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Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 1:18 PM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Cc: Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Bill Clinton meeting?

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> I'm not but heading back. I'll call you.

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Dean, Matthew

From: Dean, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:28 AM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Subject: Re: Trascript from media avail

Thanks, Melanie

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Matt,

As I mentioned on the phone, this question was asked in yesterday's media availability in Phoenix. I've included the transcript of the one exchange on this topic, as well as a link to the one report that mentions the exchange.

<http://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2016/06/28/ag-loretta-lynch-praises-phoenix-police-training/>

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Reid, Paula

From: Reid, Paula
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Subject: Everyone asking me about this Lynch/clinton meeting

What say you?

Newman, Melanie (OPA)

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To: ReidP@cbsnews.com
Subject: Transcript of AG Lynch's Q&A from Press Conference in AZ Yesterday (6/28)
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See the fourth question below.

June 28, 2016

Press Conference with Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch

Phoenix, Arizona

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REPORTER: Attorney General, thank you so much for your visit, we appreciate you visiting our town as well. What about the encouragement- do you feel very encouraged by some of the things that you saw today?

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REPORTER: Thank you.

REPORTER: Very recently, perhaps in the last hour, there was a bombing at the Istanbul Airport. Have you been briefed on that yet? And, if so, are there any details that you can share with us?

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: Well, I'm awaiting a briefing on that matter right now, so I'm not able to share details with you. But, certainly we'll be looking into it to see what, if (INAUDIBLE) to do with that.

REPORTER: Can I ask you one more question, last week Reuters reported that you were opposed to a White House-backed plan that allowed Guantanamo prisoners to plead guilty to terrorism charges in federal court by video conference. Is that something you can confirm and could you explain why you were opposed to that policy?

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: Well, what I can tell you is that we're often asked to provide a view or an opinion as to the legal sufficiency of particular things that may be presented on the hill or otherwise. And so, we always provide the best independent legal advice to the White House or another agency that may ask us about that and we provide our opinion about the legal issues presented. And I think that that would be a similar situation there as well. We provide our opinion as to the legal issues so that when people are creating the policy or proposing legislation they can take that into consideration.

REPORTER: What was the issue there, what was the problem with video?

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: Without going into specifics what I can say is that again as many situations we're often asked to look at potential issues involving criminal procedure, criminal policy to make sure that, in fact, we're going to do everything in compliance with the appropriate (INAUDIBLE UNTIL 15:10)

REPORTER: ... And the standards for new recruits are no longer above the state minimum they are now at the state level or do you have suggestions for us locally when we are having problems (INAUDIBLE)

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: You know I think that I would look at the overall training here for all of the positive things that it is providing. I don't have specific comment on the number of hours of training, but in terms of the substance of the training that I've seen, certainly with the de-escalation training, that is something that we will be recommending to other departments that they implement and take a look at. As I mentioned before a few minutes ago, this department does have the Crisis Intervention Team. The set-up and the operation of that kind of team is something that we do recommend that other departments look at. That often is a resource issue, we understand that municipalities are strapped, but again it has proven to be very, very effective. And, I think that this department's focus on making sure that officers are able to handle the variety of situations that they come into contact with and use a variety of tools to manage them is one that I think is consistent not just with 21st century policing, but good, smart policing.

UNIDENTIFIED: Did everyone get a question? Did you get a question in the back?

REPORTER: I did not. I know that we're talking about Phoenix police right here, but this community also is policed by Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Many of the communities, especially Latinos, feel like they're (INAUDIBLE) criminal charges stemming from a long-running racial profiling case. How would you respond to the community?

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: There's an open ongoing matter involving the sheriff and some aspects of his administration so I'm actually not able to give you a comment on that now because there is an open and ongoing matter in federal court.

REPORTER: Would you have to sign off on any charges against the sheriff?

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: You know, I'm not able to give you that information I think it's premature right now, and again because it is open I can't comment on where it is or what it's headed towards.

UNKNOWN: Alright, thank you so much.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: Thank you all.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: Well, what I can tell you is that we're often asked to provide a view or an opinion as to the legal sufficiency of particular things that may be presented on the hill or otherwise. And so, we always provide the best independent legal advice to the White House or another agency that may ask us about that and we provide our opinion about the legal issues presented. And I think that that would be a similar situation there as well. We provide our opinion as to the legal issues so that when people are creating the policy or proposing legislation they can take that into consideration.

REPORTER: What was the issue there, what was the problem with video?

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: Without going into specifics what I can say is that again as many situations we're often asked to look at potential issues involving criminal procedure, criminal policy to make sure that, in fact, we're going to do everything in compliance with the appropriate (INAUDIBLE UNTIL 15:10)

REPORTER: ... And the standards for new recruits are no longer above the state minimum they are now at the state level or do you have suggestions for us locally when we are having problems (INAUDIBLE)

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: You know I think that I would look at the overall training here for all of the positive things that it is providing. I don't have specific comment on the number of hours of training, but in terms of the substance of the training that I've seen, certainly with the de-escalation training, that is something that we will be recommending to other departments that they implement and take a look at. As I mentioned before a few minutes ago, this department does have the Crisis Intervention Team. The set-up and the operation of that kind of team is something that we do recommend that other departments look at. That often is a resource issue, we understand that municipalities are strapped, but again it has proven to be very, very effective. And, I think that this department's focus on making sure that officers are able to handle the variety of situations that they come into contact with and use a variety of tools to manage them is one that I think is consistent not just with 21st century policing, but good, smart policing.

UNIDENTIFIED: Did everyone get a question? Did you get a question in the back?

REPORTER: I did not. I know that we're talking about Phoenix police right here, but this community also is policed by Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Many of the communities, especially Latinos,

feel like they're (INAUDIBLE) criminal charges stemming from a long-running racial profiling case. How would you respond to the community?

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: There's an open ongoing matter involving the sheriff and some aspects of his administration so I'm actually not able to give you a comment on that now because there is an open and ongoing matter in federal court.

REPORTER: Would you have to sign off on any charges against the sheriff?

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: You know, I'm not able to give you that information I think it's premature right now, and again because it is open I can't comment on where it is or what it's headed towards.

UNKNOWN: Alright, thank you so much.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: Thank you all.

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To: Carrie Johnson
Cc: Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Iverson, Dena W. (OPA)
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To: Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
Subject: AG's meeting with Bill Clinton?

Hey Kevin--

Writing a short post about the attorney general's meeting with Former President Clinton, which I'm sure you know is getting pretty wide pickup. I see she addressed it at a presser in Arizona and said they talked about personal stuff (and not any active cases), but is there any other context I should know? Any statement from you or any background you can give? I'm at (b) (6) if you can call.

Best,

Matt Zapotosky

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Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:25 PM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
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> On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:23 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <mnewman@ind.usdoj.govmailto:mnew

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To: Zapotosky, Matt
Subject: Re: Who did you email for comment for this story? And why not reach out to me?

Really appreciate it. Thanks.

On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:37 PM, Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com> wrote:

I updated the last graph to take that out, reflect that you willingly provided transcripts and added a bit about career prosecutors. Thanks for reaching out -- next time I'll get at you directly. Again, just figured since Kevin was with her and operating three hours earlier than us he'd be better in this case.

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:29:10 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt
Subject: Re: Who did you email for comment for this story? And why not reach out to me?

All the video out there is edited for TV, which is why I've been sending the transcript. I would have also been happy to discuss by phone earlier. (b) (6)
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Reid, Paula

From: Reid, Paula
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 6:08 AM
To: Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
Subject: Hey

Which airport was Lynch at when Clinton stopped by?

Sent from my iPhone

Newman, Melanie (OPA)

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 7:39 AM
To: (b) (6) Evan Perez email address
Subject: Transcripts

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Levine, Mike

From: Levine, Mike
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 8:22 AM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Subject: Re: Hey

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Thanks

> On Jun 30, 2016, at 8:16 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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> Of course they do. Here's the transcript of the two pressers, in case you need full comments. What's your cell? I can call you to provide additional context.
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> Hey, .com now wants me to write something up on the meeting. Anything in particular you think I should consider when writing? Anything more you want to add beyond what AG said at presser?

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> Thanks

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Tucker, Eric

From: Tucker, Eric
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 8:46 AM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Subject: Re: Transcript

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 30, 2016, at 8:43 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Sorry. Here it is.

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> On Jun 30, 2016, at 8:42 AM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org<mailto:etucker@ap.org>> wrote:

> Hi, so sorry to be a pest. Any update on a transcript? (I'm being asked about it).

> Sent from my iPhone

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To: (b) (6) Evan Perez email
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Subject: RE: more on Clinton meeting?

Will give you a call now.

Melanie R. Newman
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(b) (6) (cell)
(202) 334-5873 (office)

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To: Zapotosky, Matt; Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
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Story I referenced: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/president-bill-clinton-loretta-lynch-meet-on-tarmac-in-phoenix/>

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From: Johnson, Kevin
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 11:50 AM
To: Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
Subject: Hi, Kevin

Can you help with the meeting between the AG and frmr Pres Clinton?

Newman, Melanie (OPA)

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Johnson, Kevin
Subject: transcripts

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Johnson, Kevin

From: Johnson, Kevin
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 12:37 PM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Subject: RE: Hi, Melanie

Got it. Thanks.

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA) [mailto:Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 11:49 AM
To: Johnson, Kevin <kjohnson@usatoday.com>
Subject: RE: Hi, Melanie

Yes, will call you shortly. Best number? Also, transcripts from Tuesday and Wednesday pressers should be helpful.

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From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
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To: (b) (6) Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA) Del Wilber email address
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Calling you now. or you can call me at my desk, number below.

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How did it come about? She bumped into him at terminal? Saw he was in Phoenix and invited him to the plane to chat? Or he saw her and wanted to say hi? This meeting would take some coordination.

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Newman, Melanie (OPA)

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:20 PM
To: Landler, Mark
Subject: Re: NYT Q on Lynch/Clinton meeting

Mark,

I'll call you in a bit. We have not issued a statement on this but I've included below the transcripts from the AG's two press conferences where this was addressed:

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On Jun 30, 2016, at 2:10 PM, Landler, Mark <mlandler@nytimes.com> wrote.

Hi Melanie,

I'm a White House correspondent at the NYT, and I've been pressed into service to write about the questions being raised by the Attorney General's meeting with Bill Clinton.

Could you let me know what DoJ and the AG have said specifically about this meeting, and whether she believes it constitutes a conflict of interest, given the ongoing email investigation?

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Thanks & Best,
Mark Landler

Press

From: Press
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 3:12 PM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
Cc: Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO); James, Kelli D. (OPA)
Subject: FW: Details of AG's meeting with ex-POTUS

From: Chuck Ross [mailto:chuck@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 3:00 PM
To: Press
Subject: Details of AG's meeting with ex-POTUS

Hello,

I was wondering if DOJ has any additional detail to offer on the meeting between AG Lynch and Bill Clinton earlier this week.

Here are a few questions I have:

- Who contacted whom about the meeting? If Clinton made the reach out, how and when was Lynch notified of the request?
- Did DOJ have any plans to disclose this meeting?
- According to reports, the meeting was held on AG's airplane. Why was this necessary as opposed to holding it in a less secluded location?
- Lastly, where was the AG's airplane in relation to Clinton's? Did hers park next to his on the tarmac?

Thanks in advance for any help.

Regards,
Chuck Ross
The Daily Caller

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Newman, Melanie (OPA)

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt; Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
Subject: RE: more on Clinton meeting?

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Story I referenced: [http://www.cbsnews.com/news/president-bill-clinton-loretta-lynch-meet-on-tarmac-in-phoenix/\[cbsnews.com\]](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/president-bill-clinton-loretta-lynch-meet-on-tarmac-in-phoenix/[cbsnews.com])

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Subject: more on Clinton meeting?

Hey Melanie and Kevin—

Any chance one of you could give me a call for another, hopefully quick, conversation on this AG-Clinton meeting? My editors are still pretty interested in it, and I'm hoping I can put it to rest by answering just a few

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more questions about how the meeting came about – who approached who, and how did they realize they were in the same place?

Many thanks,

Matt Zaposky | The Washington Post

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Newman, Melanie (OPA)

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 10:09 AM
To: rberman@theatlantic.com
Subject: FW: Confirm Lynch/Clinton reports?

On background from a Justice Department official regarding the ongoing investigation of the State Department's emails:

Determinations as to whether to charge any individual, as well as the findings of the investigation, will be made by career prosecutors and investigators who have been handling this matter since it's inception.

These determinations and findings will also be reviewed by senior career lawyers in the department, as well as by the FBI Director.

The Attorney General expects to receive and accept the determinations and findings of the Department's career prosecutors and investigators, as well as the FBI Director.

The Attorney General will discuss this matter during her live armchair discussion with Washington Post's Jonathan Capehart at the Aspen Ideas Festival [at 11 a.m. ET/9 a.m. MT.](#)

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From: Russell Berman [<mailto:rberman@theatlantic.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 8:24 AM
To: Press
Subject: Confirm Lynch/Clinton reports?

Hi,

Can someone confirm these reports that AG Lynch will announce that she plans to accept the recommendations of prosecutors and the FBI in the Clinton email case?

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/attorney-general-loretta-lynch-to-accept-officials-determination-on-clinton-email-1467372419>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/02/us/politics/loretta-lynch-hillary-clinton-email-server.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=first-column-region®ion=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&r=0>

Thanks,

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Has the story been updated? Can you send me the language?

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Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 9:54 AM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Subject: Re: NYT Q on Lynch/Clinton meeting

On my cell: (b) (6)

> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:46 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> What's your number. Can I call you?

>> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:27 AM, Mark Landler <landler@nytimes.com> wrote:

>>> Also, Mark Halprin just tweeted that the AG reserves the right to
>>> overrule a staff recommendation, which he says contradicts our story.
>>> Matt is out of pocket. Can you clarify?

>>>> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:25 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>>>> +Kevin, who is working on that in Aspen.

>>>>>> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:23 AM, Mark Landler <landler@nytimes.com> wrote:

>>>>>>> Thanks, Melanie. On the pool camera, where would the feed be available?

>>>>>>>> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:19 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>>>>>>>> I don't think they stream it. We are trying to get a pool camera. We will send out a transcript as soon as possible.

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>>>>> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:14 AM, Mark Landler <landler@nytimes.com> wrote:

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>>>>> Hi Melanie,

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>>>>> We don't have anybody in Aspen and we obviously need to cover AG

>>>>> Lynch's remarks.

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>>>>> Can you tell me when she's scheduled to speak, and whether Aspen

>>>>> will stream her remarks?

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>>>>> Many thanks,

>>>>> Mark

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>>>>>> On Jun 30, 2016, at 2:21 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> Mark,

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>>>>>>> I'll call you in a bit. We have not issued a statement on this but I've included below the transcripts from the AG's two press conferences where this was addressed:

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>>>>>>> Phoenix Presser (Tuesday, June 28):

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>>>>>>>> REPORTER: Sources say that you met last night with former president Bill Clinton. Did the topic of Benghazi come up at all, or can you tell us what was discussed?

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policies and issues. It's being handled by career investigators and career agents, who always follow facts and the law, and do the same thorough and independent examination in this matter that they've done in all. So that's how that'll be handled.

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>>>>>> On Jun 30, 2016, at 2:16 PM, Landler, Mark <landler@nytimes.com<mailto:landler@nytimes.com>> wrote:

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>>>>>> Hi Melanie,

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>>>>>> I'm a White House correspondent at the NYT, and I've been pressed into service to write about the questions being raised by the Attorney General's meeting with Bill Clinton.

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>>>>>> Could you let me know what DoJ and the AG have said specifically about this meeting, and whether she believes it constitutes a conflict of interest, given the ongoing email investigation?

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>>>>>> Thanks & Best,

>>>>>> Mark Landler

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Levine, Mike

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**From:** Levine, Mike  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 12:01 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Subject:** More questions

I'm getting lots of questions about this... Any guidance you can offer? thanks

<http://hotair.com/archives/2016/07/01/reporter-fbi-ordered-no-photos-no-pictures-no-cell-phones-during-clintonlynch-meeting/>

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Reporter: FBI ordered 'no photos, no pictures, no cell phones' during Clinton/Lynch meeting - Hot Air

hotair.com

If it was an innocent meeting, why no pictures?

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CLINTON-LYNCH 0073

**Newman, Melanie (OPA)**

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**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 4:28 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) Ryan Lizza email address  
**Subject:** FW: Comment?

Just tried you. I'm at my desk. 202-305-1920

Melanie R. Newman  
Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Direct: 202-305-1920  
Cell: (b) (6)  
@MelanieDOJ

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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 4:27 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Subject:** FW: Comment?

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**From:** Ryan Lizza [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 4:09 PM  
**To:** Press  
**Subject:** Re: Comment?

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**Richard Pollock**

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**From:** Richard Pollock  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 02, 2016 10:59 PM  
**To:** Press  
**Subject:** Did AG Lynch provide questions to Former President Bill Clinton

Dear sir/madam:

We have received information from a source who is alleging that during the meeting with former President Bill Clinton in Phoenix, the Attorney General was able to provide some questions or several lines of questions concerning the meeting with the FBI today.

Given the seriousness of these charges, we are obligated to seek a comment from an responsible Justice spokesman.

Please forward a reply as soon as is possible.

Cordially,

Richard

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Richard Pollock  
Senior Investigative Reporter  
The Daily Caller News Foundation

(b) (6)

CLINTON-LYNCH 0078

**Newman, Melanie (OPA)**

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**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 9:40 AM  
**To:** Ryan Lizza  
**Subject:** Re: Comment?

None.

> On Jul 5, 2016, at 9:39 AM, Ryan Lizza (b) (6) wrote:

>  
> So any word on what the 11 am Comey statement is about?

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> Ryan Lizza  
> The New Yorker  
> (b) (6)

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**Dean, Matthew**

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**From:** Dean, Matthew  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:28 AM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Trasncript from media avail

Thanks, Melanie

Matt Dean  
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Fox News Channel  
(b) (6) [Mobile]  
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**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:26:15 AM  
**To:** Dean, Matthew  
**Subject:** Trasncript from media avail

Matt,

As I mentioned on the phone, this question was asked in yesterday's media availability in Phoenix. I've included the transcript of the one exchange on this topic, as well as a link to the one report that mentions the exchange.

<http://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2016/06/28/ag-loretta-lynch-praises-phenix-police-training/>

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July 5, 2016

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20535-0001

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

I write to you to express my serious concerns over recent events that have cast a shadow on the commitment of the Obama Administration to fairly and impartially execute the rule of law. The American people are rightly concerned about the direction of this country when they see senior government officials being treated differently than lower level officials without powerful, partisan friends. Even if there was no inappropriate discussion when you recently met with former Secretary Hillary Clinton's husband in an exclusive section of the Sky Harbor International Airport, it is difficult to explain to American voters – who are purportedly equal under the law – just how they are supposed to exercise that equality should their spouse ever be accused of a crime.

FBI Director James Comey, commenting on the investigation of Secretary Clinton's use of her personal e-mail system on July 5, 2016, said that, of the 30,000 emails returned to the State Department, "110 e-mails in 52 e-mail chains have been determined by the owning agency to contain classified information at the time they were sent or received. Eight of those chains contained information that was Top Secret at the time they were sent; 36 chains contained Secret information at the time; and eight contained Confidential information... Separate from those, about 2,000 additional e-mails were "up-classified" to make them Confidential." These statements confirm that Secretary Clinton misled the American people and was extremely reckless in her handling of classified information both sent and received on her private e-mail server.

If a lower-level government employee with access to classified information had behaved in this manner, including at the Top Secret level, they would lose their security clearance immediately and would almost certainly lose their job. If that same employee had previously established their own personal unsecured email server in their home for the purpose of evading government oversight, they would rightly be charged with a crime.

While I appreciate and respect the hard work of the FBI, I strongly believe that all Americans should be held to the same standards and that your Department must restore the trust of average Americans through a thorough review of the evidence and statutes. Director Comey noted

multiple infractions and patterns of violation of the laws and policies guiding national security information. The Obama Justice Department has pursued charges against reporters, mid-level employees, and members of the military when confronted with the mishandling of classified information. As you review the evidence, I expect you to hold Secretary Clinton to the same standard.

The public knows that Secretary Clinton established a server in her home, that she conducted the public's business on that server, and that she mishandled highly classified information. The public will reach its own conclusions as to why she did so and about how the rules are applied to those in positions of power and influence. I expect you and the Department to apply the rule of law fairly in deciding whether to bring charges in this case, as well as to fully explain the determination.

Many in Alabama and America believe that some powerful public officials act as if rules and laws do not apply to them. As John Adams said, ours is a "government of laws, and not of men." The nation is counting on your application of this principle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Shelby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard C. Shelby

**Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)**

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**From:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:48 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Who did you email for comment for this story? And why not reach out to me?

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2016, at 8:45 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Story has been updated.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Zapotosky, Matt" <[matt.zapotosky@washpost.com](mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com)>  
**Date:** June 29, 2016 at 11:37:29 PM EDT  
**To:** "Newman, Melanie (OPA)" <[Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov](mailto:Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Who did you email for comment for this story? And why not reach out to me?

I updated the last graph to take that out, reflect that you willingly provided transcripts and added a bit about career prosecutors. Thanks for reaching out - next time I'll get at you directly. Again, just figured since Kevin was with her and operating three hours earlier than us he'd be better in this case.

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**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov](mailto:Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:29:10 PM  
**To:** Zapotosky, Matt  
**Subject:** Re: Who did you email for comment for this story? And why not reach out to me?

All the video out there is edited for TV, which is why I've been sending the transcript. I would have also been happy to discuss by phone earlier. (b) (6)  
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It would be much appreciated if you removed the "spox did not return calls for comment".

> On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:25 PM, Zapotosky, Matt <[matt.zapotosky@washpost.com](mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com)> wrote:  
>  
> Oh sure send along. I just figured he'd be better since he was with her (and on west coast time). I did say in graph 2 she acknowledged publicly and quoted her (there's all sorts of presser video out there).  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone  
>  
>> On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:23 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov](mailto:Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov)>

wrote:

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>> He is with her but he is staffing her, which means he's not always available. You could have called me before reporting a no comment. I have been sending everyone the full transcript from yesterday and today's press conferences, where she addressed this. No additional comment needed when you have her on the record. Happy to forward along.

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>>> On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:21 PM, Zapotosky, Matt <[matt.zapotosky@washpost.com](mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com)> wrote:

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>> Attorney general meets with former president Clinton amid politically charged investigation into his wife's email - The Washington

Post<[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2016/06/29/attorney-general-meets-with-former-president-clinton-amid-politically-charged-investigation-into-his-wifes-email/?utm\\_term=.293dbc4a2876](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2016/06/29/attorney-general-meets-with-former-president-clinton-amid-politically-charged-investigation-into-his-wifes-email/?utm_term=.293dbc4a2876)> from Matt Zapotosky's

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**Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)**

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**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** Press; Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: AG's meeting with President Clinton this week

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: AG's meeting with President Clinton this week

**From:** Julian Hatter [\[mailto:jhatter@thehill.com\]](mailto:jhatter@thehill.com)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 9:58 AM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Press  
**Subject:** AG's meeting with President Clinton this week

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Thank you

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CLINTON-LYNCH 0087

**Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)**

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**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:03 AM  
**To:** Press; Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Interview request

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:01 AM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: Interview request

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**From:** DelPriore, Samantha [<mailto:Samantha.DelPriore@FOXNEWS.COM>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 9:57 AM  
**To:** Press  
**Subject:** Interview request

Good morning – Would AG Lynch be available for an interview on our show *On The Record with Greta Van Susteren* on the Fox News Channel tonight to respond to the meeting she had with Bill Clinton? We air live during the 7pm/et hour but we are happy to pretape to accommodate her schedule. Please let me know if we can set something up. The interview would be one-on-one with Greta.

Thanks,  
Samantha

Samantha Del Priore-Fox  
FOX News Channel  
1211 Avenue of the Americas, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10036  
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**Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)**

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**From:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 11:56 AM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Hi, Kevin

Thx

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**To:** Mark Landler  
**Subject:** Re: NYT Q on Lynch/Clinton meeting

Just tried you. I'm at 202-305-1920 or (b) (6)

> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:27 AM, Mark Landler <landler@nytimes.com> wrote:

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> Also, Mark Halprin just tweeted that the AG reserves the right to > overrule a staff recommendation, which he says contradicts our story.

> Matt is out of pocket. Can you clarify?

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>> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:25 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> +Kevin, who is working on that in Aspen.

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>>> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:23 AM, Mark Landler <landler@nytimes.com> wrote:

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>>> Thanks, Melanie. On the pool camera, where would the feed be available?

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>>>> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:19 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>>> I don't think they stream it. We are trying to get a pool camera. We will send out a transcript as soon as possible.

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>>>>> On Jul 1, 2016, at 9:14 AM, Mark Landler <landler@nytimes.com> wrote:

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>>>>> Hi Melanie,

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>>>>> We don't have anybody in Aspen and we obviously need to cover AG >>>>> Lynch's remarks.

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>>>>> Can you tell me when she's scheduled to speak, and whether Aspen will >>>>> stream her remarks?

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>>>>> Many thanks,

>>>>> Mark

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>>>>>> On Jun 30, 2016, at 2:21 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> Mark,

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>>>>>> I'll call you in a bit. We have not issued a statement on this but I've included below the transcripts from the AG's two press conferences where this was addressed:

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>>>>> Hi Melanie,

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>>>>> I'm a White House correspondent at the NYT, and I've been pressed into service to write about the questions being raised by the Attorney General's meeting with Bill Clinton.

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>>>>> Could you let me know what DoJ and the AG have said specifically about this meeting, and whether she believes it constitutes a conflict of interest, given the ongoing email investigation?

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>>>>> Thanks & Best,

>>>>> Mark Landler

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**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 10:09 AM  
**To:** Press; Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Confirm Lynch/Clinton reports?

Got it.

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**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
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**Subject:** FW: Confirm Lynch/Clinton reports?

**From:** Russell Berman [<mailto:rberman@theatlantic.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 8:24 AM  
**To:** Press  
**Subject:** Confirm Lynch/Clinton reports?

Hi,

Can someone confirm these reports that AG Lynch will announce that she plans to accept the recommendations of prosecutors and the FBI in the Clinton email case?

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/attorney-general-loretta-lynch-to-accept-officials-determination-on-clinton-email-1467372419>

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Thanks,

Russell

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**Subject:** Re: Bill Clinton meeting?

I can step out and hop on a call. Is there a conference line?

On Jun 28, 2016, at 10:18 AM, Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA) <[kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

+ SF and Uma

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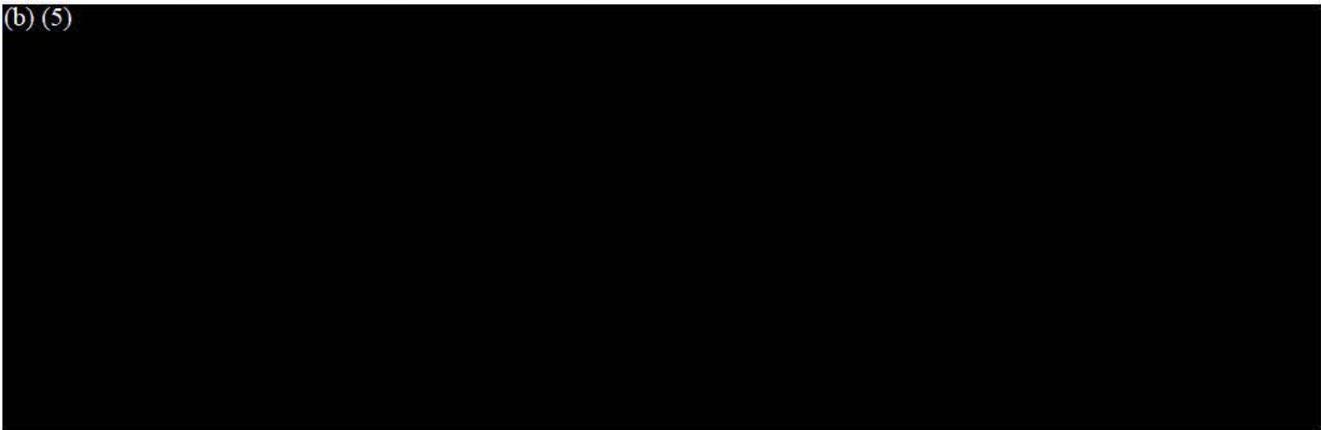
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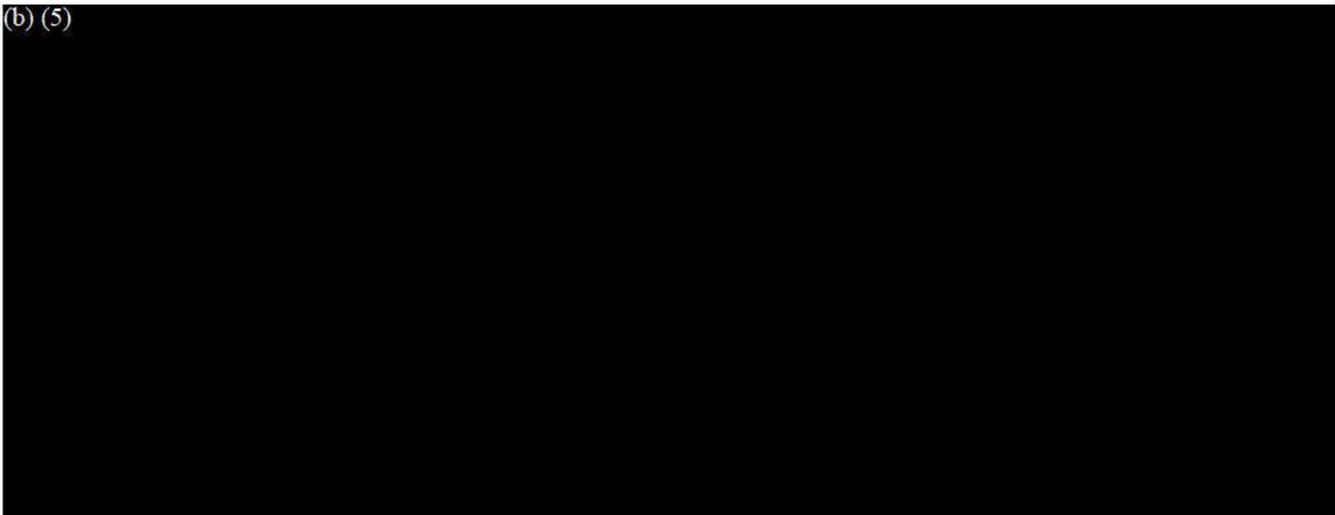
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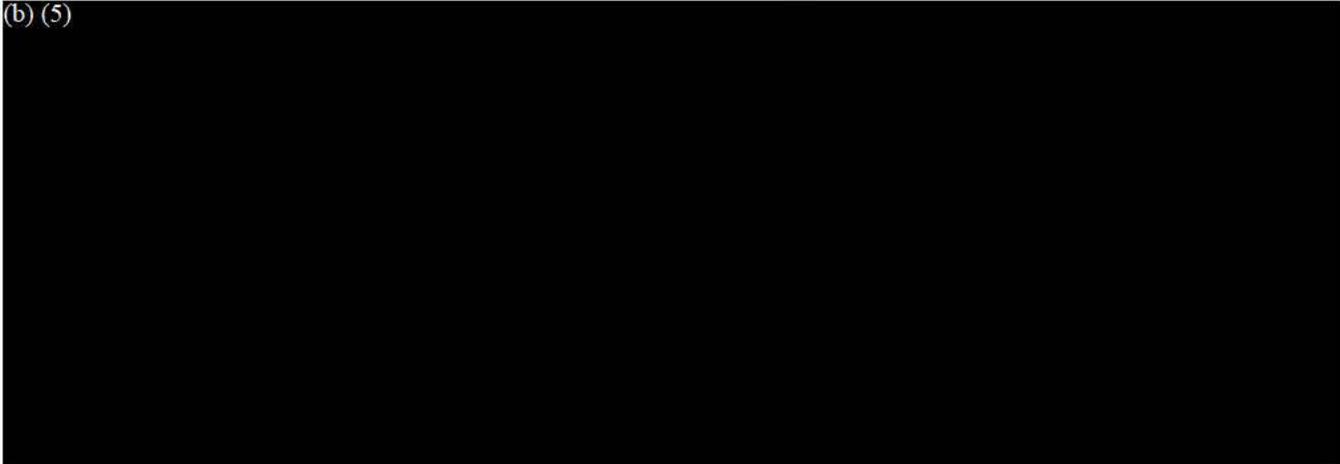
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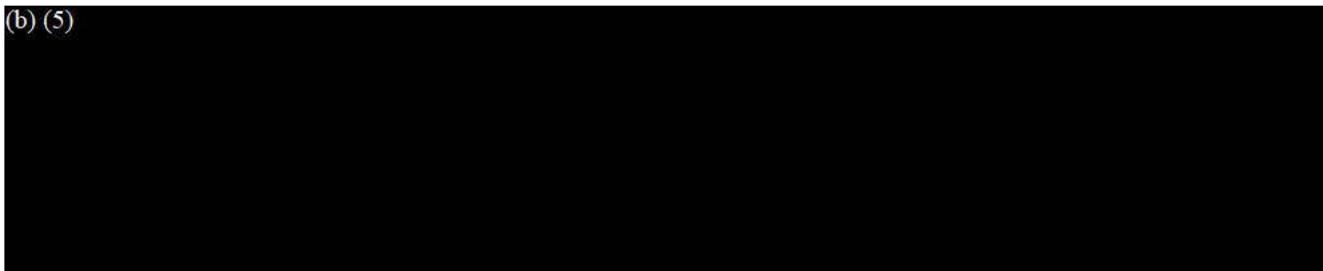
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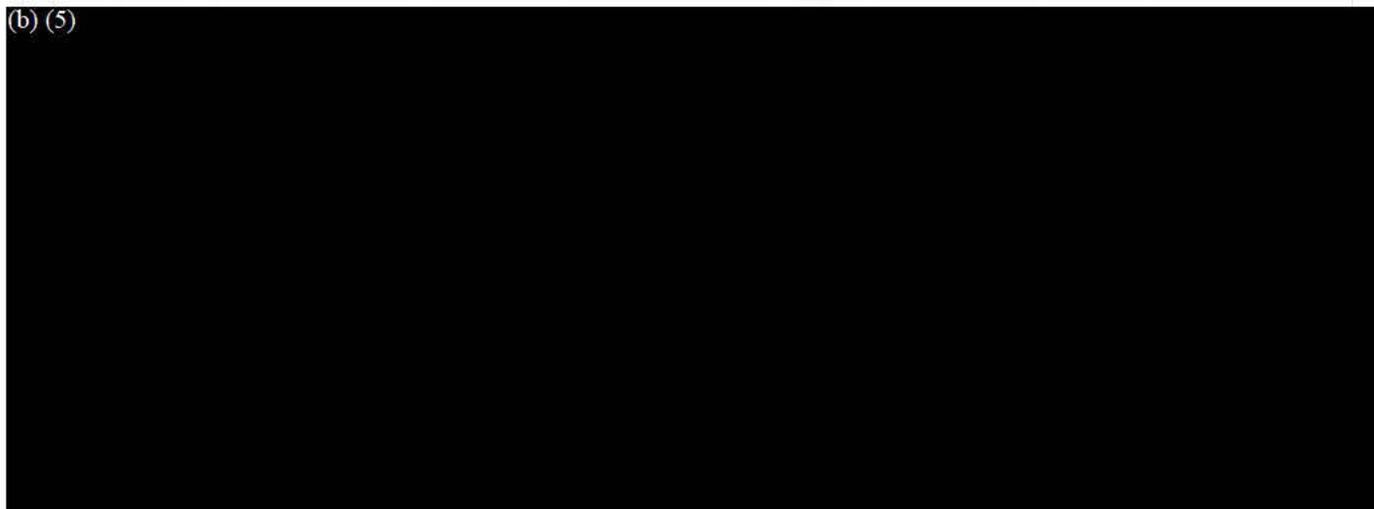
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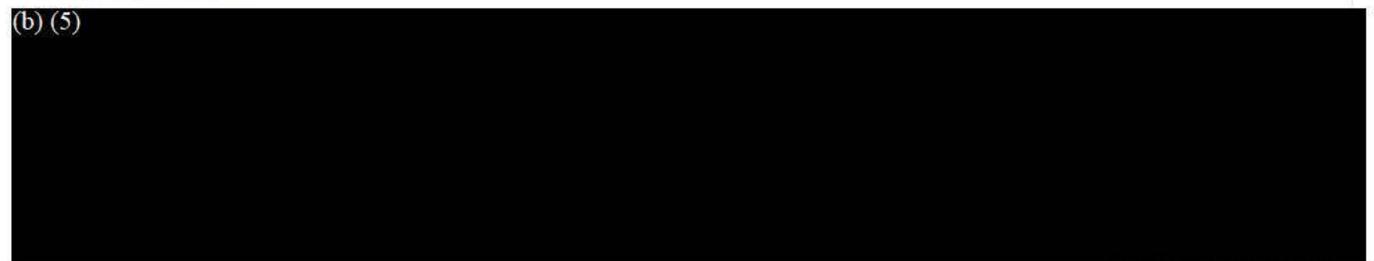
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+Denise.

