Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:48 PM

**To:** Todacheene, Heidi J < heidi\_todacheene@ios.doi.gov >; Gosar, Mili N < mili\_gosar@ios.doi.gov >; Bledsoe Downes, Ann M < ann.bledsoedownes@sol.doi.gov >; Castro, Maria J

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**Cc:** Newland, Bryan < <a href="mailto:bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov">bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov</a>>; Myers, Richard G < <a href="mailto:RichardG.Myers@bia.gov">Richard G <a href="mailto:RichardG.Myers@bia.gov">Richard G < <a href="mailto:RichardG.Myers@bia.gov">Richard G <a href="mailto:R

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Thank you Heidi for all the work on this. I have entered my edits but let me know if you need me to clarify or add anything. SOL had two deliverables under the interim plan (b) (5)

but really SOL can provide legal support on any of the questions presented in the plan so feel free to add that wherever you think necessary.

Also, there is a sizeable movement toward federal agencies

Thanks again, Natalie

From: Todacheene, Heidi J < heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov>

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 2:05 PM

To: Gosar, Mili N < mili\_gosar@ios.doi.gov >; Landreth, Natalie A < natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov >;

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Subject: 9/20 10AM New Deadline: DOI Interim Voting Rights Strategic Plan

Hello,

I wanted to connect with everyone regarding a new internal deadline that has been set to submit final edits to the DOI Interim Voting Rights Strategic Plan. Final edits are due on **Monday, September 20** 

**by 10:00 AM EST**. I apologize for any inconvenience this presents, but this will provide enough time to send the final document through DTS to acquire the appropriate approval before submitting the final document to the White House.

I will be editing the Plan over the weekend to clean up the sections that are currently written in draft form. Although there's a Monday morning deadline, if you would submit any text that you would like in the final draft as soon as possible then that will give me a bit more time to work on edits. Since we're working on a tight deadline, feel free to copy and paste whatever information that you have available, and I will do the heavy lifting to finalize the text.

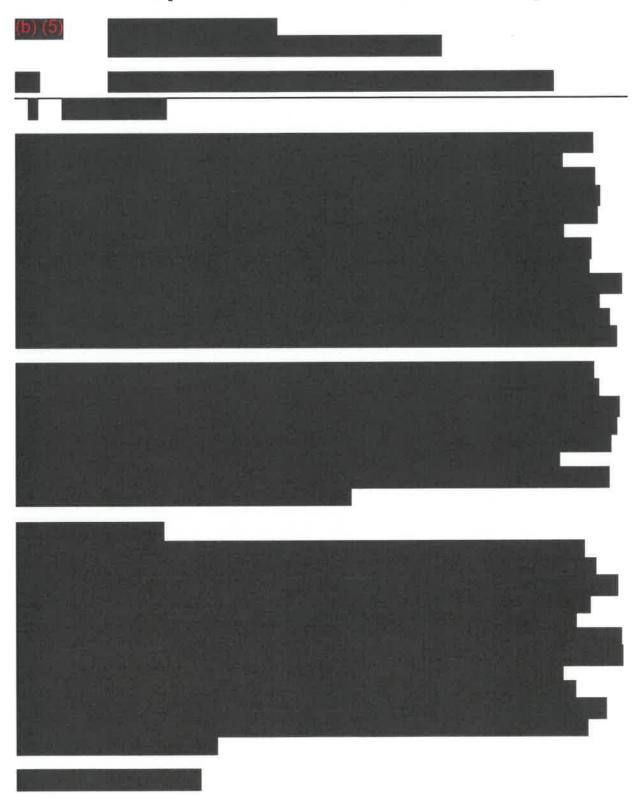
Everyone on this email should have the link to the SharePoint document so we can edit the sections in real time. If you don't have the link or want me to bump it in your inbox, just let me know and I'm happy to do so. Again, thank you to everyone for your help on this—I really appreciate it!

Feel free to call or message me if you have any questions:

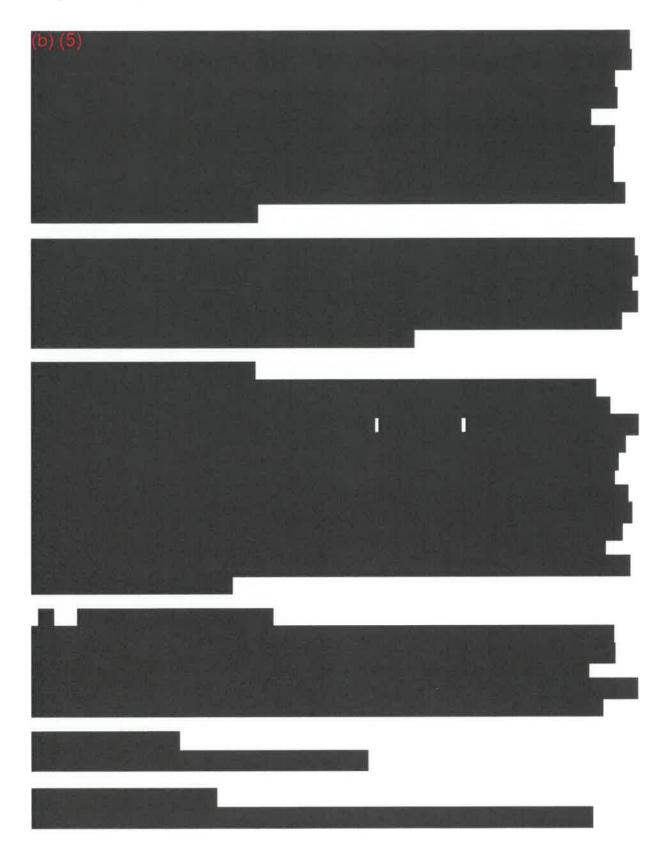
Thank you,

Heidi Todacheene
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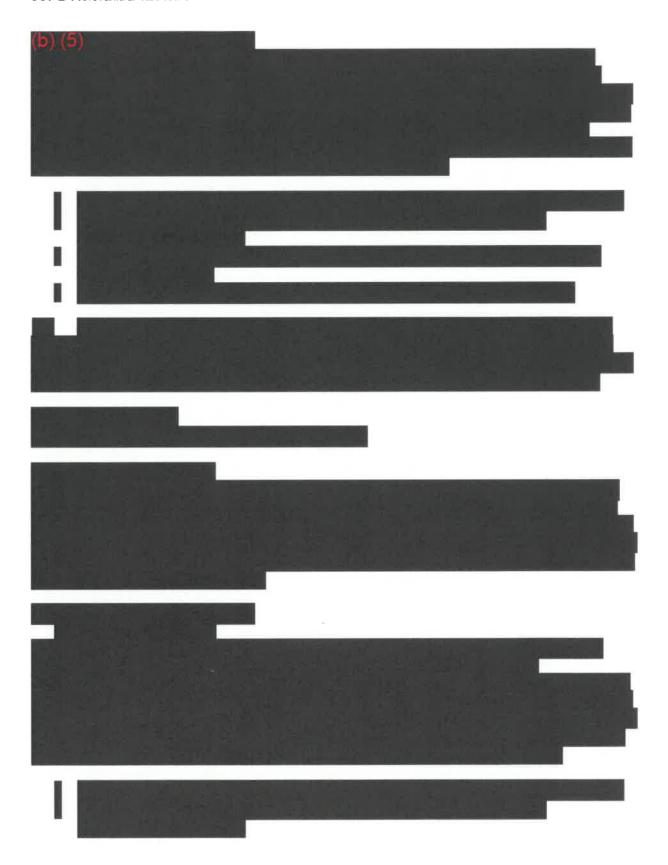
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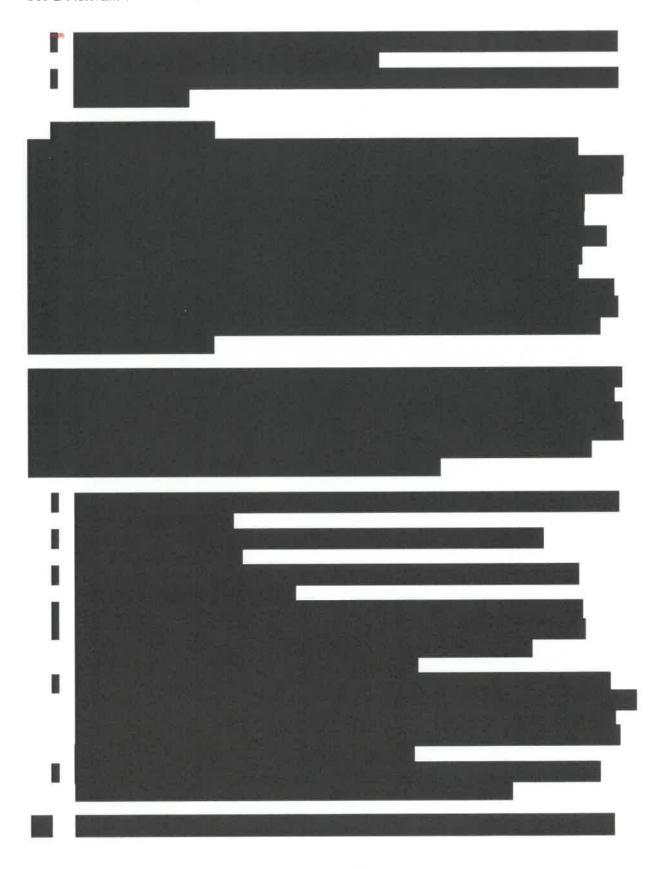
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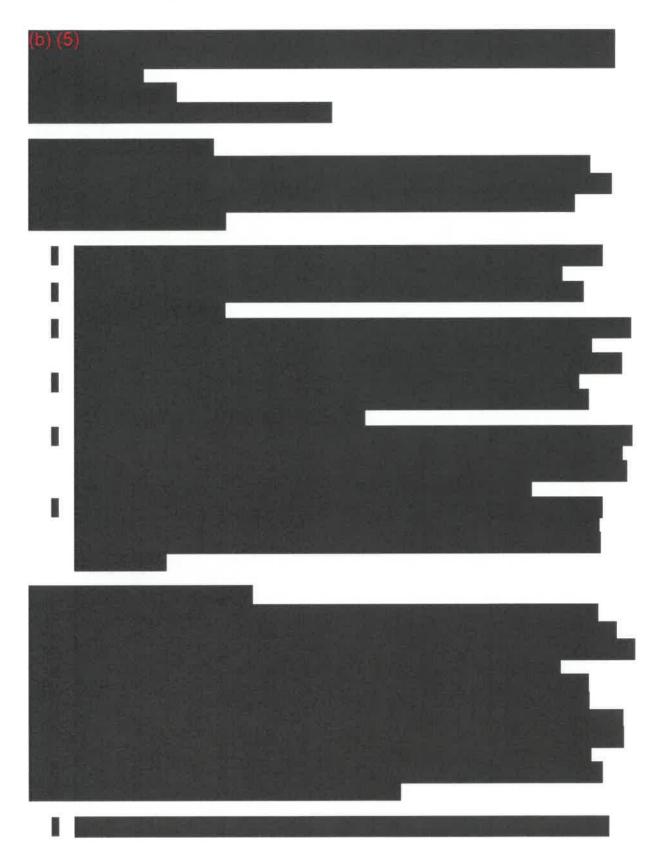
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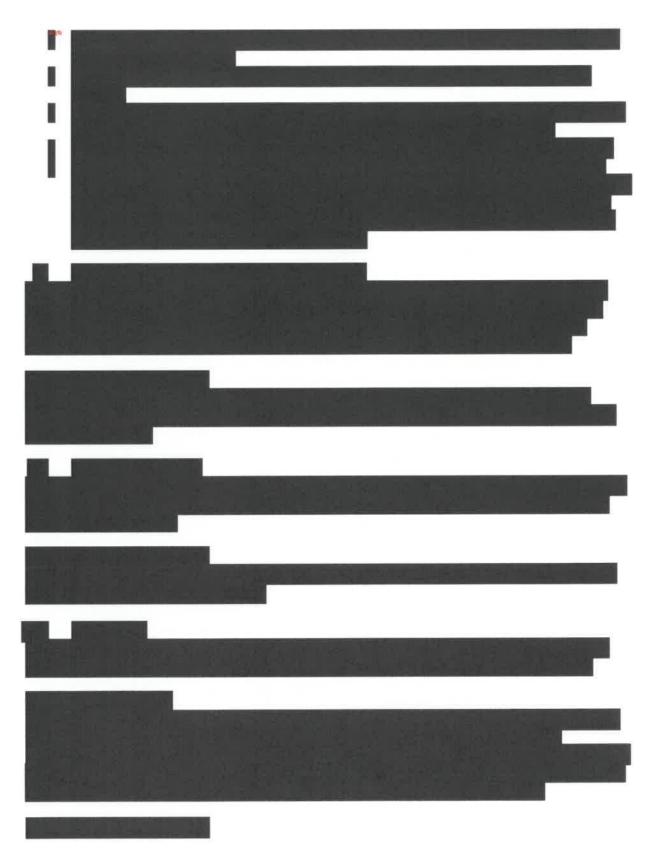
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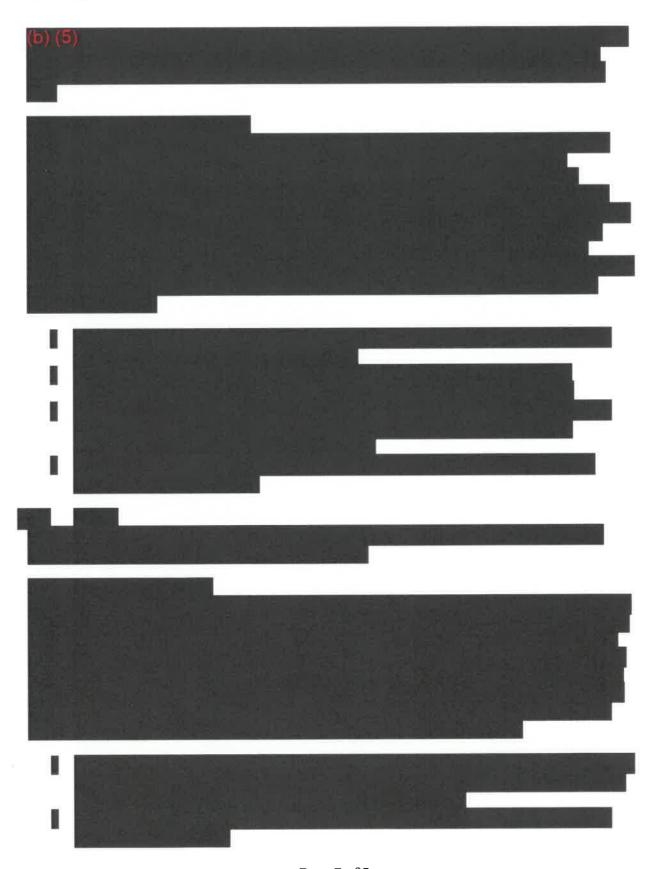
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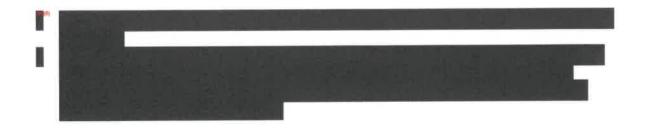