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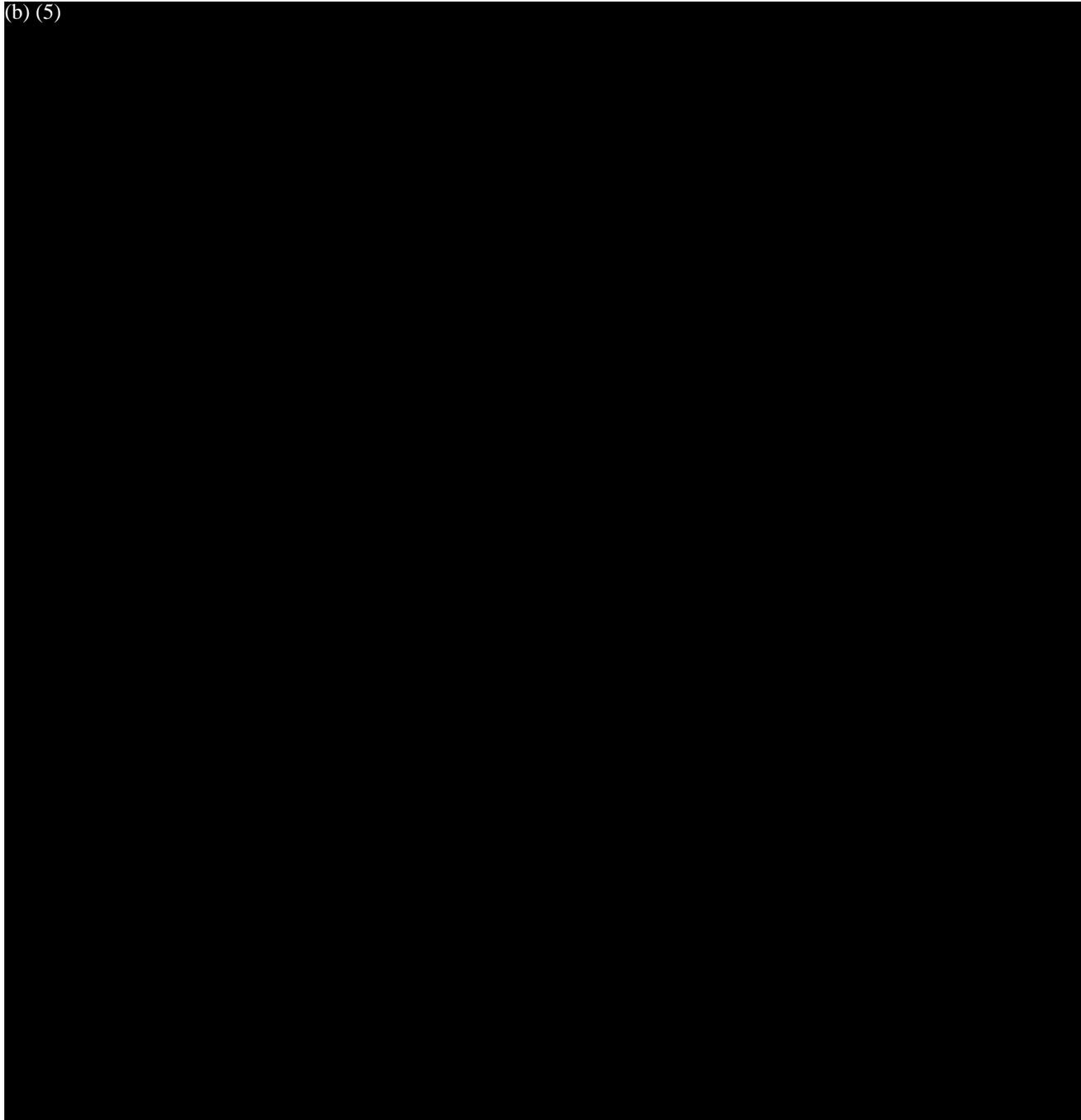
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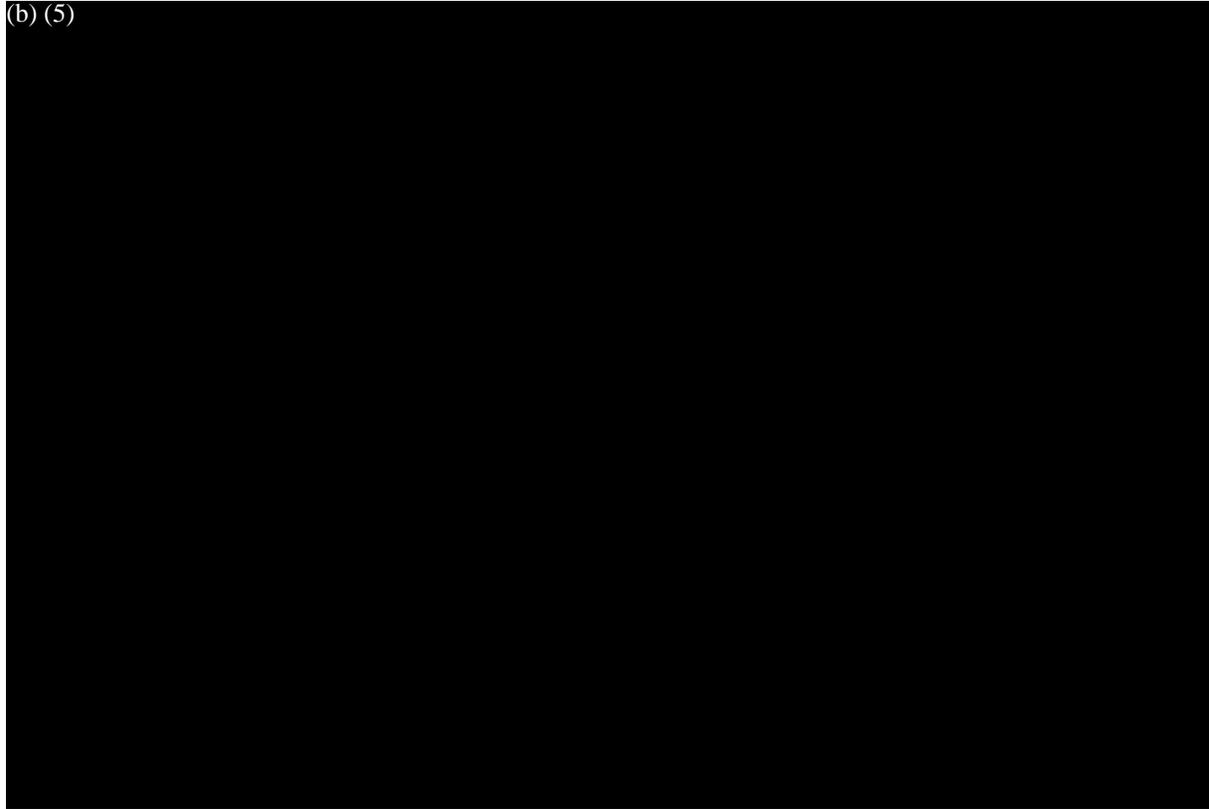
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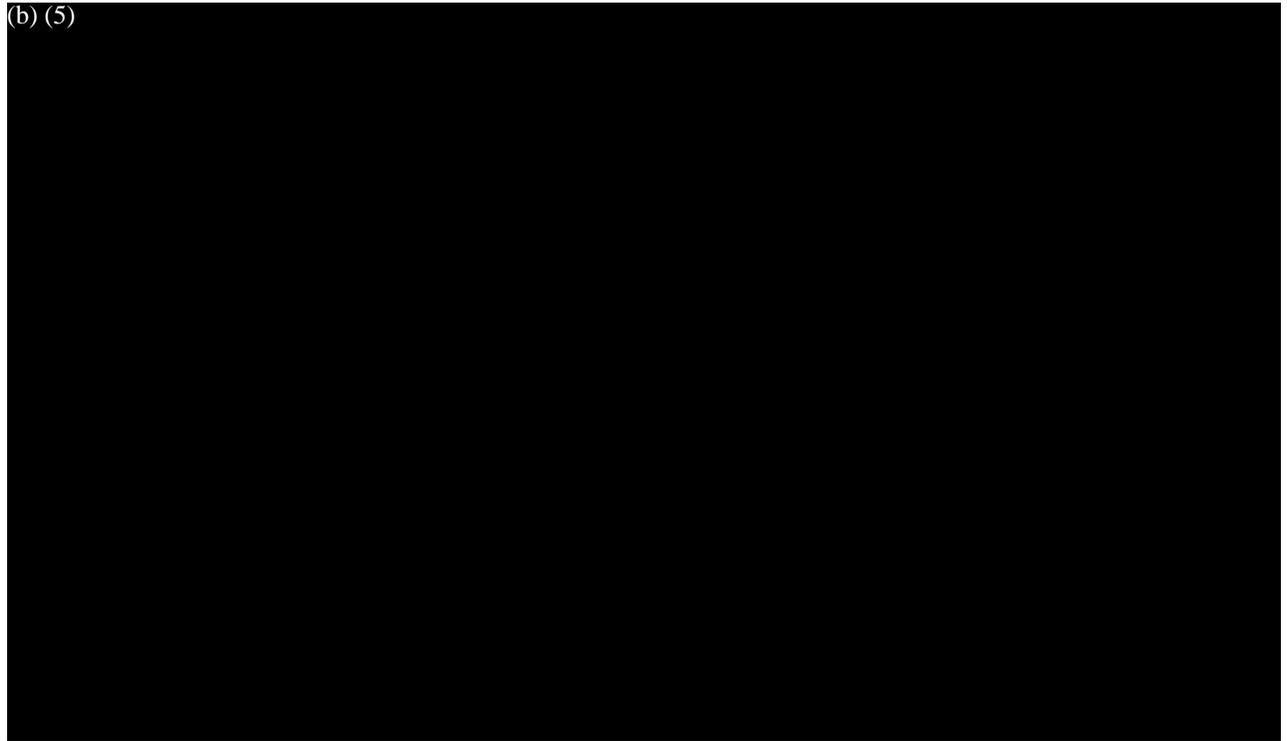
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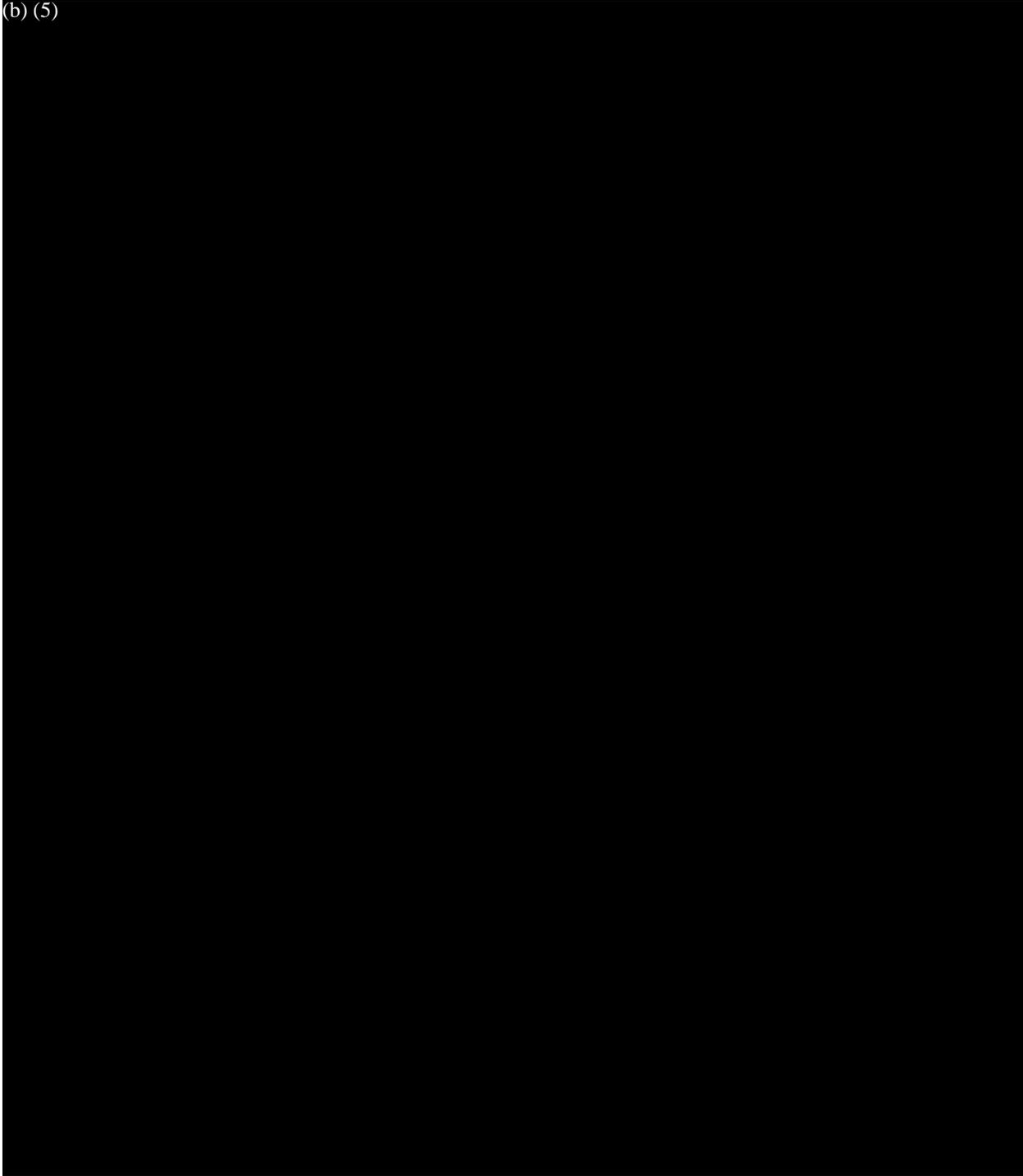
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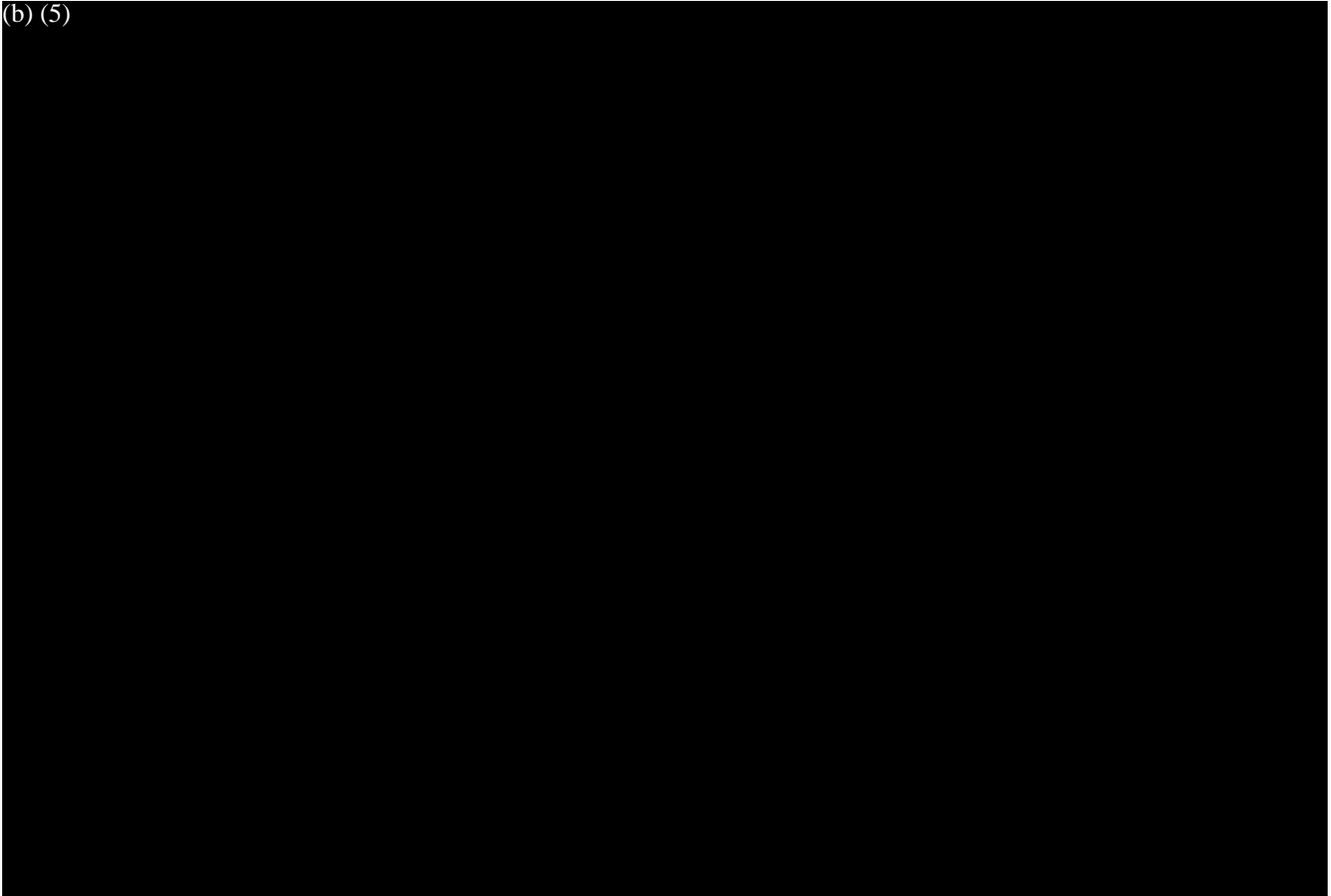
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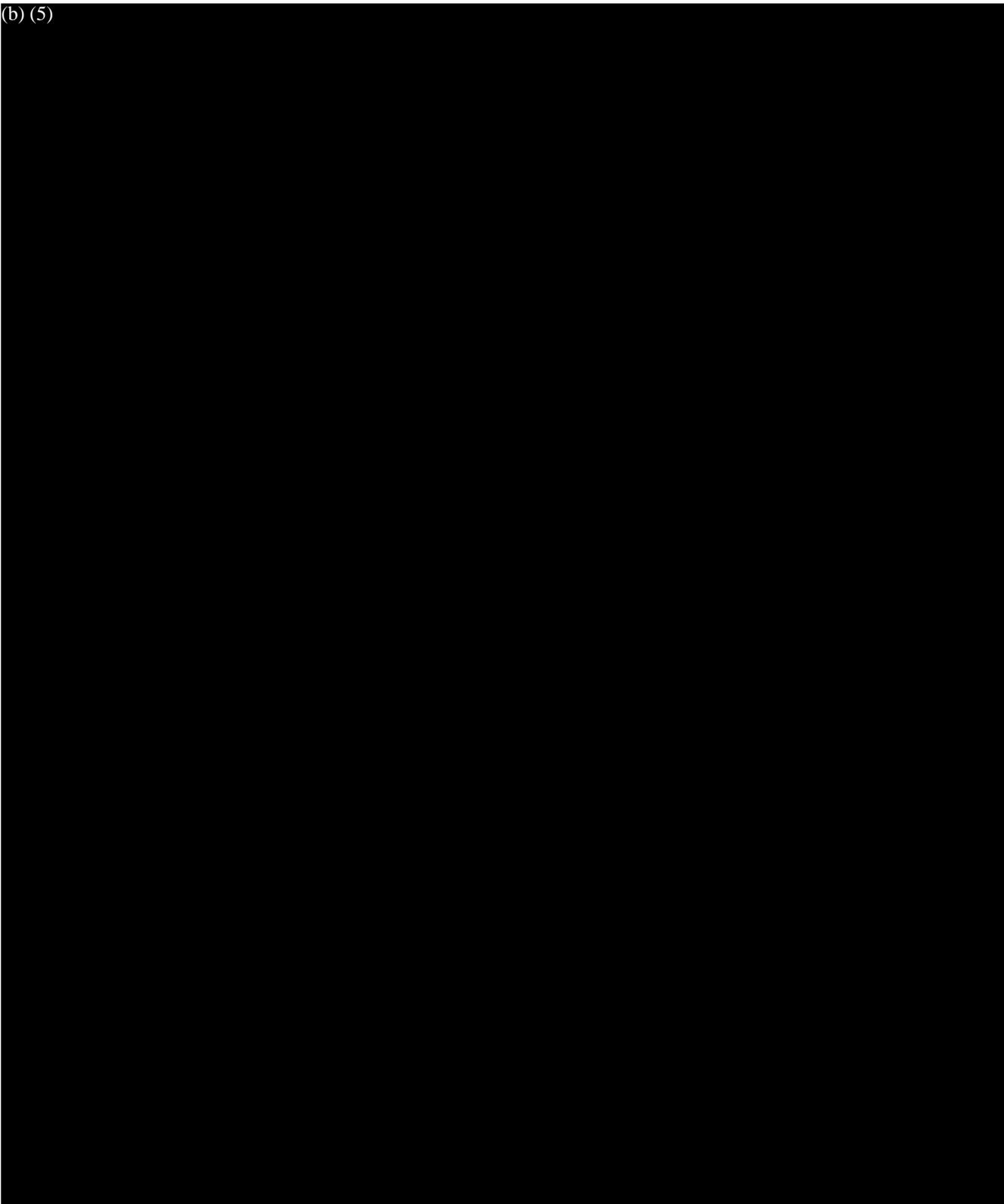
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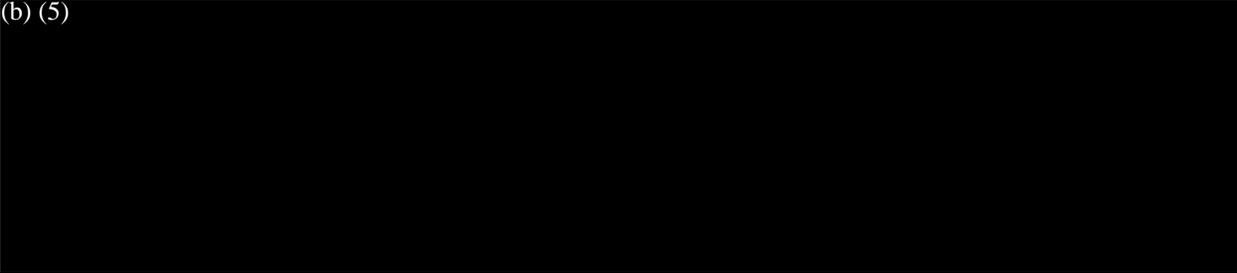
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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 3:22 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT: Statement/Talking Points

Minor point: in the actual statement, can we spell out "former Attorney General Janet Reno" (vs "AG Reno")?

Otherwise, looks good.

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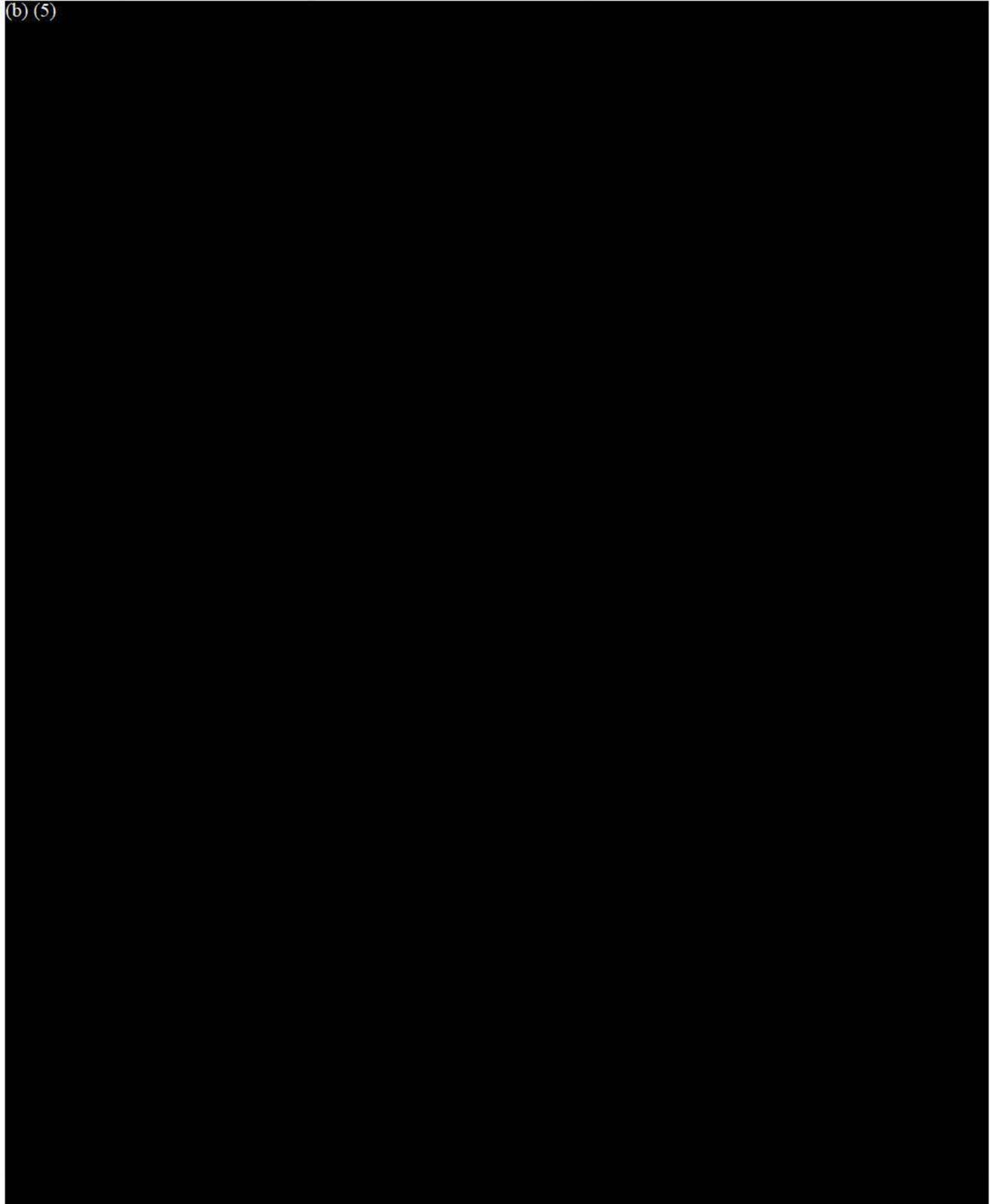
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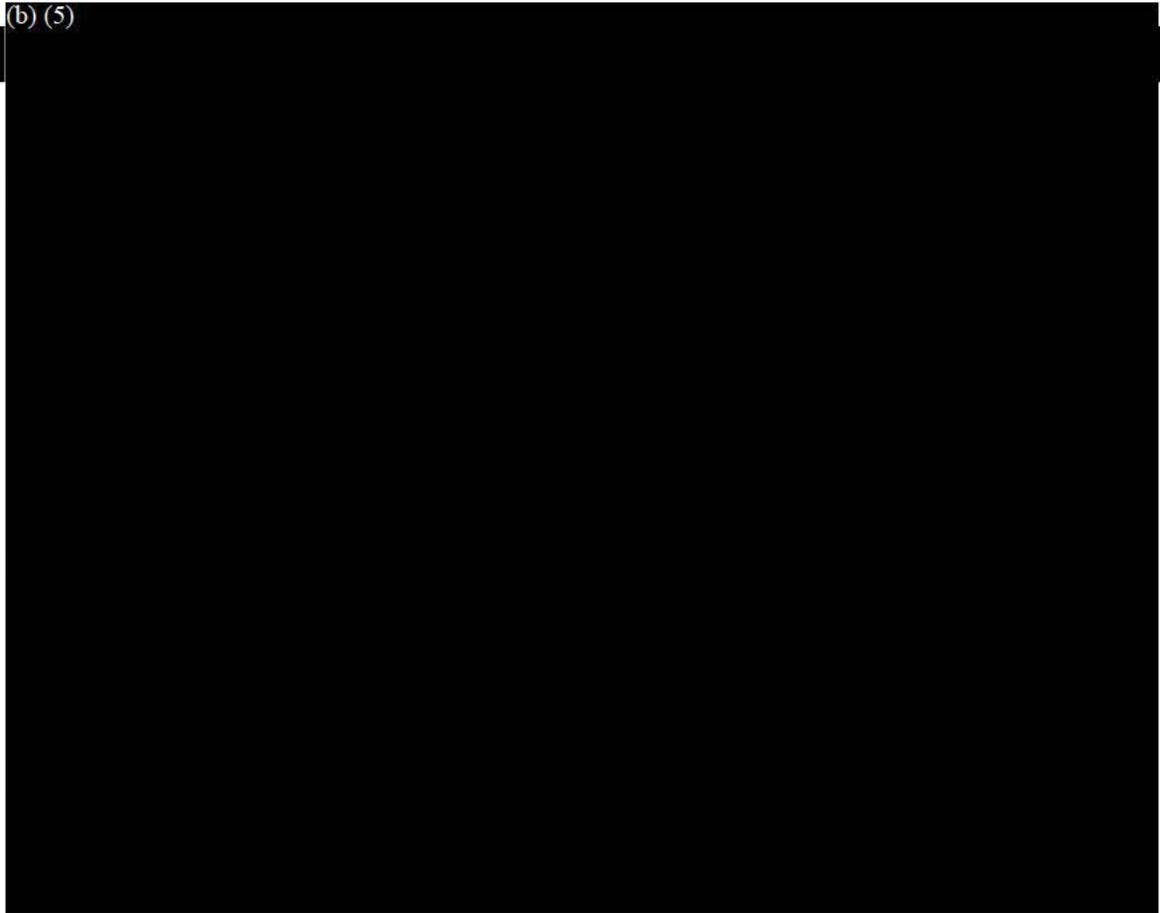
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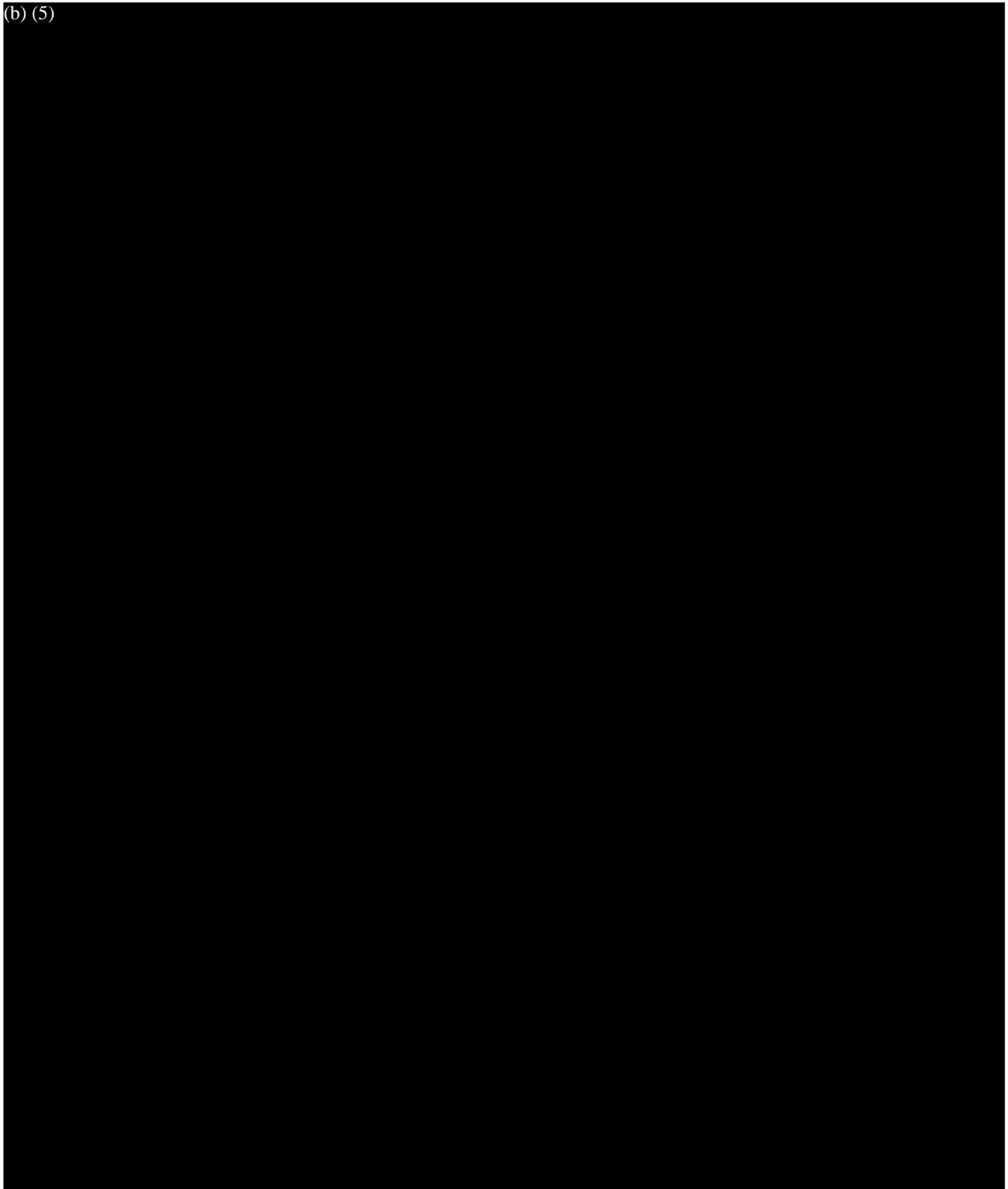
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Thanks, all!

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No additional changes. Will print this version. Thanks much!

Shirlethia

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<[cpokorny@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:cpokorny@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

None from me.

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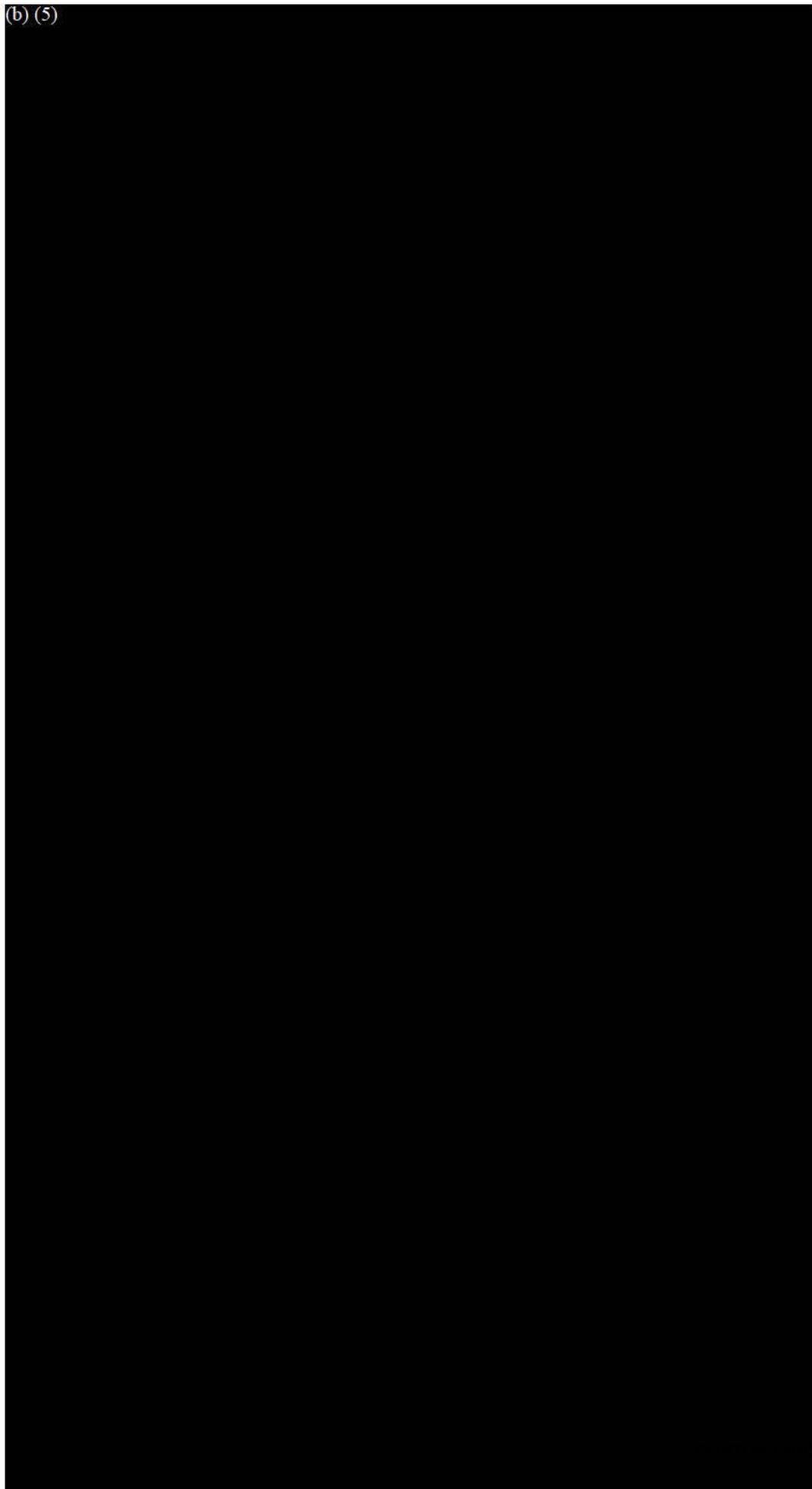
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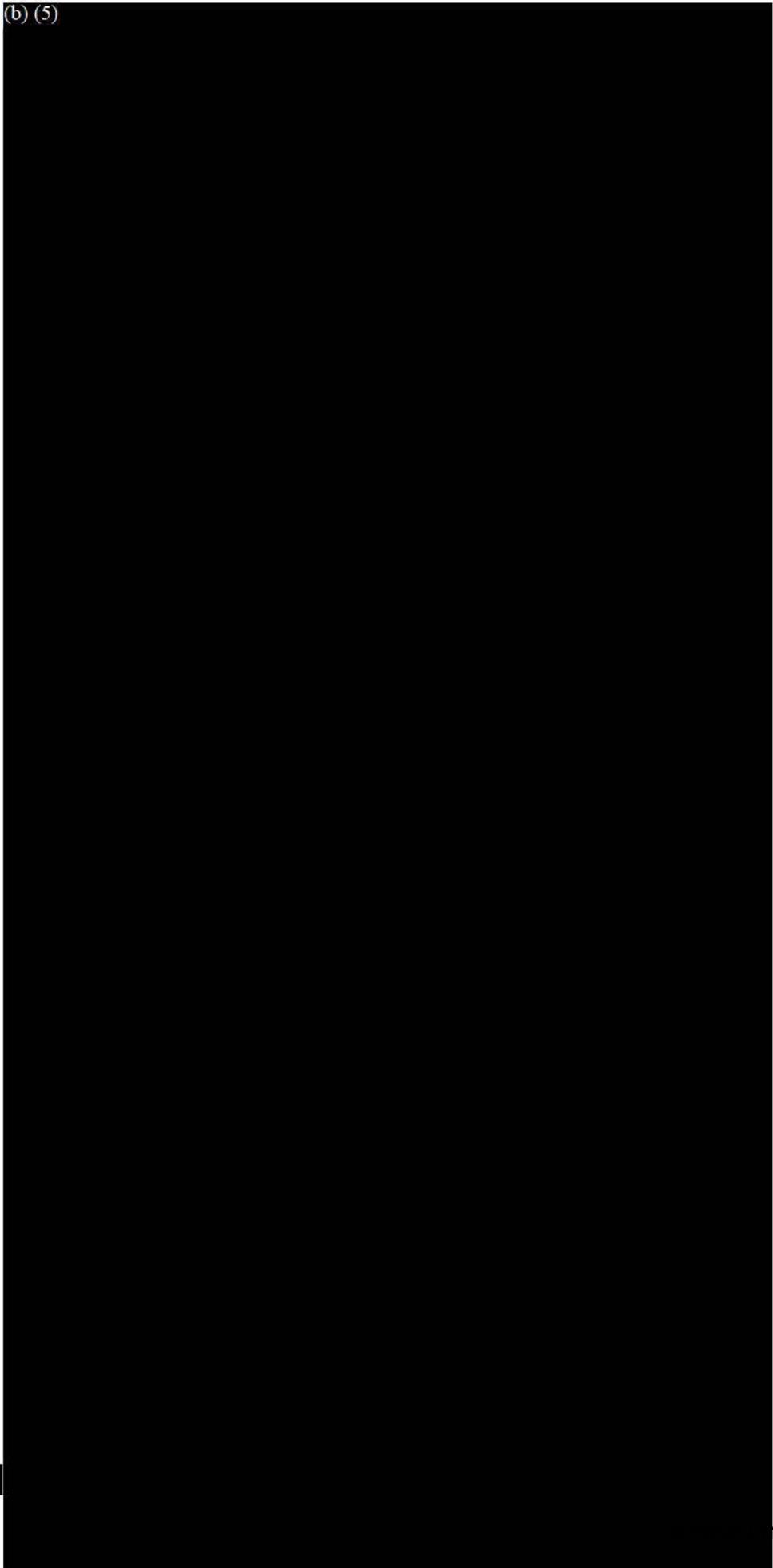
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**Amuluru, Uma (OAG)**

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**From:** Amuluru, Uma (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 3:49 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Statement/Talking Points

Ok thanks!

On Jun 28, 2016, at 12:48 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

No – that’s proper for a two-paragraph quote.

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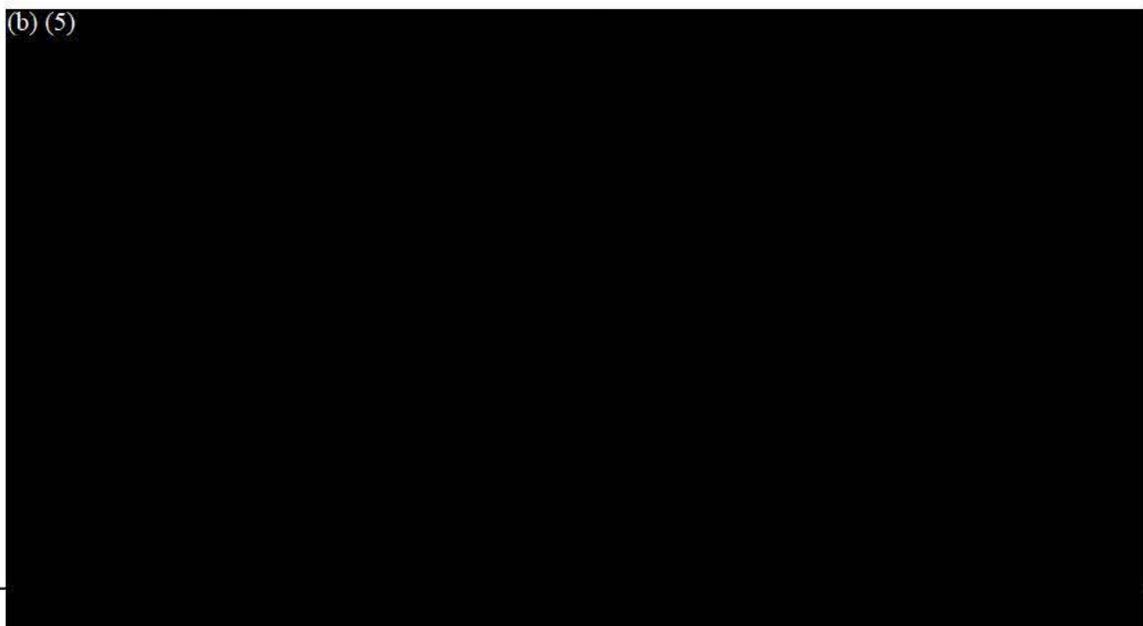
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**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Statement/Talking Points

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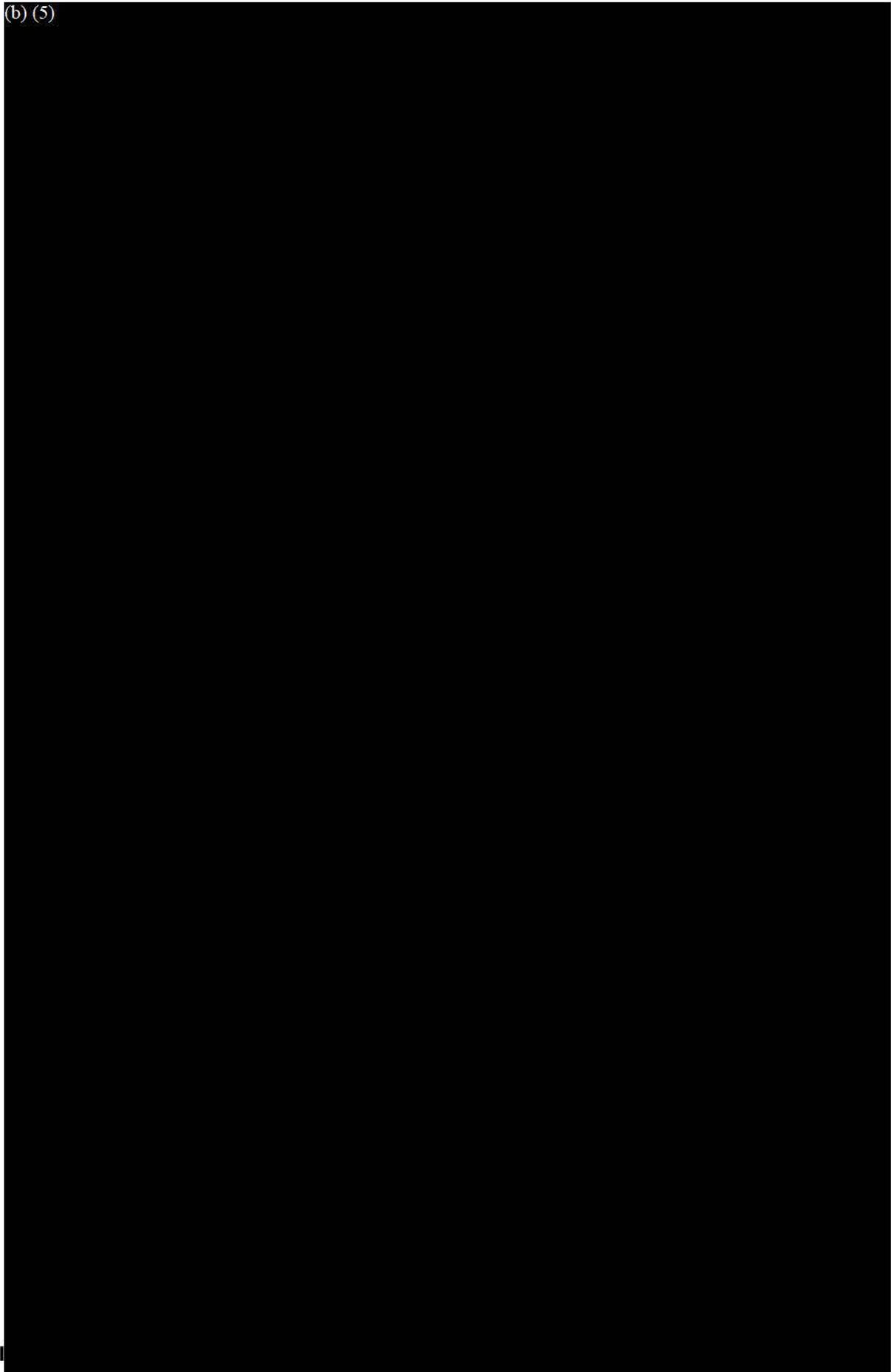
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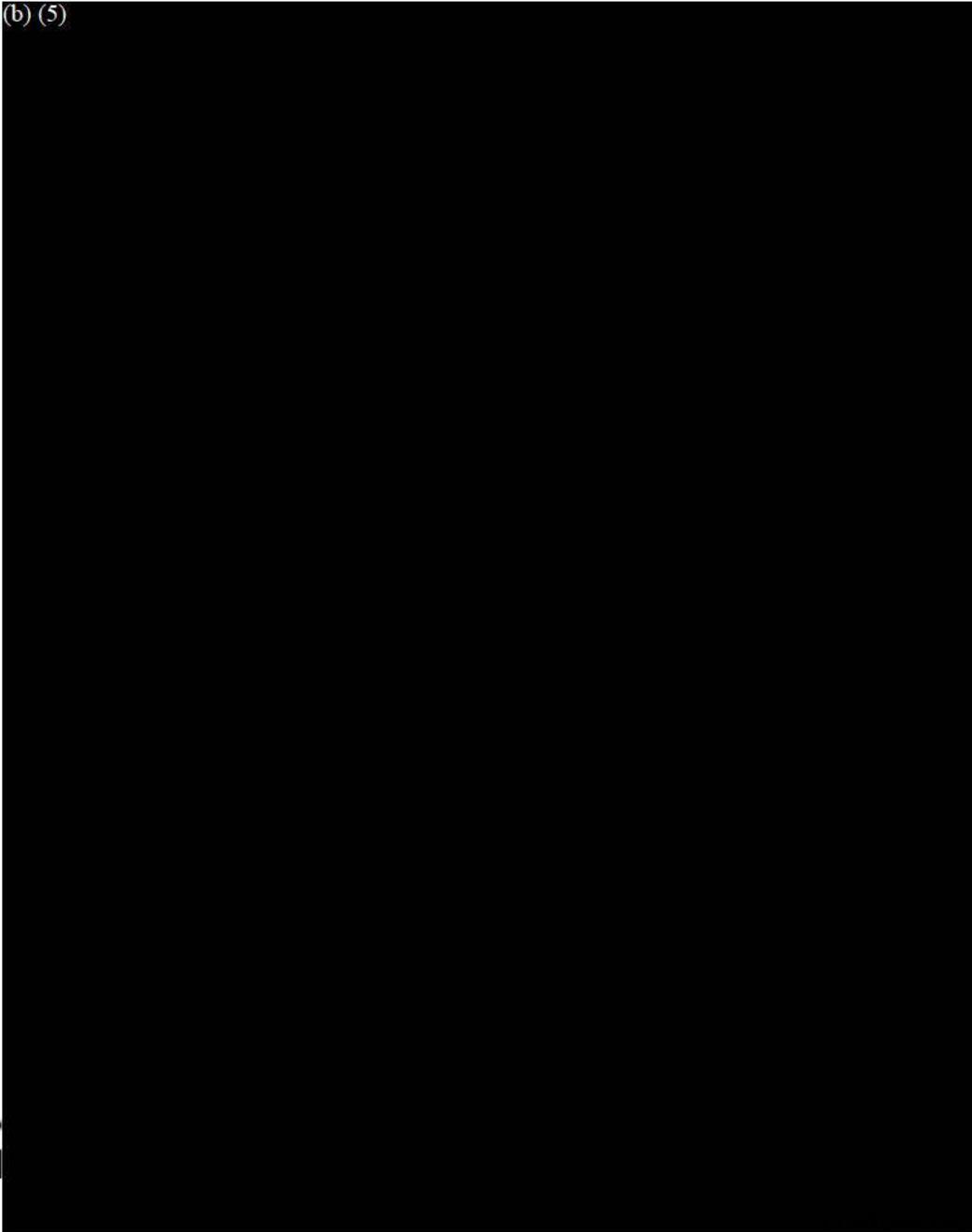


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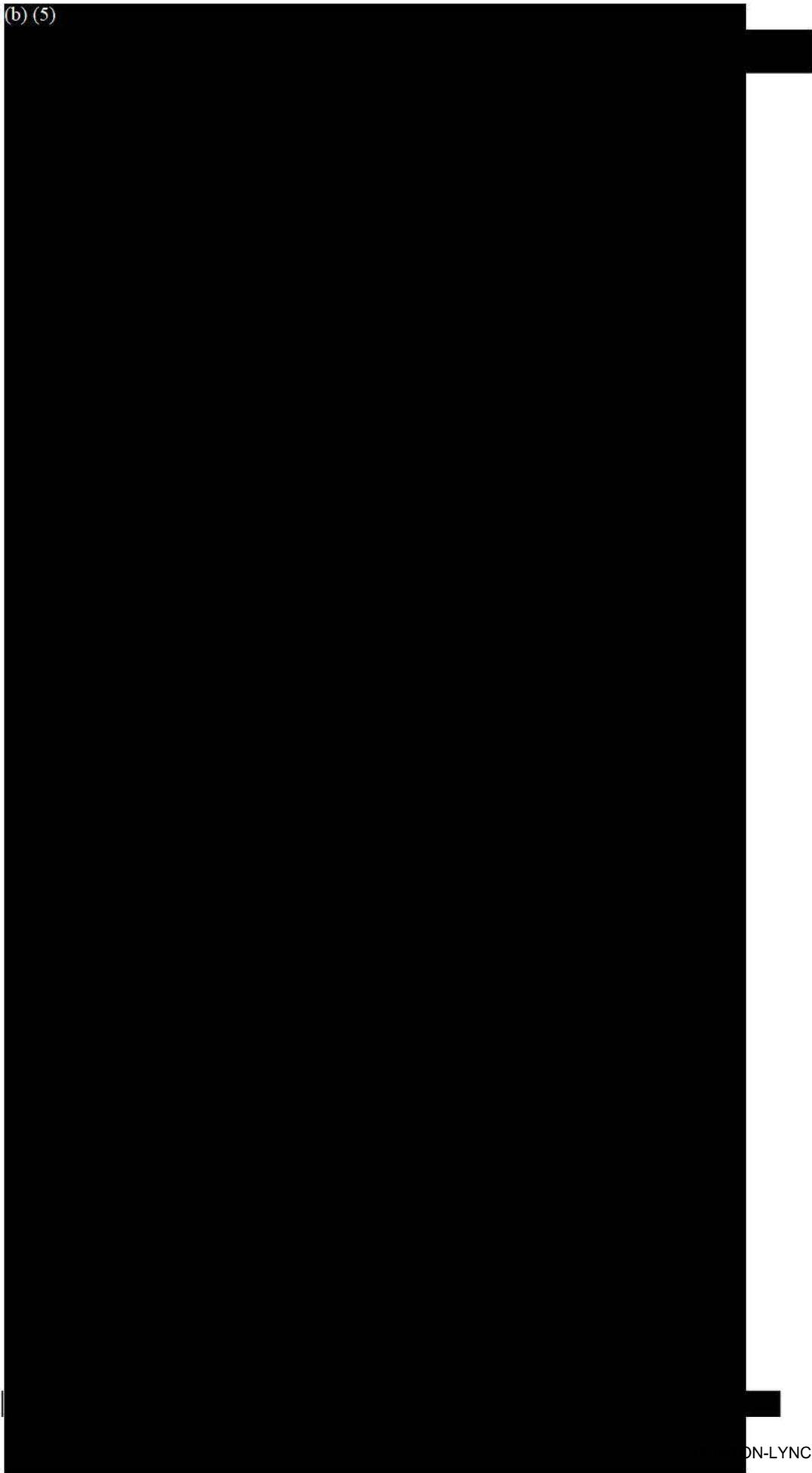
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**Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG)**

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**From:** Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 4:20 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Cc:** Pokorny, Carolyn (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Statement/Talking Points

Mel – can you email the AG to let her know the plan? We're en route to the next location now, but I'm in the staff van.

Thanks,  
Shirlethia

On Jun 28, 2016, at 1:16 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

(b) (5) [REDACTED] I am holding for now.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 4:15 PM  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG); Newman, Melanie (OPA); Kadzik, Peter J (OLA); Pokorny, Carolyn (OAG); Amuluru, Uma (OAG); Herwig, Paige (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Statement/Talking Points

We didn't get any follow up. (b) (5) [REDACTED] Our justice reporter didn't follow up either.

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On Jun 28, 2016, at 1:10 PM, Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) <[maaxelrod@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:maaxelrod@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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On Jun 28, 2016, at 4:09 PM, Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG) <[shfranklin@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:shfranklin@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

The question was just asked at the press avail. Local reporter noted that "sources say" that the AG met with former President Bill Clinton last night and asked whether Benghazi was discussed. The AG stuck to the talking points. She also received a question about whether

POTUS' support of Hillary Clinton has any impact on the Department's investigation. (b) (5)

Melanie, as previously discussed, is the plan to now issue the statement?

Shirlethia

On Jun 28, 2016, at 12:46 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
<[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Thanks all!

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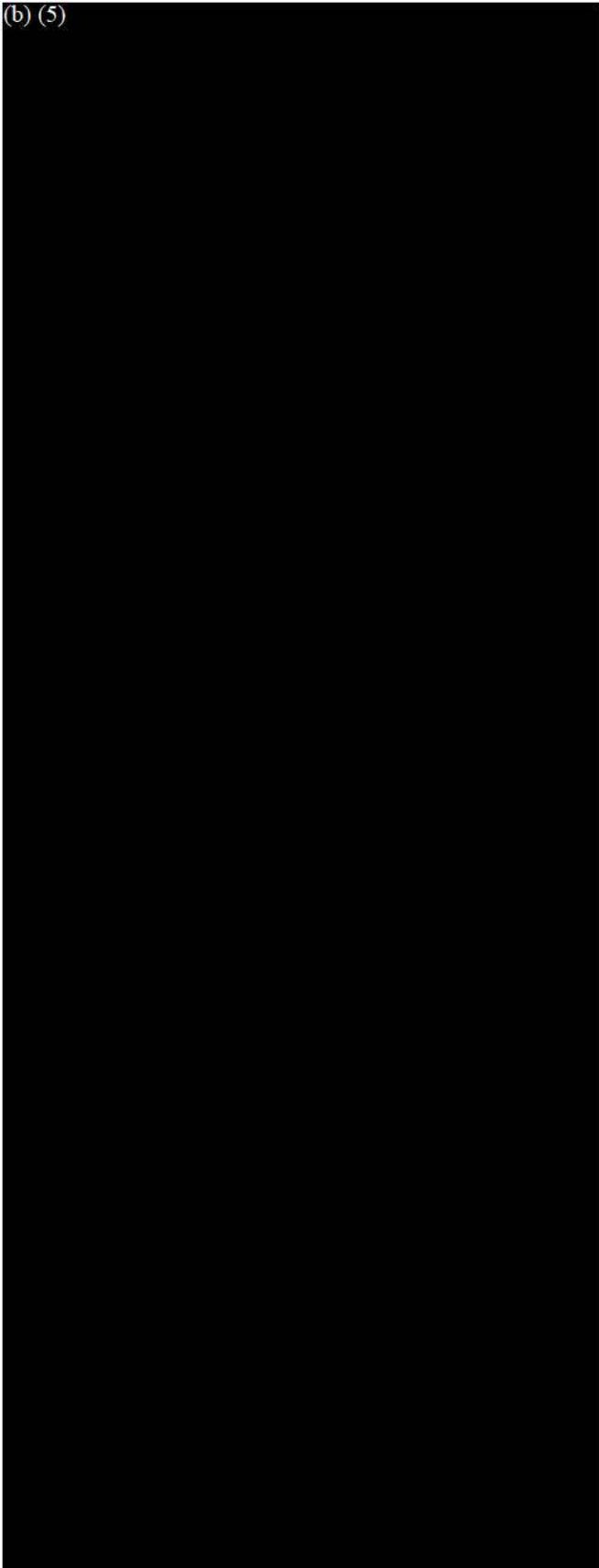
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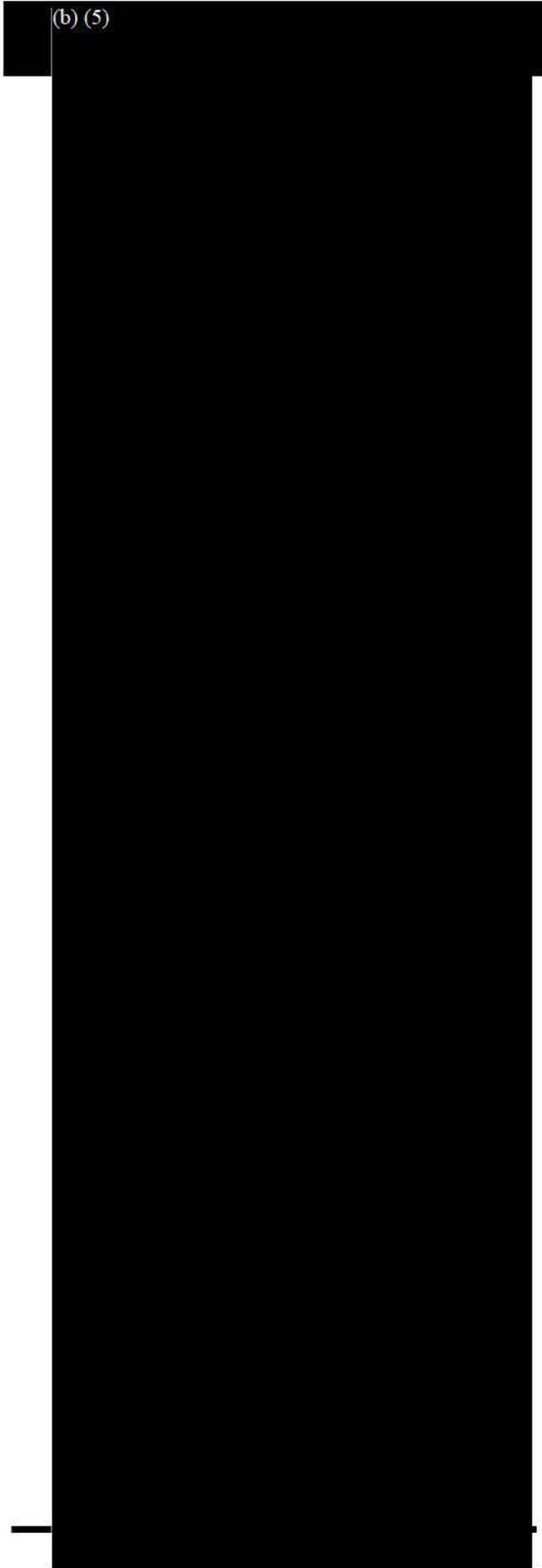
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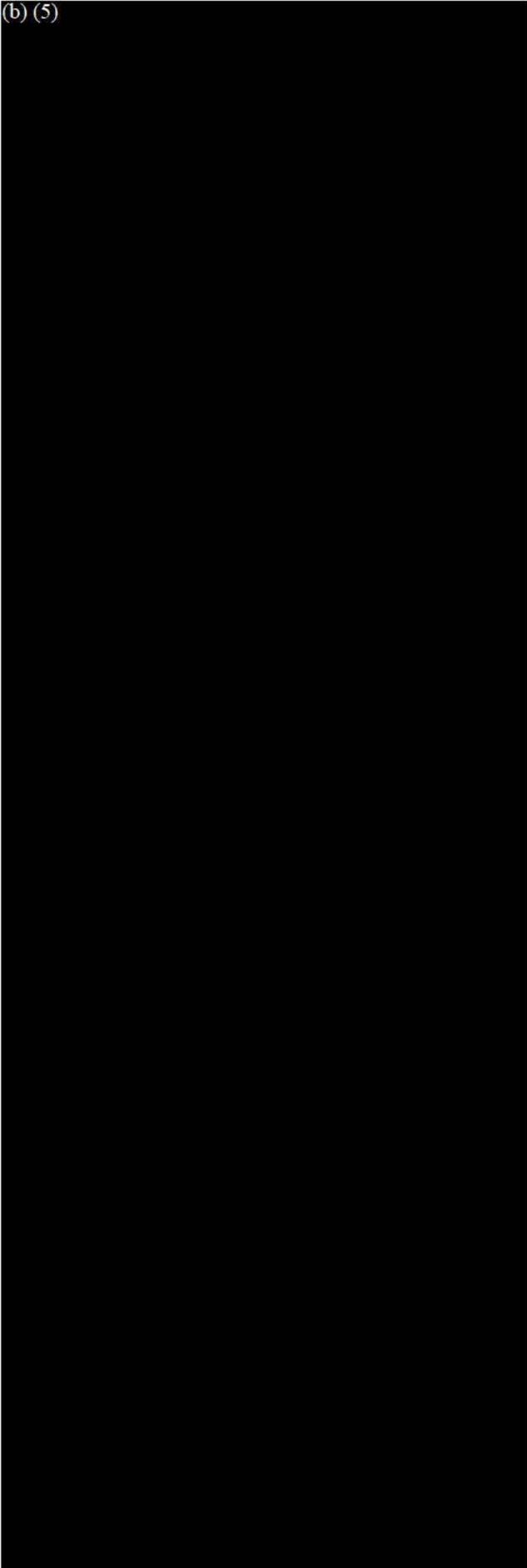
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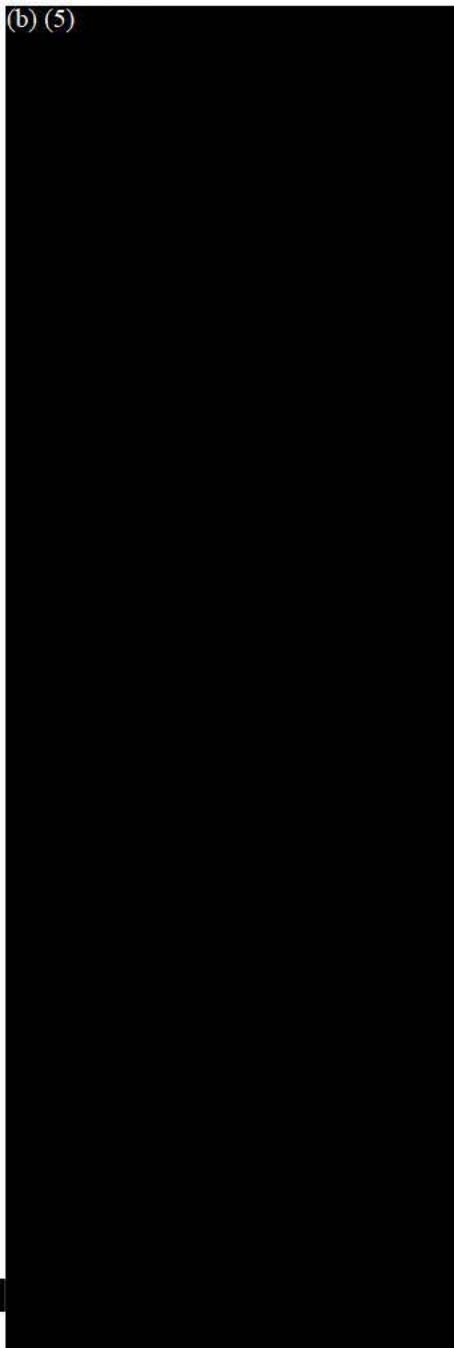
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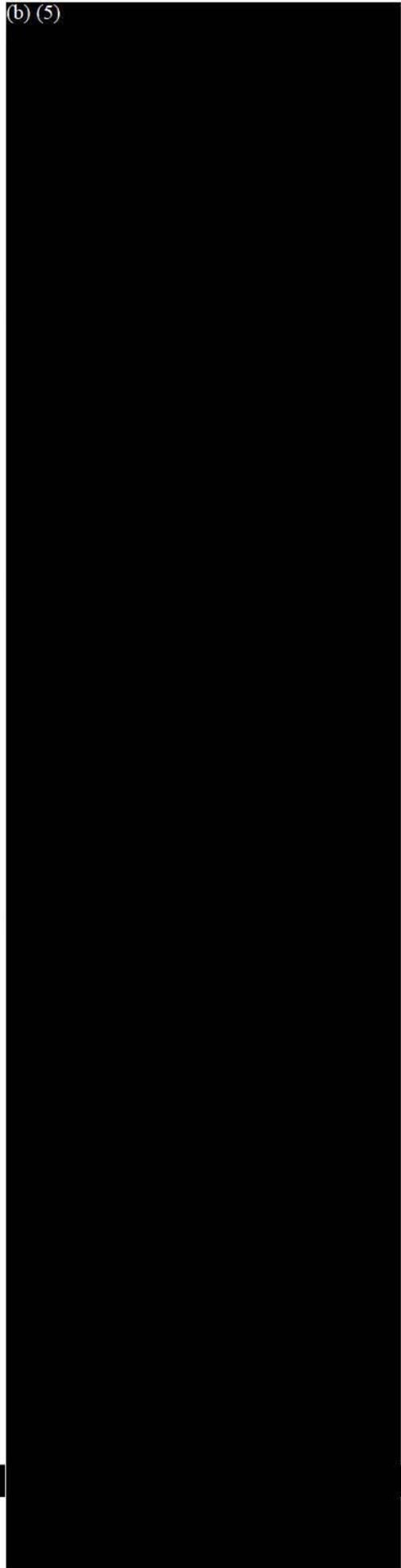


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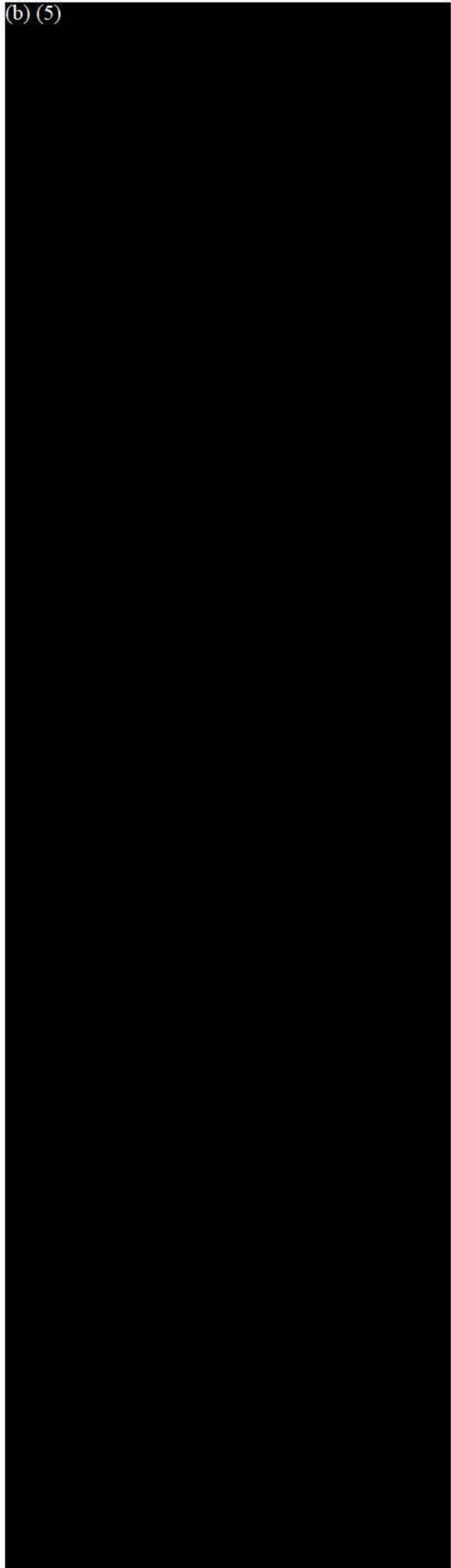
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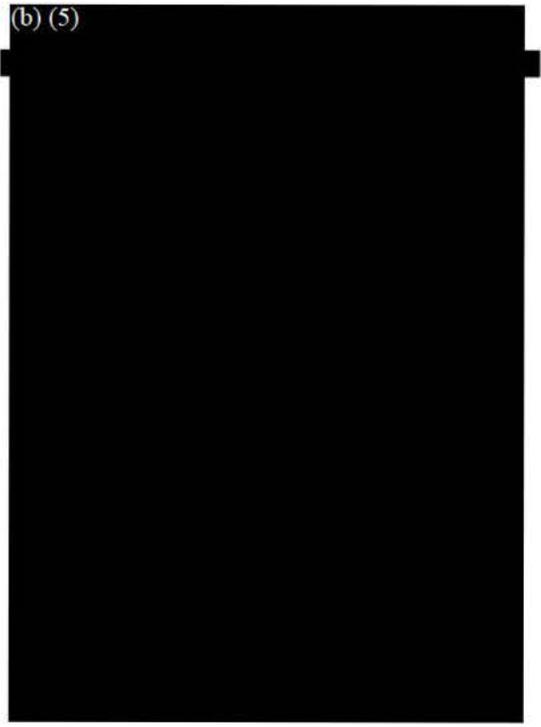
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**Iverson, Dena W. (OPA)**

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**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Rodenbush, Patrick (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: DAG flags?

Thx.

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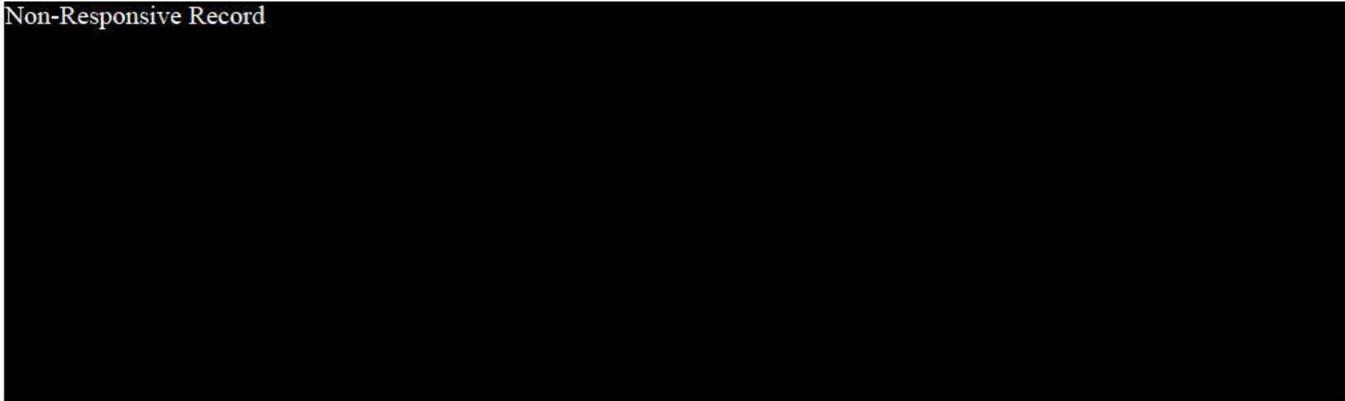
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Thanks.

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Matt has the final statement and I'm sure has been briefing the DAG on that issue.

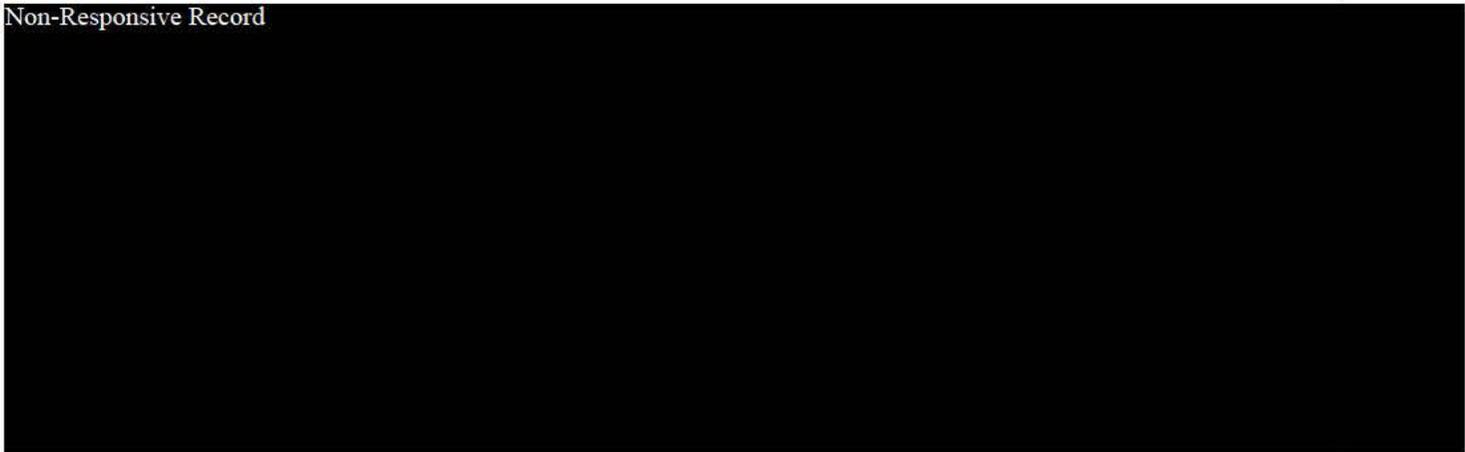
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**Carlisle, Elizabeth**

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**Subject:** Re: Talking points/statement

Thanks to all who worked on this.  
AG

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AG Lynch –

We are holding on the statement for now. Given that there wasn't any follow-up in the press avail, (b) (5)  
(b) (5) We will keep you posted as things develop. Thank you.

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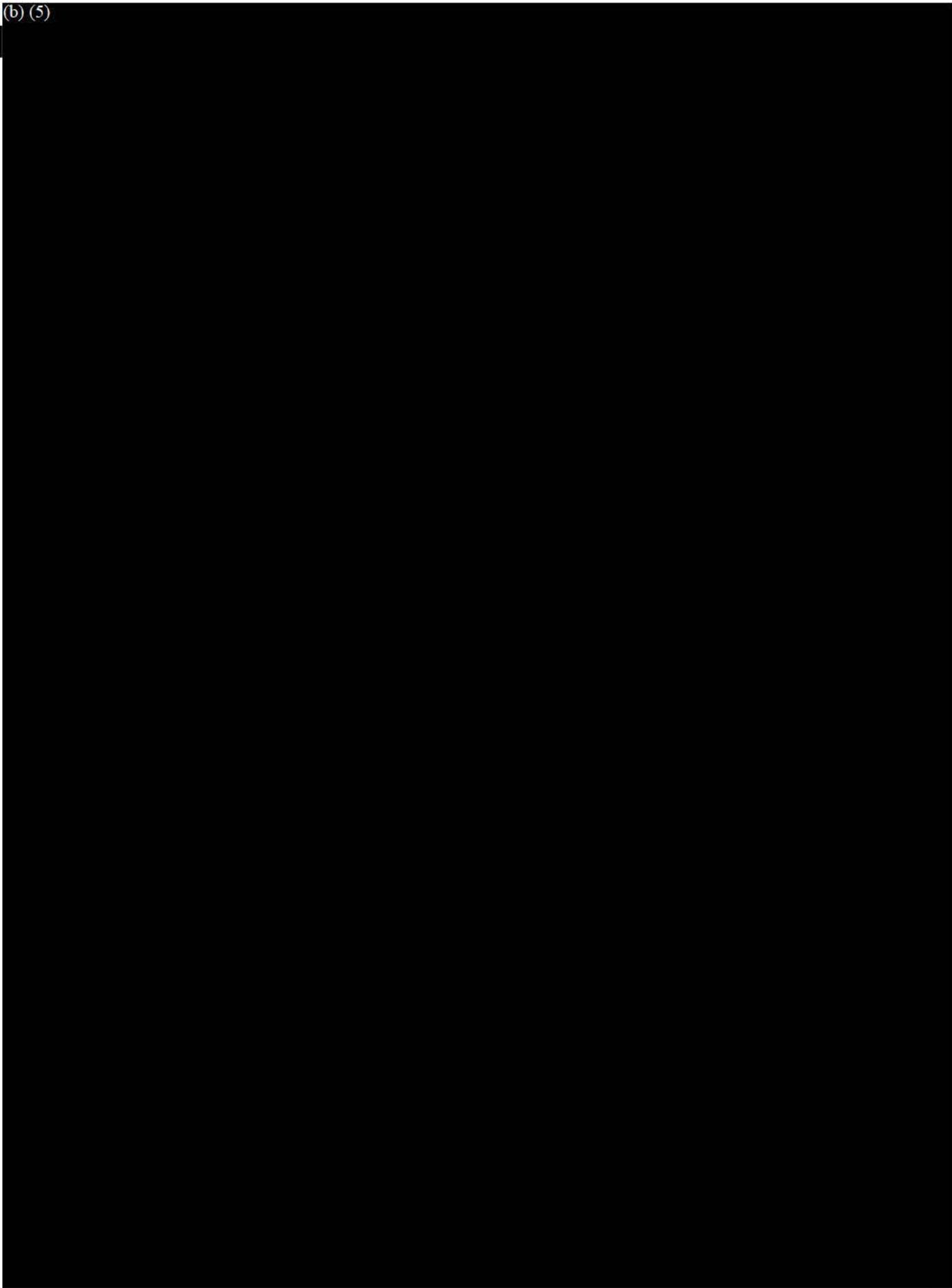
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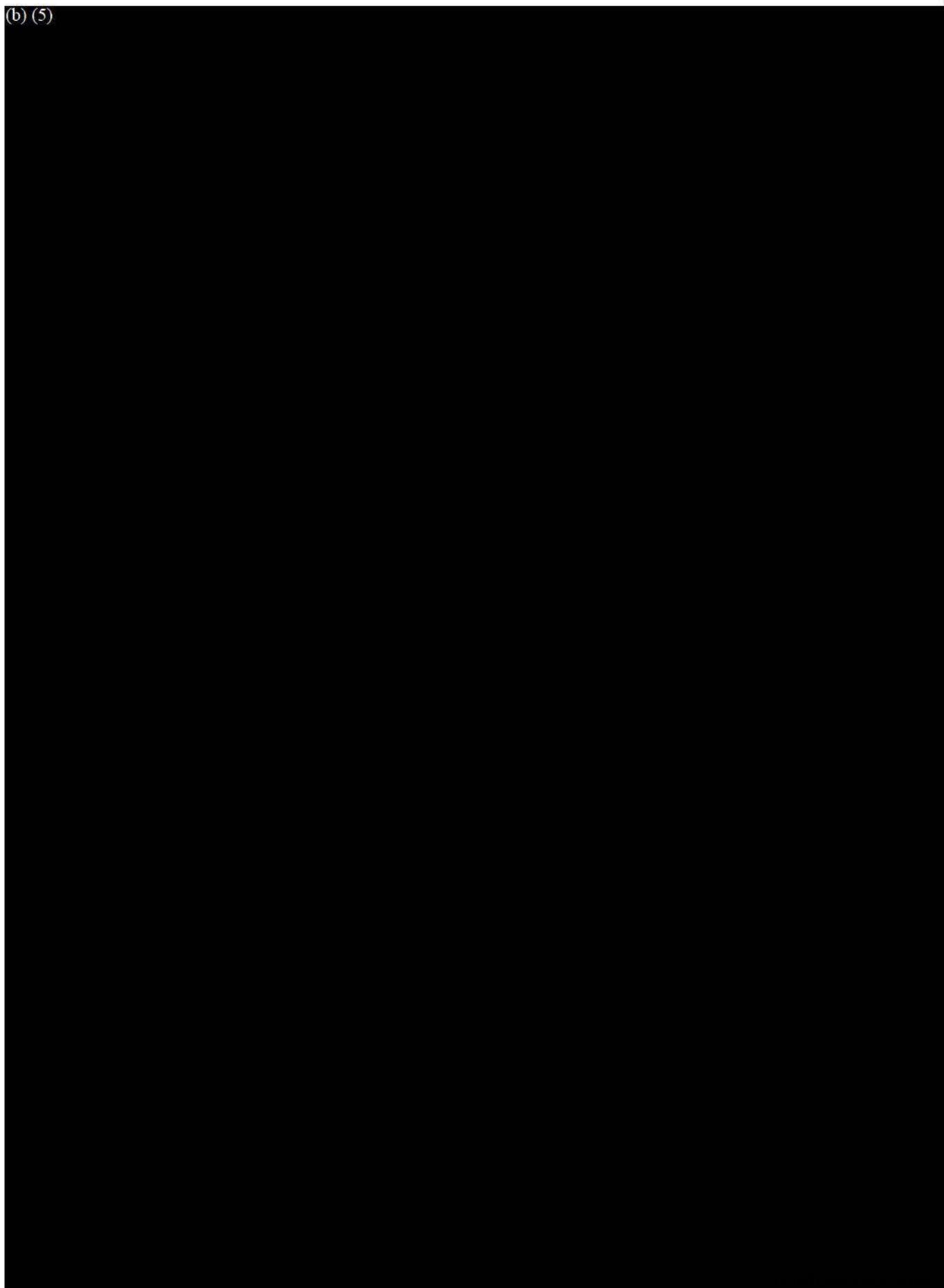
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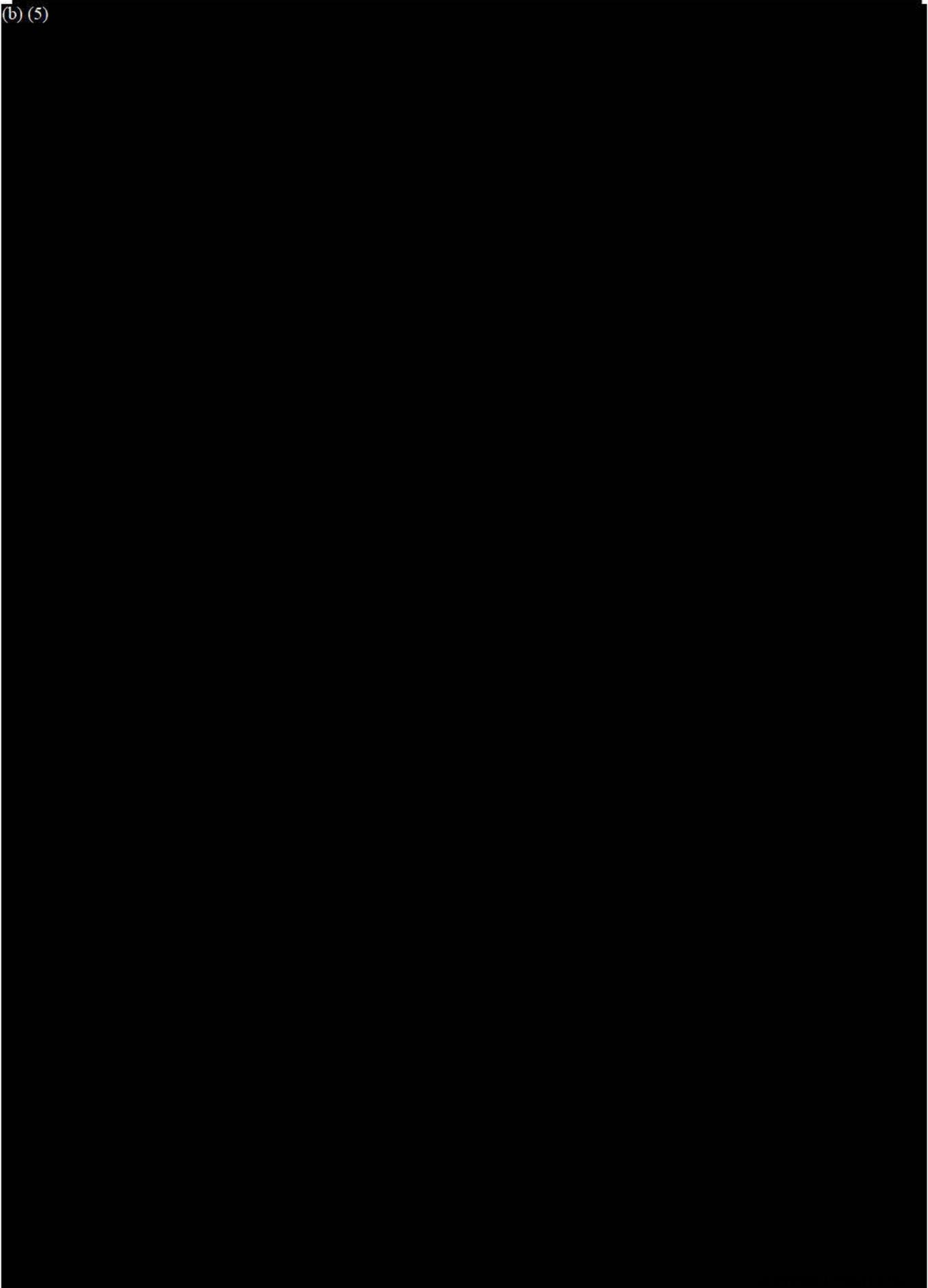
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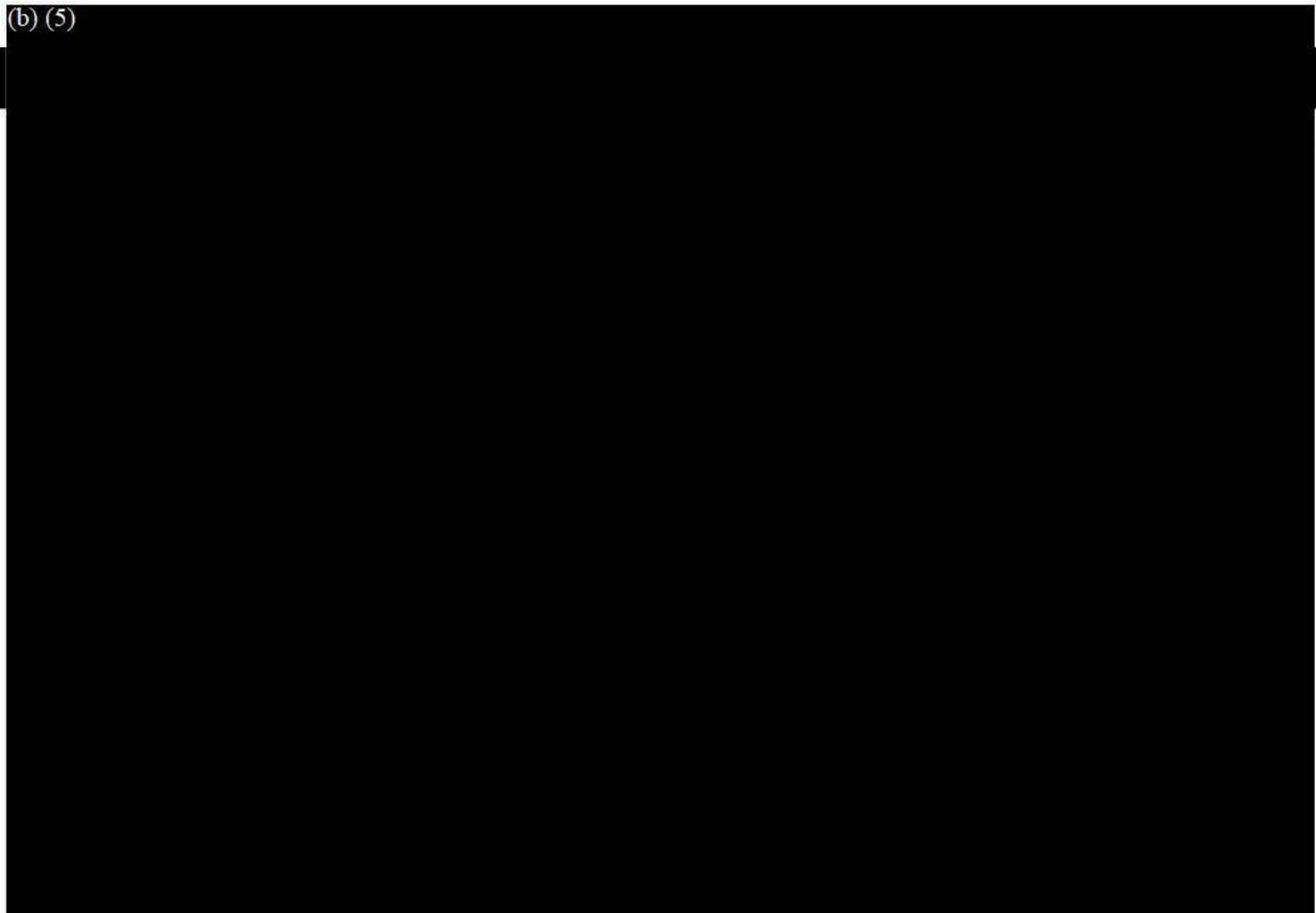
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**Newman, Melanie (OPA)**

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**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 5:04 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Transcript of AG Lynch's Q&A from Press Conference Today

I know. I only wanted to flag the relevant part but didn't feel a need to highlight it.

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**From:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 5:03 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Transcript of AG Lynch's Q&A from Press Conference Today

That's not the full presser. I ended early so that I could get you the meeting clip.

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On Jun 28, 2016, at 2:01 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Castor, Olivia (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 4:56 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Newman, Melanie (OPA); Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO); James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Subject:** Transcript of AG Lynch's Q&A from Press Conference Today

Hello,

I've attached a copy of the transcript for the Q&A portion of the AG's press conference to this email, and have included the text below. Please let me know if there is anything that needs to be fixed!

Best,  
Olivia

**June 28, 2016**  
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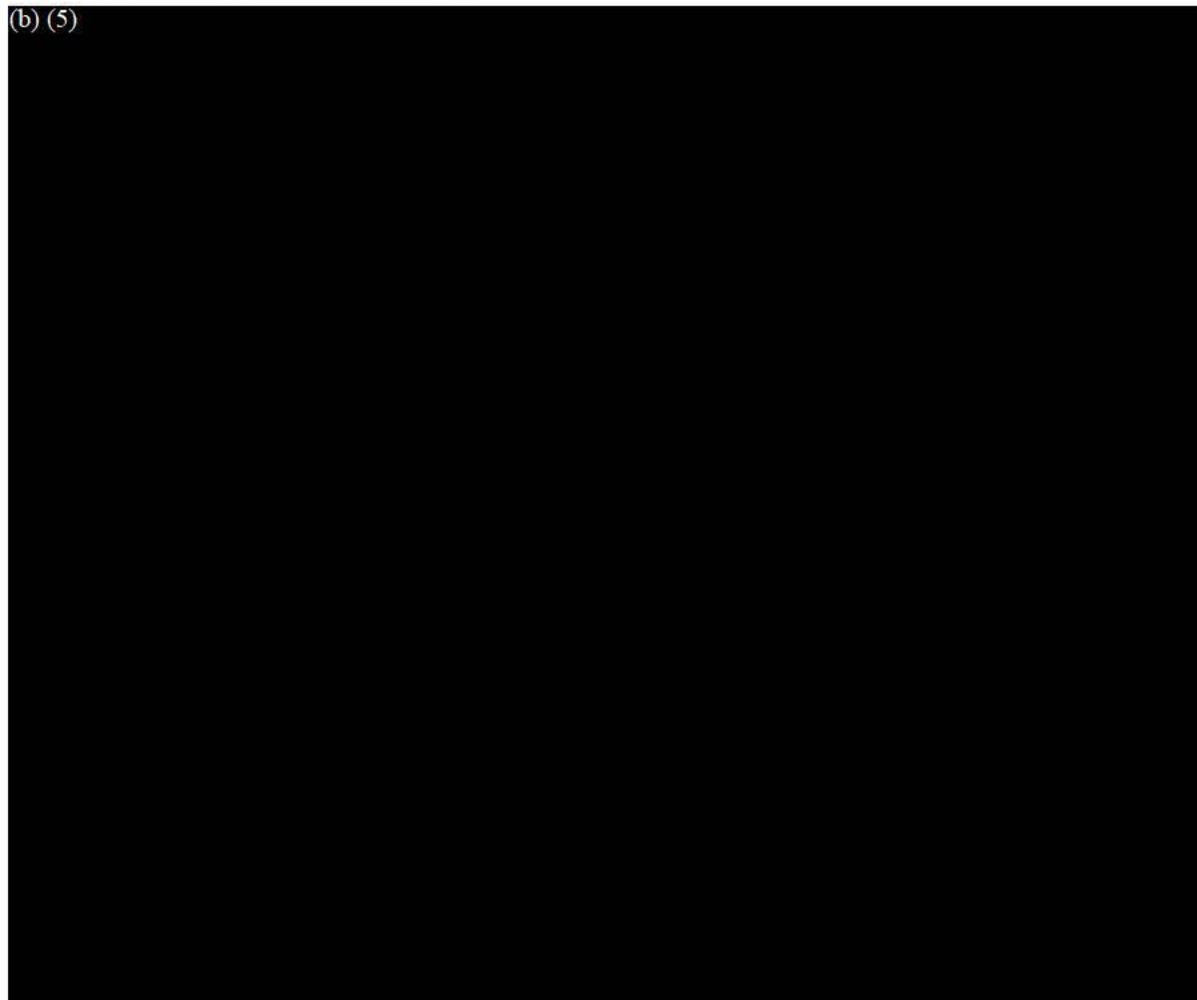
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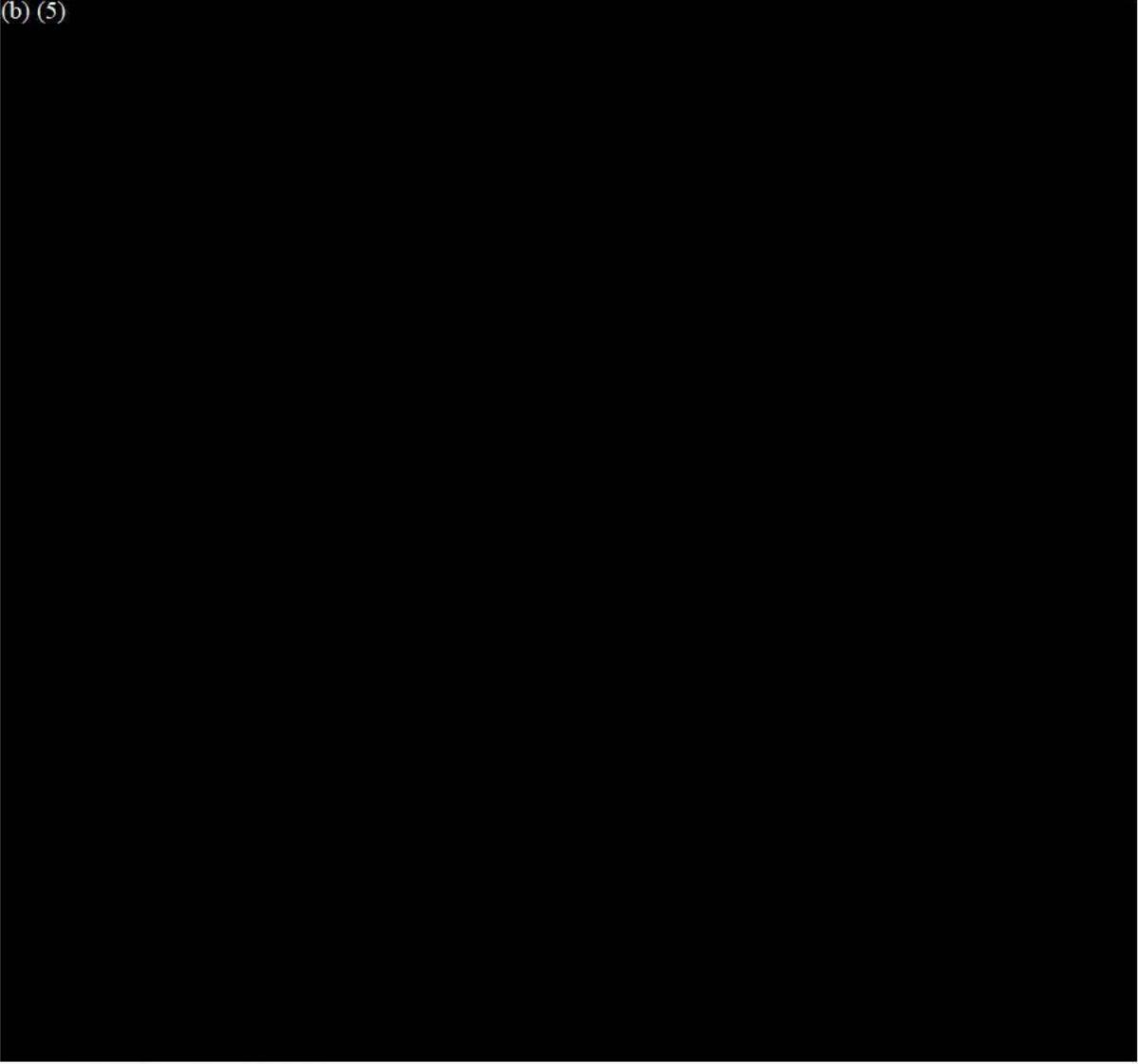
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**By David Marino Jr. | Cronkite News**

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Kevin – do we have a full recording of the audio or a transcript?