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# Pre-Decisional/Deliberative



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To: <a href="mailto:bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov">bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:RichardG.Myers@bia.gov">RichardG.Myers@bia.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Stephanie.Cloud@bia.gov">Stephanie.Cloud@bia.gov</a></a>

Subject: Request for Surname: IA00010817 - EO 14019: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting

**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 12:43:21 PM

Attachments: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting (updated 9-20-21).docx attachment removed, duplicate

SurnameLog IA00010817.pdf

#### Good Afternoon Sir:

Attached for your surname is the Draft Strategic Plan - Access to Voting for your review and surname.

The document has been surnamed by: DBIA; DBIE; SOL (Bledsoe Downes; Anderson); ASIA Senior Advisor (Todacheene).

Please send me your surname via email so that I may upload it to the record and send to SCU for 6th floor review and clearance.

Thank you, Stephanie

cc: RMyers

Surnames for DCN: IA00010817

Subject: EO 14019: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting

Addressee: Newland, Bryan

Date: 09/21/2021

Surname: Darryl laCounte

Office: DBIA

Title:

Entered By: Willow Iron Cloud

09/21/2021 Date:

Comments:

None

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Surname: Tony Dearman

Office: BIE

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Date:

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Office: SOL-Bledsoedownes

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Date:

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Comments:

None

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### Surnames for DCN: IA00010817 (cont.)

Surname: natalie landreth

Office: SOL-Landreth.n

Title:

Entered By: natalie landreth 09/20/2021 Date:

Comments: None

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Surname: Heidi Todacheene

Office: ASIA Senior Advisor: H. Todacheene

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Entered By: Heidi Todacheene

Date: 09/21/2021

Comments: None

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Comments:

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From:

Todacheene, Heidi J

To:

Gosar, Mili N; Newland, Bryan

Cc:

Myers, Richard G

Subject:

RE: Voting Rights EO report

Date:

Thursday, September 23, 2021 3:47:20 PM

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#### Hello Mili,

I believe it was due today and may be already been submitted. I don't want to misstate anything so I have looped in our COS, Rich Myers, here to follow up on the status since he was working on the submission. He will have a better idea of where the report is currently.

Thank you for your help on this also-really appreciate it!

#### Heidi Todacheene

From: Gosar, Mili N <mili\_gosar@ios.doi.gov> Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 2:34 PM

To: Todacheene, Heidi J <heidi\_todacheene@ios.doi.gov>; Newland, Bryan

<bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Voting Rights EO report

Hi Heidi and Bryan,

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to collaborate on this. And thank you, Heidi, for all your work on it! I had just minor edits to the final report, which I've attached here. I've asked Shandria to upload into DTS and surname for me (and on Larry's behalf through me), but wanted to also send to y'all to not hold up the submission.

Thanks again!

Mili

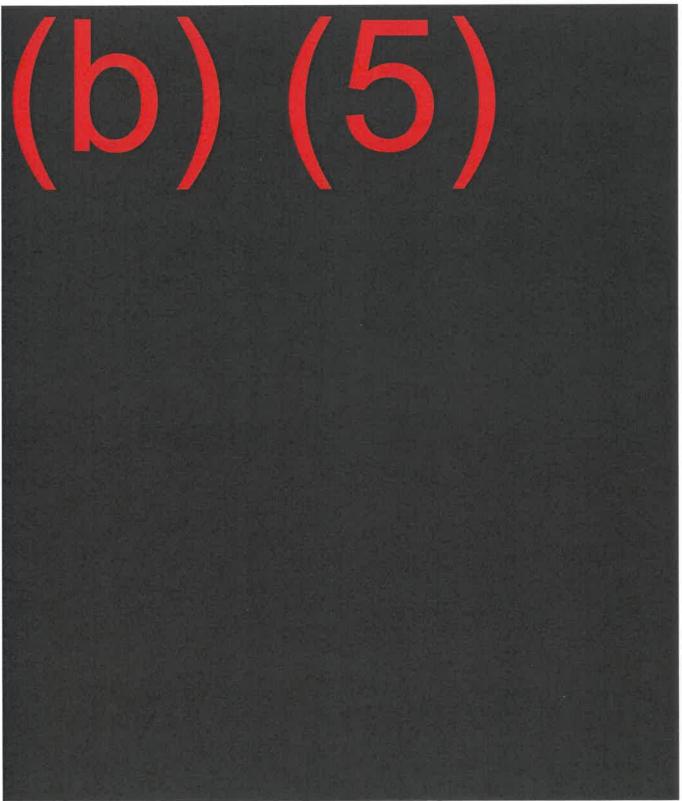
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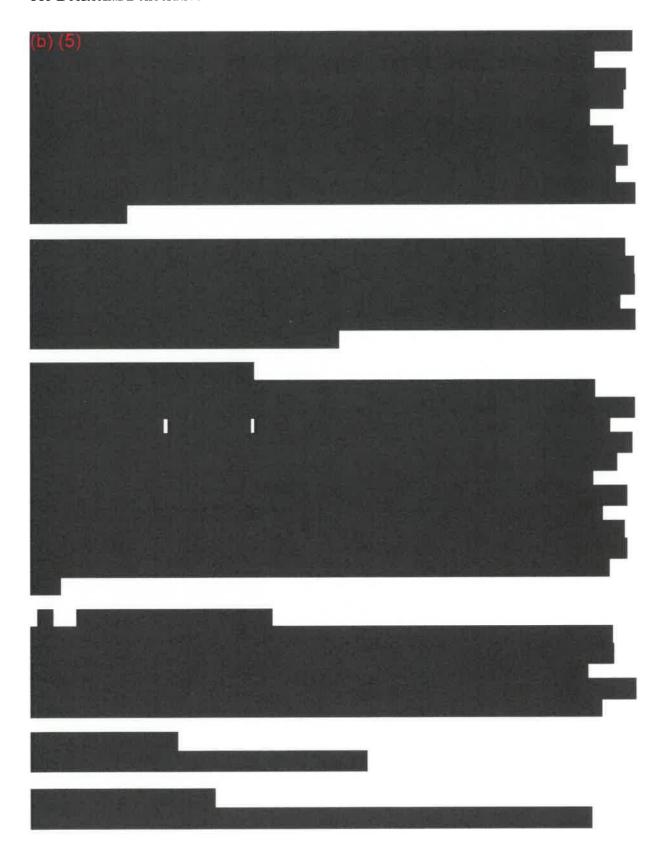
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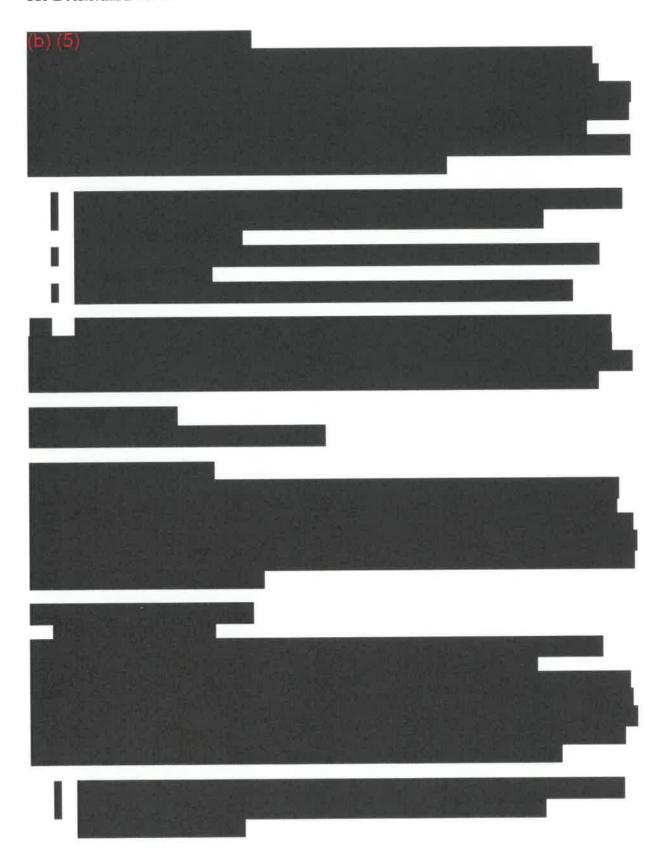
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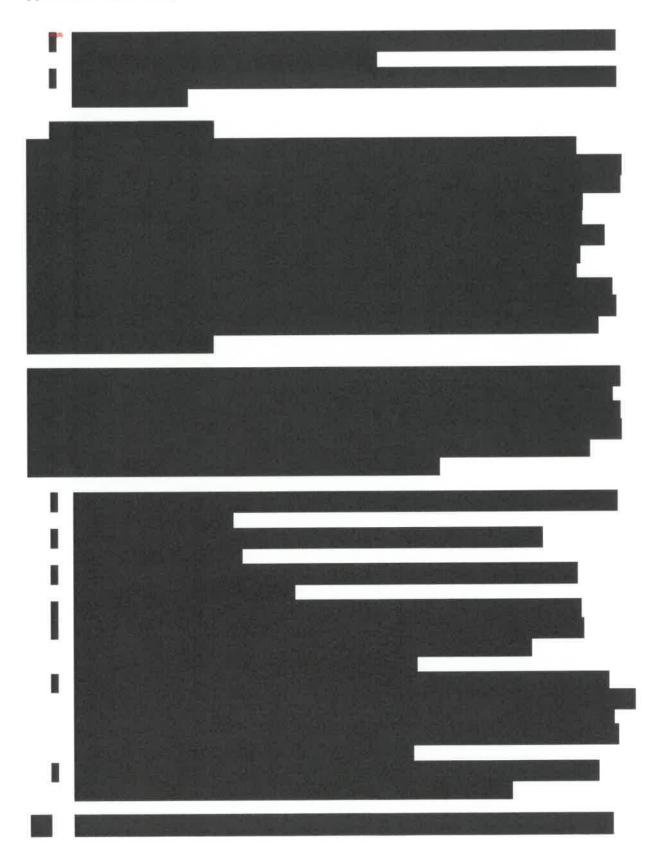
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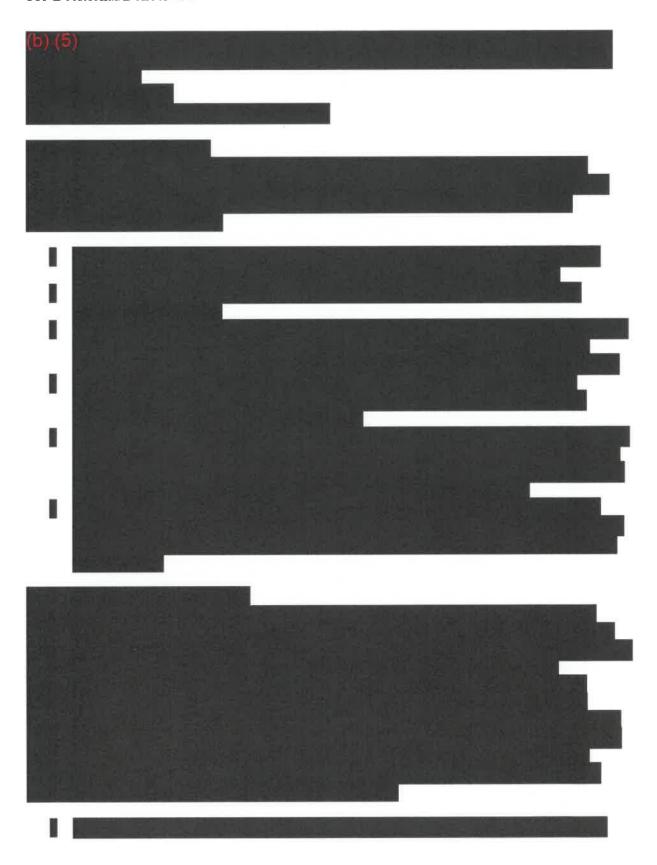
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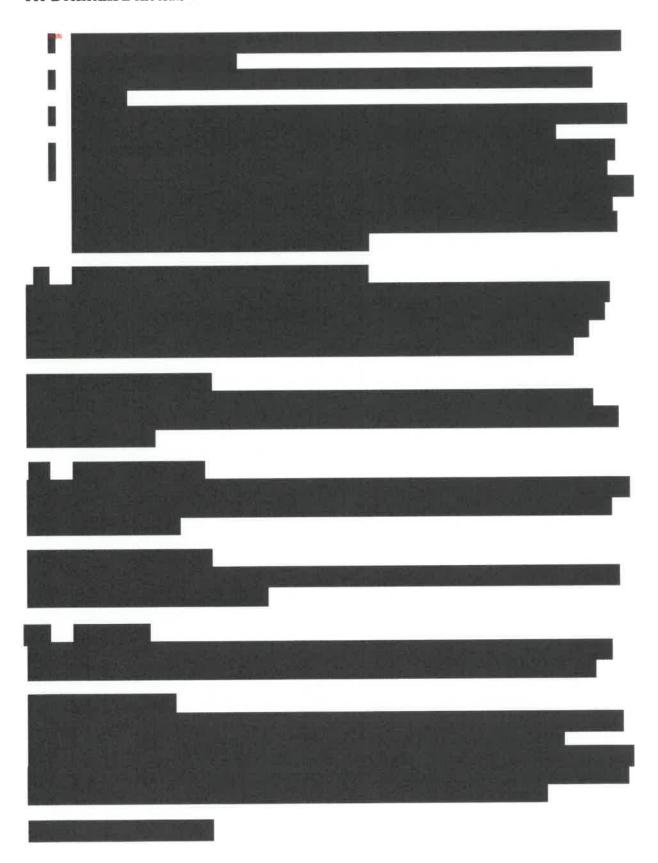
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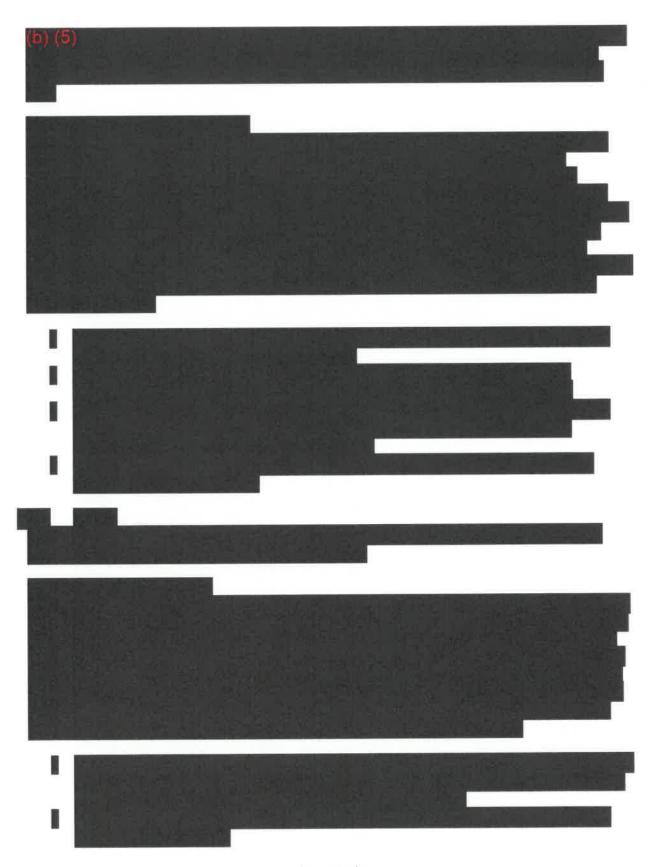
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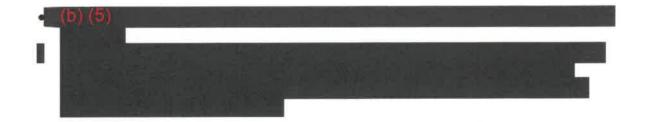