Others – did anyone run the full press conference? Can we check TV Eyes?

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Best,  
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**June 28, 2016**

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** So let me first thank the mayor of this great city, Mayor Stanton as well as the police chief of this outstanding department, Chief Joe Yahner. They have welcomed me to the city; they have opened the doors of this department to me, and we've seen some truly outstanding police work going on here. I want to thank them for their service and for their dedication to the people of Phoenix. I am here in Phoenix today as a part of a six city community policing tour. It began earlier this year in 2016 and I have already had the pleasure of visiting Miami and around Florida, Portland, Oregon, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Fayetteville, North Carolina. Tomorrow, I'll be concluding the tour in Los Angeles, California. And in each stop along the way in each of these cities I'm highlighting one of six pillars of community policing, identifying the final report of the President's task force on 21st century policing. You'll recall this came out a little over a year ago. But the report contains a number of common

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So, it's really an example of the fact that policing, today, is about so much more about just responding to a call of a bad guy breaking into a house. They really have to be problem solvers. Police officers, today, really have to know their community. They have to know the problems and situations and concerns that their specific communities present and focus on how they can proactively interact with them. And that's what I find very encouraging about this department.

**REPORTER:** Thank you.

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**REPORTER:** Can I ask you one more question, last week Reuters reported that you were opposed to a White House-backed plan that allowed Guantanamo prisoners to plead guilty to terrorism charges in federal court by video conference. Is that something you can confirm and could you explain why you were opposed to that policy?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well, what I can tell you is that we're often asked to provide a view or an opinion as to the legal sufficiency of particular things that may be presented on the hill or otherwise. And so, we always provide the best independent legal advice to the White House or another agency that may ask us about that and we provide our opinion about the legal issues presented. And I think that that would be a similar situation there as well. We provide our opinion as to the legal issues so that when people are creating the policy or proposing legislation they can take that into consideration.

**REPORTER:** What was the issue there, what was the problem with video?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Without going into specifics what I can say is that again as many situations we're often asked to look at potential issues involving criminal procedure, criminal policy to make sure that, in fact, we're going to do everything in compliance with the appropriate (INAUDIBLE UNTIL 15:10)

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**UNIDENTIFIED:** Did everyone get a question? Did you get a question in the back?

**REPORTER:** I did not. I know that we're talking about Phoenix police right here, but this community also is policed by Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Many of the communities, especially Latinos, feel like they're (INAUDIBLE) criminal charges stemming from a long-running racial profiling case. How would you respond to the community?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** There's an open ongoing matter involving the sheriff and some aspects of his administration so I'm actually not able to give you a comment on that now because there is an open and ongoing matter in federal court.

**REPORTER:** Would you have to sign off on any charges against the sheriff?

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**UNKNOWN:** Alright, thank you so much.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Thank you all.

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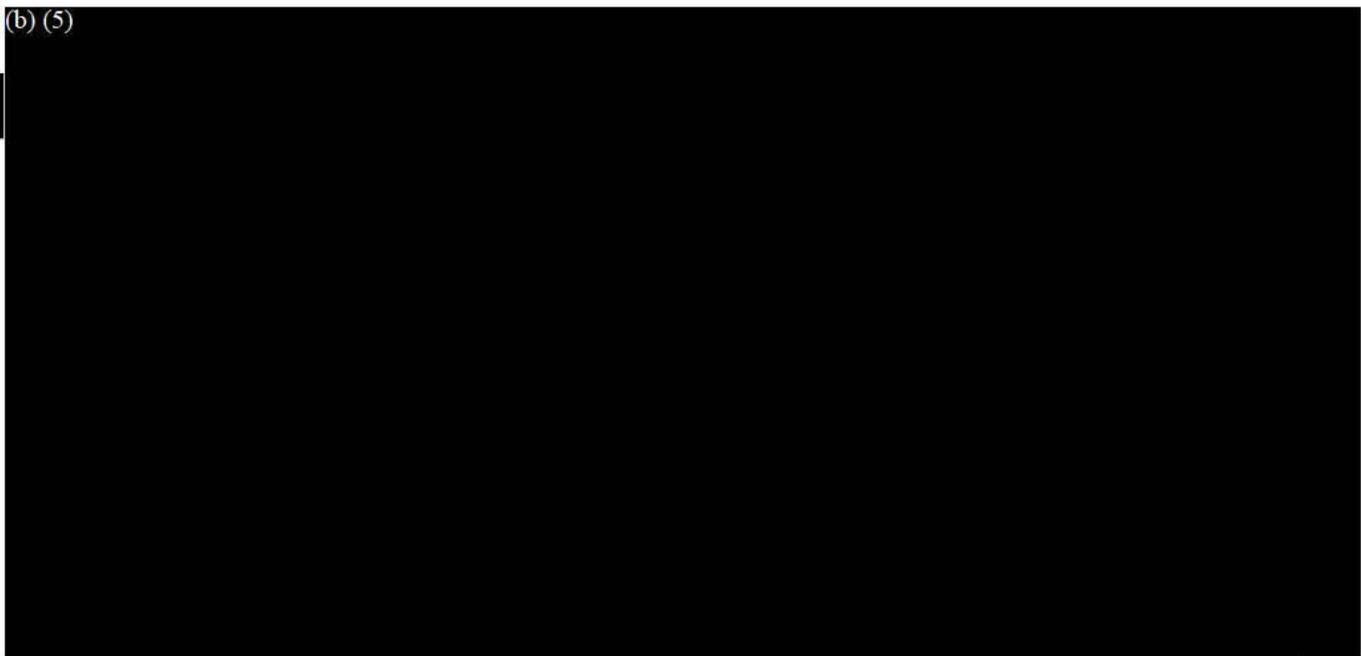
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**From:** James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 6:53 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: LA Press Copy

I'm about to be in my career but I should be seated around 7:30 if anything else comes up!

Thank you so much

> On Jun 29, 2016, at 6:50 PM, Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO) <rlstewart@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> I'll have the full transcript of this audio file shortly.

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> From: James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
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> To: Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
> Cc: Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Juarez, Anthony (OPA)  
> Subject: Re: LA Press Copy

> Clinton Q:

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>> Copy that! Transcribing now. Also, just sent one more short clip from FOX. Will switch back to clips after the transcript.

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>> Got it. Let's get the Clinton q transcribed ASAP.

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>>> Clinton q is in here. Please confirm receipt. Need transcribed.

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**From:** Jacobs, David F. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 7:38 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: can you hear this word?  
**Attachments:** AG Lynch QA at LA Presser 62916.docx

**David F. Jacobs**  
*Deputy Press Secretary*  
*Office of Public Affairs*  
*Department of Justice*  
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**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 7:21 PM  
**To:** Jacobs, David F. (OPA)  
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Can you hear what she's saying around 2 min mark? I highlighted the blank space in the attached doc.

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** No, those letters refer to questions in asking us to clarify how the consent decree that we have with the New Orleans Police Department and how they handle people who may be undocumented, how they intercept with also the enforcement of the immigration laws. And not only are we preparing a response um I've indicated at a prior hearing I think a month or so ago - that we do not view that consent decree as advising the city in any way to disregard or ignore the immigration laws. And as we've indicated before when it comes to the issue of sanctuary cities the issue has come up, particularly with respect to when we release individuals from the Bureau of Prisons' custody, and they may have a state detainer or holder which happens from time to time and they also have a deportation order. Traditionally, we work with our state colleagues and we provide and turn these people over to state custody so that those cases can be handled, and then the immigration matters will follow thereafter.

There have been instances and they certainly have been tragic where those individuals have not been dealt with in regard to their state cases, and we have not been able to follow through with the immigration case. We recently changed the policy so that where we do have individuals

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**KEVIN LEWIS:** Thank you so much. So we'll see you later today at Summer Night Lights. Have a good day.

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**Cc:** James, Kelli D. (OPA); Jacobs, David F. (OPA)  
**Subject:** AG LA Q&A Transcript - Last Two Questions

**Transcript: AG Lynch LA Community Policing P.C. Q&A – Last Two Questions  
June 29, 2016**

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**Cc:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Iverson, Dena W. (OPA); James, Kelli D. (OPA); Jacobs, David F. (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: TV Clips: AG Community Policing Trip to LA

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**FOX News: Special Report with Bret Baier – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**  
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**Subject:** TV Clip 1 - FOX News: The Five - 6/29/2016 - TRANSCRIPT

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**Subject:** FW: TV Clips: AG Community Policing Trip to LA

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**To:** James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: TV Clips: AG Community Policing Trip to LA

Here's CBS – he just says a few lines about the meeting: <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=1bba2cb8-b0c3-4ab7-bf72-9e480d1decc9>

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 9:40 PM  
**To:** Carlisle, Elizabeth  
**Cc:** Pokorny, Carolyn (OAG); Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG); Amuluru, Uma (OAG); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Herwig, Paige (OAG); Kadzik, Peter J (OLA); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Fwd: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

AG Lynch -

Please see below all of the TV clips from tonight. As you can see, they are still rolling in so we will send an updated version in the morning.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Jacobs, David F. (OPA)" <[djacobs@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:djacobs@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** June 29, 2016 at 9:33:04 PM EDT  
**To:** "Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)" <[rlstewart@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:rlstewart@jmd.usdoj.gov)>, "Newman, Melanie (OPA)" <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)>, "Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)" <[kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov)>, "Iverson, Dena W. (OPA)" <[diverson@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:diverson@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
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Also, 'The Kelly File' just previewed a segment on it and used a clip from today's presser:

**The Kelly File**

**FNC 6/29/2016 9:12:27 PM:**

<http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=130&DateTime=6/29/2016%209:12:27%20PM&playclip=true>

**MEGYN KELLY:** ...Plus, attorney general of the United States is supposed to be leading a criminal investigation of Hillary Clinton. So why did she have a closed-door meeting today with Mrs. Clinton's husband? We, "The Kelly File," caught up with Attorney General Loretta Lynch and got to ask her. And she was not happy. Stay tuned for that.

**[FOX QUESTION FROM THE PRESS CONFERENCE]:** You don't believe that gives off the appearance of any impropriety while your agency is investigating his wife?

**[Commercial]**

Thanks,

David F. Jacobs  
*Deputy Press Secretary  
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**Department of Justice**  
**TV Clips: AG Lynch Visits Los Angeles as Part of Community Policing Tour**  
*As of June 29, 2016, at 9:25 p.m. ET*

**FOX News – The O’Reilly Factor – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**  
<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=5f7d0150-be97-43a9-8c6b-079320199b26>

**BILL O’REILLY:** In the personal story segment tonight, a very interesting situation. I just have the notes here. Okay. So apparently the Phoenix airport, there was a meeting for 30 minutes. That's a fairly long meeting between President Clinton, all right, and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. Now, this took place earlier this week and, as you know, the attorney general is investigating Hillary Clinton. Here's what the AG said.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport as I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren. it was primarily social and about our travels.

**O’REILLY:** Wow. So, Eboni Williams and Monica Crowley join us. I was surprised. Weren't you surprised? 30 minutes. I could see hey, how are you, you have got to be polite. They know each other. 30 minutes about the grandchildren?

**MONICA CROWLEY:** Here's what's interesting we are just hearing about it today on Wednesday. Apparently this meeting took place on Monday. So 48 hours has gone by since we have heard about it. The Attorney General said it was social, that they talked about their grandchildren and president Clinton's golf game in Phoenix.

**O’REILLY:** Yeah, golf.

**CROWLEY:** Sort of like Mrs. Clinton's deleted emails were all about her yoga schedule and Chelsea's wedding.

**O’REILLY:** No. You are creeping into that partisan realm here, what do you say?

**CROWLEY:** I know we can't speculate because we weren't on the plane. This is highly irrelevant.

**EBONI WILLIAMS:** Loretta Lynch is the chief law enforcement officer of our country. What's very important is the importance of impropriety. Credibility is very important. To Monica's point it's hard for intelligent people that the president waited on the tarmac for her to arrive to discuss this. even if it's true what does it tells us. He doesn't care at all about her credibility but she should  
care

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**O'REILLY:** I think that you absolutely hit it. That the appearance, when you are under- when you are supervising an investigation, for 30 minutes, and then you don't really say anything right away, she should have.

**CROWLEY:** You have to avoid the conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest.

**O'REILLY:** Or the appearance of-

**CROWLEY:** This isn't just any target.

**O'REILLY:** You know, but it makes me feel bad.

**CROWLEY:** You know it's the former Secretary of State, who is the presumptive democratic nominee for president.

**O'REILLY:** Here's what makes me feel bad. I don't want to call Loretta Lynch a liar. I don't. I actually admired the woman when she was here in New York City as a U.S. Attorney because she did some very, very good work that went against the political grain. Alright? And I was happy when she was nominated. So- but, in this case, I mean, she made a mistake. Right. A big mistake.

**WILLIAMS:** It's up to her, Bill. She has to protect her credibility at all cost.

**O'REILLY:** But it's shot now, isn't it, Eboni? Isn't it shot now?

**WILLIAMS:** It's being chipped away at is how I would analyze it.

**O'REILLY:** I mean it's really damaged.

**WILLIAMS:** It's being damaged more and more.

**O'REILLY:** It's really damaged.

**CROWLEY:** It raises a red flag. Getting on the plane and spending 30 minutes with Bill Clinton-

**O'REILLY:** A lot of Americans feel that this investigation is in the tank anyway. Alright?

**WILLIAMS:** That's why she has to be delicate. But it can be rehabilitated, Bill. If you're right and if it's tanked now, it's a way to rehabilitate one's credibility. And I think she has to work on that moving forward.

**O'REILLY:** And we will continue on this story. Thank you, ladies. Miller on Deck. A bizarre story.

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**FOX News – The O'Reilly Factor – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**BILL O'REILLY:** And tomorrow, we're going to look into this Loretta Lynch thing- Bill Clinton thing. This bothers me, you know. Very serious investigation going on with Hillary Clinton and the attorney general overseas it. And you're meeting with Mrs. Clinton's husband for 30 minutes in an airport hangar and you don't say anything about it for two days? Not good. So we are on it. We're on it. We'll have all of the details. No speculation tomorrow. Thank you for watching us tonight. I'm Bill O'Reilly. Please remember that the spin stops here. We're looking out for you.

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**Lou Dobbs Tonight FBN – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

<http://mms.tveves.com/transcript.asp?StationID=2025&DateTime=6/29/2016%207:08:25%20PM&playclip=true>

**LOU DOBBS:** I want to get your reaction to Attorney General Loretta Lynch and President Bill Clinton meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Actually, boarding one of the private aircraft of the two and talking - a private meeting. How inappropriate that appears to be and what the implications are.

**ED ROLLINS:** Well certainly it appears to be very inappropriate at this particular time. Particularly because the Benghazi report just came through and particularly where she is going to basically have an FBI report coming to her very soon and it's basically going to have a big impact on his wife. And to basically say 'all we did was sit down to have a cup of coffee and talk about our grandkids is not believable.

**DOBBS:** And what in the world is, you know, this country to do waiting now almost a year, on the FBI to complete an investigation that it began in earnest with 100- reportedly 100 and some odd agents involved. What are we supposed to do with the presumptive nominee of Democratic Party under federal investigation and most- most saying on the face of it all that she has violated regulations that were put in place. Therefore she is, by law, she is breaking laws.

**ROLLINS:** The FBI director and the Justice Department – the people who are going to question her - apparently are ready. They've asked for the sessions. She obviously claims she's busy, but you know, this is a very important thing to the country. And the quicker we get it done the better we will be and she will be if she does not get indicted.

**DOBBS:** She is very fortunate in so many ways that I am not director of the FBI. Telling me that you are busy probably wouldn't be the answer that I would be most sympathetic with. I don't know about James Comey but-

**ROLLINS:** Well, they certainly are prepared to question her. And they certainly know what the facts and figures of this whole issue are. So, we'll see.

**DOBBS:** Alright, Ed Rollins, always great to have you. Thank you.

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**Lou Dobbs Tonight:FBN – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

<http://mms.tveves.com/transcript.asp?StationID=2025&DateTime=6/29/2016%207:14:50%20PM&playclip=true>

**LOU DOBBS:** Attorney General Loretta Lynch, tonight, under fire after she met with President

Bill Clinton in Phoenix earlier this week. This comes as Hillary Clinton is under investigation by the Department of Justice over her email scandal, yet the attorney general of United States claims their meeting was simply a crossing of paths.

**AG LORETTA LYNCH:** I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix Airport as I was leaving. And he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane, but there was no discussion of any matter pending before the department or any matter pending before any other body. There was no discussion of Benghazi, no discussion of the State Department e-mails by way of example.

**DOBBS:** You wonder if as a prosecutor she would have balked at what she just said. It'd be an interesting answer.

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**CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**JOSH ELLIOTT:** Attorney General Loretta Lynch confirms she had an impromptu discussion with Former President Bill Clinton Monday night at the Phoenix Airport. The former president boarded her government plane. Lynch's Justice Department is investigating the handling of classified information on Hillary Clinton's private e-mail server. Lynch says the two did not discuss the investigation.

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**FOX News: On the Record with Greta Van Susteren – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**GRETA VAN SUSTEREN:** What's this? A private meeting on a private plane. Talking about former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch meeting on the ground private plane in phoenix airport. The meeting was yesterday. Just hours before the release of the Benghazi reported and the local Phoenix ABC station got a tip that the meeting was going to happen. After the meeting at a news conference, attorney general lynch confirmed the meeting with the president had taken place.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** When I was landing at the airport I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport. As I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a United States deal about his grandchildren there was no discussion about any matter pending before the department or any matter pending before any no discussion of Benghazi or State Department emails by way of example.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Radio host and editor and chief of Lifezette Laura Ingraham goes "on the record."

**LAURA INGRAHAM:** That's no big deal, Greta. You guys are conspiracy you think something happened theorists. At this meeting? Who knows, maybe they were just discussing

gifts for grandchildren and burden of burping techniques. always go to the grandchildren. Hillary during the Benghazi things you want to know about my yoga routines in the emails. What do you mean about the emails – yoga routines and plans for my daughter's wedding.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** It's unbelievable how tone deaf either one of them are on this. investigating the emails and server and everything else and criminal investigation according to Josh Earnest at the white house and you have got the president of the united states married to a candidate who is being investigated and they meet privately on airplane even if it's 100 percent innocent. How could you be so tone deaf?

**INGRAHAM:** Well it goes back to all the problems in the Clinton scandals during his time in the White House. Everyone always said how can he be this stupid and we learn more on this secret service agent's book of how stupid he was and how just blatant he was about not just appearance of impropriety but actual impropriety. People walking in on him when he was with other people. I don't know why any of us are surprised. There is a brazen effort to undermine sorry U.S. law and at the very least the appearance of impropriety and ethical considerations which you and I know as lawyers people take very seriously.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** We have got the head of the investigation and the spouse of the person who something investigated. she is being investigated I don't know did she is the target. Meeting on a private plane for 30 minutes.

**INGRAHAM:** The appearance of a conflict can be just as damaging and poisonous to a case at times as a conflict itself. An actual conflict. That's why you avoid situations like this. The last thing they need is any further undermining of the objectivity of this investigation which of course called a security review until she was corrected by the FBI director. I don't know what they are talking about security reviews. this is an actual investigation. the appearance of a conflict of interest of lynch now, I think there is no doubt about it.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** What do you think Obama is thinking tonight, finding out that his chief lawyer did this and what do you think Secretary Hillary Clinton is thinking about the fact that her husband met with her and this is.

**INGRAHAM:** Depends on if she asked him to talk to her. I mean, who knows.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** I can't believe she would be that stupid. honestly.

**INGRAHAM:** How would you be stupid enough to find out no one was going to find out about a private email server at a time where when your family foundation was soliciting donations from foreign governments. That is like the definition of stupid. yet, she did that.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** It's amazing to me. It's though they are giving their political opponents ammunition every single day.

**INGRAHAM:** Every single day we find out about emails held back or other witnesses taking the fifth. Again, it just adds to the public's lack of belief and good faith in this investigation. And today was just another instance of it being chipped away again and again it's not surprising given the Clintons and their brazen behavior.

**JOSH EARNEST:** The president when discussing this issue in each stage has reiterated his

commitment to this principle that any criminal investigation should be conducted independent of any sort of political interference and that people should be treated the same way before the law regardless of their political influence. Regardless of their political party, regardless of their political stature and regardless of what political figure has endorsed them.

**INGRAHAM:** Think of the power of the former President of the United States in a private meeting with anybody. And he is a big deal figure. And who knows what was said, Greta. Maybe nothing. Maybe it was all about baby clothes.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** It doesn't even matter what was said. That's the thing. It could be totally innocent. It really doesn't matter because it's so profoundly –

**INGRAHAM:** It shows you how disconnected they are from public perception or any concern of public perception or integrity in the investigation.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** She should know better, too.

**INGRAHAM:** Yes, she should. after that appearance down in Orlando, I'm not surprised by that either.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Laura, thank you.

**INGRAHAM:** Thanks.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Should Loretta Lynch recuse herself take herself off the case in the email investigation. Ted Williams and former prosecutor Katie Phang. Ted, first to you. As the chief lawyer on this case and criminal investigation, should she take herself off it?

**TED WILLIAMS:** Let me say my friend, Laura Ingraham is too nice in regards to what she has had to say. I think the Attorney General has compromised the integrity of any independent decision that she could make in this investigation. Greta, I don't care how private or grandmotherly it was. It's the appearance. Hillary Clinton is under investigation by the FBI. Loretta Lynch is in the position where she is going to have to at some stage make a decision one way or another concerning the prosecution of Hillary Clinton. And to meet with the president's -- with the potential candidate's husband under this circumstance she needs to recuse herself and I guarantee you the drums are going to beat lookout for her to do so.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Katie?

**KATIE PHANG:** You have to avoid the appearance of impropriety as an attorney and especially as the Attorney General of the United States. How much more important would it be for her to avoid this? She is ultimately the decision maker as to whether or not Hillary Clinton is going to be prosecuted for what happens with the Benghazi scandal. Hillary has said she is just like -- do you really think just before the Benghazi report comes out they only talked about grandchildren and golf? Think about this, guys. They are having this private meeting. they don't disclose it to anybody. If you had nothing to hide. Why not let people know from the very beginning that you met and that you talked about nothing at all.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** You know, what I don't understand is that this one to me isn't even close. It's not one of those gray areas.

**PHANG:** No.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Because there is nothing -- that whole -- the thing that is so branded in all of us, the appearance of impropriety to have the person going to make the decision whether or not this goes to a grand jury, goes a step farther or not, have that person meet with the spouse of the person who is under investigation in a plane.

**PHANG:** Former president no less.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Even if they do talk about grandchildren, this one isn't even close. What in the world was that woman thinking? I mean. What is that attorney general saying? I blame her.

**WILLIAMS:** When I got the call this afternoon from Cory Howell, one of your producers, the first thing I said this is stuck on stupid. you are the Attorney General for the United States. You know better. if William Jefferson Clinton.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** What if she doesn't know better. That's even scarier.

**WILLIAMS:** This is not a dumb woman. She a smart woman. She knew she shouldn't have met with him. She tries to walk it back we met and talked about family matters. If the appearance -- it's the appearance. And this is what is going to hurt this whole thing. She needs to recuse herself.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Actually the thing is we are giving them the benefit of the doubt that it was an innocent discussion. We haven't even got tonight fact that some people -- a lot are suspicious that this wasn't just an appearance of impropriety issue that there is something going down on this. But we are giving them the benefit of the doubt and absolutely all scandalized by. This I'm stuck on the fact that Ted just said that she was in bed with Bill Clinton. Putting a side, even giving it the benefit of the doubt, maybe Loretta Lynch -- actually I take back the maybe. She has got to remove herself from this case and let somebody else decide. Why allow any question into the objectivity of the ultimate investigation's results. You should never do that especially at this high level. It's a bad idea.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** It's not a close question to me. she should get off this case is it a close question for you, Katie?

**PHANG:** Not at all get off the case.

**WILLIAMS:** Clearly not a close question for me. She has to get off the case because, trust me, you are going to heart drums beat and see Donald Trump with something on this right away. I mean.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** I'm surprised we haven't heard it already the emails. I don't know one lawyer I can think of, I don't care democrat or republican, who would not be scandalized by this.

**WILLIAMS:** I talked to a federal judge afternoon. and he was beside himself. He said no. As a matter of fact, I talked to two federal judges and they both were beside themselves and said no, the Attorney General did not do this.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** See, I think that's what the viewers have to understand. Even if nothing

happened at all, the new discussion about emails or Benghazi, this was so profoundly against the code of professional responsibility.

**PHANG:** Exactly. The appearance of impropriety.

**WILLIAMS:** It smells and stinks. It's as simple as that.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Ted and Katie, thank you both.

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**GRETA VAN SUSTEREN:** The burning political question – will the Benghazi report hurt Secretary Hillary Clinton. the "on the record" political panel is here from the New York Post, Daniel Halpern, and from the Washington Times Stephen Dinan. This private conversation on the tarmac between the Attorney General Loretta Lynch and President Bill Clinton – let's assume they just talked about being grandparents. Is that appalling to the legal -- the legal world we are upset. We are outraged.

**STEPHEN DINAN:** We talked about this in the past imagine the FBI recommends prosecution and the Justice Department says no we are not going to pursue that after a conversation like this comes to light. that's where things get really tough for everybody. It looks bad. It looks bad no matter whether legal profession or not.

**DANIEL HALPERN:** It's at once appalling. At the same time it goes into Donald Trump's talking points which is that the system is corrupt. He says it on all areas. Including the legal and justice system and I think anybody would look at this and suggest something as you guys said earlier, at the very least it looks bad and I think it fits right into his narrative and really hurts Hillary Clinton.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** I can't get over either one of them, either the attorney general or the president doing -- even if it's just sort of.

**HALPERN:** You can understand why the president would want to do it the attorney general should know better.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Let's face it, Clinton is a friendly type guy. He talks to everybody. that's bill Clinton should be smart enough not to do that, knowing that it feeds into his political opponents.

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**FOX News: The Five – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**  
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**KIMBERLY GUILFOYLE:** Well you probably heard about this today, but if you didn't you should pay attention. The Justice Department is still investigating Hillary Clinton for possible criminal wrongdoing regarding her private e-mail server. so why would the woman in charge of that investigation meet privately with Clinton's husband? well, it happened on Monday. Here's

Attorney General Loretta Loretta Lynch.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport. As I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren. It was primarily social and about our travels. there was no discussion of any matter pending before the department.

**KIMBERLY GUILFOYLE:** Now, FOX is told the meeting was not previously scheduled and was described as a "crossing of paths." Tomorrow and Friday at 2:00 p.m. eastern, I'm filling in for Gretchen Carlson.

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**FOX News: Special Report with Bret Baier – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**BRET BAIER:** A meeting in Phoenix between former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch is raising questions about a potential conflict of interest. She confirmed she spoke with Clinton at the airport in Phoenix but said it was not a planned meeting. She insisted they spoke about grandchildren and golf, and current news events but did not discuss the Benghazi or the e-mail investigations. As you know, if the FBI finds evidence that Hillary Clinton or one of her top aides mishandled classified information or lied under oath, and then the FBI referred an indictment, by all accounts, it will be lynch who will have to decide whether to move forward with a prosecution.

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**KABC-LA (ABC) – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**MARC COTA-ROBLES:** We just heard from attorney general loretta lynch, here to highlight law enforcement efforts to use social media to their advantage. meeting with officers and chief charlie beck. ok us behind the scenes and gave us an idea of how law enforcement is using technology and social media. whether we're dealing with criminals in our own community or the intel that can be gathered from sites like facebook and twitter can be critical to law enforcement investigations.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** The challenge for law enforcement today and 21st century policing, how to ensure we're using the best, most innovative tools available to protect the people, ensure the well-being of our community.

**COTA-ROBLES:** There are no credible threats in the U.S., but that the U.S. stands with Turkey and "we're all in this together." Mayor Eric Garcetti was also here this afternoon. They all left about 30 minutes ago. A busy afternoon with more discussions on the way. He and the department discussing how the LAPD is using social media and their investigation and reacting to what occurred yesterday in Turkey. More of that coming up at 5:00 p.m. on "Eyewitness News." For now, live in downtown Los Angeles, Marc Cota-Robles, ABC7, "Eyewitness News."

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**KNBC-LA (NBC) – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**ANCHOR:** Can police officers and tech be used to fight crime? The Attorney General came here to promote something already at the LAPD. But even as her community policing tour attracted attention it also attracted controversy. And NBC 4's John Klemack has more.

**JOHN KLEMACK:** Yeah, chuck, it's here where the ag wanted to learn a little bit more about what LAPD was doing. And there are innovative ways of what they say is called community policing. as you see it's a success, others see it is the wrong type of oversight. She is the top attorney in the country and today complimenting the police department, the office she inherited once cracked down on.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** And this kind of row active and inclusive approach particularly arising out of a history of tensions is one we're encouraging around the country.

**KLEMACK:** U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch says we are facing this challenge that will generate safer communities but also be connected to the police department.

**KLEMACK:** And they learned how the department is using social media to combat crime and keep the community safe. But outside the center, others are protesting saying there are continued complaints of racism.

**PROTESTER:** Continue to lead the nation in murders of people of color. so to reward them is to reward the most murderous organization so it's a shame.

**KLEMACK:** They stopped short of calling for changes.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Look, they raise issues of concern to all of us. And I think if we're going to look at all the problems and issues that law enforcement faces they are a very important voice and they have very important things to say.

**KLEMACK:** The Police Chief Charlie Beck said he wanted to see firsthand what the department was doing.

**POLICE CHIEF CHARLIE BECK:** This is a police department that learned many hard lessons. And some of the things we learned about building community trust, some of the things we learned about keeping a difficult city safer can help other cities, then we have achieved our mission.

**KLEMACK:** The Attorney General staying here overnight. Tomorrow she will go to Playa Vista to meet with others about how they're connecting with the communities here. From Los Angeles, I'm John Klemack, NBC 4 News.

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**Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)**

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**From:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
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**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
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He is with her but he is staffing her, which means he's not always available. You could have called me before reporting a no comment. I have been sending everyone the full transcript from yesterday and today's press conferences, where she addressed this. No additional comment needed when you have her on the record. Happy to forward along.

On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:21 PM, Zapotosky, Matt  
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Kevin. Isn't he with her? Do you have a comment? I can update.

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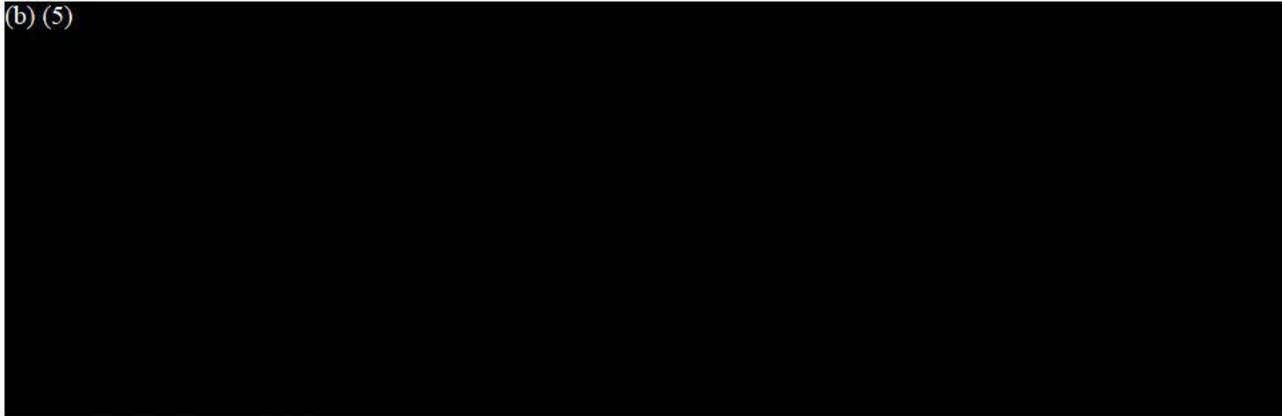
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**To:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA)  
**Subject:** TPs and transcript

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**LA Presser (Today, June 29):**

**REPORTER:** Madame Attorney General, so was it appropriate for you to meet with former President Clinton while your agency is in the middle of an investigation of his wife's email server?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well, I did see the President at the Phoenix Airport the other night as I was landing, he was headed out. He did come over and say hello, and speak to my husband and myself, and talk about his grandchildren and his travels, and things like that. And so that was the extent of that. And no discussions were held into any cases or things like that. And he didn't raise anything – uh – about that.

**REPORTER:** You don't believe that gives off the appearance of any impropriety while your agency is investigating his wife.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** My agency is involved in a matter looking at State Department policies and issues. It's being handled by career investigators and career agents, who always follow facts and the law, and do the same thorough and independent examination in this matter that they've done in all. So that's how that'll be handled.

**Phoenix Presser (Tuesday, June 28):**

**REPORTER:** Sources say that you met last night with former president Bill Clinton. Did the topic of Benghazi come up at all, or can you tell us what was discussed?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** No. Actually, while I was landing at the airport, I did see

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** NO. Actually, while I was landing at the airport, I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport as I was leaving, and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren. It was primarily social and about our travels. He mentioned the golf he played in Phoenix, and he mentioned travels he'd had West Virginia. We talked about former Attorney General Janet Reno, for example, whom we both know, but there was no discussion of any matter pending for the department or any matter pending for any other body. There was no discussion of Benghazi, no discussion of the state department emails, by way of example. I would say the current news of the day was the Brexit decision, and what that might mean. And again, the department's not involved in that or implicated in that.

**Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)**

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**From:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:11 AM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Cc:** Press; Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: AG's meeting with President Clinton this week

Just making sure that the folks monitoring the press account copy you going forward. Thanks for getting back to [him](#).

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:10 AM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Press; Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: AG's meeting with President Clinton this week

I've already responded. He emailed me and the press inbox. Thanks.

On Jun 30, 2016, at 10:08 AM, Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA) <[kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Lets copy Melanie on these. She is responding to reporters.

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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: AG's meeting with President Clinton this week

**From:** Julian Hattem [<mailto:jhattem@thehill.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 9:58 AM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Press  
**Subject:** AG's meeting with President Clinton this week

Hi

I'm writing about some of the backlash to the AG's social meeting with former President Clinton in Phoenix on Monday. Lawmakers from [both parties](#) have raised questions about the meeting and whether it was appropriate.

Was the AG's meeting appropriate, given the ongoing investigation connected to Secretary Clinton? Does it have any effect on the outcome of that investigation?

Thank you

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Thanks,  
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Sincerely,

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**To:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO); Jenkins, Vendarryl (OPA); James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

There are a lot of angry people... ☹

**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:49 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Vendarryl (OPA); James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Lau, Tiffany (JMD)  
**Subject:** RE: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

Thanks for the heads up!

**From:** Jenkins, Vendarryl (OPA)  
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**Cc:** Lau, Tiffany (JMD)  
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A little pre-mature, some more are coming in and when Tiffany searched "all" rather than "news" in google a lot of stories popped up.

**From:** James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:15 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Vendarryl (OPA); Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO); Lau, Tiffany (JMD); Castor, Olivia (OPA); Jarrell, Matthew (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

You can send what you have now and we can do an update later today, IF needed.

**From:** Jenkins, Vendarryl (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:14 AM  
**To:** James, Kelli D. (OPA); Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO); Lau, Tiffany (JMD); Castor, Olivia (OPA); Jarrell, Matthew (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

When would you like the press clips? I think we are done on those for the moment, and wasn't sure if you wanted an end of the day compilation or as soon as possible look.

**From:** James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:00 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO); Lau, Tiffany (JMD); Jenkins, Vendarryl (OPA); Castor, Olivia (OPA); Jarrell, Matthew (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

That's best.

Thank you!

**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 10:00 AM  
**To:** Lau, Tiffany (JMD); Jenkins, Vendarryl (OPA); Castor, Olivia (OPA); Jarrell, Matthew (OPA); James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

I think that's probably best to separate the clips the way you said Kelli, do you agree? And yes on both for tv clips. Thanks!

**From:** Lau, Tiffany (JMD)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 9:59 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO); Jenkins, Vendarryl (OPA); Castor, Olivia (OPA); Jarrell, Matthew (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

We did the Bill Clinton clips separately from the LA Community Policing ones; hope that's okay. There are a bunch, so we're still working on them. Will do TV clips as well do you want them for both Community Policing and the Bill Clinton meeting?

**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 9:04 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Vendarryl (OPA); Lau, Tiffany (JMD); Castor, Olivia (OPA); Jarrell, Matthew (OPA)  
**Subject:** FW: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

And here are all of the TV clips that we pulled as with the print clips you can just pull clips that have aired since these ones. Let me know if you have any questions or issues. Thanks so much!

**From:** Jacobs, David F. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 9:33 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO); Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Iverson, Dena W. (OPA)  
**Cc:** James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

Also, 'The Kelly File' just previewed a segment on it and used a clip from today's presser:

**The Kelly File**

**FNC 6/29/2016 9:12:27 PM:**

<http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=130&DateTime=6/29/2016%209:12:27%20PM&playclip=true>

**MEGYN KELLY:** ...Plus, attorney general of the United States is supposed to be leading a criminal investigation of Hillary Clinton. So why did she have a closed-door meeting today with Mrs. Clinton's husband? We, "The Kelly File," caught up with Attorney General Loretta Lynch and got to ask her. And she was not happy. Stay tuned for that.

**[FOX QUESTION FROM THE PRESS CONFERENCE]:** You don't believe that gives off the appearance of any impropriety while your agency is investigating his wife?

**[Commercial]**

Thanks,

**David F. Jacobs**  
*Deputy Press Secretary*  
*Office of Public Affairs*  
*Department of Justice*  
(202) 616-0503

**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 9:29 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Iverson, Dena W. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Jacobs, David F. (OPA); James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Subject:** TV Clips: AG Lynch Trip to LA (as of 9:25pm)

**Department of Justice**

**TV Clips: AG Lynch Visits Los Angeles as Part of Community Policing Tour**

*As of June 29, 2016, at 9:25 p.m. ET*

**FOX News – The O'Reilly Factor – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**BILL O'REILLY:** In the personal story segment tonight, a very interesting situation. I just have the notes here. Okay. So apparently the Phoenix airport, there was a meeting for 30 minutes. That's a fairly long meeting between President Clinton, all right, and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. Now, this took place earlier this week and, as you know, the attorney general is investigating Hillary Clinton. Here's what the AG said.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport as I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren. It was primarily social and about our travels.

**O'REILLY:** Wow. So, Eboni Williams and Monica Crowley join us. I was surprised. Weren't you surprised? 30 minutes. I could see hey, how are you, you have got to be polite. They know each other. 30 minutes about the grandchildren?

**MONICA CROWLEY:** Here's what's interesting we are just hearing about it today on Wednesday. Apparently this meeting took place on Monday. So 48 hours has gone by since we have heard about it. The Attorney General said it was social, that they talked about their grandchildren and president Clinton's golf game in Phoenix.

**O'REILLY:** Yeah, golf.

**CROWLEY:** Sort of like Mrs. Clinton's deleted emails were all about her yoga schedule and Chelsea's wedding.

**O'REILLY:** No. You are creeping into that partisan realm here, what do you say?

**CROWLEY:** I know we can't speculate because we weren't on the plane. This is highly irrelevant.

**EBONI WILLIAMS:** Loretta Lynch is the chief law enforcement officer of our country. What's very important is the importance of impropriety. Credibility is very important. To Monica's point it's hard for intelligent people that the president waited on the tarmac for her to arrive to discuss this. Even if it's true what does it tell us. He doesn't care at all about her credibility but she should care.

**O'REILLY:** I think that you absolutely hit it. That the appearance, when you are under- when you are supervising an investigation, for 30 minutes, and then you don't really say anything right away, she should have.

**CROWLEY:** You have to avoid the conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest.

**O'REILLY:** Or the appearance of-

**CROWLEY:** This isn't just any target.

**O'REILLY:** You know, but it makes me feel bad.

**CROWLEY:** You know it's the former Secretary of State, who is the presumptive democratic nominee for president.

**O'REILLY:** Here's what makes me feel bad. I don't want to call Loretta Lynch a liar. I don't. I actually admired the woman when she was here in New York City as a U.S. Attorney because she did some very, very good work that went against the political grain. Alright? And I was happy when she was nominated. So- but, in this case, I mean, she made a mistake. Right. A big mistake.

**WILLIAMS:** It's up to her, Bill. She has to protect her credibility at all cost.

**O'REILLY:** But it's shot now, isn't it, Eboni? Isn't it shot now?

**WILLIAMS:** It's being chipped away at is how I would analyze it.

**O'REILLY:** I mean it's really damaged.

**WILLIAMS:** It's being damaged more and more.

**O'REILLY:** It's really damaged.

**CROWLEY:** It raises a red flag. Getting on the plane and spending 30 minutes with Bill Clinton-

**O'REILLY:** A lot of Americans feel that this investigation is in the tank anyway. Alright?

**WILLIAMS:** That's why she has to be delicate. But it can be rehabilitated, Bill. If you're right and if it's tanked now, it's a way to rehabilitate one's credibility. And I think she has to work on that moving forward.