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# Pre-Decisional/Deliberative



From:

Cloud, Stephanie Todacheene, Heidi J

To: Cc:

Myers, Richard G, John, Kara G, Newland, Bryan

Subject:

Re: EO 14019: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting

Date:

Monday, September 27, 2021 2:32:58 PM

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Here you go. This is the cover letter and the plan concerning the Executive Order.

Take a break for a few minutes.

After, please review, make any edits that you feel are necessary, and return to me with your surname.

When I get your clearance, I will prepare for ASIA's review and signature.

Thank you,

### Stephanie

From: Todacheene, Heidi J <heidi\_todacheene@ios.doi.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:14 PM

To: Cloud, Stephanie < Stephanie. Cloud@bia.gov>

Cc: Myers, Richard G <RichardG.Myers@bia.gov>; John, Kara G <Kara.John@bia.gov>; Newland,

Bryan <br/> hryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: RE: EO 14019: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting

Hello,

I still cannot access my DTS for some reason. If the only thing that has changed on the letters is the letterhead formatting then this email is my formal DTS surname. To clarify, there should be 3 separate letters addressed the Indian tribes, ANCs, and the Native Hawaiian Community that all state the same thing.

Thank you,

#### Heidi Todacheene

From: Todacheene, Heidi J

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 2:12 PM **To:** Cloud, Stephanie < Stephanie.Cloud@bia.gov>

Cc: Myers, Richard G <richardg.myers@bia.gov>; John, Kara G <kara.john@bia.gov>

Subject: RE: EO 14019: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting

My DTS is acting up. Would you mind sending me copies of the letters so I can sign off manually? Apologies for the inconvenience. Not sure why it's not working today.

From: Cloud, Stephanie < Stephanie. Cloud@bia.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:01 PM

To: Todacheene, Heidi J < heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov>

**Cc:** Myers, Richard G < <u>RichardG.Myers@bia.gov</u>>; John, Kara G < <u>Kara.John@bia.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: EO 14019: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting

#### Hi Heidi:

I routed this to you for your final review and approval.

I changed the format to a letter since we are sending it to the White House.

Please make your edits, if necessary. Once I get your final approval, I will prepare for ASIA Signature.

Thank you,

#### Stephanie

From: Todacheene, Heidi J < heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 10:08 AM **To:** Cloud, Stephanie < Stephanie.Cloud@bia.gov>

**Cc:** Myers, Richard G < RichardG. Myers@bia.gov>; John, Kara G < Kara. John@bia.gov>

Subject: RE: EO 14019: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting

Good morning,

You can route that to me and Bryan, I believe. There is no incoming letter or email associated with it.

Thank you,

Heidi Todacheene

From: Cloud, Stephanie < Stephanie.Cloud@bia.gov >

Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:51 AM

To: Todacheene, Heidi J < heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Myers, Richard G < RichardG. Myers@bia.gov >; John, Kara G < Kara. John@bia.gov >

Subject: EO 14019: DOI Interim Strategic Plan - Access to Voting

#### Good Morning Heidi:

This document cleared the Department and is ready for ASIA's signature.

Can you let me know who I need to send this to? Also, was there an incoming letter or email that goes with this? I believe I need to correct the formatting.

Please let me know.

Thank you,

Stephanie

The Honorable Susan Rice Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rice:

Enclosed is the U.S. Department of the Interior's (Department) Interim Strategic Plan for the Implementation of Executive Order 14019, Access to Voting. The plan promotes voter registration and voter participation [6](5) and the Department's agency action to achieve these objectives.

If you have any questions, you may contact Heidi Todacheene, Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, by phone at (202) 208-7163 or by email at heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,

Bryan Newland Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosure

INTERIM STRATEGIC PLAN

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From:

Todacheene, Heidi J

To:

Levitt, Justin M, EOP/WHO; Newland, Bryan; Personius, Anita; Landreth, Natalie A

Cc:

Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO; Vail, Justin W. EOP/WHO

Subject: Date: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Voting EO/Follow up items Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:12:52 PM

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#### Hello,

Please find a copy of the plan that the Department submitted into the MAX system attached to this email as both Word and PDF documents. Please let us know if you need supplemental information and we can make sure that is sent to your office. Further, if there is additional action that needs to be taken to finalize the submission into MAX, we can also check in with our team on its status.

Thank you,

Heidi Todacheene
Senior Advisor
Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
(0) 202-208-7163
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From: Levitt, Justin M. EOP/WHO

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:30 PM

To: Newland, Bryan <bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov>; Todacheene, Heidi J

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<natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov>

Cc: Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO

>; Vail, Justin W. EOP/WHO

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Voting EO/Follow up items

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Hello, all. With apologies for what I understand may have been a glitch in the MAX system for submitting plans, and with thanks for the engagement on the plan highlights ... I'm still trying to get hold of the full strategic plan for Interior that was due, under the executive order, on September 23. In order to avoid any MAX-related difficulties, might I ask if you're able to send me a copy directly?