**O'REILLY:** And we will continue on this story. Thank you, ladies. Miller on Deck. A bizarre story.

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**FOX News – The O'Reilly Factor – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**BILL O'REILLY:** And tomorrow, we're going to look into this Loretta Lynch thing- Bill Clinton thing. This bothers me, you know. Very serious investigation going on with Hillary Clinton and the attorney general overseas it. And you're meeting with Mrs. Clinton's husband for 30 minutes in an airport hangar and you don't say anything about it for two days? Not good. So we are on it. We're on it. We'll have all of the details. No speculation tomorrow. Thank you for

watching us tonight. I'm Bill O'Reilly. Please remember that the spin stops here. We're looking out for you.

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**Lou Dobbs Tonight FBN – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

**<http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=2025&DateTime=6/29/2016%207:08:25%20PM&playclip=true>**

**LOU DOBBS:** I want to get your reaction to Attorney General Loretta Lynch and President Bill Clinton meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Actually, boarding one of the private aircraft of the two and talking - a private meeting. How inappropriate that appears to be and what the implications are.

**ED ROLLINS:** Well certainly it appears to be very inappropriate at this particular time. Particularly because the Benghazi report just came through and particularly where she is going to basically have an FBI report coming to her very soon and it's basically going to have a big impact on his wife. And to basically say 'all we did was sit down to have a cup of coffee and talk about our grandkids is not believable.

**DOBBS:** And what in the world is, you know, this country to do waiting now almost a year, on the FBI to complete an investigation that it began in earnest with 100- reportedly 100 and some odd agents involved. What are we supposed to do with the presumptive nominee of Democratic Party under federal investigation and most- most saying on the face of it all that she has violated regulations that were put in place. Therefore she is, by law, she is breaking laws.

**ROLLINS:** The FBI director and the Justice Department the people who are going to question her - apparently are ready. They've asked for the sessions. She obviously claims she's busy, but you know, this is a very important thing to the country. And the quicker we get it done the better we will be and she will be if she does not get indicted.

**DOBBS:** She is very fortunate in so many ways that I am not director of the FBI. Telling me that you are busy probably wouldn't be the answer that I would be most sympathetic with. I don't know about James Comey but-

**ROLLINS:** Well, they certainly are prepared to question her. And they certainly know what the facts and figures of this whole issue are. So, we'll see.

**DOBBS:** Alright, Ed Rollins, always great to have you. Thank you.

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**Lou Dobbs Tonight:FBN – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

**<http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=2025&DateTime=6/29/2016%207:14:50%20PM&playclip=true>**

**LOU DOBBS:** Attorney General Loretta Lynch, tonight, under fire after she met with President Bill Clinton in Phoenix earlier this week. This comes as Hillary Clinton is under investigation by the Department of Justice over her email scandal, yet the attorney general of United States claims their meeting was simply a crossing of paths.

**AG LORETTA LYNCH:** I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix Airport as I was leaving. And he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane, but there was no discussion of any matter pending before the department or any matter pending before any other body. There was no discussion of Benghazi, no discussion of the State Department e-mails by way of example.

**DOBBS:** You wonder if as a prosecutor she would have balked at what she just said. It'd be an interesting answer.

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**CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**JOSH ELLIOTT:** Attorney General Loretta Lynch confirms she had an impromptu discussion with Former President Bill Clinton Monday night at the Phoenix Airport. The former president boarded her government plane. Lynch's Justice Department is investigating the handling of classified information on Hillary Clinton's private e-mail server. Lynch says the two did not discuss the investigation.

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**FOX News: On the Record with Greta Van Susteren – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

**Part I:**

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**Part II:**

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**GRETA VAN SUSTEREN:** What's this? A private meeting on a private plane. Talking about former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch meeting on the ground private plane in phoenix airport. The meeting was yesterday. Just hours before the release of the Benghazi reported and the local Phoenix ABC station got a tip that the meeting was going to happen. After the meeting at a news conference, attorney general lynch confirmed the meeting with the president had taken place.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** When I was landing at the airport I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport. As I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a United States deal about his grandchildren there

was no discussion about any matter pending before the department or any matter pending before any no discussion of Benghazi or State Department emails by way of example.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Radio host and editor and chief of Lifezette Laura Ingraham goes "on the record."

**LAURA INGRAHAM:** That's no big deal, Greta. You guys are conspiracy you think something happened theorists. At this meeting? Who knows. maybe they were just discussing gifts for grandchildren and burden of burping techniques. always go to the grandchildren. Hillary during the Benghazi things you want to know about my yoga routines in the emails. What do you mean about the emails yoga routines and plans for my daughter's wedding.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** It's unbelievable how tone deaf either one of them are on this. investigating the emails and server and everything else and criminal investigation according to Josh Earnest at the white house and you have got the president of the united states married to a candidate who is being investigated and they meet privately on airplane even if it's 100 percent innocent. How could you be so tone deaf?

**INGRAHAM:** Well it goes back to all the problems in the Clinton scandals during his time in the White House. Everyone always said how can he be this stupid and we learn more on this secret service agent's book of how stupid he was and how just blatant he was about not just appearance of impropriety but actual impropriety. People walking in on him when he was with other people. I don't know why any of us are surprised. There is a brazen effort to undermine sorry U.S. law and at the very least the appearance of impropriety and ethical considerations which you and I know as lawyers people take very seriously.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** We have got the head of the investigation and the spouse of the person who something investigated. she is being investigated I don't know did she is the target. Meeting on a private plane for 30 minutes.

**INGRAHAM:** The appearance of a conflict can be just as damaging and poisonous to a case at times as a conflict itself. An actual conflict. That's why you avoid situations like this. The last thing they need is any further undermining of the objectivity of this investigation which of course called a security review until she was corrected by the FBI director. I don't know what they are talking about security reviews. this is an actual investigation. the appearance of a conflict of interest of lynch now, I think there is no doubt about it.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** What do you think Obama is thinking tonight, finding out that his chief lawyer did this and what do you think Secretary Hillary Clinton is thinking about the fact that her husband met with her and this is.

**INGRAHAM:** Depends on if she asked him to talk to her. I mean, who knows.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** I can't believe she would be that stupid. honestly.

**INGRAHAM:** How would you be stupid enough to find out no one was going to find out about a private email server at a time where when your family foundation was soliciting donations from foreign governments. That is like the definition of stupid. yet, she did that.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** It's amazing to me. It's though they are giving their political opponents ammunition every single day.

**INGRAHAM:** Every single day we find out about emails held back or other witnesses taking the fifth. Again, it just adds to the public's lack of belief and good faith in this investigation. And today was just another instance of it being chipped away again and again it's not surprising given the Clintons and their brazen behavior.

**JOSH EARNEST:** The president when discussing this issue in each stage has reiterated his commitment to this principle that any criminal investigation should be conducted independent of any sort of political interference and that people should be treated the same way before the law regardless of their political influence. Regardless of their political party, regardless of their political stature and regardless of what political figure has endorsed them.

**INGRAHAM:** Think of the power of the former President of the United States in a private meeting with anybody. And he is a big deal figure. And who knows what was said, Greta. Maybe nothing. Maybe it was all about baby clothes.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** It doesn't even matter what was said. That's the thing. It could be totally innocent. It really doesn't matter because it's so profoundly

**INGRAHAM:** It shows you how disconnected they are from public perception or any concern of public perception or integrity in the investigation.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** She should know better, too.

**INGRAHAM:** Yes, she should. after that appearance down in Orlando, I'm not surprised by that either.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Laura, thank you.

**INGRAHAM:** Thanks.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Should Loretta Lynch recuse herself take herself off the case in the email investigation. Ted Williams and former prosecutor Katie Phang. Ted, first to you. As the chief lawyer on this case and criminal investigation, should she take herself off it?

**TED WILLIAMS:** Let me say my friend, Laura Ingraham is too nice in regards to what she has had to say. I think the Attorney General has compromised the integrity of any independent decision that she could make in this investigation. Greta, I don't care how private or grandmotherly it was. It's the appearance. Hillary Clinton is under investigation by the FBI. Loretta Lynch is in the position where she is going to have to at some stage make a decision one

way or another concerning the prosecution of Hillary Clinton. And to meet with the president's -  
- with the potential candidate's husband under this circumstance she needs to recuse herself and I  
guarantee you the drums are going to beat lookout for her to do so.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Katie?

**KATIE PHANG:** You have to avoid the appearance of impropriety as an attorney and  
especially as the Attorney General of the United States. How much more important would it be  
for her to avoid this? She is ultimately the decision maker as to whether or not Hillary Clinton is  
going to be prosecuted for what happens with the Benghazi scandal. Hillary has said she is just  
like -- do you really think just before the Benghazi report comes out they only talked about  
grandchildren and golf? Think about this, guys. They are having this private meeting. they don't  
disclose it to anybody. If you had nothing to hide. Why not let people know from the very  
beginning that you met and that you talked about nothing at all.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** You know, what I don't understand is that this one to me isn't even close.  
It's not one of those gray areas.

**PHANG:** No.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Because there is nothing -- that whole -- the thing that is so branded in all of  
us, the appearance of impropriety to have the person going to make the decision whether or not  
this goes to a grand jury, goes a step farther or not, have that person meet with the spouse of the  
person who is under investigation in a plane.

**PHANG:** Former president no less.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Even if they do talk about grandchildren, this one isn't even close. What in  
the world was that woman thinking? I mean. What is that attorney general saying? I blame her.

**WILLIAMS:** When I got the call this afternoon from Cory Howell, one of your producers, the  
first thing I said this is stuck on stupid. you are the Attorney General for the United States. You  
know better. if William Jefferson Clinton.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** What if she doesn't know better. That's even scarier.

**WILLIAMS:** This is not a dumb woman. She a smart woman. She knew she shouldn't have  
met with him. She tries to walk it back we met and talked about family matters. If the  
appearance it's the appearance. And this is what is going to hurt this whole thing. She needs to  
recuse herself.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Actually the thing is we are giving them the benefit of the doubt that it was  
an innocent discussion. We haven't even got tonight fact that some people -- a lot are suspicious  
that this wasn't just an appearance of impropriety issue that there is something going down on  
this. But we are giving them the benefit of the doubt and absolutely all scandalized by. This I'm  
stuck on the fact that Ted just said that she was in bed with Bill Clinton. Putting a side, even

giving it the benefit of the doubt, maybe Loretta Lynch -- actually I take back the maybe. She has got to remove herself from this case and let somebody else decide. Why allow any question into the objectivity of the ultimate investigation's results. You should never do that especially at this high level. It's a bad idea.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** It's not a close question to me. she should get off this case is it a close question for you, Katie?

**PHANG:** Not at all get off the case.

**WILLIAMS:** Clearly not a close question for me. She has to get off the case because, trust me, you are going to hear drums beat and see Donald Trump with something on this right away. I mean.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** I'm surprised we haven't heard it already the emails. I don't know one lawyer I can think of, I don't care democrat or republican, who would not be scandalized by this.

**WILLIAMS:** I talked to a federal judge afternoon. and he was beside himself. He said no. As a matter of fact, I talked to two federal judges and they both were beside themselves and said no, the Attorney General did not do this.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** See, I think that's what the viewers have to understand. Even if nothing happened at all, the new discussion about emails or Benghazi, this was so profoundly against the code of professional responsibility.

**PHANG:** Exactly. The appearance of impropriety.

**WILLIAMS:** It smells and stinks. It's as simple as that.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Ted and Katie, thank you both.

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**FOX News: On the Record with Greta Van Susteren – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**  
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**GRETA VAN SUSTEREN:** The burning political question will the Benghazi report hurt Secretary Hillary Clinton. the "on the record" political panel is here from the New York Post, Daniel Halpern, and from the Washington Times Stephen Dinan. This private conversation on the tarmac between the Attorney General Loretta Lynch and President Bill Clinton let's assume they just talked about being grandparents. Is that appalling to the legal -- the legal world we are upset. We are outraged.

**STEPHEN DINAN:** We talked about this in the past imagine the FBI recommends prosecution and the Justice Department says no we are not going to pursue that after a conversation like this

comes to light. that's where things get really tough for everybody. It looks bad. It looks bad no matter whether legal profession or not.

**DANIEL HALPERN:** It's at once appalling. At the same time it goes into Donald Trump's talking points which is that the system is corrupt. He says it on all areas. Including the legal and justice system and I think anybody would look at this and suggest something as you guys said earlier, at the very least it looks bad and I think it fits right into his narrative and really hurts Hillary Clinton.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** I can't get over either one of them, either the attorney general or the president doing -- even if it's just sort of.

**HALPERN:** You can understand why the president would want to do it the attorney general should know better.

**VAN SUSTEREN:** Let's face it, Clinton is a friendly type guy. He talks to everybody. that's bill Clinton should be smart enough not to do that, knowing that it feeds into his political opponents.

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**FOX News: The Five – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**KIMBERLY GUILFOYLE:** Well you probably heard about this today, but if you didn't you should pay attention. The Justice Department is still investigating Hillary Clinton for possible criminal wrongdoing regarding her private e-mail server. so why would the woman in charge of that investigation meet privately with Clinton's husband? well, it happened on Monday. Here's Attorney General Loretta Loretta Lynch.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport. As I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren. It was primarily social and about our travels. there was no discussion of any matter pending before the department.

**KIMBERLY GUILFOYLE:** Now, FOX is told the meeting was not previously scheduled and was described as a "crossing of paths." Tomorrow and Friday at 2:00 p.m. eastern, I'm filling in for Gretchen Carlson.

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**FOX News: Special Report with Bret Baier – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**BRET BAIER:** A meeting in Phoenix between former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch is raising questions about a potential conflict of interest. She confirmed she spoke with Clinton at the airport in Phoenix but said it was not a planned meeting. She insisted they spoke about grandchildren and golf, and current news events but did not discuss the Benghazi or the e-mail investigations. As you know, if the FBI finds evidence that Hillary Clinton or one of her top aides mishandled classified information or lied under oath, and then the FBI referred an indictment, by all accounts, it will be lynch who will have to decide whether to move forward with a prosecution.

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**KABC-LA (ABC) – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**MARC COTA-ROBLES:** We just heard from attorney general loretta lynch, here to highlight law enforcement efforts to use social media to their advantage. meeting with officers and chief charlie beck. ok us behind the scenes and gave us an idea of how law enforcement is using technology and social media. whether we're dealing with criminals in our own community or the intel that can be gathered from sites like facebook and twitter can be critical to law enforcement investigations.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** The challenge for law enforcement today and 21st century policing, how to ensure we're using the best, most innovative tools available to protect the people, ensure the well-being of our community.

**COTA-ROBLES:** There are no credible threats in the U.S., but that the U.S. stands with Turkey and "we're all in this together." Mayor Eric Garcetti was also here this afternoon. They all left about 30 minutes ago. A busy afternoon with more discussions on the way. He and the department discussing how the LAPD is using social media and their investigation and reacting to what occurred yesterday in Turkey. More of that coming up at 5:00 p.m. on "Eyewitness News." For now, live in downtown Los Angeles, Marc Cota-Robles, ABC7, "Eyewitness News."

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**KNBC-LA (NBC) – 6/29/2016 – TRANSCRIPT**

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**ANCHOR:** Can police officers and tech be used to fight crime? The Attorney General came here to promote something already at the LAPD. But even as her community policing tour attracted attention it also attracted controversy. And NBC 4's John Klemack has more.

**JOHN KLEMACK:** Yeah, chuck, it's here where the ag wanted to learn a little bit more about what LAPD was doing. And there are innovative ways of what they say is called community

policing. as you see it's a success, others see it is the wrong type of oversight. She is the top attorney in the country and today complimenting the police department, the office she inherited once cracked down on.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** And this kind of row active and inclusive approach particularly arising out of a history of tensions is one we're encouraging around the country.

**KLEMACK:** U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch says we are facing this challenge that will generate safer communities but also be connected to the police department.

**KLEMACK:** And they learned how the department is using social media to combat crime and keep the community safe. But outside the center, others are protesting saying there are continued complaints of racism.

**PROTESTER:** Continue to lead the nation in murders of people of color. so to reward them is to reward the most murderous organization so it's a shame.

**KLEMACK:** They stopped short of calling for changes.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Look, they raise issues of concern to all of us. And I think if we're going to look at all the problems and issues that law enforcement faces they are a very important voice and they have very important things to say.

**KLEMACK:** The Police Chief Charlie Beck said he wanted to see firsthand what the department was doing.

**POLICE CHIEF CHARLIE BECK:** This is a police department that learned many hard lessons. And some of the things we learned about building community trust, some of the things we learned about keeping a difficult city safer can help other cities, then we have achieved our mission.

**KLEMACK:** The Attorney General staying here overnight. Tomorrow she will go to Playa Vista to meet with others about how they're connecting with the communities here. From Los Angeles, I'm John Klemack, NBC 4 News.

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**Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG)**

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**From:** Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 1:09 PM  
**To:** Curtis, Sabrina (OAG)  
**Cc:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Bray, Alan (OAG); Amuluru, Uma (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: AG Briefing

Excellent - thanks!

> On Jun 30, 2016, at 10:08 AM, Curtis, Sabrina (OAG) <scurtis@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> We can now dial out on the tablet in the hold room and put it on speaker.

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> Sabrina Curtis

> 202-532-5761

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> On Jun 30, 2016, at 10:01 AM, Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA) <kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> On Jun 30, 2016, at 9:55 AM, Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG) <shfranklin@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> Please also check to see if there is a conference phone in the hold room.

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>> Thanks,

>> Shirlethia

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>>> On Jun 30, 2016, at 9:52 AM, Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG) <shfranklin@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>> Hi Guys,

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>>> Would it be possible to take the AG back to hold for 15 minutes after the Facebook Town Hall (before lunch)? I need to schedule a quick call for Carolyn to brief her about the proposal re the Clinton meeting.

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>>> Uma and Kevin - I will give you a quick briefing before we speak with the AG, but there is currently unanimous consent for the proposed plan.

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>>> Thanks,

>>> Shirlethia

**Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)**

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**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 1:25 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Iverson, Dena W. (OPA)  
**Cc:** James, Kelli D. (OPA); Jacobs, David F. (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: AG LA Q&A Transcript - Last Two Questions

Here it is - it is the last question after the Clinton one. I can send in a clean email if you'd like!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2016, at 7:42 PM, "Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)" <[rlstewart@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:rlstewart@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

**Transcript: AG Lynch LA Community Policing P.C. Q&A – Last Two Questions  
June 29, 2016**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** [...] Referring to the immigration decision that came down just a few days ago, because that decision was four-four – the decision doesn't even place the Fifth Circuit injunction against – uh – the immigration policies that the president set forth a little over a year and a half ago. Right now we're still looking at that decision to see legally what the options are – um – so I don't have any update for you on that right now.

**REPORTER:** Thank you.

**REPORTER:** Madame Attorney General, so was it appropriate for you to meet with former President Clinton while your agency is in the middle of an investigation of his wife's email server?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well, I did see the President at the Phoenix Airport the other night as I was landing, he was headed out. He did come over and say hello, and speak to my husband and myself, and talk about his grandchildren and his travels, and things like that. And so that was the extent of that. And no discussions were held into any cases or things like that. And he didn't raise anything – uh – about that.

**REPORTER:** You don't believe that gives off the appearance of any impropriety while your agency is investigating his wife.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** My agency is involved in a matter looking at State Department policies and issues. It's being handled by career investigators and career agents, who always follow facts and the law, and do the same thorough and independent examination in this matter that they've done in all. So that's how that'll be handled.

**REPORTER:** It's ok. I know that you've gotten letters from the state of Louisiana and members of Congress relating to New Orleans as a sanctuary city. Is it accurate that the Department of Justice instructed New Orleans not to cooperate on immigration policies?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** No, those letters refer to questions in asking us to clarify

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how the consent decree that we have with the New Orleans Police Department and how they handle people who may be undocumented, how they intercept with also the enforcement of the immigration laws. And not only are we preparing a response – um – I’ve indicated at a prior hearing – I think a month or so ago - that we do not view that consent decree as advising the city in any way to disregard or ignore the immigration laws. And as we’ve indicated before when it comes to the issue of sanctuary cities – the issue has come up, particularly with respect to when we release individuals from the Bureau of Prisons’ custody, and they may have a state detainer or holder – which happens from time to time – and they also have a deportation order. Traditionally, we work with our state colleagues and we provide and turn these people over to state custody so that those cases can be handled, and then the immigration matters will follow thereafter.

There have been instances – and they certainly have been tragic – where those individuals have not been dealt with in regard to their state cases, and we have not been able to follow through with the immigration case. We recently changed the policy so that where we do have individuals that we are releasing from the Bureau of Prisons custody, that have an immigration detainer on them, we will review those instances first, consult with the state and ensure that if they are going to go ahead and prosecute the case, we can track and follow it and make sure we stay on top of it for that. But there’s nothing in the consent decree that mandates or directs the city to avoid or disregard immigration laws.

**KEVIN LEWIS:** Thank you so much. So we’ll see you later today at Summer Night Lights. Have a good day.

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NPO

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**From:** NPO  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:38 PM  
**To:** Press  
**Cc:** Carr, Peter (OPA)  
**Subject:** FW: security details coordinate between Loretta Lynch/Bill Clinton?

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FBI

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National Press Office  
FBI Office of Public Affairs

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per FBI mobile

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**From:** Zapotosky, Matt [mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 12:44 PM  
**To:** NPO  
**Subject:** security details coordinate between Loretta Lynch/Bill Clinton?

Hi—

Weird question, but I'm trying to confirm that the reason former president Bill Clinton knew Attorney General Loretta Lynch was at an airport in Phoenix this week is that the agents working their respective security details (FBI in the case of the Attorney General) were coordinating during the time they were both on the tarmac. Is anyone able to shed light on that question of how the former president knew the Attorney General had just landed and how a meeting between the two of them happened?

Many thanks,

**Matt Zapotosky** | The Washington Post

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**Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)**

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**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 7:29 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Capehart stories

Yes! I'll loop back with some stories.

> On Jun 30, 2016, at 7:25 PM, "Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)" <kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:  
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> Has he written about the Clinton meeting? Anything on criminal justice, LGBT rights, Orlando  
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**Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)**

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**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 8:15 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Capehart stories

Nothing on the Clinton meeting. Link to all of his Washington Post articles is below. He's written a lot about LGBT and, more broadly, civil rights. I'll send the most relevant clips from the link below in an email - wanted to get you the link in the meantime:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/people/jonathan-capehart>

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**Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)**

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**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 10:10 AM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Press; Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Lynch on w/Chuck Todd Friday?

I'll send the response now.

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**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 10:09 AM  
**To:** Press; Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Lynch on w/Chuck Todd Friday?

We have to decline. Thanks.

Melanie R. Newman  
Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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@MelanieDOJ

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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 9:52 AM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: Secretary Lynch on w/Chuck Todd Friday?

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**From:** Dixon, Evan (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:Evan.Dixon@nbcuni.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 5:56 PM  
**To:** Press  
**Cc:** Rubel, Carly (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** Secretary Lynch on w/Chuck Todd Friday?

Hello-

I'd like to submit a request for Chuck Todd to interview Secretary Lynch tomorrow (Friday) in the 5pm hour. With many questioning her meeting with Former President Clinton, Chuck would like to discuss what took place.

Please let me know if she is available – I'm happy to speak in more detail about the interview.

Thank you-egd

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**Evan G. Dixon**  
Assistant Secretary

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**Lau, Tiffany (JMD)**

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**From:** Lau, Tiffany (JMD)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 11:25 AM  
**To:** James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Subject:** Part 1

CNN: 11:16 - 11:20 (ish)

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=706b6349-170b-4bb6-b28f-cca9e4bc3097>

hi there, wear going to go back to aspen, colorado, where we see the attorney general loretta lynch getting ready to sit down with jonathan capehart. we might as well listen in as they're getting started. >> as an msnbc contributor, thank you for being here this morning. attorney general, thank you for being here. as walter said, you have a reputation of having the highest integrity, utmost, solid judgment, so when people heard people heard what went down in phoenix, a lot of people were like, i mean, friends, supporters, backers, saying, what on earth was he thinking? talking to bill clinton? so what on earth were you thinking? what happened? >> well, i think that's the question of the day, isn't it. i think it's a perfectly reasonable question, i think that's the question that is called by what happened in phoenix because people have also wondered and raised questions about my role in the ultimate resolution of matters involving the investigation into the state department e-mails. and to the extent that people have questions about that, about my role in that, certainly my meeting with him raises questions and concerns, so believe me, i completely get that question. and i think it is the question of the day. i think the issue is, again, what is my role is how that matter is going to be resolved? let me be clear on how that is going to be resolved. i have gotten that question a lot of times. but i think it is important that people see what that process is like, as i have always indicated, the matter is being handled by career agents and investigators that have handled it since the beginning. >> which predates your tenure as attorney general. >> they predate my tenure. that team will make findings, that is to stay that will come up with a chronology of what happened, the factual scenario, they will make recommendations as to how to resolve what those facts lead to. the recommendations will be re reviewed by career supervisors and by the fbi director, and they will present it to me and i fully expect to accept the recommendations. >> you say you fully expect to accept their recommendations, one thing people were saying when the news broke was that you were recusing yourself from having any kind of role in the final determination, is that the case? >> a recusal would mean that i wouldn't even be briefed on what the findings would be. in coming up with those findings or making those recommendations on how to move forward, i will be briefed on it and i will be accepting their recommendations. >> this must be the journalist in me or the linguist in me, that would to me meaning, here madam attorney general, here are our findings and you accept them whole heartedly and issue them to the public, or you accept them and look them over and make your own determination as to what the final determination will be. >> the final determination of how to proceed will be contained ...

**Miller, Marshall L.**

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**From:** Miller, Marshall L.  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 11:29 AM  
**To:** Pokorny, Carolyn (OAG); Werner, Sharon (OAG); Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Jama Vitale called you from Fox News Channel NY -- message below

Guys:

I can't do this. Is there someone you want me to recommend they reach out to?

Hope all is well.

Marshall

Begin forwarded message:

From: "McLaughlin, Dodi P." <(b) (6)>  
Date: July 1, 2016 at 11:14:50 AM EDT  
To: "Miller, Marshall L." <MLMiller@wlrk.com<mailto:MLMiller@wlrk.com>>  
Subject: Jama Vitale called you from Fox News Channel NY -- message below

She wanted to know if you would be available for a taped interview today at 3pm with Judge Jeanine Pirro re: Bill Clinton and Loretta Lynch. If you were available, it would be held at the Fox News office on 6th Avenue between 47th and 48th Street. Please call her at (b) (6)

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**Lau, Tiffany (JMD)**

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**From:** Lau, Tiffany (JMD)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 12:13 PM  
**To:** James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Castor, Olivia (OPA); Jarrell, Matthew (OPA)  
**Subject:** Transcript part 2  
**Attachments:** 07012016 AG Lynch Aspen Clinton Statement Transcript Part 2.docx

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** No, the final determination as to how to proceed will be contained within the recommendations or report or whatever format the team puts it together, that has not been resolved, whatever report they provide to me, there will be a review of their investigation, there will be a review of what they have found and determined to have happened or occurred and it will be their determinations as to how they feel that the case should proceed.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say there will be a review, you mean the review will be done by you once you accept the recommendations and determinations or are you talking about the process of the review getting to that point?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** I'm talking about the initial process of how this case will be resolved. This case will be resolved by the team that's been working on it, from the beginning. Supervisors always review matters, in this case that review will be career people in the Department of Justice, and also the FBI will review it, up to and including the FBI Director and that will be the finalization of not just the factual findings but the next steps in this matter.

**CAPEHART:** And I find it interesting, several times you have made a point of saying career prosecutors, career officials within the justice department. Why are you making that very hard distinction, that description?

**LYNCH:** I think a lot of the questions that I have gotten over the past several months, frankly, about my role in this investigation and what it would likely be, was a question or a concern about whether someone who was a political appointee would be involved in deciding how to investigate a matter or what something meant or how should the case proceed going forward? And as I have always said, this matter would be handled by the career people who are independent. They live from administration to administration. Their role is to follow the facts and follow the law, and make a determination as to what happened and what those next steps should be. But, you know, in my role as attorney general, there are cases that come up to me, I am informed of them from time to time. This case, as you know, has generated a lot of attention. I'll be informed of those findings, as opposed to never reading them or never seeing them, but I will be accepting their recommendations and their plans for going forward.

**CAPEHART:** So the New York Times reported this morning that the Justice Department officials said back in April that what you're talking about right now was already being considered, and so the question is before President Clinton boarded your plane in Arizona, had you already made the determination that what you're announcing today was indeed what you were going to do?

**LYNCH:** Yes, I had already determined that, that would be the process. And in large part it's because, as I'm sure you know as a journalist, I do get this question a lot. And as I have said on occasions as to why we don't talk about ongoing investigations in terms of what's being discussed and who's being interviewed, is to preserve the integrity of that investigation. And we also don't typically talk about the process by which we make decisions, and I've provided that response too. But in this situation, because I did have that meeting, it has raised concerns, I feel. And I feel that while I can certainly say, this will be handled like any other, as it has always been, and it is going to be resolved like any other, as it was always going to be. I think people

need the information about exactly how that resolution will come about in order to know what that means, and really accept that and have faith in the ultimate decision of the Department of Justice.

**CAPEHART:** So back to my first question, the “what were you thinking” question. But let me put a different spin on it and ask, when you're on your plane, from having been in Washington for a while and knowing how the protocol works: you land, folks get off for all sorts of reasons, but it's very fast. You're on your plane and in walks the former president of the United States, what were you thinking at that moment?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well, as I have said, you know, he said hello and we basically said hello and I congratulated him on his grandchildren, as people tend to do and that led to a conversation about those grandchildren, who do sound great. And that led to a conversation about his travels and he told me what he had been doing in Phoenix and various things, and then we spoke about former Attorney General Janet Reno, but it really was a social meeting. And it really was in that regard. He spoke to me, and he spoke to my husband for some time on the plane, and we moved on. And as I've said before though, I do think that no matter how I viewed it, I understand how people view it. And I think that because of that and because of the fact that it has now cast a shadow over how this case may be perceived, no matter how it's resolved, it's important to talk about how it will be resolved. It's important to make it clear that that meeting with President Clinton does not have a bearing on how this matter is going to be reviewed, resolved and accepted by me. Because that is the question that it raises. So again, no matter how I viewed the meeting, what's important to me is how people view the Department of Justice because of that meeting. How do people view the team that has worked on this from the beginning, because of this meeting? How do people view the work that we do everyday on behalf of the American people, which we strive to do with integrity and independence. So that's the question for me, and that's why I felt it was important to talk about what impact that meeting would have on the case.

**CAPEHART:** Now, you've known President Clinton for a long time, he's the one who nominated you and appointed you to a U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District in 1999. So I'm wondering - you have a relationship is what I'm trying to get to in terms of long standing professional relationship. So you would be well within your right to say, “Um, get off my plane. what are you doing here?” Do you regret not telling the former President of the United States to leave the premises?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** As I have said, I may have viewed it in a certain light, but the issue is how does it impact the work that I do and the work that the Department of Justice does. I certainly wouldn't do it again. Because I think it has cast a shadow over what it should not, over what it will not touch. That's why I said, I think it's important to talk about how this matter will be resolved, and how the review and how the determinations and the decisions will be made. I can say, as I have said, it's going to be handled by career people and then we can make an announcement as to what it is. But unless people have some insight into that process, they're not going to be able to evaluate that. The most important thing for me as an Attorney General is the integrity of the Department of Justice. The fact that the meeting that I had is now casting a shadow over how people are going to view that work is something that I take seriously

and deeply and painfully. So I think it's important to provide as much information as we can so that people can have a full view of how we do our work and why we do our work and how this case is going to be resolved as well as how all the cases that we look at are going to be resolved.

**CAPEHART:** And so of course, what's happened as a result of this, people who are out there in the world are saying, "See, this is an example of the system that's rigged against the rest of us." And you just said that this whole incident has been "painful," is one of the words, one of the words you used. What would you say to the American people who might -- who believe that, yes, indeed, this is an example of Washington rigged against them?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** I think that people have a whole host of reasons to have questions about how we in government do our business and how we handle business and how we handle matters and I think that, again, I understand that my meeting on the plane with former President Clinton could give them another reason to have questions and concerns also. And that is something that -- and that's why I said it's painful to me. Because the integrity of the Department of Justice is important. And what I would say to people is to look at the work that we do. Look at the matters that we work on every day, whether they involve a high profile matter, or a matter where you have never heard of the person. Look at the victims that we deal with every day, look at the people that we protect every day because that's our mission. And to the extent that this issue has overshadowed that mission - yes, that's painful to me. And so I think it's important that we provide as much information as we can so people can have faith and confidence in the work of the department and the work of the people who carry on this work every day.

**CAPEHEART:** And last question on this. So when might we expect your acceptance of these findings and determinations? Are we looking at weeks, months, days?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** So in terms of timing, I actually don't know that. Because again, I don't have that insight into, I would say, the nuts and bolts of the investigation at this point in time. They're working on it. They're working on it very hard. They're working on it to be sure that they're thorough as they can be, that they have looked at every angle, that they've looked at every issue. They're doing the work that the people in the Department of Justice do every single day, and I could not be more proud of that work. And I could not be more proud to present that work to the American people when this matter is resolved, and we can let people know the outcome of this investigation.

**CAPEHEART:** Moving on.

**James, Kelli D. (OPA)**

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**From:** James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 12:16 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** Transcript –spen Ideas Forum ( President Clinton & State Dept. Emails Q & A)

**Transcript – Aspen Ideas Forum (President Clinton & State Dept. Emails Q & A)  
July 1, 2016**

**JONATHAN CAPEHART:** By the way, I'm Jonathan Capehart of the *Washington Post* and a MSNBC contributor. Thank you for being here this morning. Attorney General, thank you for being here. As Walter said, you have a reputation of having the highest integrity, utmost, solid judgment, so when people heard what went down in Phoenix, a lot of people were like, I mean, friends, supporters, backers, saying, what on earth was she thinking? Talking to Bill Clinton? So what on earth were you thinking? What happened?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well, I think that's the question of the day, isn't it. I think it's a perfectly reasonable question, I think that's the question that is called by what happened in Phoenix because people have also wondered and raised questions about my role in the ultimate resolution of matters involving the investigation into the State Department e-mails. And to the extent that people have questions about that, about my role in that, certainly my meeting with him raises questions and concerns, and so believe me, I completely get that question. And I think it is the question of the day. I think the issue is, again, what is my role in how that matter is going to be resolved? And so, let me be clear on how that is going to be resolved. I have gotten that question a lot over time and we usually don't go into those deliberations, but I do think it is important that people see what that process is like, as I have always indicated, the matter is being handled by career agents and investigators, with the Department of Justice, they've had it since the beginning.

**CAPEHART:** Which predates your tenure as Attorney General?

**AG LYNCH:** It predates my tenure as Attorney General. It is the same team and they are acting independently. They follow the law, they follow the facts. That team will make findings, that is to say they will come up with a chronology of what happened, the factual scenario, they will make recommendations as to how to resolve what those facts lead to. The recommendations will be reviewed by career supervisors in the Department of Justice and in the FBI and by the FBI Director, and then, as is the common process, they will present it to me and I fully expect to accept the recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** Now, what's interesting here is you say you fully expect to accept their recommendations, one thing people were saying this morning when the news broke was that you were, quote "recusing yourself from having any kind of role in the final determination", is that the case? Is that what you're saying?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, a recusal would mean that I wouldn't even be briefed on what the findings were or what the actions going forward would be. And while I don't have a role in those findings in coming up with those findings or making those recommendations on how to move forward, I will be briefed on it and I will be accepting their recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say...again, this must be the journalist in me or the linguist in me, accepting to me would mean; "Here Madam Attorney General, here are our findings and you accept them whole heartedly and issue them to the public, or you accept them and look them over and then make your own determination as to what the final determination will be.

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**AG LYNCH:** I'm talking about the initial process of how this case will be resolved. This case will be resolved by the team that's been working on it, from the beginning. Supervisors always review matters, in this case that review will be career people in the Department of Justice, and also the FBI will review it, up to and including the FBI Director and that will be the finalization of not just the factual findings but the next steps in this matter.

**CAPEHART:** And I find it interesting, several times you have made a point of saying career prosecutors, career officials within the justice department. Why are you making that very hard distinction, that description?

**AG LYNCH:** I think a lot of the questions that I have gotten over the past several months, frankly, about my role in this investigation and what it would likely be, was a question or a concern about whether someone who was a political appointee would be involved in deciding how to investigate a matter or what something meant or how should the case proceed going forward? And as I have always said, this matter would be handled by the career people who are independent. They live from administration to administration. Their role is to follow the facts and follow the law, and make a determination as to what happened and what those next steps should be. But, you know, in my role as attorney general, there are cases that come up to me, I am informed of them from time to time. This case, as you know, has generated a lot of attention. I'll be informed of those findings, as opposed to never reading them or never seeing them, but I will be accepting their recommendations and their plans for going forward.

**CAPEHART:** So the New York Times reported this morning that the Justice Department officials said back in April that what you're talking about right now was already being

considered, and so the question is before President Clinton boarded your plane in Arizona, had you already made the determination that what you're announcing today was indeed what you were going to do?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, I had already determined that, that would be the process. And in large part it's because, as I'm sure you know as a journalist, I do get this question a lot. And as I have said on occasions as to why we don't talking about ongoing investigations in terms of what's being discussed and who's being interviewed, is to preserve the integrity of that investigation. And we also don't typically talk about the process by which we make decisions, and I've provided that response too. But in this situation, because I did have that meeting, it has raised concerns, I feel. And I feel that while I can certainly say, this will be handled like any other, as it has always been, and it is going to be resolved like any other, as it was always going to be. I think people need the information about exactly how that resolution will come about in order to know what that means, and really accept that and have faith in the ultimate decision of the Department of Justice.

**CAPEHART:** So back to my first question, the "what were you thinking" question. But let me put a different spin on it and ask, when you're on your plane, from having been in Washington for a while and knowing how the protocol works: you land, folks get off for all sorts of reasons, but it's very fast. You're on your plane and in walks the former president of the United States, what were you thinking at that moment?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, as I have said, you know, he said hello and we basically said hello and I congratulated him on his grandchildren, as people tend to do and that led to a conversation about those grandchildren, who do sound great. And that led to a conversation about his travels and he told me what he had been doing in Phoenix and various things, and then we spoke about former Attorney General Janet Reno, but it really was a social meeting. And it really was in that regard. He spoke to me, and he spoke to my husband for some time on the plane, and we moved on. And as I've said before though, I do think that no matter how I viewed it, I understand how people view it. And I think that because of that and because of the fact that it has now cast a shadow over how this case may be perceived, no matter how it's resolved, it's important to talk about how it will be resolved. It's important to make it clear that that meeting with President Clinton does not have a bearing on how this matter is going to be reviewed, resolved and accepted by me. Because that is the question that it raises. So again, no matter how I viewed the meeting, what's important to me is how people view the Department of Justice because of that meeting. How do people view the team that has worked on this from the beginning, because of this meeting? How do people view the work that we do everyday on behalf of the American people, which we strive to do with integrity and independence. So that's the question for me, and that's why I felt it was important to talk about what impact that meeting would have on the case.

**CAPEHART:** Now, you've known President Clinton for a long time, he's the one who nominated you and appointed you to a U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District in 1999. So I'm wondering - you have a relationship is what I'm trying to get to in terms of long standing professional relationship. So you would be well within your right to say, "Um, get off my plane."

what are you doing here?" Do you regret not telling the former President of the United States to leave the premises?

**AG LYNCH:** As I have said, I may have viewed it in a certain light, but the issue is how does it impact the work that I do and the work that the Department of Justice does. I certainly wouldn't do it again. Because I think it has cast a shadow over what it should not, over what it will not touch. That's why I said, I think it's important to talk about how this matter will be resolved, and how the review and how the determinations and the decisions will be made. I can say, as I have said, it's going to be handled by career people and then we can make an announcement as to what it is. But unless people have some insight into that process, they're not going to be able to evaluate that. The most important thing for me as an Attorney General is the integrity of the Department of Justice. The fact that the meeting that I had is now casting a shadow over how people are going to view that work is something that I take seriously and deeply and painfully. So I think it's important to provide as much information as we can so that people can have a full view of how we do our work and why we do our work and how this case is going to be resolved as well as how all the cases that we look at are going to be resolved.

**CAPEHART:** And so of course, what's happened as a result of this, people who are out there in the world are saying, "See, this is an example of the system that's rigged against the rest of us." And you just said that this whole incident has been "painful," is one of the words, one of the words you used. What would you say to the American people who might -- who believe that, yes, indeed, this is an example of Washington rigged against them?

**AG LYNCH:** I think that people have a whole host of reasons to have questions about how we in government do our business and how we handle business and how we handle matters and I think that, again, I understand that my meeting on the plane with former President Clinton could give them another reason to have questions and concerns also. And that is something that -- and that's why I said it's painful to me. Because the integrity of the Department of Justice is important. And what I would say to people is to look at the work that we do. Look at the matters that we work on every day, whether they involve a high profile matter, or a matter where you have never heard of the person. Look at the victims that we deal with every day, look at the people that we protect every day because that's our mission. And to the extent that this issue has overshadowed that mission - yes, that's painful to me. And so I think it's important that we provide as much information as we can so people can have faith and confidence in the work of the department and the work of the people who carry on this work every day.

**CAPEHEART:** And last question on this. So when might we expect your acceptance of these findings and determinations? Are we looking at weeks, months, days?

**AG LYNCH:** So in terms of timing, I actually don't know that. Because again, I don't have that insight into, I would say, the nuts and bolts of the investigation at this point in time. They're working on it. They're working on it very hard. They're working on it to be sure that they're thorough as they can be, that they have looked at every angle, that they've looked at every issue. They're doing the work that the people in the Department of Justice do every single day, and I could not be more proud of that work. And I could not be more proud to present that work to the

American people when this matter is resolved, and we can let people know the outcome of this investigation.

**CAPEHEART:** Moving on.

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**Newman, Melanie (OPA)**

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**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 12:17 PM  
**To:** Rodenbush, Patrick (OPA)  
**Cc:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: FBI just called

+Kevin. I heard from Levine. I don't know what this is about.

On Jul 1, 2016, at 12:15 PM, Rodenbush, Patrick (OPA) <[prodenbush@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:prodenbush@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Jack Date from ABC called them about this report from their Phoenix affiliate that the FBI was instructing people not to take pictures. [REDACTED] at FBI received the call and is looking for guidance and to know if we will provide any comment on this? Have you heard from Jack?

<http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/Loretta-Lynch-Bill-Clinton-Meeting-FBI/2016/07/01/id/736675/#ixzz4DAre634R>

The reporter who acted on a tip to go to Sky Harbor International Airport and witnessed the Loretta Lynch-Bill Clinton clandestine meeting said the FBI agents there ordered "no photos, no picture, no cell phones."

Christopher Sign told Fox News' Bill O'Reilly on Thursday that the attorney general's plane landed on time while the former president and his entourage were running late.

"The former president than steps into her plane. They then speak for 30 minutes privately," Sign, a morning anchor for KNXV-TV ABC 15 said on "The O'Reilly Factor."

"The FBI there on the tarmac instructing everybody around, 'No photos, no pictures, no cell phones.' He then gets off the plane, gets on his own plane, he departs, she continues on with her planned visit."

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**Amuluru, Uma (OAG)**

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**From:** Amuluru, Uma (OAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 12:18 PM  
**To:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
**Cc:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Pokorny, Carolyn (OAG); Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: More questions

What's your direct again?

On Jul 1, 2016, at 10:02 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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meeting - Hot Air  
[hotair.com](http://hotair.com)

If it was an innocent meeting,  
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**Pokorny, Carolyn (OAG)**

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**To:** Amuluru, Uma (OAG)  
**Cc:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: More questions

Thanks for the quick response; I will let Rybicki know.

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**Cc:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG)  
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**Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)**

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**From:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 1, 2016 1:41 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Newman, Melanie (OPA); James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Jonathan Interview With AG PT3

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From: Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
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To: Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
Cc: Newman, Melanie (OPA); James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
Subject: Re: Jonathan Interview With AG PT3

Send that part now. The other pieces can come in one full transcript.

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> PAs are working on this transcript and will get it to you all ASAP. The interns transcribed the portion of the armchair conversation about the Clinton meeting and are wrapping up with that now -- should they go back now and transcribe the entire armchair convo? They were planning on it, but I wanted to double check first.

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**To:** Press; Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Question on Loretta Lynch Meeting With Bill Clinton

Got it.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 3:43 PM  
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**Cc:** Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
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**From:** Schwartz, Brian [<mailto:Brian.schwartz@FOXNEWS.COM>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 3:37 PM  
**To:** Press  
**Subject:** Question on Loretta Lynch Meeting With Bill Clinton  
**Importance:** High

Hello,

I was wondering if the DOJ had a comment on the Loretta Lynch meeting with Bill Clinton the other day. I'm curious to know if the meeting forced the hand of the DOJ to move forward with an investigation against Hillary Clinton and seek to charge her. If you have a comment, feel free to call me at (b) (6). Thanks!