Yours,

Justin

Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 10:16 AM To: Newland, Bryan < bryan newland@ios.doi.gov> Cc: Todacheene, Heidi J < heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov >; Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO >; Vail, Justin W. EOP/WHO Personius, Anita < Anita. Personius@bia.gov >; Natalie A Landreth < natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov > **Subject:** RE: Voting EO/Follow up items Hi, all. I've still got the question below – about whether From: Levitt, Justin M. EOP/WHO Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:13 PM To: Newland, Bryan < bryan newland@ios.doi.gov> Cc: Todacheene, Heidi J < heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov>; Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO 🧻 >; Vail, Justin W. EOP/WHO 🖣 Personius, Anita < Anita. Personius@bia.gov >; Natalie A Landreth < natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov > Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Voting EO/Follow up items Thanks, Bryan. This helps. Can I ask whether Justin Levitt Senior Policy Advisor for Democracy and Voting Rights Domestic Policy Council On Sep 21, 2021, at 12:58 PM, Newland, Bryan <a href="mailto:specification.org">bryan newland@ios.doi.gov</a>> wrote: Justin, How about this [courtesy of Heidi Todacheene]:

From: Levitt, Justin M. EOP/WHO



## **Bryan Newland**

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior

From: Levitt, Justin M. EOP/WHO

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:31 AM

To: Newland, Bryan < bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov >; Todacheene, Heidi J

<heidi\_todacheene@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO < >; Vail, Justin

W. EOP/WHO

<<u>Anita.Personius@bia.gov</u>>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Voting EO/Follow up items

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Hi, Bryan. Just reaching out again — (b) (5)

Just need a few sentences on the marquee initiative you'd like to highlight.

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Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 2:07 PM

To: Bryan newland@ios.doi.gov; Todacheene, Heidi J <heidi todacheene@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO

<<u>Anita.Personius@bia.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: Voting EO/Follow up items

Hi, Bryan.

I hope you're well. I'm writing to check in to see if Interior tried to send in a key initiative it plans to highlight in connection to the access to voting EO, as requested below. It appears there was a typo in the email address in the notice, and I'm not sure if that got in the way. We'd greatly appreciate it if you could resend (to this address!).

Many thanks.

Yours,

Justin

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Justin Levitt

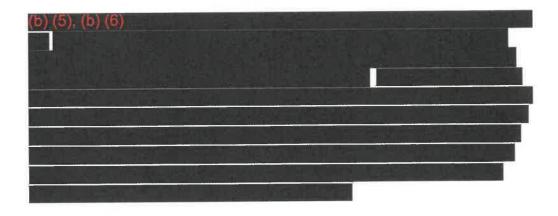
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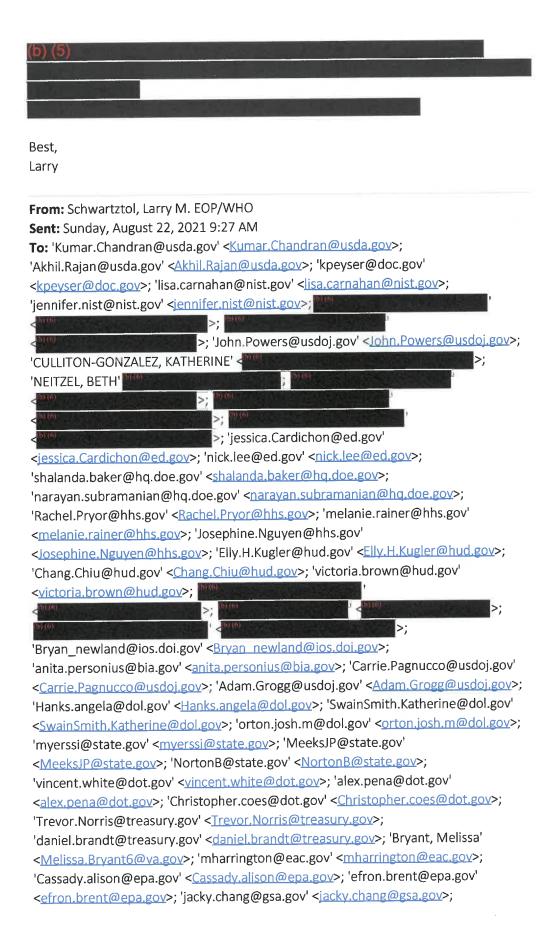
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From: Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 4:38 PM To: 'Kumar.Chandran@usda.gov' < <a href="mailto:Kumar.Chandran@usda.gov">Kumar.Chandran@usda.gov</a>; 'Akhil.Rajan@usda.gov' < Akhil.Rajan@usda.gov >; 'kpeyser@doc.gov' <kpeyser@doc.gov>; 'lisa.carnahan@nist.gov' <lisa.carnahan@nist.gov>; 'jennifer.nist@nist.gov' <<u>jennifer.nist@nist.gov</u>>; >; 'John.Powers@usdoj.gov' <<u>John.Powers@usdoj.gov</u>>; 'CULLITON-GONZALEZ, KATHERINE' 'NEITZEL, BETH' >; 'jessica.Cardichon@ed.gov' <iessica.Cardichon@ed.gov>; 'nick.lee@ed.gov' <nick.lee@ed.gov>; 'shalanda.baker@hq.doe.gov' < shalanda.baker@hq.doe.gov>; 'narayan.subramanian@hq.doe.gov' <narayan.subramanian@hq.doe.gov>; 'Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov' < Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov'; 'melanie.rainer@hhs.gov' <melanie.rainer@hhs.gov>; 'Josephine.Nguyen@hhs.gov' <<u>losephine.Nguyen@hhs.gov</u>>; 'Elly.H.Kugler@hud.gov' <<u>Elly.H.Kugler@hud.gov</u>>; 'Chang.Chiu@hud.gov' <<u>Chang.Chiu@hud.gov</u>>; 'victoria.brown@hud.gov' <victoria.brown@hud.gov>; 'Bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov' < Bryan\_newland@ios.doi.gov >; 'anita.personius@bia.gov' <anita.personius@bia.gov>; 'Carrie.Pagnucco@usdoj.gov' <<u>Carrie.Pagnucco@usdoj.gov</u>>; 'Adam.Grogg@usdoj.gov' <<u>Adam.Grogg@usdoj.gov</u>>; 'Hanks.angela@dol.gov' < Hanks.angela@dol.gov>; 'SwainSmith.Katherine@dol.gov' <<u>SwainSmith.Katherine@dol.gov</u>>; 'orton.josh.m@dol.gov' <<u>orton.josh.m@dol.gov</u>>; 'myerssi@state.gov' <<u>mverssi@state.gov</u>>; 'MeeksJP@state.gov'

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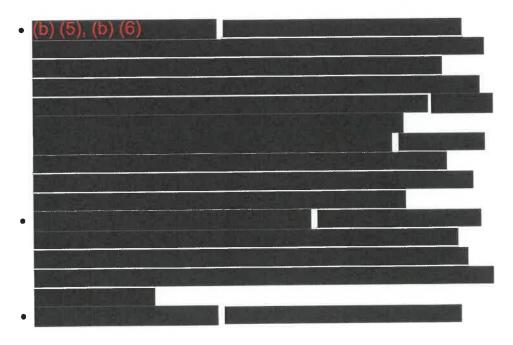


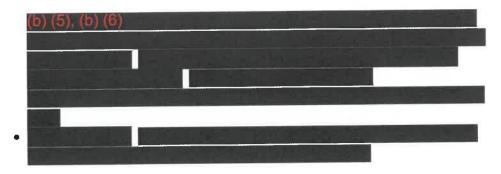




Colleagues,

Thanks to all of you who participated in the interagency meeting earlier this week. I'm writing with a few short follow up items.