Brian Schwartz  
Associate Producer  
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**Cc:** Jarrell, Matthew (OPA); Stewart, Rebecca L. (PAO)  
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Thank you guys sooooo much!

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**CAPEHART:** Moving on. So. Keep in mind, this sitdown has been on the books for several several weeks, a few months. And we were here because you were going to talk about criminal justice reform.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** You've been out west and making your way back east, going to various communities, talking about some of the findings and things that people are doing vis-a-vis the president's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. And in reading the report - I actually read it - there was a quote in there that I think captures why this commission was important. And it came from a commission member, Susan Lee Rahr - she's executive director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. And she wrote, 'In 2012, we began asking the question, why are we training police officers like soldiers? Although police officers wear uniforms and carry weapons, the similarity ends there. The missions and rules of engagement are completely different. The soldier's mission is that of a warrior - to conquer; the rules of engagement are decided before the battle. The police officer's mission is that of a guardian - to protect; the rules of engagement evolve as the incident unfolds. How did we get from police being guardians who protect to what many of you - as police being basically a domestic military force occupying neighborhoods?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** You know, I think it's going to be different in every community, but it's been one of the underlying concerns that I've heard as I've traveled the country on my Community Policing Tour - is community residents who say, we don't have a connection with our local police force. They simply patrol, and they don't connect with us. And so my goal, on the tour that I just finished, both in 2015 and 2016, was to find those communities where communities and law enforcement were working together, and were making positive change, and were working on the format where the police are, in fact, the guardians of the

community. I think there's a whole host of reasons for why training went one way. I mean certainly, we were talking, at some point and time several years back, about a huge influx of narcotics in our communities. And that has certainly led to a host of consequences that we are trying now to alleviate with criminal justice reform and sentencing reform. But it also led to a view that aggressive policing was really necessary in order to deal with not just narcotics, but also the violent crime that often comes along with it. And there are those who said the pendulum swung too far in that direction, so I think we find ourselves now in a situation where - to say that there is, sort of, a frayed relationship of trust between law enforcement and many communities, particularly minority communities, is the understatement of this generation. So what I've been working on - and this is one, in fact, one of my priorities, is looking at communities that have had that frayed relationship, that have had things break down, that have had the violence of Baltimore, or a terrible incident involving someone losing their life at the hands of a police officer, or even a Department of Justice (DOJ) case against them - and looking at how they are a couple of years after that. Have they managed to use the tools that we tried to provide to them, and in fact create a positive working relationship between law enforcement and the community. And I actually have been very heartened by what I've seen across the country.

**CAPEHART:** I was going to ask you - how have police departments been - how receptive have they been to these recommendations, particularly the one that says that police departments need to own their past, need to own the conflict that they've generated, that has generated the distrust between the law enforcement and the community. How are police departments responding to that? Owning their responsibility?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Yes, that's an excellent point because I often talk to community members who will say, you know, things are great with this police chief, we're actually making very positive strides. But community members will say, but you know, five years ago this incident happened to me, or even 10 years ago, I saw this happen to my older sibling or parent. And that remains in people's consciousness and affects how they interact with the police. Couple of the jurisdictions I visited - I was actually in Los Angeles just yesterday, and I also went to Miami, and I was in Portland. And I was visiting those jurisdictions because they actually were still in the middle of resolving problems. I mean, the Los Angeles Police Department's history, I think, is well documented, and the issues that they had. They were under a consent decree in the 2000s. They've come out of that now, but I think certainly residents still recall those days. And so I was very heartened to see in my discussions, both with police leadership and community members, that no one was ignoring the past, that people are saying, you know, we have to own the past, and we have to acknowledge that we have contributed. We, law enforcement, have contributed to these problems, and here's what we are doing to be accountable, to be transparent, to be responsible, to pull community members in. Because without that acceptance of responsibility, there won't be trust in the new either regime or policies going forward.

**CAPEHART:** Now a few years ago, FBI director James Comey delivered on race - a pretty spectacular speech on race - where he talked about how law enforcement needed to own its past. One of the things - another thing that Director Comey has said on multiple occasions is that he believes there is a so-called "Ferguson Effect" on law enforcement jurisdictions. Do you agree with him? Is there a "Ferguson Effect," it meaning that as a result of what happened in Ferguson

and Charleston where people are videotaping what police officers - what law enforcement actions - that police officers are now wary to actually do their jobs, for lack of a better description - but to patrol neighborhoods and to continue to make them safe. And that's resulted in a spike in crime.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well the FBI director has spoken about that, and he's spoken about it in the context that people have relayed to him. And so, you know, he's spoken about it in that context. I have not seen that. And in fact, we had a recent DOJ study, and the conclusion was: we need more information, as most studies are. But I think - and that's statistics for you - but I think what I've seen, you know, as I've talked to police departments across the country and community members across the country is a lot of change in law enforcement. A lot of change at the level of training, a lot of change in the community involvement, a movement away from over-policing, a movement towards getting to know members of the community, getting to understand people and their problems. And certainly I think it is the hope of all of us in law enforcement that that will lead to not only a reduction in crime, but it certainly could lead to a reduction in the number of arrests. I have not seen police officers shirking their responsibilities. I have not seen police officers backing away from the hard issues that come from patrolling very difficult and often very dangerous communities. I've seen them moving towards that. I've seen them come to the Department of Justice and say, you know, I have a use of force policy that's really old - can you help me make sure mine is up to date? I've seen them come to the department and say I want to set up a community board - do you have some examples that I can look at so that I don't have a situation like I've seen in other police departments. So I've seen a lot of positive action from both community members and law enforcement in this regard.

**CAPEHART:** So on this trip, you went to San Bernardino.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** Was that yesterday? Two days ago?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well I was in Los Angeles, but I met with the team of agents, investigators, police officers and lawyers who had worked on the San Bernardino investigation and are continuing to work on it.

**CAPEHART:** And as we recall, that was December, mass shooting, 14 people were killed. And there are a couple of currents in that shooting - also if you tie in Orlando and what happened last month, where 49 people were killed - you've got folks who have high capacity weapons to kill lots of people, but you also have people who, from reports, are inspired by ISIS. So can you talk about the challenge that those twin things cause for you and the department? Mass shootings but also terrorism.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Yes, yes. Well you know the challenge is something that we've been talking about for some time now as we've looked at how the threat to our homeland has changed and morphed over the years since 9/11. Obviously, we still are looking at investigating the orchestrated attacks like that, but what we are seeing now are more of the

homegrown extremists, those individuals often who were born here, who become radicalized - usually online - and act out that radical ideology. The challenge is not only finding those individuals, investigating and preventing their actions; we also have a dual challenge of how do we break that chain of the violent ideology that people consume online? The Internet is free and open, and it should remain free and open, but it is the place that many people go and find information that dates back years. And you'll see the tracking of - in many of the investigations that we have of people who start out looking at Al Qaeda types of videos and documentaries move into ISIS supported ideology and videos as well. How do we reach those individuals and either give them an alternative reason for their thought processes or break that chain of violent ideology? So those are the twin challenges that we face.

**CAPEHART:** Alright. So I'm looking at the clock. We've got less than seven minutes left, so I've got lots of stuff to cram in here. So on May 9, you announced that the Justice Department was suing North Carolina for its so-called "Bathroom Bill". And at one point, a very powerful moment in your remarks, you directed them directly to the transgender community. And I won't read the entire quote, but one piece of it jumped out at me, and that was when you said that, 'we see you' to transgender Americans. Why did you feel it was important to say those words to that community in such a public forum?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Because when we talk about different groups in this country who are victimized and who are marginalized, the way in which it often happens is people are made to feel or to be invisible. Because if someone is invisible, you don't have to look at their concerns or their issues. If they're invisible, you don't have to hear about the problems that they have. And I think this is a time of great social change in this country - I think for the good, I think for the better. I think we're moving towards what Dr. King called the "Beloved Community". But with change often comes a lot of uncertainty and fear on the part of other people, who find it challenging to say the least. And I think there is often a desire to deal with someone or some issue that you find different by shoving it out of sight. And if we are really going to have the open and free society that is the birthright of every American, that is the right of everyone who comes here and lives here, in this country, then everyone deserves the right to stand in the light. It has been my concern - also, with respect to the Orlando shooting, that members of the LGBT community may feel that it's safe for me if I don't come out. Maybe it's safer for me if I stay in the shadows. That's not the country we live in. It's not the America we've chosen over 200 years ago, it's not the one that any of us want. And so everyone deserves to stand in the light and to truly be seen for who they are. That's what diversity is, and to me, that's what America is.

**CAPEHART:** What did Eric Holder tell you about this job?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** [Laughs]

**CAPEHART:** What's the one thing you wish he had told you?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Where the lock on the plane door was.

**CAPEHART:** [Laughs] Good answer. So I understand that every AG leaves a letter for his or her successor. What did Attorney General Holder leave for you? What did he say in his letter?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well, those letters are private -

**CAPEHART:** Oh come on, just a little.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** - so I won't go into the exact letter. But what I will say is that AG Holder has been a friend for some time and I've had the privilege of working with him, both as U.S. Attorney in two separate administrations, and working with him as Attorney General was a privilege. And he has always been supportive, he has always talked to me about the privilege of being attorney general and the privilege of serving the American people, and working to ensure that in every way in which the Department of Justice works, that the highest standards of integrity are upheld. That's something that's been a part of my career since I joined the department. And he has always been that voice of that for me as well.

**CAPEHART:** So being AG - is it harder to be black, or harder to be a woman in your job?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** You know, I'm not sure how you separate the two for me. [Laughs] You know, I think that - for me, this is the greatest job that I've had. And it's such a tremendous privilege to sit in that chair, and to try to do justice and try to do the right thing every day. And so I approach it from that perspective. I think if people want to look at it and say, "Do I want to make a decision based on my background in some way" - I think all of us are a combination of all of our experiences. And I think that I look back on my experiences growing up in the South and what my parents went through, and how important it was for them to stand up for equal rights, and how important it was for them to make it clear that everyone has a place in society. And I look back on my years as a prosecutor, and my years of dealing with victims who often feel like there's no one to speak for them, and I think of how important it is that everyone know that the Department can be a voice for them.

So I think that everything that I am, and everything that I've done, combines and comes together in me as I do this job.

**CAPEHART:** Well, you know, it's interesting - for general perception, you know, as a woman and as a woman of color - you're supposed to be a lefty, and you're supposed to be someone who's actually a defense person, not a prosecutor. How did you gravitate towards being a prosecutor?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** For me, the prosecutor's role is the protector of people. And I've always felt that there are many communities out there, and many of them are minority communities, who either feel rightly - and sometimes rightly - that they don't get the full benefit of the protection of the law. That maybe crime in a certain neighborhood isn't always as aggressively pursued as in others. And it was very important to me to be part of a system that protected everyone equally and fairly. So I view it as very, very important to me, that we take this - that I take this job as one as extending the protections of law enforcement to everyone that deserves it.

**CAPEHART:** Now if I remember correctly, you became interested in the law because you watched your grandfather - you went with him to go to court to watch people - he defended them in some way - you talk about your grandfather, and how he basically helped people get over the unconstitutional Jim Crow laws that they had to deal with.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** This was the story that actually - this is a story that my father told me, because my grandfather passed away when I was very young. And my grandfather grew up in eastern North Carolina, and -

**CAPEHART:** What town? My family's from eastern North Carolina.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** He was from a small town called Oak City, North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** I'm going to have to look that up, my family's from [town], North Carolina. Small city. Go on.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Yes. And my grandfather was a minister, but he was also a sharecropper, which meant he didn't actually own the farms that he worked on, they were owned by other people. And he and his sons, including my father and his brothers, worked those fields for pay. But he had a very strong sense of justice. And in the 1930s in North Carolina, when my dad was very, very young - we're talking about a time before Miranda warnings, before the guarantee of the right to counsel, before so many of the things that we take for granted in our criminal justice system now that are guaranteed to us in our Constitution - and so many times when people found themselves, as my grandfather used to say, in the clutches of the law, unfairly so, they would come to him for help. And because they did not have the view that there could be fairness in their procedure, they would literally leave town, and my grandfather would hide them until they could in fact move away. And my father has told me a story of being at home and the sheriff coming by and talking to my grandfather and asking has he seen a particular person, "Do you know where so-and-so is?" And the person might actually be hiding under the floorboards, and my grandfather would say, "Well I haven't seen him lately." And so for me when I was younger, I always thought about that story - how does my grandfather, who was a very moral man, how do you reconcile that with what he was doing? And for him it was the concept of justice, and so justice - justice is a process. You know, we like to think of it as a verdict, or a decision - that if in fact you are pulled into the criminal justice system, you do have protections. And you will be held accountable for what you have done - I firmly believe that, I am a prosecutor - but it will happen in a way that is consistent with the ideals of this country, and not the kind of justice that would be found in the dark of a dirt road at night in the 1930s in North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** So of course, in preparing for this I reached out to lots of people to get a sense of you. And I got a terrific question to ask you, and that is - and I notice you're not wearing it, but from time to time you wear a charm, a butterfly charm -

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** A bumblebee.

**CAPEHART:** Oh, it's a bumblebee. What is the significance of that bumblebee?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well, the bumblebee is the insect that sort of keeps our planet alive with its work, but anatomically, and in terms of the laws of physics, it's not supposed to be able to fly. If you look at the shape of the body and the wings, it's not supposed to be able to fly and yet it does. And yet it does.

**CAPEHART:** And so - and how does that translate to you and your trajectory?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** There are so many times - not just for me, but for everyone - where you're going through life and you have goals, and people will look at you and make a decision, like, you can't do that, or you shouldn't be doing that, or is it the place for you? And whether it's because I'm African-American, or a woman, or Southern - you know, there are all kinds of issues that people face. And so, to be able to say back - to wear a symbol that says, I may not look like I can do this, but yet, I do, is very important to me.

**CAPEHART:** I'm going to go get myself a bumblebee head. Alright, now, we really do only have a couple of minutes left, and this is where I get to have some fun. So, what's guaranteed to get you on the dance floor? Taylor Swift's "Shake it Off" - wait, two more. Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk" -

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Love that song too.

**CAPEHART:** - "Boogie Wonderland" by Earth, Wind and Fire.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** I gotta tell you - I gotta go old school with Earth, Wind and Fire.

**CAPEHART:** Somehow I knew you'd say that. Because I'd be out there with you, because I mean - as soon as you hear the drums in the beginning...anyway. So you were a U.S. Attorney in New York City. Did you ever find yourself at home, on a rainy, snowy night, pint of ice cream, with "Law and Order" on, just watching the re-runs, critiquing cases as they came in and came out?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** [Laughs] Actually, the benefit of being a prosecutor in New York City is that a lot of cases from New York make their way into shows like "Law and Order." So a number of us would have a lot of fun watching the show and figuring out where they had drawn some inspiration from. And since a young woman that I used to work with in the U.S. Attorney's Office at one point in time was a writer on that show, I always felt I had the inside knowledge of what cases she was talking about. And I just wanted to know who was going to play me, that was really my only concern.

**CAPEHART:** Well, speaking of, who would you like to play you in the movie or the Lifetime series or Netflix, Amazon Prime -

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Gosh, I have no idea. I have no idea - I'm drawing a blank. There are so many wonderfully talented black actresses out there who could hopefully portray what I've always felt to be my strong desire to make sure that justice is open for everyone. So anyone who could do that, and I think - frankly, we've got such talent out in Hollywood now. One of the things that I think is great, again, about how our society's changing and opening up, is the recognition of black talent in the entertainment industry, the recognition in front of the camera, behind the camera, writing. That is something that I am just loving watching.

**CAPEHART:** Loretta Lynch, 83rd Attorney General of the United States, thank you very much.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Thank you.

**From:** James, Kelli D. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 2:08 PM  
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Thanks!  
The TV clips can wait, no worries.

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This is the one TV clip that is done we're still editing a couple others (they're pretty long), but I'll start on the transcript now.

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**REPORTER 1:** Let's get over to John Harwood with breaking news out of Washington.

**REPORTER 2:** John, we've just heard from the Attorney General Loretta Lynch from the Aspen Ideas Festival where she was interviewed by our colleague Jonathan Capeheart. She acknowledged the problems with the meeting that she had with former president Clinton on the Phoenix airport tarmac a few days ago which has gotten a lot of criticism from democrats and

republicans alike. She said it had been painful for her, that it cast a shadow over the email investigation going on within the FBI and the Justice Department. She said she would not recuse herself from the case, but she would accept the recommendations of career prosecutors on how to proceed once that investigation is concluded. Didn't say when that was going to be, so she was hoping to diffuse the controversy by 'fessing up to the problems associated with that meeting, saying she would not do it again but not recusing herself. We'll see whether that satisfies the critics, guys.

**REPORTER 2:** Do you think this is likely to put this matter to rest at least for now, John?

**HARWOOD:** No, I don't, because his was - the appearance of this was very bad - where you have the former president who's married to the person that hopes to be the future president who is being investigated by the Attorney General. Now, Loretta Lynch happens to be somebody who was appointed to the bench - or, excuse me - appointed U.S. attorney by former president Clinton in 1999, so there is a prior relationship there. She said that the meeting was purely social. Nothing has come out to contradict that, but the appearance is very bad. And by the note of contrition she was striking, she was acknowledging that. I would expect the criticism to continue, and to continue pretty aggressively - certainly from republicans and from some democrats, too.

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Send the tv clips you have done now and we can update later. Let's get the transcript done first.

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Will do! Would you like us to do this before finishing the TV clips?

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Can you all finish the transcribing the arm chair conversation? I believe the video is still available with the same link.

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You're welcome!

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Thank you guys so much! Great work.

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## Transcript – Aspen Ideas Forum July 1, 2016

**JONATHAN CAPEHART:** By the way, I'm Jonathan Capehart of the *Washington Post* and a MSNBC contributor. Thank you for being here this morning. **AG**, thank you for being here. As Walter said, you have a reputation of having the highest integrity, utmost, solid judgment, so when people heard what went down in Phoenix, a lot of people were like, I mean, friends, supporters, backers, saying, what on earth was she thinking? Talking to Bill Clinton? So what on earth were you thinking? What happened?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, I think that's the question of the day, isn't it. I think it's a perfectly reasonable question, I think that's the question that is called by what happened in Phoenix because people have also wondered and raised questions about my role in the ultimate resolution of matters involving the investigation into the State Department e-mails. And to the extent that people have questions about that, about my role in that, certainly my meeting with him raises questions and concerns, and so believe me, I completely get that question. And I think it is the question of the day. I think the issue is, again, what is my role in how that matter is going to be resolved? And so, let me be clear on how that is going to be resolved. I have gotten that question a lot over time and we usually don't go into those deliberations, but I do think it is important that people see what that process is like, as I have always indicated, the matter is being handled by career agents and investigators, with the Department of Justice, they've had it since the beginning.

**CAPEHART:** Which predates your tenure as **AG** ?

**AG LYNCH:** It predates my tenure as **AG**. It is the same team and they are acting independently. They follow the law, they follow the facts. That team will make findings, that is to say they will come up with a chronology of what happened, the factual scenario, they will make recommendations as to how to resolve what those facts lead to. The recommendations will be reviewed by career supervisors in the Department of Justice and in the FBI and by the FBI Director, and then, as is the common process, they will present it to me and I fully expect to accept the recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** Now, what's interesting here is you say you fully expect to accept their recommendations, one thing people were saying this morning when the news broke was that you were, quote "recusing yourself from having any kind of role in the final determination", is that the case? Is that what you're saying?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, a recusal would mean that I wouldn't even be briefed on what the findings were or what the actions going forward would be. And while I don't have a role in those findings in coming up with those findings or making those recommendations on how to move forward, I will be briefed on it and I will be accepting their recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say...again, this must be the journalist in me or the linguist in me, accepting to me would mean; "Here Madam **AG**, here are our findings and you accept them whole heartedly and issue them to the public, or you accept them and look them over and then make your own determination as to what the final determination will be.

**AG LYNCH:** No, the final determination as to how to proceed will be contained within the recommendations or report or whatever format the team puts it together, that has not been resolved, whatever report they provide to me, there will be a review of their investigation, there will be a review of what they have found and determined to have happened or occurred and it will be their determinations as to how they feel that the case should proceed.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say there will be a review, you mean the review will be done by you once you accept the recommendations and determinations or are you talking about the process of the review getting to that point?

**AG LYNCH:** I'm talking about the initial process of how this case will be resolved. This case will be resolved by the team that's been working on it, from the beginning. Supervisors always review matters, in this case that review will be career people in the Department of Justice, and also the FBI will review it, up to and including the FBI Director and that will be the finalization of not just the factual findings but the next steps in this matter.

**CAPEHART:** And I find it interesting, several times you have made a point of saying career prosecutors, career officials within the justice department. Why are you making that very hard distinction, that description?

**AG LYNCH:** I think a lot of the questions that I have gotten over the past several months, frankly, about my role in this investigation and what it would likely be, was a question or a concern about whether someone who was a political appointee would be involved in deciding how to investigate a matter or what something meant or how should the case proceed going forward? And as I have always said, this matter would be handled by the career people who are independent. They live from administration to administration. Their role is to follow the facts and follow the law, and make a determination as to what happened and what those next steps should be. But, you know, in my role as **AG**, there are cases that come up to me, I am informed of them from time to time. This case, as you know, has generated a lot of attention. I'll be informed of those findings, as opposed to never reading them or never seeing them, but I will be accepting their recommendations and their plans for going forward.

**CAPEHART:** So the New York Times reported this morning that the Justice Department officials said back in April that what you're talking about right now was already being considered, and so the question is before President Clinton boarded your plane in Arizona, had you already made the determination that what you're announcing today was indeed what you were going to do?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, I had already determined that, that would be the process. And in large part it's because, as I'm sure you know as a journalist, I do get this question a lot. And as I have said on occasions as to why we don't talk about ongoing investigations in terms of what's being discussed and who's being interviewed, is to preserve the integrity of that investigation. And we also don't typically talk about the process by which we make decisions, and I've provided that response too. But in this situation, because I did have that meeting, it has raised concerns, I feel.

And I feel that while I can certainly say, this will be handled like any other, as it has always been, and it is going to be resolved like any other, as it was always going to be. I think people need the information about exactly how that resolution will come about in order to know what that means, and really accept that and have faith in the ultimate decision of the Department of Justice.

**CAPEHART:** So back to my first question, the “what were you thinking” question. But let me put a different spin on it and ask, when you're on your plane, from having been in Washington for a while and knowing how the protocol works: you land, folks get off for all sorts of reasons, but it's very fast. You're on your plane and in walks the former president of the United States, what were you thinking at that moment?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, as I have said, you know, he said hello and we basically said hello and I congratulated him on his grandchildren, as people tend to do and that led to a conversation about those grandchildren, who do sound great. And that led to a conversation about his travels and he told me what he had been doing in Phoenix and various things, and then we spoke about former **AG** Janet Reno, but it really was a social meeting. And it really was in that regard. He spoke to me, and he spoke to my husband for some time on the plane, and we moved on. And as I've said before though, I do think that no matter how I viewed it, I understand how people view it. And I think that because of that and because of the fact that it has now cast a shadow over how this case may be perceived, no matter how it's resolved, it's important to talk about how it will be resolved. It's important to make it clear that that meeting with President Clinton does not have a bearing on how this matter is going to be reviewed, resolved and accepted by me. Because that is the question that it raises. So again, no matter how I viewed the meeting, what's important to me is how people view the Department of Justice because of that meeting. How do people view the team that has worked on this from the beginning, because of this meeting? How do people view the work that we do everyday on behalf of the American people, which we strive to do with integrity and independence. So that's the question for me, and that's why I felt it was important to talk about what impact that meeting would have on the case.

**CAPEHART:** Now, you've known President Clinton for a long time, he's the one who nominated you and appointed you to a U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District in 1999. So I'm wondering - you have a relationship is what I'm trying to get to in terms of long standing professional relationship. So you would be well within your right to say, “Um, get off my plane. what are you doing here?” Do you regret not telling the former President of the United States to leave the premises?

**AG LYNCH:** As I have said, I may have viewed it in a certain light, but the issue is how does it impact the work that I do and the work that the Department of Justice does. I certainly wouldn't do it again. Because I think it has cast a shadow over what it should not, over what it will not touch. That's why I said, I think it's important to talk about how this matter will be resolved, and how the review and how the determinations and the decisions will be made. I can say, as I have said, it's going to be handled by career people and then we can make an announcement as to what it is. But unless people have some insight into that process, they're not going to be able to evaluate that. The most important thing for me as an **AG** is the integrity of the Department of Justice. The fact that the meeting that I had is now casting a shadow over how people are going

to view that work is something that I take seriously and deeply and painfully. So I think it's important to provide as much information as we can so that people can have a full view of how we do our work and why we do our work and how this case is going to be resolved as well as how all the cases that we look at are going to be resolved.

**CAPEHART:** And so of course, what's happened as a result of this, people who are out there in the world are saying, "See, this is an example of the system that's rigged against the rest of us." And you just said that this whole incident has been "painful," is one of the words, one of the words you used. What would you say to the American people who might -- who believe that, yes, indeed, this is an example of Washington rigged against them?

**AG LYNCH:** I think that people have a whole host of reasons to have questions about how we in government do our business and how we handle business and how we handle matters and I think that, again, I understand that my meeting on the plane with former President Clinton could give them another reason to have questions and concerns also. And that is something that -- and that's why I said it's painful to me. Because the integrity of the Department of Justice is important. And what I would say to people is to look at the work that we do. Look at the matters that we work on every day, whether they involve a high profile matter, or a matter where you have never heard of the person. Look at the victims that we deal with every day, look at the people that we protect every day because that's our mission. And to the extent that this issue has overshadowed that mission - yes, that's painful to me. And so I think it's important that we provide as much information as we can so people can have faith and confidence in the work of the department and the work of the people who carry on this work every day.

**CAPEHEART:** And last question on this. So when might we expect your acceptance of these findings and determinations? Are we looking at weeks, months, days?

**AG LYNCH:** So in terms of timing, I actually don't know that. Because again, I don't have that insight into, I would say, the nuts and bolts of the investigation at this point in time. They're working on it. They're working on it very hard. They're working on it to be sure that they're thorough as they can be, that they have looked at every angle, that they've looked at every issue. They're doing the work that the people in the Department of Justice do every single day, and I could not be more proud of that work. And I could not be more proud to present that work to the American people when this matter is resolved, and we can let people know the outcome of this investigation.

**CAPEHEART:** Moving on.

**CAPEHART:** Moving on. So. Keep in mind, this sitdown has been on the books for several several weeks, a few months. And we were here because you were going to talk about criminal justice reform.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** You've been out west and making your way back east, going to various communities, talking about some of the findings and things that people are doing vis-a-vis the

president's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. And in reading the report - I actually read it - there was a quote in there that I think captures why this commission was important. And it came from a commission member, Susan Lee Rahr - she's executive director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. And she wrote, 'In 2012, we began asking the question, why are we training police officers like soldiers? Although police officers wear uniforms and carry weapons, the similarity ends there. The missions and rules of engagement are completely different. The soldier's mission is that of a warrior - to conquer; the rules of engagement are decided before the battle. The police officer's mission is that of a guardian - to protect; the rules of engagement evolve as the incident unfolds. How did we get from police being guardians who protect to what many of you - as police being basically a domestic military force occupying neighborhoods?

**AG LYNCH:** You know, I think it's going to be different in every community, but it's been one of the underlying concerns that I've heard as I've traveled the country on my Community Policing Tour - is community residents who say, we don't have a connection with our local police force. They simply patrol, and they don't connect with us. And so my goal, on the tour that I just finished, both in 2015 and 2016, was to find those communities where communities and law enforcement were working together, and were making positive change, and were working on the format where the police are, in fact, the guardians of the community. I think there's a whole host of reasons for why training went one way. I mean certainly, we were talking, at some point and time several years back, about a huge influx of narcotics in our communities. And that has certainly led to a host of consequences that we are trying now to alleviate with criminal justice reform and sentencing reform. But it also led to a view that aggressive policing was really necessary in order to deal with not just narcotics, but also the violent crime that often comes along with it. And there are those who said the pendulum swung too far in that direction, so I think we find ourselves now in a situation where - to say that there is, sort of, a frayed relationship of trust between law enforcement and many communities, particularly minority communities, is the understatement of this generation. So what I've been working on - and this is one, in fact, one of my priorities, is looking at communities that have had that frayed relationship, that have had things break down, that have had the violence of Baltimore, or a terrible incident involving someone losing their life at the hands of a police officer, or even a Department of Justice (DOJ) case against them - and looking at how they are a couple of years after that. Have they managed to use the tools that we tried to provide to them, and in fact create a positive working relationship between law enforcement and the community. And I actually have been very heartened by what I've seen across the country.

**CAPEHART:** I was going to ask you - how have police departments been - how receptive have they been to these recommendations, particularly the one that says that police departments need to own their past, need to own the conflict that they've generated, that has generated the distrust between the law enforcement and the community. How are police departments responding to that? Owning their responsibility?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, that's an excellent point because I often talk to community members who will say, you know, things are great with this police chief, we're actually making very positive strides. But community members will say, but you know, five years ago this incident happened to me, or even 10 years ago, I saw this happen to my older sibling or parent. And that remains in

people's consciousness and affects how they interact with the police. Couple of the jurisdictions I visited - I was actually in Los Angeles just yesterday, and I also went to Miami, and I was in Portland. And I was visiting those jurisdictions because they actually were still in the middle of resolving problems. I mean, the Los Angeles Police Department's history, I think, is well documented, and the issues that they had. They were under a consent decree in the 2000s. They've come out of that now, but I think certainly residents still recall those days. And so I was very heartened to see in my discussions, both with police leadership and community members, that no one was ignoring the past, that people are saying, you know, we have to own the past, and we have to acknowledge that we have contributed. We, law enforcement, have contributed to these problems, and here's what we are doing to be accountable, to be transparent, to be responsible, to pull community members in. Because without that acceptance of responsibility, there won't be trust in the new either regime or policies going forward.

**CAPEHART:** Now a few years ago, FBI director James Comey delivered on race - a pretty spectacular speech on race - where he talked about how law enforcement needed to own its past. One of the things - another thing that Director Comey has said on multiple occasions is that he believes there is a so-called "Ferguson Effect" on law enforcement jurisdictions. Do you agree with him? Is there a "Ferguson Effect," it meaning that as a result of what happened in Ferguson and Charleston where people are videotaping what police officers - what law enforcement actions - that police officers are now wary to actually do their jobs, for lack of a better description - but to patrol neighborhoods and to continue to make them safe. And that's resulted in a spike in crime.

**AG LYNCH:** Well the FBI director has spoken about that, and he's spoken about it in the context that people have relayed to him. And so, you know, he's spoken about it in that context. I have not seen that. And in fact, we had a recent DOJ study, and the conclusion was: we need more information, as most studies are. But I think - and that's statistics for you - but I think what I've seen, you know, as I've talked to police departments across the country and community members across the country is a lot of change in law enforcement. A lot of change at the level of training, a lot of change in the community involvement, a movement away from over-policing, a movement towards getting to know members of the community, getting to understand people and their problems. And certainly I think it is the hope of all of us in law enforcement that that will lead to not only a reduction in crime, but it certainly could lead to a reduction in the number of arrests. I have not seen police officers shirking their responsibilities. I have not seen police officers backing away from the hard issues that come from patrolling very difficult and often very dangerous communities. I've seen them moving towards that. I've seen them come to the Department of Justice and say, you know, I have a use of force policy that's really old - can you help me make sure mine is up to date? I've seen them come to the department and say I want to set up a community board - do you have some examples that I can look at so that I don't have a situation like I've seen in other police departments. So I've seen a lot of positive action from both community members and law enforcement in this regard.

**CAPEHART:** So on this trip, you went to San Bernardino.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** Was that yesterday? Two days ago?

**AG LYNCH:** Well I was in Los Angeles, but I met with the team of agents, investigators, police officers and lawyers who had worked on the San Bernardino investigation and are continuing to work on it.

**CAPEHART:** And as we recall, that was December, mass shooting, 14 people were killed. And there are a couple of currents in that shooting - also if you tie in Orlando and what happened last month, where 49 people were killed - you've got folks who have high capacity weapons to kill lots of people, but you also have people who, from reports, are inspired by ISIS. So can you talk about the challenge that those twin things cause for you and the department? Mass shootings but also terrorism.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, yes. Well you know the challenge is something that we've been talking about for some time now as we've looked at how the threat to our homeland has changed and morphed over the years since 9/11. Obviously, we still are looking at investigating the orchestrated attacks like that, but what we are seeing now are more of the homegrown extremists, those individuals often who were born here, who become radicalized - usually online - and act out that radical ideology. The challenge is not only finding those individuals, investigating and preventing their actions; we also have a dual challenge of how do we break that chain of the violent ideology that people consume online? The Internet is free and open, and it should remain free and open, but it is the place that many people go and find information that dates back years. And you'll see the tracking of - in many of the investigations that we have of people who start out looking at Al Qaeda types of videos and documentaries move into ISIS supported ideology and videos as well. How do we reach those individuals and either give them an alternative reason for their thought processes or break that chain of violent ideology? So those are the twin challenges that we face.

**CAPEHART:** Alright. So I'm looking at the clock. We've got less than seven minutes left, so I've got lots of stuff to cram in here. So on May 9, you announced that the Justice Department was suing North Carolina for its so-called "Bathroom Bill". And at one point, a very powerful moment in your remarks, you directed them directly to the transgender community. And I won't read the entire quote, but one piece of it jumped out at me, and that was when you said that, 'we see you' to transgender Americans. Why did you feel it was important to say those words to that community in such a public forum?

**AG LYNCH:** Because when we talk about different groups in this country who are victimized and who are marginalized, the way in which it often happens is people are made to feel or to be invisible. Because if someone is invisible, you don't have to look at their concerns or their issues. If they're invisible, you don't have to hear about the problems that they have. And I think this is a time of great social change in this country - I think for the good, I think for the better. I think we're moving towards what Dr. King called the "Beloved Community". But with change often comes a lot of uncertainty and fear on the part of other people, who find it challenging to say the least. And I think there is often a desire to deal with someone or some issue that you find different by shoving it out of sight. And if we are really going to have the

open and free society that is the birthright of every American, that is the right of everyone who comes here and lives here, in this country, then everyone deserves the right to stand in the light. It has been my concern - also, with respect to the Orlando shooting, that members of the LGBT community may feel that it's safe for me if I don't come out. Maybe it's safer for me if I stay in the shadows. That's not the country we live in. It's not the America we've chosen over 200 years ago, it's not the one that any of us want. And so everyone deserves to stand in the light and to truly be seen for who they are. That's what diversity is, and to me, that's what America is.

**CAPEHART:** What did Eric Holder tell you about this job?

**AG LYNCH:** [Laughs]

**CAPEHART:** What's the one thing you wish he had told you?

**AG LYNCH:** Where the lock on the plane door was.

**CAPEHART:** [Laughs] Good answer. So I understand that every AG leaves a letter for his or her successor. What did **AG** Holder leave for you? What did he say in his letter?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, those letters are private -

**CAPEHART:** Oh come on, just a little.

**AG LYNCH:** - so I won't go into the exact letter. But what I will say is that AG Holder has been a friend for some time and I've had the privilege of working with him, both as U.S. Attorney in two separate administrations, and working with him as **AG** was a privilege. And he has always been supportive, he has always talked to me about the privilege of being **AG** and the privilege of serving the American people, and working to ensure that in every way in which the Department of Justice works, that the highest standards of integrity are upheld. That's something that's been a part of my career since I joined the department. And he has always been that voice of that for me as well.

**CAPEHART:** So being AG - is it harder to be black, or harder to be a woman in your job?

**AG LYNCH:** You know, I'm not sure how you separate the two for me. [Laughs] You know, I think that - for me, this is the greatest job that I've had. And it's such a tremendous privilege to sit in that chair, and to try to do justice and try to do the right thing every day. And so I approach it from that perspective. I think if people want to look at it and say, "Do I want to make a decision based on my background in some way" - I think all of us are a combination of all of our experiences. And I think that I look back on my experiences growing up in the South and what my parents went through, and how important it was for them to stand up for equal rights, and how important it was for them to make it clear that everyone has a place in society. And I look back on my years as a prosecutor, and my years of dealing with victims who often feel like there's no one to speak for them, and I think of how important it is that everyone know that the Department can be a voice for them.

So I think that everything that I am, and everything that I've done, combines and comes together in me as I do this job.

**CAPEHART:** Well, you know, it's interesting - for general perception, you know, as a woman and as a woman of color - you're supposed to be a lefty, and you're supposed to be someone who's actually a defense person, not a prosecutor. How did you gravitate towards being a prosecutor?

**AG LYNCH:** For me, the prosecutor's role is the protector of people. And I've always felt that there are many communities out there, and many of them are minority communities, who either feel rightly - and sometimes rightly - that they don't get the full benefit of the protection of the law. That maybe crime in a certain neighborhood isn't always as aggressively pursued as in others. And it was very important to me to be part of a system that protected everyone equally and fairly. So I view it as very, very important to me, that we take this - that I take this job as one as extending the protections of law enforcement to everyone that deserves it.

**CAPEHART:** Now if I remember correctly, you became interested in the law because you watched your grandfather - you went with him to go to court to watch people - he defended them in some way - you talk about your grandfather, and how he basically helped people get over the unconstitutional Jim Crow laws that they had to deal with.

**AG LYNCH:** This was the story that actually - this is a story that my father told me, because my grandfather passed away when I was very young. And my grandfather grew up in eastern North Carolina, and -

**CAPEHART:** What town? My family's from eastern North Carolina.

**AG LYNCH:** He was from a small town called Oak City, North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** I'm going to have to look that up, my family's from [town], North Carolina. Small city. Go on.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes. And my grandfather was a minister, but he was also a sharecropper, which meant he didn't actually own the farms that he worked on, they were owned by other people. And he and his sons, including my father and his brothers, worked those fields for pay. But he had a very strong sense of justice. And in the 1930s in North Carolina, when my dad was very, very young - we're talking about a time before Miranda warnings, before the guarantee of the right to counsel, before so many of the things that we take for granted in our criminal justice system now that are guaranteed to us in our Constitution - and so many times when people found themselves, as my grandfather used to say, in the clutches of the law, unfairly so, they would come to him for help. And because they did not have the view that there could be fairness in their procedure, they would literally leave town, and my grandfather would hide them until they could in fact move away. And my father has told me a story of being at home and the sheriff coming by and talking to my grandfather and asking has he seen a particular person, "Do you know where so-and-so is?" And the person might actually be hiding under the floorboards,

and my grandfather would say, "Well I haven't seen him lately." And so for me when I was younger, I always thought about that story - how does my grandfather, who was a very moral man, how do you reconcile that with what he was doing? And for him it was the concept of justice, and so justice - justice is a process. You know, we like to think of it as a verdict, or a decision - that if in fact you are pulled into the criminal justice system, you do have protections. And you will be held accountable for what you have done - I firmly believe that, I am a prosecutor - but it will happen in a way that is consistent with the ideals of this country, and not the kind of justice that would be found in the dark of a dirt road at night in the 1930s in North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** So of course, in preparing for this I reached out to lots of people to get a sense of you. And I got a terrific question to ask you, and that is - and I notice you're not wearing it, but from time to time you wear a charm, a butterfly charm -

**AG LYNCH:** A bumblebee.

**CAPEHART:** Oh, it's a bumblebee. What is the significance of that bumblebee?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, the bumblebee is the insect that sort of keeps our planet alive with its work, but anatomically, and in terms of the laws of physics, it's not supposed to be able to fly. If you look at the shape of the body and the wings, it's not supposed to be able to fly and yet it does. And yet it does.

**CAPEHART:** And so - and how does that translate to you and your trajectory?

**AG LYNCH:** There are so many times - not just for me, but for everyone - where you're going through life and you have goals, and people will look at you and make a decision, like, you can't do that, or you shouldn't be doing that, or is it the place for you? And whether it's because I'm African-American, or a woman, or Southern - you know, there are all kinds of issues that people face. And so, to be able to say back - to wear a symbol that says, I may not look like I can do this, but yet, I do, is very important to me.

**CAPEHART:** I'm going to go get myself a bumblebee head. Alright, now, we really do only have a couple of minutes left, and this is where I get to have some fun. So, what's guaranteed to get you on the dance floor? Taylor Swift's "Shake it Off" - wait, two more. Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk" -

**AG LYNCH:** Love that song too.

**CAPEHART:** - "Boogie Wonderland" by Earth, Wind and Fire.

**AG LYNCH:** I gotta tell you - I gotta go old school with Earth, Wind and Fire.

**CAPEHART:** Somehow I knew you'd say that. Because I'd be out there with you, because I mean - as soon as you hear the drums in the beginning...anyway. So you were a U.S. Attorney in New York City. Did you ever find yourself at home, on a rainy, snowy night, pint of ice cream,

with "Law and Order" on, just watching the re-runs, critiquing cases as they came in and came out?

**AG LYNCH:** [Laughs] Actually, the benefit of being a prosecutor in New York City is that a lot of cases from New York make their way into shows like "Law and Order." So a number of us would have a lot of fun watching the show and figuring out where they had drawn some inspiration from. And since a young woman that I used to work with in the U.S. Attorney's Office at one point in time was a writer on that show, I always felt I had the inside knowledge of what cases she was talking about. And I just wanted to know who was going to play me, that was really my only concern.

**CAPEHART:** Well, speaking of, who would you like to play you in the movie or the Lifetime series or Netflix, Amazon Prime -

**AG LYNCH:** Gosh, I have no idea. I have no idea - I'm drawing a blank. There are so many wonderfully talented black actresses out there who could hopefully portray what I've always felt to be my strong desire to make sure that justice is open for everyone. So anyone who could do that, and I think - frankly, we've got such talent out in Hollywood now. One of the things that I think is great, again, about how our society's changing and opening up, is the recognition of black talent in the entertainment industry, the recognition in front of the camera, behind the camera, writing. That is something that I am just loving watching.

**CAPEHART:** Loretta Lynch, 83rd Attorney General of the United States, thank you very much.

**AG LYNCH:** Thank you.

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**Lacy, Erica (JMD)**

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**From:** Lacy, Erica (JMD)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 4:19 PM  
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Which part? the entire thing or the Clinton part?

We have the Clinton part but the interns are working on the entire thing there were no formal remarks so they are doing it now.

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Yes!

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Thanks all.

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I think we are working on it

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**JONATHAN CAPEHART:** By the way, I'm Jonathan Capehart of the *Washington Post* and a MSNBC contributor. Thank you for being here this morning. **AG**, thank you for being here. As Walter said, you have a reputation of having the highest integrity, utmost, solid judgment, so when people heard what went down in Phoenix, a lot of people were like, I mean, friends, supporters, backers, saying, what on earth was she thinking? Talking to Bill Clinton? So what on earth were you thinking? What happened?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, I think that's the question of the day, isn't it. I think it's a perfectly reasonable question, I think that's the question that is called by what happened in Phoenix because people have also wondered and raised questions about my role in the ultimate resolution of matters involving the investigation into the State Department e-mails. And to the extent that people have questions about that, about my role in that, certainly my meeting with him raises questions and concerns, and so believe me, I completely get that question. And I think it is the question of the day. I think the issue is, again, what is my role in how that matter is going to be resolved? And so, let me be clear on how that is going to be resolved. I have gotten that question a lot over time and we usually don't go into those deliberations, but I do think it is important that people see what that process is like, as I have always indicated, the matter is being handled by career agents and investigators, with the Department of Justice, they've had it since the beginning.

**CAPEHART:** Which predates your tenure as **AG** ?

**AG LYNCH:** It predates my tenure as **AG**. It is the same team and they are acting independently. They follow the law, they follow the facts. That team will make findings, that is to say they will come up with a chronology of what happened, the factual scenario, they will make recommendations as to how to resolve what those facts lead to. The recommendations will be reviewed by career supervisors in the Department of Justice and in the FBI and by the FBI Director, and then, as is the common process, they will present it to me and I fully expect to accept the recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** Now, what's interesting here is you say you fully expect to accept their recommendations, one thing people were saying this morning when the news broke was that you were, quote "recusing yourself from having any kind of role in the final determination", is that the case? Is that what you're saying?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, a recusal would mean that I wouldn't even be briefed on what the findings were or what the actions going forward would be. And while I don't have a role in those findings in coming up with those findings or making those recommendations on how to move forward, I will be briefed on it and I will be accepting their recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say...again, this must be the journalist in me or the linguist in me, accepting to me would mean; "Here Madam **AG**, here are our findings and you accept them whole heartedly and issue them to the public, or you accept them and look them over and then make your own determination as to what the final determination will be.

**AG LYNCH:** No, the final determination as to how to proceed will be contained within the recommendations or report or whatever format the team puts it together, that has not been resolved, whatever report they provide to me, there will be a review of their investigation, there will be a review of what they have found and determined to have happened or occurred and it will be their determinations as to how they feel that the case should proceed.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say there will be a review, you mean the review will be done by you once you accept the recommendations and determinations or are you talking about the process of the review getting to that point?

**AG LYNCH:** I'm talking about the initial process of how this case will be resolved. This case will be resolved by the team that's been working on it, from the beginning. Supervisors always review matters, in this case that review will be career people in the Department of Justice, and also the FBI will review it, up to and including the FBI Director and that will be the finalization of not just the factual findings but the next steps in this matter.

**CAPEHART:** And I find it interesting, several times you have made a point of saying career prosecutors, career officials within the justice department. Why are you making that very hard distinction, that description?

**AG LYNCH:** I think a lot of the questions that I have gotten over the past several months, frankly, about my role in this investigation and what it would likely be, was a question or a concern about whether someone who was a political appointee would be involved in deciding how to investigate a matter or what something meant or how should the case proceed going forward? And as I have always said, this matter would be handled by the career people who are independent. They live from administration to administration. Their role is to follow the facts and follow the law, and make a determination as to what happened and what those next steps should be. But, you know, in my role as **AG**, there are cases that come up to me, I am informed of them from time to time. This case, as you know, has generated a lot of attention. I'll be informed of those findings, as opposed to never reading them or never seeing them, but I will be accepting their recommendations and their plans for going forward.

**CAPEHART:** So the New York Times reported this morning that the Justice Department officials said back in April that what you're talking about right now was already being considered, and so the question is before President Clinton boarded your plane in Arizona, had you already made the determination that what you're announcing today was indeed what you were going to do?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, I had already determined that, that would be the process. And in large part it's because, as I'm sure you know as a journalist, I do get this question a lot. And as I have said on occasions as to why we don't talk about ongoing investigations in terms of what's being discussed and who's being interviewed, is to preserve the integrity of that investigation. And we also don't typically talk about the process by which we make decisions, and I've provided that response too. But in this situation, because I did have that meeting, it has raised concerns, I feel.

And I feel that while I can certainly say, this will be handled like any other, as it has always been, and it is going to be resolved like any other, as it was always going to be. I think people need the information about exactly how that resolution will come about in order to know what that means, and really accept that and have faith in the ultimate decision of the Department of Justice.

**CAPEHART:** So back to my first question, the “what were you thinking” question. But let me put a different spin on it and ask, when you're on your plane, from having been in Washington for a while and knowing how the protocol works: you land, folks get off for all sorts of reasons, but it's very fast. You're on your plane and in walks the former president of the United States, what were you thinking at that moment?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, as I have said, you know, he said hello and we basically said hello and I congratulated him on his grandchildren, as people tend to do and that led to a conversation about those grandchildren, who do sound great. And that led to a conversation about his travels and he told me what he had been doing in Phoenix and various things, and then we spoke about former **AG** Janet Reno, but it really was a social meeting. And it really was in that regard. He spoke to me, and he spoke to my husband for some time on the plane, and we moved on. And as I've said before though, I do think that no matter how I viewed it, I understand how people view it. And I think that because of that and because of the fact that it has now cast a shadow over how this case may be perceived, no matter how it's resolved, it's important to talk about how it will be resolved. It's important to make it clear that that meeting with President Clinton does not have a bearing on how this matter is going to be reviewed, resolved and accepted by me. Because that is the question that it raises. So again, no matter how I viewed the meeting, what's important to me is how people view the Department of Justice because of that meeting. How do people view the team that has worked on this from the beginning, because of this meeting? How do people view the work that we do everyday on behalf of the American people, which we strive to do with integrity and independence. So that's the question for me, and that's why I felt it was important to talk about what impact that meeting would have on the case.

**CAPEHART:** Now, you've known President Clinton for a long time, he's the one who nominated you and appointed you to a U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District in 1999. So I'm wondering - you have a relationship is what I'm trying to get to in terms of long standing professional relationship. So you would be well within your right to say, “Um, get off my plane. what are you doing here?” Do you regret not telling the former President of the United States to leave the premises?

**AG LYNCH:** As I have said, I may have viewed it in a certain light, but the issue is how does it impact the work that I do and the work that the Department of Justice does. I certainly wouldn't do it again. Because I think it has cast a shadow over what it should not, over what it will not touch. That's why I said, I think it's important to talk about how this matter will be resolved, and how the review and how the determinations and the decisions will be made. I can say, as I have said, it's going to be handled by career people and then we can make an announcement as to what it is. But unless people have some insight into that process, they're not going to be able to evaluate that. The most important thing for me as an **AG** is the integrity of the Department of Justice. The fact that the meeting that I had is now casting a shadow over how people are going

to view that work is something that I take seriously and deeply and painfully. So I think it's important to provide as much information as we can so that people can have a full view of how we do our work and why we do our work and how this case is going to be resolved as well as how all the cases that we look at are going to be resolved.

**CAPEHART:** And so of course, what's happened as a result of this, people who are out there in the world are saying, "See, this is an example of the system that's rigged against the rest of us." And you just said that this whole incident has been "painful," is one of the words, one of the words you used. What would you say to the American people who might -- who believe that, yes, indeed, this is an example of Washington rigged against them?

**AG LYNCH:** I think that people have a whole host of reasons to have questions about how we in government do our business and how we handle business and how we handle matters and I think that, again, I understand that my meeting on the plane with former President Clinton could give them another reason to have questions and concerns also. And that is something that -- and that's why I said it's painful to me. Because the integrity of the Department of Justice is important. And what I would say to people is to look at the work that we do. Look at the matters that we work on every day, whether they involve a high profile matter, or a matter where you have never heard of the person. Look at the victims that we deal with every day, look at the people that we protect every day because that's our mission. And to the extent that this issue has overshadowed that mission - yes, that's painful to me. And so I think it's important that we provide as much information as we can so people can have faith and confidence in the work of the department and the work of the people who carry on this work every day.

**CAPEHEART:** And last question on this. So when might we expect your acceptance of these findings and determinations? Are we looking at weeks, months, days?

**AG LYNCH:** So in terms of timing, I actually don't know that. Because again, I don't have that insight into, I would say, the nuts and bolts of the investigation at this point in time. They're working on it. They're working on it very hard. They're working on it to be sure that they're thorough as they can be, that they have looked at every angle, that they've looked at every issue. They're doing the work that the people in the Department of Justice do every single day, and I could not be more proud of that work. And I could not be more proud to present that work to the American people when this matter is resolved, and we can let people know the outcome of this investigation.

**CAPEHEART:** Moving on.

**CAPEHART:** Moving on. So. Keep in mind, this sitdown has been on the books for several several weeks, a few months. And we were here because you were going to talk about criminal justice reform.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** You've been out west and making your way back east, going to various communities, talking about some of the findings and things that people are doing vis-a-vis the

president's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. And in reading the report - I actually read it - there was a quote in there that I think captures why this commission was important. And it came from a commission member, Susan Lee Rahr - she's executive director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. And she wrote, 'In 2012, we began asking the question, why are we training police officers like soldiers? Although police officers wear uniforms and carry weapons, the similarity ends there. The missions and rules of engagement are completely different. The soldier's mission is that of a warrior - to conquer; the rules of engagement are decided before the battle. The police officer's mission is that of a guardian - to protect; the rules of engagement evolve as the incident unfolds. How did we get from police being guardians who protect to what many of you - as police being basically a domestic military force occupying neighborhoods?

**AG LYNCH:** You know, I think it's going to be different in every community, but it's been one of the underlying concerns that I've heard as I've traveled the country on my Community Policing Tour - is community residents who say, we don't have a connection with our local police force. They simply patrol, and they don't connect with us. And so my goal, on the tour that I just finished, both in 2015 and 2016, was to find those communities where communities and law enforcement were working together, and were making positive change, and were working on the format where the police are, in fact, the guardians of the community. I think there's a whole host of reasons for why training went one way. I mean certainly, we were talking, at some point and time several years back, about a huge influx of narcotics in our communities. And that has certainly led to a host of consequences that we are trying now to alleviate with criminal justice reform and sentencing reform. But it also led to a view that aggressive policing was really necessary in order to deal with not just narcotics, but also the violent crime that often comes along with it. And there are those who said the pendulum swung too far in that direction, so I think we find ourselves now in a situation where - to say that there is, sort of, a frayed relationship of trust between law enforcement and many communities, particularly minority communities, is the understatement of this generation. So what I've been working on - and this is one, in fact, one of my priorities, is looking at communities that have had that frayed relationship, that have had things break down, that have had the violence of Baltimore, or a terrible incident involving someone losing their life at the hands of a police officer, or even a Department of Justice (DOJ) case against them - and looking at how they are a couple of years after that. Have they managed to use the tools that we tried to provide to them, and in fact create a positive working relationship between law enforcement and the community. And I actually have been very heartened by what I've seen across the country.

**CAPEHART:** I was going to ask you - how have police departments been - how receptive have they been to these recommendations, particularly the one that says that police departments need to own their past, need to own the conflict that they've generated, that has generated the distrust between the law enforcement and the community. How are police departments responding to that? Owning their responsibility?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, that's an excellent point because I often talk to community members who will say, you know, things are great with this police chief, we're actually making very positive strides. But community members will say, but you know, five years ago this incident happened to me, or even 10 years ago, I saw this happen to my older sibling or parent. And that remains in

people's consciousness and affects how they interact with the police. Couple of the jurisdictions I visited - I was actually in Los Angeles just yesterday, and I also went to Miami, and I was in Portland. And I was visiting those jurisdictions because they actually were still in the middle of resolving problems. I mean, the Los Angeles Police Department's history, I think, is well documented, and the issues that they had. They were under a consent decree in the 2000s. They've come out of that now, but I think certainly residents still recall those days. And so I was very heartened to see in my discussions, both with police leadership and community members, that no one was ignoring the past, that people are saying, you know, we have to own the past, and we have to acknowledge that we have contributed. We, law enforcement, have contributed to these problems, and here's what we are doing to be accountable, to be transparent, to be responsible, to pull community members in. Because without that acceptance of responsibility, there won't be trust in the new either regime or policies going forward.

**CAPEHART:** Now a few years ago, FBI director James Comey delivered on race - a pretty spectacular speech on race - where he talked about how law enforcement needed to own its past. One of the things - another thing that Director Comey has said on multiple occasions is that he believes there is a so-called "Ferguson Effect" on law enforcement jurisdictions. Do you agree with him? Is there a "Ferguson Effect," it meaning that as a result of what happened in Ferguson and Charleston where people are videotaping what police officers - what law enforcement actions - that police officers are now wary to actually do their jobs, for lack of a better description - but to patrol neighborhoods and to continue to make them safe. And that's resulted in a spike in crime.

**AG LYNCH:** Well the FBI director has spoken about that, and he's spoken about it in the context that people have relayed to him. And so, you know, he's spoken about it in that context. I have not seen that. And in fact, we had a recent DOJ study, and the conclusion was: we need more information, as most studies are. But I think - and that's statistics for you - but I think what I've seen, you know, as I've talked to police departments across the country and community members across the country is a lot of change in law enforcement. A lot of change at the level of training, a lot of change in the community involvement, a movement away from over-policing, a movement towards getting to know members of the community, getting to understand people and their problems. And certainly I think it is the hope of all of us in law enforcement that that will lead to not only a reduction in crime, but it certainly could lead to a reduction in the number of arrests. I have not seen police officers shirking their responsibilities. I have not seen police officers backing away from the hard issues that come from patrolling very difficult and often very dangerous communities. I've seen them moving towards that. I've seen them come to the Department of Justice and say, you know, I have a use of force policy that's really old - can you help me make sure mine is up to date? I've seen them come to the department and say I want to set up a community board - do you have some examples that I can look at so that I don't have a situation like I've seen in other police departments. So I've seen a lot of positive action from both community members and law enforcement in this regard.

**CAPEHART:** So on this trip, you went to San Bernardino.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** Was that yesterday? Two days ago?

**AG LYNCH:** Well I was in Los Angeles, but I met with the team of agents, investigators, police officers and lawyers who had worked on the San Bernardino investigation and are continuing to work on it.

**CAPEHART:** And as we recall, that was December, mass shooting, 14 people were killed. And there are a couple of currents in that shooting - also if you tie in Orlando and what happened last month, where 49 people were killed - you've got folks who have high capacity weapons to kill lots of people, but you also have people who, from reports, are inspired by ISIS. So can you talk about the challenge that those twin things cause for you and the department? Mass shootings but also terrorism.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, yes. Well you know the challenge is something that we've been talking about for some time now as we've looked at how the threat to our homeland has changed and morphed over the years since 9/11. Obviously, we still are looking at investigating the orchestrated attacks like that, but what we are seeing now are more of the homegrown extremists, those individuals often who were born here, who become radicalized - usually online - and act out that radical ideology. The challenge is not only finding those individuals, investigating and preventing their actions; we also have a dual challenge of how do we break that chain of the violent ideology that people consume online? The Internet is free and open, and it should remain free and open, but it is the place that many people go and find information that dates back years. And you'll see the tracking of - in many of the investigations that we have of people who start out looking at Al Qaeda types of videos and documentaries move into ISIS supported ideology and videos as well. How do we reach those individuals and either give them an alternative reason for their thought processes or break that chain of violent ideology? So those are the twin challenges that we face.

**CAPEHART:** Alright. So I'm looking at the clock. We've got less than seven minutes left, so I've got lots of stuff to cram in here. So on May 9, you announced that the Justice Department was suing North Carolina for its so-called "Bathroom Bill". And at one point, a very powerful moment in your remarks, you directed them directly to the transgender community. And I won't read the entire quote, but one piece of it jumped out at me, and that was when you said that, 'we see you' to transgender Americans. Why did you feel it was important to say those words to that community in such a public forum?

**AG LYNCH:** Because when we talk about different groups in this country who are victimized and who are marginalized, the way in which it often happens is people are made to feel or to be invisible. Because if someone is invisible, you don't have to look at their concerns or their issues. If they're invisible, you don't have to hear about the problems that they have. And I think this is a time of great social change in this country - I think for the good, I think for the better. I think we're moving towards what Dr. King called the "Beloved Community". But with change often comes a lot of uncertainty and fear on the part of other people, who find it challenging to say the least. And I think there is often a desire to deal with someone or some issue that you find different by shoving it out of sight. And if we are really going to have the

open and free society that is the birthright of every American, that is the right of everyone who comes here and lives here, in this country, then everyone deserves the right to stand in the light. It has been my concern - also, with respect to the Orlando shooting, that members of the LGBT community may feel that it's safe for me if I don't come out. Maybe it's safer for me if I stay in the shadows. That's not the country we live in. It's not the America we've chosen over 200 years ago, it's not the one that any of us want. And so everyone deserves to stand in the light and to truly be seen for who they are. That's what diversity is, and to me, that's what America is.

**CAPEHART:** What did Eric Holder tell you about this job?

**AG LYNCH:** [Laughs]

**CAPEHART:** What's the one thing you wish he had told you?

**AG LYNCH:** Where the lock on the plane door was.

**CAPEHART:** [Laughs] Good answer. So I understand that every AG leaves a letter for his or her successor. What did **AG** Holder leave for you? What did he say in his letter?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, those letters are private -

**CAPEHART:** Oh come on, just a little.

**AG LYNCH:** - so I won't go into the exact letter. But what I will say is that AG Holder has been a friend for some time and I've had the privilege of working with him, both as U.S. Attorney in two separate administrations, and working with him as **AG** was a privilege. And he has always been supportive, he has always talked to me about the privilege of being **AG** and the privilege of serving the American people, and working to ensure that in every way in which the Department of Justice works, that the highest standards of integrity are upheld. That's something that's been a part of my career since I joined the department. And he has always been that voice of that for me as well.

**CAPEHART:** So being AG - is it harder to be black, or harder to be a woman in your job?

**AG LYNCH:** You know, I'm not sure how you separate the two for me. [Laughs] You know, I think that - for me, this is the greatest job that I've had. And it's such a tremendous privilege to sit in that chair, and to try to do justice and try to do the right thing every day. And so I approach it from that perspective. I think if people want to look at it and say, "Do I want to make a decision based on my background in some way" - I think all of us are a combination of all of our experiences. And I think that I look back on my experiences growing up in the South and what my parents went through, and how important it was for them to stand up for equal rights, and how important it was for them to make it clear that everyone has a place in society. And I look back on my years as a prosecutor, and my years of dealing with victims who often feel like there's no one to speak for them, and I think of how important it is that everyone know that the Department can be a voice for them.

So I think that everything that I am, and everything that I've done, combines and comes together in me as I do this job.

**CAPEHART:** Well, you know, it's interesting - for general perception, you know, as a woman and as a woman of color - you're supposed to be a lefty, and you're supposed to be someone who's actually a defense person, not a prosecutor. How did you gravitate towards being a prosecutor?

**AG LYNCH:** For me, the prosecutor's role is the protector of people. And I've always felt that there are many communities out there, and many of them are minority communities, who either feel rightly - and sometimes rightly - that they don't get the full benefit of the protection of the law. That maybe crime in a certain neighborhood isn't always as aggressively pursued as in others. And it was very important to me to be part of a system that protected everyone equally and fairly. So I view it as very, very important to me, that we take this - that I take this job as one as extending the protections of law enforcement to everyone that deserves it.

**CAPEHART:** Now if I remember correctly, you became interested in the law because you watched your grandfather - you went with him to go to court to watch people - he defended them in some way - you talk about your grandfather, and how he basically helped people get over the unconstitutional Jim Crow laws that they had to deal with.

**AG LYNCH:** This was the story that actually - this is a story that my father told me, because my grandfather passed away when I was very young. And my grandfather grew up in eastern North Carolina, and -

**CAPEHART:** What town? My family's from eastern North Carolina.

**AG LYNCH:** He was from a small town called Oak City, North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** I'm going to have to look that up, my family's from [town], North Carolina. Small city. Go on.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes. And my grandfather was a minister, but he was also a sharecropper, which meant he didn't actually own the farms that he worked on, they were owned by other people. And he and his sons, including my father and his brothers, worked those fields for pay. But he had a very strong sense of justice. And in the 1930s in North Carolina, when my dad was very, very young - we're talking about a time before Miranda warnings, before the guarantee of the right to counsel, before so many of the things that we take for granted in our criminal justice system now that are guaranteed to us in our Constitution - and so many times when people found themselves, as my grandfather used to say, in the clutches of the law, unfairly so, they would come to him for help. And because they did not have the view that there could be fairness in their procedure, they would literally leave town, and my grandfather would hide them until they could in fact move away. And my father has told me a story of being at home and the sheriff coming by and talking to my grandfather and asking has he seen a particular person, "Do you know where so-and-so is?" And the person might actually be hiding under the floorboards,

and my grandfather would say, "Well I haven't seen him lately." And so for me when I was younger, I always thought about that story - how does my grandfather, who was a very moral man, how do you reconcile that with what he was doing? And for him it was the concept of justice, and so justice - justice is a process. You know, we like to think of it as a verdict, or a decision - that if in fact you are pulled into the criminal justice system, you do have protections. And you will be held accountable for what you have done - I firmly believe that, I am a prosecutor - but it will happen in a way that is consistent with the ideals of this country, and not the kind of justice that would be found in the dark of a dirt road at night in the 1930s in North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** So of course, in preparing for this I reached out to lots of people to get a sense of you. And I got a terrific question to ask you, and that is - and I notice you're not wearing it, but from time to time you wear a charm, a butterfly charm -

**AG LYNCH:** A bumblebee.

**CAPEHART:** Oh, it's a bumblebee. What is the significance of that bumblebee?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, the bumblebee is the insect that sort of keeps our planet alive with its work, but anatomically, and in terms of the laws of physics, it's not supposed to be able to fly. If you look at the shape of the body and the wings, it's not supposed to be able to fly and yet it does. And yet it does.

**CAPEHART:** And so - and how does that translate to you and your trajectory?

**AG LYNCH:** There are so many times - not just for me, but for everyone - where you're going through life and you have goals, and people will look at you and make a decision, like, you can't do that, or you shouldn't be doing that, or is it the place for you? And whether it's because I'm African-American, or a woman, or Southern - you know, there are all kinds of issues that people face. And so, to be able to say back - to wear a symbol that says, I may not look like I can do this, but yet, I do, is very important to me.

**CAPEHART:** I'm going to go get myself a bumblebee head. Alright, now, we really do only have a couple of minutes left, and this is where I get to have some fun. So, what's guaranteed to get you on the dance floor? Taylor Swift's "Shake it Off" - wait, two more. Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk" -

**AG LYNCH:** Love that song too.

**CAPEHART:** - "Boogie Wonderland" by Earth, Wind and Fire.

**AG LYNCH:** I gotta tell you - I gotta go old school with Earth, Wind and Fire.

**CAPEHART:** Somehow I knew you'd say that. Because I'd be out there with you, because I mean - as soon as you hear the drums in the beginning...anyway. So you were a U.S. Attorney in New York City. Did you ever find yourself at home, on a rainy, snowy night, pint of ice cream,

with "Law and Order" on, just watching the re-runs, critiquing cases as they came in and came out?

**AG LYNCH:** [Laughs] Actually, the benefit of being a prosecutor in New York City is that a lot of cases from New York make their way into shows like "Law and Order." So a number of us would have a lot of fun watching the show and figuring out where they had drawn some inspiration from. And since a young woman that I used to work with in the U.S. Attorney's Office at one point in time was a writer on that show, I always felt I had the inside knowledge of what cases she was talking about. And I just wanted to know who was going to play me, that was really my only concern.

**CAPEHART:** Well, speaking of, who would you like to play you in the movie or the Lifetime series or Netflix, Amazon Prime -

**AG LYNCH:** Gosh, I have no idea. I have no idea - I'm drawing a blank. There are so many wonderfully talented black actresses out there who could hopefully portray what I've always felt to be my strong desire to make sure that justice is open for everyone. So anyone who could do that, and I think - frankly, we've got such talent out in Hollywood now. One of the things that I think is great, again, about how our society's changing and opening up, is the recognition of black talent in the entertainment industry, the recognition in front of the camera, behind the camera, writing. That is something that I am just loving watching.

**CAPEHART:** Loretta Lynch, 83rd Attorney General of the United States, thank you very much.

**AG LYNCH:** Thank you.

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**JONATHAN CAPEHART:** By the way, I'm Jonathan Capehart of the *Washington Post* and a MSNBC contributor. Thank you for being here this morning. **AG**, thank you for being here. As Walter said, you have a reputation of having the highest integrity, utmost, solid judgment, so when people heard what went down in Phoenix, a lot of people were like, I mean, friends, supporters, backers, saying, what on earth was she thinking? Talking to Bill Clinton? So what on earth were you thinking? What happened?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, I think that's the question of the day, isn't it. I think it's a perfectly reasonable question, I think that's the question that is called by what happened in Phoenix because people have also wondered and raised questions about my role in the ultimate resolution of matters involving the investigation into the State Department e-mails. And to the extent that people have questions about that, about my role in that, certainly my meeting with him raises questions and concerns, and so believe me, I completely get that question. And I think it is the question of the day. I think the issue is, again, what is my role in how that matter is going to be resolved? And so, let me be clear on how that is going to be resolved. I have gotten that question a lot over time and we usually don't go into those deliberations, but I do think it is important that people see what that process is like, as I have always indicated, the matter is being handled by career agents and investigators, with the Department of Justice, they've had it since the beginning.

**CAPEHART:** Which predates your tenure as **AG** ?

**AG LYNCH:** It predates my tenure as **AG**. It is the same team and they are acting independently. They follow the law, they follow the facts. That team will make findings, that is to say they will come up with a chronology of what happened, the factual scenario, they will make recommendations as to how to resolve what those facts lead to. The recommendations will be reviewed by career supervisors in the Department of Justice and in the FBI and by the FBI Director, and then, as is the common process, they will present it to me and I fully expect to accept the recommendations.

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**CAPEHART:** Now, what's interesting here is you say you fully expect to accept their recommendations, one thing people were saying this morning when the news broke was that you were, quote "recusing yourself from having any kind of role in the final determination", is that the case? Is that what you're saying?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, a recusal would mean that I wouldn't even be briefed on what the findings were or what the actions going forward would be. And while I don't have a role in those findings in coming up with those findings or making those recommendations on how to move forward, I will be briefed on it and I will be accepting their recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say...again, this must be the journalist in me or the linguist in me, accepting to me would mean; "Here Madam AG, here are our findings and you accept them whole heartedly and issue them to the public, or you accept them and look them over and then make your own determination as to what the final determination will be.

**AG LYNCH:** No, the final determination as to how to proceed will be contained within the recommendations or report or whatever format the team puts it together, that has not been resolved, whatever report they provide to me, there will be a review of their investigation, there will be a review of what they have found and determined to have happened or occurred and it will be their determinations as to how they feel that the case should proceed.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say there will be a review, you mean the review will be done by you once you accept the recommendations and determinations or are you talking about the process of the review getting to that point?

**AG LYNCH:** I'm talking about the initial process of how this case will be resolved. This case will be resolved by the team that's been working on it, from the beginning. Supervisors always review matters, in this case that review will be career people in the Department of Justice, and also the FBI will review it, up to and including the FBI Director and that will be the finalization of not just the factual findings but the next steps in this matter.

**CAPEHART:** And I find it interesting, several times you have made a point of saying career prosecutors, career officials within the justice department. Why are you making that very hard distinction, that description?

**AG LYNCH:** I think a lot of the questions that I have gotten over the past several months, frankly, about my role in this investigation and what it would likely be, was a question or a concern about whether someone who was a political appointee would be involved in deciding how to investigate a matter or what something meant or how should the case proceed going forward? And as I have always said, this matter would be handled by the career people who are independent. They live from administration to administration. Their role is to follow the facts and follow the law, and make a determination as to what happened and what those next steps should be. But, you know, in my role as AG, there are cases that come up to me, I am informed of them from time to time. This case, as you know, has generated a lot of attention. I'll be informed of those findings, as opposed to never reading them or never seeing them, but I will be accepting their recommendations and their plans for going forward.

**CAPEHART:** So the New York Times reported this morning that the Justice Department officials said back in April that what you're talking about right now was already being considered,

and so the question is before President Clinton boarded your plane in Arizona, had you already made the determination that what you're announcing today was indeed what you were going to do?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, I had already determined that, that would be the process. And in large part it's because, as I'm sure you know as a journalist, I do get this question a lot. And as I have said on occasions as to why we don't talking about ongoing investigations in terms of what's being discussed and who's being interviewed, is to preserve the integrity of that investigation. And we also don't typically talk about the process by which we make decisions, and I've provided that response too. But in this situation, because I did have that meeting, it has raised concerns, I feel. And I feel that while I can certainly say, this will be handled like any other, as it has always been, and it is going to be resolved like any other, as it was always going to be. I think people need the information about exactly how that resolution will come about in order to know what that means, and really accept that and have faith in the ultimate decision of the Department of Justice.

**CAPEHART:** So back to my first question, the "what were you thinking" question. But let me put a different spin on it and ask, when you're on your plane, from having been in Washington for a while and knowing how the protocol works: you land, folks get off for all sorts of reasons, but it's very fast. You're on your plane and in walks the former president of the United States, what were you thinking at that moment?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, as I have said, you know, he said hello and we basically said hello and I congratulated him on his grandchildren, as people tend to do and that led to a conversation about those grandchildren, who do sound great. And that led to a conversation about his travels and he told me what he had been doing in Phoenix and various things, and then we spoke about former AG Janet Reno, but it really was a social meeting. And it really was in that regard. He spoke to me, and he spoke to my husband for some time on the plane, and we moved on. And as I've said before though, I do think that no matter how I viewed it, I understand how people view it. And I think that because of that and because of the fact that it has now cast a shadow over how this case may be perceived, no matter how it's resolved, it's important to talk about how it will be resolved. It's important to make it clear that that meeting with President Clinton does not have a bearing on how this matter is going to be reviewed, resolved and accepted by me. Because that is the question that it raises. So again, no matter how I viewed the meeting, what's important to me is how people view the Department of Justice because of that meeting. How do people view the team that has worked on this from the beginning, because of this meeting? How do people view the work that we do everyday on behalf of the American people, which we strive to do with integrity and independence. So that's the question for me, and that's why I felt it was important to talk about what impact that meeting would have on the case.

**CAPEHART:** Now, you've known President Clinton for a long time, he's the one who nominated you and appointed you to a U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District in 1999. So I'm wondering - you have a relationship is what I'm trying to get to in terms of long standing professional relationship. So you would be well within your right to say, "Um, get off my plane. what are you doing here?" Do you regret not telling the former President of the United States to leave the premises?

**AG LYNCH:** As I have said, I may have viewed it in a certain light, but the issue is how does it impact the work that I do and the work that the Department of Justice does. I certainly wouldn't do it again. Because I think it has cast a shadow over what it should not, over what it will not touch. That's why I said, I think it's important to talk about how this matter will be resolved, and

now the review and now the determinations and the decisions will be made. I can say, as I have said, it's going to be handled by career people and then we can make an announcement as to what it is. But unless people have some insight into that process, they're not going to be able to evaluate that. The most important thing for me as an AG is the integrity of the Department of Justice. The fact that the meeting that I had is now casting a shadow over how people are going to view that work is something that I take seriously and deeply and painfully. So I think it's important to provide as much information as we can so that people can have a full view of how we do our work and why we do our work and how this case is going to be resolved as well as how all the cases that we look at are going to be resolved.

**CAPEHART:** And so of course, what's happened as a result of this, people who are out there in the world are saying, "See, this is an example of the system that's rigged against the rest of us." And you just said that this whole incident has been "painful," is one of the words, one of the words you used. What would you say to the American people who might -- who believe that, yes, indeed, this is an example of Washington rigged against them?

**AG LYNCH:** I think that people have a whole host of reasons to have questions about how we in government do our business and how we handle business and how we handle matters and I think that, again, I understand that my meeting on the plane with former President Clinton could give them another reason to have questions and concerns also. And that is something that -- and that's why I said it's painful to me. Because the integrity of the Department of Justice is important. And what I would say to people is to look at the work that we do. Look at the matters that we work on every day, whether they involve a high profile matter, or a matter where you have never heard of the person. Look at the victims that we deal with every day, look at the people that we protect every day because that's our mission. And to the extent that this issue has overshadowed that mission - yes, that's painful to me. And so I think it's important that we provide as much information as we can so people can have faith and confidence in the work of the department and the work of the people who carry on this work every day.

**CAPEHEART:** And last question on this. So when might we expect your acceptance of these findings and determinations? Are we looking at weeks, months, days?

**AG LYNCH:** So in terms of timing, I actually don't know that. Because again, I don't have that insight into, I would say, the nuts and bolts of the investigation at this point in time. They're working on it. They're working on it very hard. They're working on it to be sure that they're thorough as they can be, that they have looked at every angle, that they've looked at every issue. They're doing the work that the people in the Department of Justice do every single day, and I could not be more proud of that work. And I could not be more proud to present that work to the American people when this matter is resolved, and we can let people know the outcome of this investigation.

**CAPEHEART:** Moving on.

**CAPEHART:** Moving on. So. Keep in mind, this sitdown has been on the books for several several weeks, a few months. And we were here because you were going to talk about criminal justice reform.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** You've been out west and making your way back east, going to various communities, talking about some of the findings and things that people are doing vis-a-vis the

president's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. And in reading the report - I actually read it - there was a quote in there that I think captures why this commission was important. And it came from a commission member, Susan Lee Rahr - she's executive director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. And she wrote, 'In 2012, we began asking the question, why are we training police officers like soldiers? Although police officers wear uniforms and carry weapons, the similarity ends there. The missions and rules of engagement are completely different. The soldier's mission is that of a warrior - to conquer; the rules of engagement are decided before the battle. The police officer's mission is that of a guardian - to protect; the rules of engagement evolve as the incident unfolds. How did we get from police being guardians who protect to what many of you - as police being basically a domestic military force occupying neighborhoods?

**AG LYNCH:** You know, I think it's going to be different in every community, but it's been one of the underlying concerns that I've heard as I've traveled the country on my Community Policing Tour - is community residents who say, we don't have a connection with our local police force. They simply patrol, and they don't connect with us. And so my goal, on the tour that I just finished, both in 2015 and 2016, was to find those communities where communities and law enforcement were working together, and were making positive change, and were working on the format where the police are, in fact, the guardians of the community. I think there's a whole host of reasons for why training went one way. I mean certainly, we were talking, at some point and time several years back, about a huge influx of narcotics in our communities. And that has certainly led to a host of consequences that we are trying now to alleviate with criminal justice reform and sentencing reform. But it also led to a view that aggressive policing was really necessary in order to deal with not just narcotics, but also the violent crime that often comes along with it. And there are those who said the pendulum swung too far in that direction, so I think we find ourselves now in a situation where - to say that there is, sort of, a frayed relationship of trust between law enforcement and many communities, particularly minority communities, is the understatement of this generation. So what I've been working on - and this is one, in fact, one of my priorities, is looking at communities that have had that frayed relationship, that have had things break down, that have had the violence of Baltimore, or a terrible incident involving someone losing their life at the hands of a police officer, or even a Department of Justice (DOJ) case against them - and looking at how they are a couple of years after that. Have they managed to use the tools that we tried to provide to them, and in fact create a positive working relationship between law enforcement and the community. And I actually have been very heartened by what I've seen across the country.

**CAPEHART:** I was going to ask you - how have police departments been - how receptive have they been to these recommendations, particularly the one that says that police departments need to own their past, need to own the conflict that they've generated, that has generated the distrust between the law enforcement and the community. How are police departments responding to that? Owning their responsibility?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, that's an excellent point because I often talk to community members who will say, you know, things are great with this police chief, we're actually making very positive strides. But community members will say, but you know, five years ago this incident happened to me, or even 10 years ago, I saw this happen to my older sibling or parent. And that remains in people's consciousness and affects how they interact with the police. Couple of the jurisdictions I visited - I was actually in Los Angeles just yesterday, and I also went to Miami, and I was in Portland. And I was visiting those jurisdictions because they actually were still in the middle of resolving problems. I mean, the Los Angeles Police Department's history, I think, is well documented and the issues that stem from that. There were under a recent decree in the

documented, and the issues that they had. They were under a consent decree in the 2000s. They've come out of that now, but I think certainly residents still recall those days. And so I was very heartened to see in my discussions, both with police leadership and community members, that no one was ignoring the past, that people are saying, you know, we have to own the past, and we have to acknowledge that we have contributed. We, law enforcement, have contributed to these problems, and here's what we are doing to be accountable, to be transparent, to be responsible, to pull community members in. Because without that acceptance of responsibility, there won't be trust in the new either regime or policies going forward.

**CAPEHART:** Now a few years ago, FBI director James Comey delivered on race - a pretty spectacular speech on race - where he talked about how law enforcement needed to own its past. One of the things - another thing that Director Comey has said on multiple occasions is that he believes there is a so-called "Ferguson Effect" on law enforcement jurisdictions. Do you agree with him? Is there a "Ferguson Effect," it meaning that as a result of what happened in Ferguson and Charleston where people are videotaping what police officers - what law enforcement actions - that police officers are now wary to actually do their jobs, for lack of a better description - but to patrol neighborhoods and to continue to make them safe. And that's resulted in a spike in crime.

**AG LYNCH:** Well the FBI director has spoken about that, and he's spoken about it in the context that people have relayed to him. And so, you know, he's spoken about it in that context. I have not seen that. And in fact, we had a recent DOJ study, and the conclusion was: we need more information, as most studies are. But I think - and that's statistics for you - but I think what I've seen, you know, as I've talked to police departments across the country and community members across the country is a lot of change in law enforcement. A lot of change at the level of training, a lot of change in the community involvement, a movement away from over-policing, a movement towards getting to know members of the community, getting to understand people and their problems. And certainly I think it is the hope of all of us in law enforcement that that will lead to not only a reduction in crime, but it certainly could lead to a reduction in the number of arrests. I have not seen police officers shirking their responsibilities. I have not seen police officers backing away from the hard issues that come from patrolling very difficult and often very dangerous communities. I've seen them moving towards that. I've seen them come to the Department of Justice and say, you know, I have a use of force policy that's really old - can you help me make sure mine is up to date? I've seen them come to the department and say I want to set up a community board - do you have some examples that I can look at so that I don't have a situation like I've seen in other police departments. So I've seen a lot of positive action from both community members and law enforcement in this regard.

**CAPEHART:** So on this trip, you went to San Bernardino.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** Was that yesterday? Two days ago?

**AG LYNCH:** Well I was in Los Angeles, but I met with the team of agents, investigators, police officers and lawyers who had worked on the San Bernardino investigation and are continuing to work on it.

**CAPEHART:** And as we recall, that was December, mass shooting, 14 people were killed. And there are a couple of currents in that shooting - also if you tie in Orlando and what happened last month, where 49 people were killed - you've got folks who have high capacity weapons to kill

lots of people, but you also have people who, from reports, are inspired by ISIS. So can you talk about the challenge that those twin things cause for you and the department? Mass shootings but also terrorism.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, yes. Well you know the challenge is something that we've been talking about for some time now as we've looked at how the threat to our homeland has changed and morphed over the years since 9/11. Obviously, we still are looking at investigating the orchestrated attacks like that, but what we are seeing now are more of the homegrown extremists, those individuals often who were born here, who become radicalized - usually online - and act out that radical ideology. The challenge is not only finding those individuals, investigating and preventing their actions; we also have a dual challenge of how do we break that chain of the violent ideology that people consume online? The Internet is free and open, and it should remain free and open, but it is the place that many people go and find information that dates back years. And you'll see the tracking of - in many of the investigations that we have of people who start out looking at Al Qaeda types of videos and documentaries move into ISIS supported ideology and videos as well. How do we reach those individuals and either give them an alternative reason for their thought processes or break that chain of violent ideology? So those are the twin challenges that we face.

**CAPEHART:** Alright. So I'm looking at the clock. We've got less than seven minutes left, so I've got lots of stuff to cram in here. So on May 9, you announced that the Justice Department was suing North Carolina for its so-called "Bathroom Bill". And at one point, a very powerful moment in your remarks, you directed them directly to the transgender community. And I won't read the entire quote, but one piece of it jumped out at me, and that was when you said that, 'we see you' to transgender Americans. Why did you feel it was important to say those words to that community in such a public forum?

**AG LYNCH:** Because when we talk about different groups in this country who are victimized and who are marginalized, the way in which it often happens is people are made to feel or to be invisible. Because if someone is invisible, you don't have to look at their concerns or their issues. If they're invisible, you don't have to hear about the problems that they have. And I think this is a time of great social change in this country - I think for the good, I think for the better. I think we're moving towards what Dr. King called the "Beloved Community". But with change often comes a lot of uncertainty and fear on the part of other people, who find it challenging to say the least. And I think there is often a desire to deal with someone or some issue that you find different by shoving it out of sight. And if we are really going to have the open and free society that is the birthright of every American, that is the right of everyone who comes here and lives here, in this country, then everyone deserves the right to stand in the light. It has been my concern - also, with respect to the Orlando shooting, that members of the LGBT community may feel that it's safe for me if I don't come out. Maybe it's safer for me if I stay in the shadows. That's not the country we live in. It's not the America we've chosen over 200 years ago, it's not the one that any of us want. And so everyone deserves to stand in the light and to truly be seen for who they are. That's what diversity is, and to me, that's what America is.

**CAPEHART:** What did Eric Holder tell you about this job?

**AG LYNCH:** [Laughs]

**CAPEHART:** What's the one thing you wish he had told you?

**AG LYNCH:** Where the hell on the plane does war

**AG LYNCH:** where the lock on the plane door was.

**CAPEHART:** [Laughs] Good answer. So I understand that every AG leaves a letter for his or her successor. What did AG Holder leave for you? What did he say in his letter?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, those letters are private -

**CAPEHART:** Oh come on, just a little.

**AG LYNCH:** - so I won't go into the exact letter. But what I will say is that AG Holder has been a friend for some time and I've had the privilege of working with him, both as U.S. Attorney in two separate administrations, and working with him as AG was a privilege. And he has always been supportive, he has always talked to me about the privilege of being AG and the privilege of serving the American people, and working to ensure that in every way in which the Department of Justice works, that the highest standards of integrity are upheld. That's something that's been a part of my career since I joined the department. And he has always been that voice of that for me as well.

**CAPEHART:** So being AG - is it harder to be black, or harder to be a woman in your job?

**AG LYNCH:** You know, I'm not sure how you separate the two for me. [Laughs] You know, I think that - for me, this is the greatest job that I've had. And it's such a tremendous privilege to sit in that chair, and to try to do justice and try to do the right thing every day. And so I approach it from that perspective. I think if people want to look at it and say, "Do I want to make a decision based on my background in some way" - I think all of us are a combination of all of our experiences. And I think that I look back on my experiences growing up in the South and what my parents went through, and how important it was for them to stand up for equal rights, and how important it was for them to make it clear that everyone has a place in society. And I look back on my years as a prosecutor, and my years of dealing with victims who often feel like there's no one to speak for them, and I think of how important it is that everyone know that the Department can be a voice for them.

So I think that everything that I am, and everything that I've done, combines and comes together in me as I do this job.

**CAPEHART:** Well, you know, it's interesting - for general perception, you know, as a woman and as a woman of color - you're supposed to be a lefty, and you're supposed to be someone who's actually a defense person, not a prosecutor. How did you gravitate towards being a prosecutor?

**AG LYNCH:** For me, the prosecutor's role is the protector of people. And I've always felt that there are many communities out there, and many of them are minority communities, who either feel rightly - and sometimes rightly - that they don't get the full benefit of the protection of the law. That maybe crime in a certain neighborhood isn't always as aggressively pursued as in others. And it was very important to me to be part of a system that protected everyone equally and fairly. So I view it as very, very important to me, that we take this - that I take this job as one as extending the protections of law enforcement to everyone that deserves it.

**CAPEHART:** Now if I remember correctly, you became interested in the law because you watched your grandfather - you went with him to go to court to watch people - he defended them in some way - you talk about your grandfather, and how he basically helped people get over the

unconstitutional Jim Crow laws that they had to deal with.

**AG LYNCH:** This was the story that actually - this is a story that my father told me, because my grandfather passed away when I was very young. And my grandfather grew up in eastern North Carolina, and -

**CAPEHART:** What town? My family's from eastern North Carolina.

**AG LYNCH:** He was from a small town called Oak City, North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** I'm going to have to look that up, my family's from [town], North Carolina. Small city. Go on.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes. And my grandfather was a minister, but he was also a sharecropper, which meant he didn't actually own the farms that he worked on, they were owned by other people. And he and his sons, including my father and his brothers, worked those fields for pay. But he had a very strong sense of justice. And in the 1930s in North Carolina, when my dad was very, very young - we're talking about a time before Miranda warnings, before the guarantee of the right to counsel, before so many of the things that we take for granted in our criminal justice system now that are guaranteed to us in our Constitution - and so many times when people found themselves, as my grandfather used to say, in the clutches of the law, unfairly so, they would come to him for help. And because they did not have the view that there could be fairness in their procedure, they would literally leave town, and my grandfather would hide them until they could in fact move away. And my father has told me a story of being at home and the sheriff coming by and talking to my grandfather and asking has he seen a particular person, "Do you know where so-and-so is?" And the person might actually be hiding under the floorboards, and my grandfather would say, "Well I haven't seen him lately." And so for me when I was younger, I always thought about that story - how does my grandfather, who was a very moral man, how do you reconcile that with what he was doing? And for him it was the concept of justice, and so justice - justice is a process. You know, we like to think of it as a verdict, or a decision - that if in fact you are pulled into the criminal justice system, you do have protections. And you will be held accountable for what you have done - I firmly believe that, I am a prosecutor - but it will happen in a way that is consistent with the ideals of this country, and not the kind of justice that would be found in the dark of a dirt road at night in the 1930s in North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** So of course, in preparing for this I reached out to lots of people to get a sense of you. And I got a terrific question to ask you, and that is - and I notice you're not wearing it, but from time to time you wear a charm, a butterfly charm -

**AG LYNCH:** A bumblebee.

**CAPEHART:** Oh, it's a bumblebee. What is the significance of that bumblebee?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, the bumblebee is the insect that sort of keeps our planet alive with its work, but anatomically, and in terms of the laws of physics, it's not supposed to be able to fly. If you look at the shape of the body and the wings, it's not supposed to be able to fly and yet it does. And yet it does.