We appreciate all of the work that has gone into the first 200 days of implementing this Executive Order, and are excited to continue working with you all to support the ambitious implementation initiatives so many agencies are developing.

Best, Larry

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Subject: FW: Submission instructions to paste in an email

#### Colleagues,

We're looking forward to speaking with you on Thursday. In the meantime, attached is a template that we are asking agencies to use when submitting their strategic plans, which as you know, are due on September 23. Below are instructions for submitting the reports via OMB's portal, and the attached PPT slides include screen shots illustrating how the submission process works. We are of course happy to answer questions on the Thursday call or at other points.

### Submission instructions:

- Format: Agencies are asked to submit their report as a Microsoft Word file.
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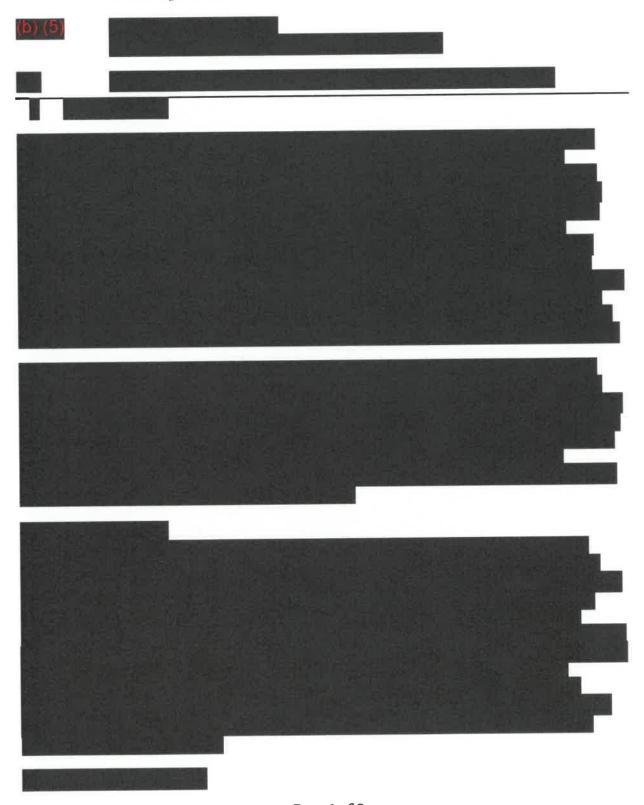
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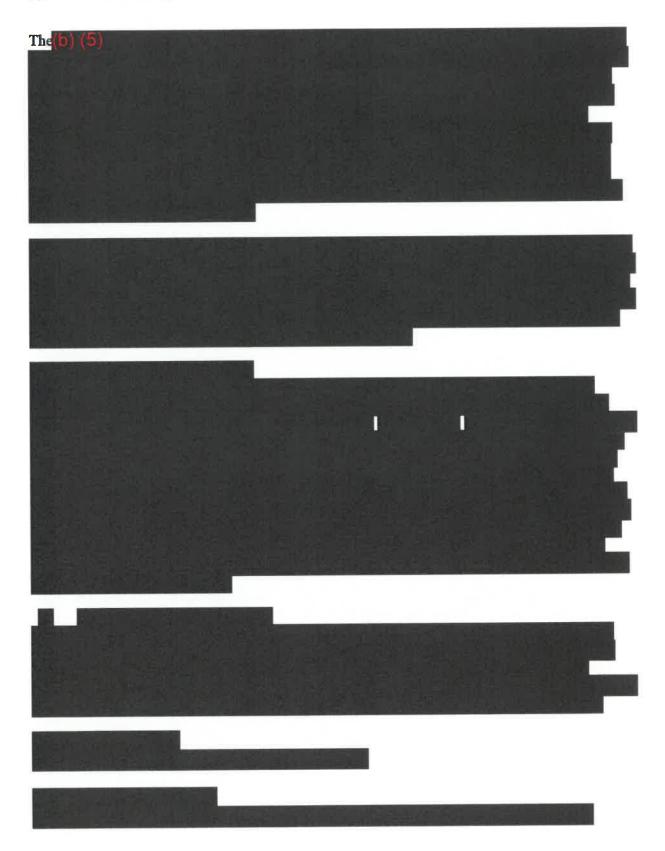
# **Larry Schwartztol**

Associate White House Counsel and Special Assistant to the President

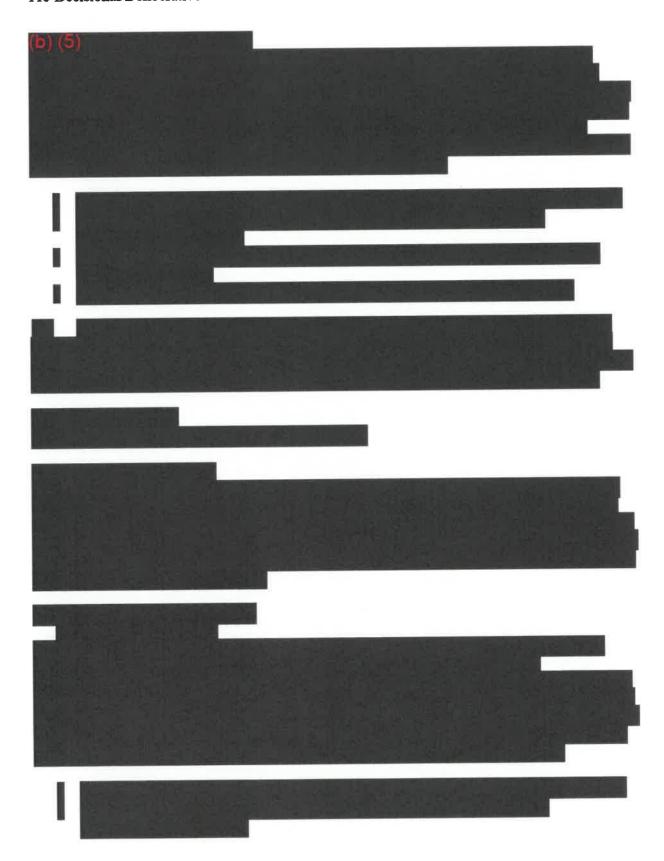


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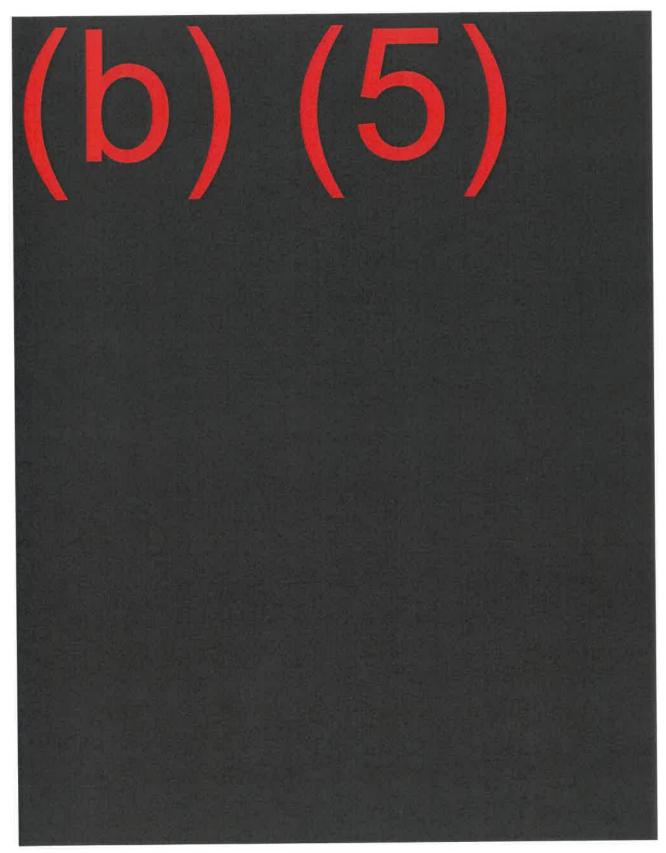




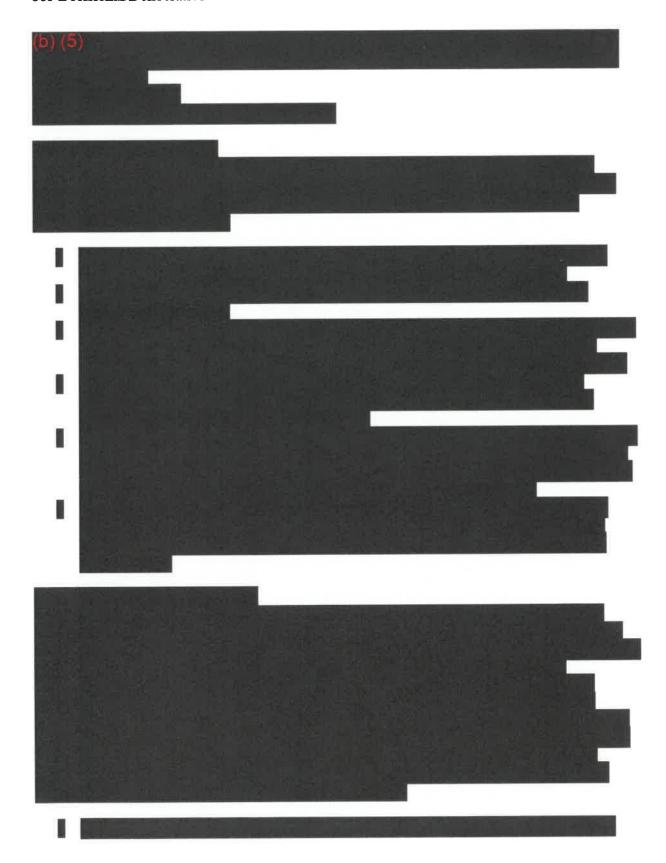
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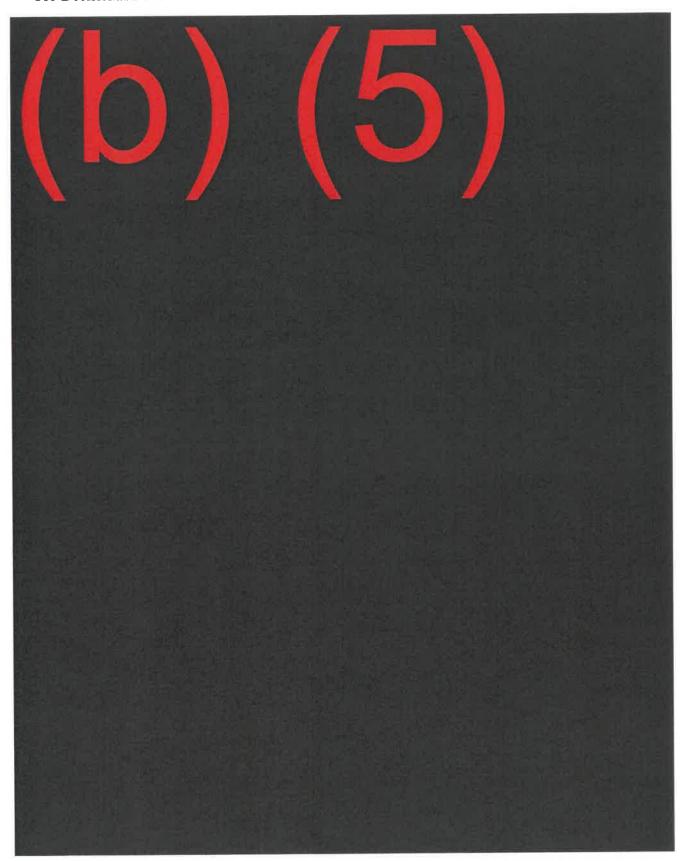
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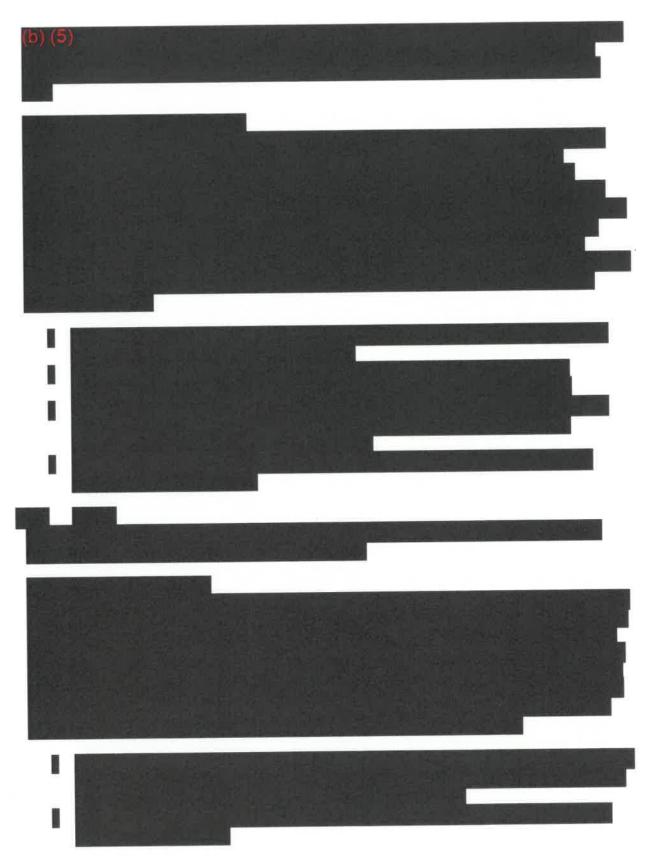
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