**CAPEHART:** And so - and how does that translate to you and your trajectory?

**AG LYNCH:** There are so many times - not just for me, but for everyone - where you're going

**AG LYNCH:** There are so many times - not just for me, but for everyone - where you're going through life and you have goals, and people will look at you and make a decision, like, you can't do that, or you shouldn't be doing that, or is it the place for you? And whether it's because I'm African-American, or a woman, or Southern - you know, there are all kinds of issues that people face. And so, to be able to say back - to wear a symbol that says, I may not look like I can do this, but yet, I do, is very important to me.

**CAPEHART:** I'm going to go get myself a bumblebee head. Alright, now, we really do only have a couple of minutes left, and this is where I get to have some fun. So, what's guaranteed to get you on the dance floor? Taylor Swift's "Shake it Off" - wait, two more. Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk" -

**AG LYNCH:** Love that song too.

**CAPEHART:** - "Boogie Wonderland" by Earth, Wind and Fire.

**AG LYNCH:** I gotta tell you - I gotta go old school with Earth, Wind and Fire.

**CAPEHART:** Somehow I knew you'd say that. Because I'd be out there with you, because I mean - as soon as you hear the drums in the beginning...anyway. So you were a U.S. Attorney in New York City. Did you ever find yourself at home, on a rainy, snowy night, pint of ice cream, with "Law and Order" on, just watching the re-runs, critiquing cases as they came in and came out?

**AG LYNCH:** [Laughs] Actually, the benefit of being a prosecutor in New York City is that a lot of cases from New York make their way into shows like "Law and Order." So a number of us would have a lot of fun watching the show and figuring out where they had drawn some inspiration from. And since a young woman that I used to work with in the U.S. Attorney's Office at one point in time was a writer on that show, I always felt I had the inside knowledge of what cases she was talking about. And I just wanted to know who was going to play me, that was really my only concern.

**CAPEHART:** Well, speaking of, who would you like to play you in the movie or the Lifetime series or Netflix, Amazon Prime -

**AG LYNCH:** Gosh, I have no idea. I have no idea - I'm drawing a blank. There are so many wonderfully talented black actresses out there who could hopefully portray what I've always felt to be my strong desire to make sure that justice is open for everyone. So anyone who could do that, and I think - frankly, we've got such talent out in Hollywood now. One of the things that I think is great, again, about how our society's changing and opening up, is the recognition of black talent in the entertainment industry, the recognition in front of the camera, behind the camera, writing. That is something that I am just loving watching.

**CAPEHART:** Loretta Lynch, 83rd Attorney General of the United States, thank you very much.

**AG LYNCH:** Thank you.

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**Newman, Melanie (OPA)**

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July 3, 2016

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**CHUCK TODD:** To everyone, we may be nearing the final chapter of the Hillary Clinton e-mail saga. Yesterday the FBI interviewed Hillary Clinton for about three and a half hours at its headquarters right here in Washington, D.C. about the use of her private e-mail server while she was Secretary of State. I spoke with the former secretary late yesterday on MSNBC, her only interview since meeting with the FBI and asked her whether the description of the interview as civil and business like was accurate.

**HILLARY CLINTON:** Well, it was both. It was something I had offered to do since last August. I've been eager to do it. and i was pleased to have the opportunity to assist the department in bringing its review to a conclusion.

**TODD:** How did your private server, where you kept this classified information, some of which was retroactive, understand, after your term as Secretary of State, how was that not a violation of this code?

**CLINTON:** I never received nor sent any material that was marked classified and there is a process for the review of material before it is released to the public and there were decisions made that material should be classified. I do call that retroactively classifying, so therefore it would not be publicly released. but that doesn't change the facts as i've explained many times.

**TODD:** Who advised you that it was perfectly legal for you to have a private server and to have this information on there as Secretary of State? Who gave that advice?

**CLINTON:** I'm not going to go into any more detail than i have in public many times, as you certainly know, out of respect for the process that the department is conducting. So I'm not going to comment any further on the review, but I've been answering questions now for over a year. I've released more than 55,000 pages of my e-mails for the public to read for themselves. I will continue to, you know, be as forthcoming as i can. and my answer that I first gave more than a year ago, I stand by.

**TODD:** At the same time there was another story that Clinton would love to leave behind, that tarmac meeting at the Phoenix airport between Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. given Hillary Clinton's e-mail troubles, the meeting could be seen by opponents as a conspiracy. Even supporters criticize the optics. On the MSNBC interview yesterday, I asked about her reaction to the meeting.

**CLINTON:** I learned about it in the news. It was a short, chance meeting at an airport tarmac and both of their planes, as i understand it, were landing on the same tarmac at about the same

**James, Kelli D. (OPA)**

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June 29, 2016**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH:** [...] Referring to the immigration decision that came down just a few days ago, because that decision was four-four – the decision doesn't even place the Fifth Circuit injunction against – uh – the immigration policies that the president set forth a little over a year and a half ago. Right now we're still looking at that decision to see legally what the options are – um – so I don't have any update for you on that right now.

**REPORTER:** Thank you.

**REPORTER:** Madame Attorney General, so was it appropriate for you to meet with former President Clinton while your agency is in the middle of an investigation of his wife's email server?

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well, I did see the President at the Phoenix Airport the other night as I was landing, he was headed out. He did come over and say hello, and speak to my husband and myself, and talk about his grandchildren and his travels, and things like that. And so that was the extent of that. And no discussions were held into any cases or things like that. And he didn't raise anything – uh – about that.

**REPORTER:** You don't believe that gives off the appearance of any impropriety while your agency is investigating his wife.

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**June 29, 2016**

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Quick turnaround summary of key issues from today's hearing. Partial transcript only still (will send complete as soon as it's available).

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**Transcript – Aspen Ideas Forum**  
**July 1, 2016**

**JONATHAN CAPEHART:** By the way, I'm Jonathan Capehart of the *Washington Post* and a MSNBC contributor. Thank you for being here this morning. **AG**, thank you for being here. As Walter said, you have a reputation of having the highest integrity, utmost, solid judgment, so when people heard what went down in Phoenix, a lot of people were like, I mean, friends, supporters, backers, saying, what on earth was she thinking? Talking to Bill Clinton? So what on earth were you thinking? What happened?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, I think that's the question of the day, isn't it. I think it's a perfectly reasonable question, I think that's the question that is called by what happened in Phoenix because people have also wondered and raised questions about my role in the ultimate resolution of matters involving the investigation into the State Department e-mails. And to the extent that people have questions about that, about my role in that, certainly my meeting with him raises questions and concerns, and so believe me, I completely get that question. And I think it is the question of the day. I think the issue is, again, what is my role in how that matter is going to be resolved? And so, let me be clear on how that is going to be resolved. I have gotten that question a lot over time and we usually don't go into those deliberations, but I do think it is important that people see what that process is like, as I have always indicated, the matter is being handled by career agents and investigators, with the Department of Justice, they've had it since the beginning.

**CAPEHART:** Which predates your tenure as **AG** ?

**AG LYNCH:** It predates my tenure as **AG**. It is the same team and they are acting independently. They follow the law, they follow the facts. That team will make findings, that is to say they will come up with a chronology of what happened, the factual scenario, they will make recommendations as to how to resolve what those facts lead to. The recommendations will be reviewed by career supervisors in the Department of Justice and in the FBI and by the FBI Director, and then, as is the common process, they will present it to me and I fully expect to accept the recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** Now, what's interesting here is you say you fully expect to accept their recommendations, one thing people were saying this morning when the news broke was that you were, quote "recusing yourself from having any kind of role in the final determination", is that the case? Is that what you're saying?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, a recusal would mean that I wouldn't even be briefed on what the findings were or what the actions going forward would be. And while I don't have a role in those findings in coming up with those findings or making those recommendations on how to move forward, I will be briefed on it and I will be accepting their recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say...again, this must be the journalist in me or the linguist in me, accepting to me would mean; "Here Madam **AG**, here are our findings and you accept them

whole heartedly and issue them to the public, or you accept them and look them over and then make your own determination as to what the final determination will be.

**AG LYNCH:** No, the final determination as to how to proceed will be contained within the recommendations or report or whatever format the team puts it together, that has not been resolved, whatever report they provide to me, there will be a review of their investigation, there will be a review of what they have found and determined to have happened or occurred and it will be their determinations as to how they feel that the case should proceed.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say there will be a review, you mean the review will be done by you once you accept the recommendations and determinations or are you talking about the process of the review getting to that point?

**AG LYNCH:** I'm talking about the initial process of how this case will be resolved. This case will be resolved by the team that's been working on it, from the beginning. Supervisors always review matters, in this case that review will be career people in the Department of Justice, and also the FBI will review it, up to and including the FBI Director and that will be the finalization of not just the factual findings but the next steps in this matter.

**CAPEHART:** And I find it interesting, several times you have made a point of saying career prosecutors, career officials within the justice department. Why are you making that very hard distinction, that description?

**AG LYNCH:** I think a lot of the questions that I have gotten over the past several months, frankly, about my role in this investigation and what it would likely be, was a question or a concern about whether someone who was a political appointee would be involved in deciding how to investigate a matter or what something meant or how should the case proceed going forward? And as I have always said, this matter would be handled by the career people who are independent. They live from administration to administration. Their role is to follow the facts and follow the law, and make a determination as to what happened and what those next steps should be. But, you know, in my role as **AG**, there are cases that come up to me, I am informed of them from time to time. This case, as you know, has generated a lot of attention. I'll be informed of those findings, as opposed to never reading them or never seeing them, but I will be accepting their recommendations and their plans for going forward.

**CAPEHART:** So the New York Times reported this morning that the Justice Department officials said back in April that what you're talking about right now was already being considered, and so the question is before President Clinton boarded your plane in Arizona, had you already made the determination that what you're announcing today was indeed what you were going to do?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, I had already determined that, that would be the process. And in large part it's because, as I'm sure you know as a journalist, I do get this question a lot. And as I have said on occasions as to why we don't talking about ongoing investigations in terms of what's being discussed and who's being interviewed, is to preserve the integrity of that investigation. And we

also don't typically talk about the process by which we make decisions, and I've provided that response too. But in this situation, because I did have that meeting, it has raised concerns, I feel. And I feel that while I can certainly say, this will be handled like any other, as it has always been, and it is going to be resolved like any other, as it was always going to be. I think people need the information about exactly how that resolution will come about in order to know what that means, and really accept that and have faith in the ultimate decision of the Department of Justice.

**CAPEHART:** So back to my first question, the "what were you thinking" question. But let me put a different spin on it and ask, when you're on your plane, from having been in Washington for a while and knowing how the protocol works: you land, folks get off for all sorts of reasons, but it's very fast. You're on your plane and in walks the former president of the United States, what were you thinking at that moment?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, as I have said, you know, he said hello and we basically said hello and I congratulated him on his grandchildren, as people tend to do and that led to a conversation about those grandchildren, who do sound great. And that led to a conversation about his travels and he told me what he had been doing in Phoenix and various things, and then we spoke about former **AG** Janet Reno, but it really was a social meeting. And it really was in that regard. He spoke to me, and he spoke to my husband for some time on the plane, and we moved on. And as I've said before though, I do think that no matter how I viewed it, I understand how people view it. And I think that because of that and because of the fact that it has now cast a shadow over how this case may be perceived, no matter how it's resolved, it's important to talk about how it will be resolved. It's important to make it clear that that meeting with President Clinton does not have a bearing on how this matter is going to be reviewed, resolved and accepted by me. Because that is the question that it raises. So again, no matter how I viewed the meeting, what's important to me is how people view the Department of Justice because of that meeting. How do people view the team that has worked on this from the beginning, because of this meeting? How do people view the work that we do everyday on behalf of the American people, which we strive to do with integrity and independence. So that's the question for me, and that's why I felt it was important to talk about what impact that meeting would have on the case.

**CAPEHART:** Now, you've known President Clinton for a long time, he's the one who nominated you and appointed you to a U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District in 1999. So I'm wondering - you have a relationship is what I'm trying to get to in terms of long standing professional relationship. So you would be well within your right to say, "Um, get off my plane. what are you doing here?" Do you regret not telling the former President of the United States to leave the premises?

**AG LYNCH:** As I have said, I may have viewed it in a certain light, but the issue is how does it impact the work that I do and the work that the Department of Justice does. I certainly wouldn't do it again. Because I think it has cast a shadow over what it should not, over what it will not touch. That's why I said, I think it's important to talk about how this matter will be resolved, and how the review and how the determinations and the decisions will be made. I can say, as I have said, it's going to be handled by career people and then we can make an announcement as to what it is. But unless people have some insight into that process, they're not going to be able to

evaluate that. The most important thing for me as an **AG** is the integrity of the Department of Justice. The fact that the meeting that I had is now casting a shadow over how people are going to view that work is something that I take seriously and deeply and painfully. So I think it's important to provide as much information as we can so that people can have a full view of how we do our work and why we do our work and how this case is going to be resolved as well as how all the cases that we look at are going to be resolved.

**CAPEHART:** And so of course, what's happened as a result of this, people who are out there in the world are saying, "See, this is an example of the system that's rigged against the rest of us." And you just said that this whole incident has been "painful," is one of the words, one of the words you used. What would you say to the American people who might -- who believe that, yes, indeed, this is an example of Washington rigged against them?

**AG LYNCH:** I think that people have a whole host of reasons to have questions about how we in government do our business and how we handle business and how we handle matters and I think that, again, I understand that my meeting on the plane with former President Clinton could give them another reason to have questions and concerns also. And that is something that -- and that's why I said it's painful to me. Because the integrity of the Department of Justice is important. And what I would say to people is to look at the work that we do. Look at the matters that we work on every day, whether they involve a high profile matter, or a matter where you have never heard of the person. Look at the victims that we deal with every day, look at the people that we protect every day because that's our mission. And to the extent that this issue has overshadowed that mission - yes, that's painful to me. And so I think it's important that we provide as much information as we can so people can have faith and confidence in the work of the department and the work of the people who carry on this work every day.

**CAPEHEART:** And last question on this. So when might we expect your acceptance of these findings and determinations? Are we looking at weeks, months, days?

**AG LYNCH:** So in terms of timing, I actually don't know that. Because again, I don't have that insight into, I would say, the nuts and bolts of the investigation at this point in time. They're working on it. They're working on it very hard. They're working on it to be sure that they're thorough as they can be, that they have looked at every angle, that they've looked at every issue. They're doing the work that the people in the Department of Justice do every single day, and I could not be more proud of that work. And I could not be more proud to present that work to the American people when this matter is resolved, and we can let people know the outcome of this investigation.

**CAPEHEART:** Moving on.

**CAPEHART:** Moving on. So. Keep in mind, this sitdown has been on the books for several several weeks, a few months. And we were here because you were going to talk about criminal justice reform.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** You've been out west and making your way back east, going to various communities, talking about some of the findings and things that people are doing vis-a-vis the president's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. And in reading the report - I actually read it - there was a quote in there that I think captures why this commission was important. And it came from a commission member, Susan Lee Rahr - she's executive director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. And she wrote, 'In 2012, we began asking the question, why are we training police officers like soldiers? Although police officers wear uniforms and carry weapons, the similarity ends there. The missions and rules of engagement are completely different. The soldier's mission is that of a warrior - to conquer; the rules of engagement are decided before the battle. The police officer's mission is that of a guardian - to protect; the rules of engagement evolve as the incident unfolds. How did we get from police being guardians who protect to what many of you - as police being basically a domestic military force occupying neighborhoods?

**AG LYNCH:** You know, I think it's going to be different in every community, but it's been one of the underlying concerns that I've heard as I've traveled the country on my Community Policing Tour - is community residents who say, we don't have a connection with our local police force. They simply patrol, and they don't connect with us. And so my goal, on the tour that I just finished, both in 2015 and 2016, was to find those communities where communities and law enforcement were working together, and were making positive change, and were working on the format where the police are, in fact, the guardians of the community. I think there's a whole host of reasons for why training went one way. I mean certainly, we were talking, at some point and time several years back, about a huge influx of narcotics in our communities. And that has certainly led to a host of consequences that we are trying now to alleviate with criminal justice reform and sentencing reform. But it also led to a view that aggressive policing was really necessary in order to deal with not just narcotics, but also the violent crime that often comes along with it. And there are those who said the pendulum swung too far in that direction, so I think we find ourselves now in a situation where - to say that there is, sort of, a frayed relationship of trust between law enforcement and many communities, particularly minority communities, is the understatement of this generation. So what I've been working on - and this is one, in fact, one of my priorities, is looking at communities that have had that frayed relationship, that have had things break down, that have had the violence of Baltimore, or a terrible incident involving someone losing their life at the hands of a police officer, or even a Department of Justice (DOJ) case against them - and looking at how they are a couple of years after that. Have they managed to use the tools that we tried to provide to them, and in fact create a positive working relationship between law enforcement and the community. And I actually have been very heartened by what I've seen across the country.

**CAPEHART:** I was going to ask you - how have police departments been - how receptive have they been to these recommendations, particularly the one that says that police departments need to own their past, need to own the conflict that they've generated, that has generated the distrust between the law enforcement and the community. How are police departments responding to that? Owning their responsibility?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, that's an excellent point because I often talk to community members who will say, you know, things are great with this police chief, we're actually making very positive

strides. But community members will say, but you know, five years ago this incident happened to me, or even 10 years ago, I saw this happen to my older sibling or parent. And that remains in people's consciousness and affects how they interact with the police. Couple of the jurisdictions I visited - I was actually in Los Angeles just yesterday, and I also went to Miami, and I was in Portland. And I was visiting those jurisdictions because they actually were still in the middle of resolving problems. I mean, the Los Angeles Police Department's history, I think, is well documented, and the issues that they had. They were under a consent decree in the 2000s. They've come out of that now, but I think certainly residents still recall those days. And so I was very heartened to see in my discussions, both with police leadership and community members, that no one was ignoring the past, that people are saying, you know, we have to own the past, and we have to acknowledge that we have contributed. We, law enforcement, have contributed to these problems, and here's what we are doing to be accountable, to be transparent, to be responsible, to pull community members in. Because without that acceptance of responsibility, there won't be trust in the new either regime or policies going forward.

**CAPEHART:** Now a few years ago, FBI director James Comey delivered on race - a pretty spectacular speech on race - where he talked about how law enforcement needed to own its past. One of the things - another thing that Director Comey has said on multiple occasions is that he believes there is a so-called "Ferguson Effect" on law enforcement jurisdictions. Do you agree with him? Is there a "Ferguson Effect," it meaning that as a result of what happened in Ferguson and Charleston where people are videotaping what police officers - what law enforcement actions - that police officers are now wary to actually do their jobs, for lack of a better description - but to patrol neighborhoods and to continue to make them safe. And that's resulted in a spike in crime.

**AG LYNCH:** Well the FBI director has spoken about that, and he's spoken about it in the context that people have relayed to him. And so, you know, he's spoken about it in that context. I have not seen that. And in fact, we had a recent DOJ study, and the conclusion was: we need more information, as most studies are. But I think - and that's statistics for you - but I think what I've seen, you know, as I've talked to police departments across the country and community members across the country is a lot of change in law enforcement. A lot of change at the level of training, a lot of change in the community involvement, a movement away from over-policing, a movement towards getting to know members of the community, getting to understand people and their problems. And certainly I think it is the hope of all of us in law enforcement that that will lead to not only a reduction in crime, but it certainly could lead to a reduction in the number of arrests. I have not seen police officers shirking their responsibilities. I have not seen police officers backing away from the hard issues that come from patrolling very difficult and often very dangerous communities. I've seen them moving towards that. I've seen them come to the Department of Justice and say, you know, I have a use of force policy that's really old - can you help me make sure mine is up to date? I've seen them come to the department and say I want to set up a community board - do you have some examples that I can look at so that I don't have a situation like I've seen in other police departments. So I've seen a lot of positive action from both community members and law enforcement in this regard.

**CAPEHART:** So on this trip, you went to San Bernardino.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes.

**CAPEHART:** Was that yesterday? Two days ago?

**AG LYNCH:** Well I was in Los Angeles, but I met with the team of agents, investigators, police officers and lawyers who had worked on the San Bernardino investigation and are continuing to work on it.

**CAPEHART:** And as we recall, that was December, mass shooting, 14 people were killed. And there are a couple of currents in that shooting - also if you tie in Orlando and what happened last month, where 49 people were killed - you've got folks who have high capacity weapons to kill lots of people, but you also have people who, from reports, are inspired by ISIS. So can you talk about the challenge that those twin things cause for you and the department? Mass shootings but also terrorism.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, yes. Well you know the challenge is something that we've been talking about for some time now as we've looked at how the threat to our homeland has changed and morphed over the years since 9/11. Obviously, we still are looking at investigating the orchestrated attacks like that, but what we are seeing now are more of the homegrown extremists, those individuals often who were born here, who become radicalized - usually online - and act out that radical ideology. The challenge is not only finding those individuals, investigating and preventing their actions; we also have a dual challenge of how do we break that chain of the violent ideology that people consume online? The Internet is free and open, and it should remain free and open, but it is the place that many people go and find information that dates back years. And you'll see the tracking of - in many of the investigations that we have of people who start out looking at Al Qaeda types of videos and documentaries move into ISIS supported ideology and videos as well. How do we reach those individuals and either give them an alternative reason for their thought processes or break that chain of violent ideology? So those are the twin challenges that we face.

**CAPEHART:** Alright. So I'm looking at the clock. We've got less than seven minutes left, so I've got lots of stuff to cram in here. So on May 9, you announced that the Justice Department was suing North Carolina for its so-called "Bathroom Bill". And at one point, a very powerful moment in your remarks, you directed them directly to the transgender community. And I won't read the entire quote, but one piece of it jumped out at me, and that was when you said that, 'we see you' to transgender Americans. Why did you feel it was important to say those words to that community in such a public forum?

**AG LYNCH:** Because when we talk about different groups in this country who are victimized and who are marginalized, the way in which it often happens is people are made to feel or to be invisible. Because if someone is invisible, you don't have to look at their concerns or their issues. If they're invisible, you don't have to hear about the problems that they have. And I think this is a time of great social change in this country - I think for the good, I think for the better. I think we're moving towards what Dr. King called the "Beloved Community". But with change often comes a lot of uncertainty and fear on the part of other people, who find it

challenging to say the least. And I think there is often a desire to deal with someone or some issue that you find different by shoving it out of sight. And if we are really going to have the open and free society that is the birthright of every American, that is the right of everyone who comes here and lives here, in this country, then everyone deserves the right to stand in the light. It has been my concern - also, with respect to the Orlando shooting, that members of the LGBT community may feel that it's safe for me if I don't come out. Maybe it's safer for me if I stay in the shadows. That's not the country we live in. It's not the America we've chosen over 200 years ago, it's not the one that any of us want. And so everyone deserves to stand in the light and to truly be seen for who they are. That's what diversity is, and to me, that's what America is.

**CAPEHART:** What did Eric Holder tell you about this job?

**AG LYNCH:** [Laughs]

**CAPEHART:** What's the one thing you wish he had told you?

**AG LYNCH:** Where the lock on the plane door was.

**CAPEHART:** [Laughs] Good answer. So I understand that every AG leaves a letter for his or her successor. What did **AG** Holder leave for you? What did he say in his letter?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, those letters are private -

**CAPEHART:** Oh come on, just a little.

**AG LYNCH:** - so I won't go into the exact letter. But what I will say is that AG Holder has been a friend for some time and I've had the privilege of working with him, both as U.S. Attorney in two separate administrations, and working with him as **AG** was a privilege. And he has always been supportive, he has always talked to me about the privilege of being **AG** and the privilege of serving the American people, and working to ensure that in every way in which the Department of Justice works, that the highest standards of integrity are upheld. That's something that's been a part of my career since I joined the department. And he has always been that voice of that for me as well.

**CAPEHART:** So being AG - is it harder to be black, or harder to be a woman in your job?

**AG LYNCH:** You know, I'm not sure how you separate the two for me. [Laughs] You know, I think that - for me, this is the greatest job that I've had. And it's such a tremendous privilege to sit in that chair, and to try to do justice and try to do the right thing every day. And so I approach it from that perspective. I think if people want to look at it and say, "Do I want to make a decision based on my background in some way" - I think all of us are a combination of all of our experiences. And I think that I look back on my experiences growing up in the South and what my parents went through, and how important it was for them to stand up for equal rights, and how important it was for them to make it clear that everyone has a place in society. And I look back on my years as a prosecutor, and my years of dealing with victims who often feel like

there's no one to speak for them, and I think of how important it is that everyone know that the Department can be a voice for them.

So I think that everything that I am, and everything that I've done, combines and comes together in me as I do this job.

**CAPEHART:** Well, you know, it's interesting - for general perception, you know, as a woman and as a woman of color - you're supposed to be a lefty, and you're supposed to be someone who's actually a defense person, not a prosecutor. How did you gravitate towards being a prosecutor?

**AG LYNCH:** For me, the prosecutor's role is the protector of people. And I've always felt that there are many communities out there, and many of them are minority communities, who either feel rightly - and sometimes rightly - that they don't get the full benefit of the protection of the law. That maybe crime in a certain neighborhood isn't always as aggressively pursued as in others. And it was very important to me to be part of a system that protected everyone equally and fairly. So I view it as very, very important to me, that we take this - that I take this job as one as extending the protections of law enforcement to everyone that deserves it.

**CAPEHART:** Now if I remember correctly, you became interested in the law because you watched your grandfather - you went with him to go to court to watch people - he defended them in some way - you talk about your grandfather, and how he basically helped people get over the unconstitutional Jim Crow laws that they had to deal with.

**AG LYNCH:** This was the story that actually - this is a story that my father told me, because my grandfather passed away when I was very young. And my grandfather grew up in eastern North Carolina, and -

**CAPEHART:** What town? My family's from eastern North Carolina.

**AG LYNCH:** He was from a small town called Oak City, North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** I'm going to have to look that up, my family's from [town], North Carolina. Small city. Go on.

**AG LYNCH:** Yes. And my grandfather was a minister, but he was also a sharecropper, which meant he didn't actually own the farms that he worked on, they were owned by other people. And he and his sons, including my father and his brothers, worked those fields for pay. But he had a very strong sense of justice. And in the 1930s in North Carolina, when my dad was very, very young - we're talking about a time before Miranda warnings, before the guarantee of the right to counsel, before so many of the things that we take for granted in our criminal justice system now that are guaranteed to us in our Constitution - and so many times when people found themselves, as my grandfather used to say, in the clutches of the law, unfairly so, they would come to him for help. And because they did not have the view that there could be fairness in their procedure, they would literally leave town, and my grandfather would hide them until they could in fact move away. And my father has told me a story of being at home and the

sheriff coming by and talking to my grandfather and asking has he seen a particular person, “Do you know where so-and-so is?” And the person might actually be hiding under the floorboards, and my grandfather would say, “Well I haven’t seen him lately.” And so for me when I was younger, I always thought about that story - how does my grandfather, who was a very moral man, how do you reconcile that with what he was doing? And for him it was the concept of justice, and so justice - justice is a process. You know, we like to think of it as a verdict, or a decision - that if in fact you are pulled into the criminal justice system, you do have protections. And you will be held accountable for what you have done - I firmly believe that, I am a prosecutor - but it will happen in a way that is consistent with the ideals of this country, and not the kind of justice that would be found in the dark of a dirt road at night in the 1930s in North Carolina.

**CAPEHART:** So of course, in preparing for this I reached out to lots of people to get a sense of you. And I got a terrific question to ask you, and that is - and I notice you’re not wearing it, but from time to time you wear a charm, a butterfly charm -

**AG LYNCH:** A bumblebee.

**CAPEHART:** Oh, it’s a bumblebee. What is the significance of that bumblebee?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, the bumblebee is the insect that sort of keeps our planet alive with its work, but anatomically, and in terms of the laws of physics, it’s not supposed to be able to fly. If you look at the shape of the body and the wings, it’s not supposed to be able to fly and yet it does. And yet it does.

**CAPEHART:** And so - and how does that translate to you and your trajectory?

**AG LYNCH:** There are so many times - not just for me, but for everyone - where you’re going through life and you have goals, and people will look at you and make a decision, like, you can’t do that, or you shouldn’t be doing that, or is it the place for you? And whether it’s because I’m African-American, or a woman, or Southern - you know, there are all kinds of issues that people face. And so, to be able to say back - to wear a symbol that says, I may not look like I can do this, but yet, I do, is very important to me.

**CAPEHART:** I’m going to go get myself a bumblebee head. Alright, now, we really do only have a couple of minutes left, and this is where I get to have some fun. So, what’s guaranteed to get you on the dance floor? Taylor Swift’s “Shake it Off” - wait, two more. Bruno Mars’ “Uptown Funk” -

**AG LYNCH:** Love that song too.

**CAPEHART:** - “Boogie Wonderland” by Earth, Wind and Fire.

**AG LYNCH:** I gotta tell you - I gotta go old school with Earth, Wind and Fire.

**CAPEHART:** Somehow I knew you'd say that. Because I'd be out there with you, because I mean - as soon as you hear the drums in the beginning...anyway. So you were a U.S. Attorney in New York City. Did you ever find yourself at home, on a rainy, snowy night, pint of ice cream, with "Law and Order" on, just watching the re-runs, critiquing cases as they came in and came out?

**AG LYNCH:** [Laughs] Actually, the benefit of being a prosecutor in New York City is that a lot of cases from New York make their way into shows like "Law and Order." So a number of us would have a lot of fun watching the show and figuring out where they had drawn some inspiration from. And since a young woman that I used to work with in the U.S. Attorney's Office at one point in time was a writer on that show, I always felt I had the inside knowledge of what cases she was talking about. And I just wanted to know who was going to play me, that was really my only concern.

**CAPEHART:** Well, speaking of, who would you like to play you in the movie or the Lifetime series or Netflix, Amazon Prime -

**AG LYNCH:** Gosh, I have no idea. I have no idea - I'm drawing a blank. There are so many wonderfully talented black actresses out there who could hopefully portray what I've always felt to be my strong desire to make sure that justice is open for everyone. So anyone who could do that, and I think - frankly, we've got such talent out in Hollywood now. One of the things that I think is great, again, about how our society's changing and opening up, is the recognition of black talent in the entertainment industry, the recognition in front of the camera, behind the camera, writing. That is something that I am just loving watching.

**CAPEHART:** Loretta Lynch, 83rd Attorney General of the United States, thank you very much.

**AG LYNCH:** Thank you.

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Excerpts from the statement coming tomorrow; however, I think today's hearing is the most recent/useful source.

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Will send tomorrow's hearing transcript when it becomes available. In addition, OLA will put together key excerpts from all of these sources.

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**Transcript Excerpt: AG Lynch LA Community Policing P.C. Q&A**  
**June 29, 2016**

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH:** Well, I did see the President at the Phoenix Airport the other night as I was landing, he was headed out. He did come over and say hello, and speak to **my husband and myself**, and talk about **his grandchildren and his travels**, and things like that. And so that was the extent of that. And no discussions were held into any cases or things like that. And he didn't raise anything uh about that.

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**Aspen Ideas Forum**  
**July 1, 2016**

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**[Investigation]**

**AG LYNCH:** It predates my tenure as AG . It is the same team and they are acting independently. They follow the law, they follow the facts. That team will make findings, that is to say they will come up with a chronology of what happened, the factual scenario, they will make recommendations as to how to resolve what those facts lead to. The recommendations will be reviewed by career supervisors in the Department of Justice and in the FBI and by the FBI Director, and then, as is the common process, they will present it to me and I fully expect to accept the recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** Now, what's interesting here is you say you fully expect to accept their recommendations, one thing people were saying this morning when the news broke was that you were, quote "recusing yourself from having any kind of role in the final determination", is that the case? Is that what you're saying?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, a recusal would mean that I wouldn't even be briefed on what the findings were or what the actions going forward would be. And while I don't have a role in those findings in coming up with those findings or making those recommendations on how to move forward, I will be briefed on it and I will be accepting their recommendations.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say...again, this must be the journalist in me or the linguist in me, accepting to me would mean; "Here Madam AG , here are our findings and you accept them whole heartedly and issue them to the public, or you accept them and look them over and then make your own determination as to what the final determination will be.

**AG LYNCH:** No, the final determination as to how to proceed will be contained within the recommendations or report or whatever format the team puts it together, that has not been resolved, whatever report they provide to me, there will be a review of their investigation, there will be a review of what they have found and determined to have happened or occurred and it will be their determinations as to how they feel that the case should proceed.

**CAPEHART:** And when you say there will be a review, you mean the review will be done by you once you accept the recommendations and determinations or are you talking about the process of the review getting to that point?

**AG LYNCH:** I'm talking about the initial process of how this case will be resolved. This case will be resolved by the team that's been working on it, from the beginning. Supervisors always review matters, in this case that review will be career people in the Department of Justice, and also the FBI will review it, up to and including the FBI Director and that will be the finalization of not just the factual findings but the next steps in this matter.

**CAPEHART:** And I find it interesting, several times you have made a point of saying career prosecutors, career officials within the justice department. Why are you making that very hard distinction, that description?

**AG LYNCH:** I think a lot of the questions that I have gotten over the past several months, frankly, about my role in this investigation and what it would likely be, was a question or a concern about whether someone who was a political appointee would be involved in deciding how to investigate a matter or what something meant or how should the case proceed going forward? And as I have always said, this matter would be handled by the career people who are independent. They live from administration to administration. Their role is to follow the facts and follow the law, and make a determination as to what happened and what those next steps should be. But, you know, in my role as **AG**, there are cases that come up to me, I am informed of them from time to time. This case, as you know, has generated a lot of attention. I'll be informed of those findings, as opposed to never reading them or never seeing them, but I will be accepting their recommendations and their plans for going forward.

### **[Former President Clinton]**

**CAPEHART:** So the New York Times reported this morning that the Justice Department officials said back in April that what you're talking about right now was already being considered, and so the question is before President Clinton boarded your plane in Arizona, had you already made the determination that what you're announcing today was indeed what you were going to do?

**AG LYNCH:** Yes, I had already determined that, that would be the process. And in large part it's because, as I'm sure you know as a journalist, I do get this question a lot. And as I have said on occasions as to why we don't talking about ongoing investigations in terms of what's being discussed and who's being interviewed, is to preserve the integrity of that investigation. And we also don't typically talk about the process by which we make decisions, and I've provided that response too. But in this situation, because I did have that meeting, it has raised concerns, I feel. And I feel that while I can certainly say, this will be handled like any other, as it has always been, and it is going to be resolved like any other, as it was always going to be. I think people need the information about exactly how that resolution will come about in order to know what that means, and really accept that and have faith in the ultimate decision of the Department of Justice.

**CAPEHART:** So back to my first question, the "what were you thinking" question. But let me put a different spin on it and ask, when you're on your plane, from having been in Washington for a while and knowing how the protocol works: you land, folks get off for all sorts of reasons, but it's very fast. You're on your plane and in walks the former president of the United States, what were you thinking at that moment?

**AG LYNCH:** Well, as I have said, you know, **he said hello and we basically said hello and I congratulated him on his grandchildren, as people tend to do and that led to a conversation about those grandchildren, who do sound great. And that led to a conversation about his**

travels and he told me what he had been doing in Phoenix and various things, and then we spoke about former AG Janet Reno, but it really was a social meeting. And it really was in that regard. He spoke to me, and he spoke to my husband for some time on the plane, and we moved on. And as I've said before though, I do think that no matter how I viewed it, I understand how people view it. And I think that because of that and because of the fact that it has now cast a shadow over how this case may be perceived, no matter how it's resolved, it's important to talk about how it will be resolved. It's important to make it clear that that meeting with President Clinton does not have a bearing on how this matter is going to be reviewed, resolved and accepted by me. Because that is the question that it raises. So again, no matter how I viewed the meeting, what's important to me is how people view the Department of Justice because of that meeting. How do people view the team that has worked on this from the beginning, because of this meeting? How do people view the work that we do everyday on behalf of the American people, which we strive to do with integrity and independence. So that's the question for me, and that's why I felt it was important to talk about what impact that meeting would have on the case.

**CAPEHART:** Now, you've known President Clinton for a long time, he's the one who nominated you and appointed you to a U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District in 1999. So I'm wondering - you have a relationship is what I'm trying to get to in terms of long standing professional relationship. So you would be well within your right to say, "Um, get off my plane. what are you doing here?" Do you regret not telling the former President of the United States to leave the premises?

**AG LYNCH:** As I have said, I may have viewed it in a certain light, but the issue is how does it impact the work that I do and the work that the Department of Justice does. I certainly wouldn't do it again. Because I think it has cast a shadow over what it should not, over what it will not touch. That's why I said, I think it's important to talk about how this matter will be resolved, and how the review and how the determinations and the decisions will be made. I can say, as I have said, it's going to be handled by career people and then we can make an announcement as to what it is. But unless people have some insight into that process, they're not going to be able to evaluate that. The most important thing for me as an AG is the integrity of the Department of Justice. The fact that the meeting that I had is now casting a shadow over how people are going to view that work is something that I take seriously and deeply and painfully. So I think it's important to provide as much information as we can so that people can have a full view of how we do our work and why we do our work and how this case is going to be resolved as well as how all the cases that we look at are going to be resolved.

**CAPEHART:** And so of course, what's happened as a result of this, people who are out there in the world are saying, "See, this is an example of the system that's rigged against the rest of us." And you just said that this whole incident has been "painful," is one of the words, one of the words you used. What would you say to the American people who might -- who believe that, yes, indeed, this is an example of Washington rigged against them?

**AG LYNCH:** I think that people have a whole host of reasons to have questions about how we in government do our business and how we handle business and how we handle matters and I think that, again, I understand that my meeting on the plane with former President Clinton could

give them another reason to have questions and concerns also. And that is something that -- and that's why I said it's painful to me. Because the integrity of the Department of Justice is important. And what I would say to people is to look at the work that we do. Look at the matters that we work on every day, whether they involve a high profile matter, or a matter where you have never heard of the person. Look at the victims that we deal with every day, look at the people that we protect every day because that's our mission. And to the extent that this issue has overshadowed that mission - yes, that's painful to me. And so I think it's important that we provide as much information as we can so people can have faith and confidence in the work of the department and the work of the people who carry on this work every day.

**CAPEHEART:** And last question on this. So when might we expect your acceptance of these findings and determinations? Are we looking at weeks, months, days?

**AG LYNCH:** So in terms of timing, I actually don't know that. Because again, I don't have that insight into, I would say, the nuts and bolts of the investigation at this point in time. They're working on it. They're working on it very hard. They're working on it to be sure that they're thorough as they can be, that they have looked at every angle, that they've looked at every issue. They're doing the work that the people in the Department of Justice do every single day, and I could not be more proud of that work. And I could not be more proud to present that work to the American people when this matter is resolved, and we can let people know the outcome of this investigation.

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George- Please take a look and let us know if you have any edits. Many thanks.

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I'm going to flag this for FBI public affairs.

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[Was Bill Clinton in Phoenix just to cross paths with AG Lynch?](#)

The American Mirror

Have the Clintons ever held a political event and not invited the media? **Bill Clinton** was in Phoenix on Monday to attend a "Latino Leaders ...

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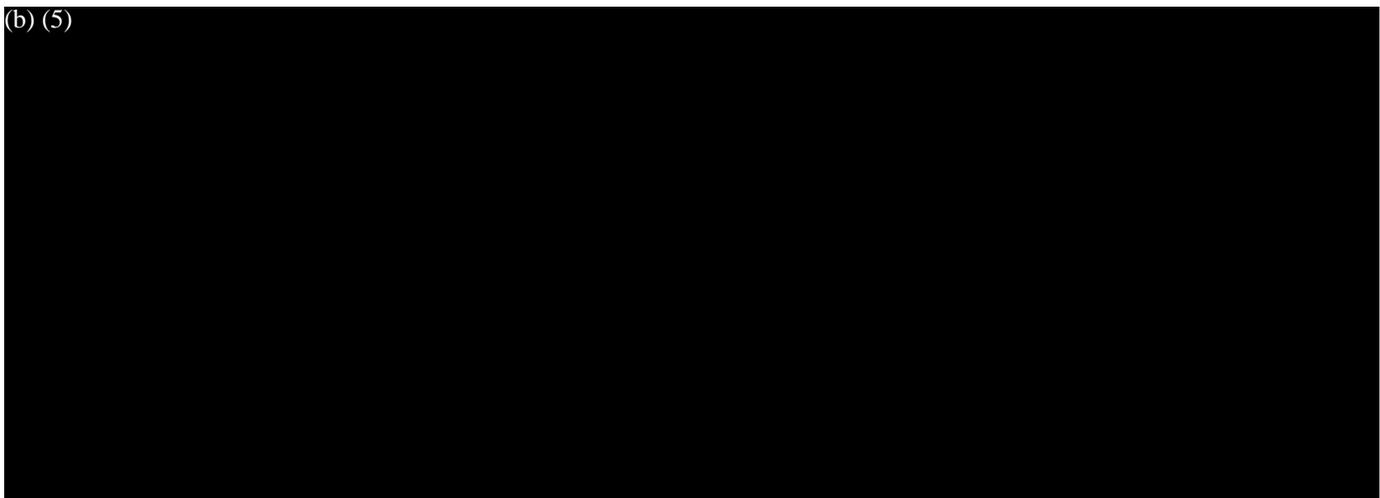
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FOX just called to say that **O'Reilly, Greta, and Special Report with Bret Baier** will report on this tonight.

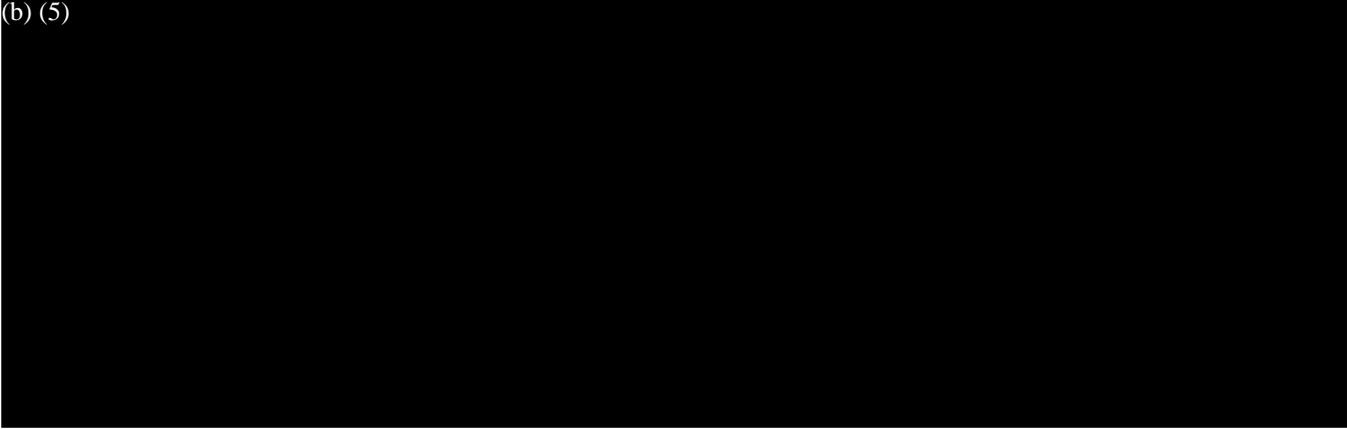
Also, FOX will have a reporter at the LA presser and this will ask about it.

Peter – OLA is going to get questions about this and I think the talking points we drafted will be useful for your purposes.

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We will monitor the press avail, if any local stations pick it up live but Kevin, please send us audio as soon as you can.

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<http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/286003-bill-clinton-lynch-met-privately-in-ariz>

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<http://dailycaller.com/2016/06/29/bill-clinton-loretta-lynch-meet-on-airplane-in-phoenix-video/>

still no major news interest at this point.

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I sent the transcript and link to the news clip to the FOX producer. He had already tracked down the video from the presser. He actually thinks they may not run anything on it today but will keep me posted. He doesn't think it's news. I also talked to the ABC producer, who noted that they aren't interested, even if FOX runs with it.

Given this, we are still holding.

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It's already public, as reflected in today's clips. (b) (5)

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2016/06/28/ag-loretta-lynch-praises-phoenix-police-training/>

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Interested in other thoughts.

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Fox News just called. They received a tip from someone on the ground in Phoenix. (b) (5)

On Jun 28, 2016, at 4:16 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

(b) (5). I am holding for now.

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We didn't get any follow up. (b) (5). Our justice reporter didn't follow up either.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2016, at 1:10 PM, Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) <[maaxelrod@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:maaxelrod@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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The question was just asked at the press avail. Local reporter noted that "sources say" that the AG met with former President Bill Clinton last night and asked whether Benghazi was discussed. The AG stuck to the talking points. She also received a question about whether POTUS' support of Hillary Clinton has any impact on the Department's investigation, (b) (5).

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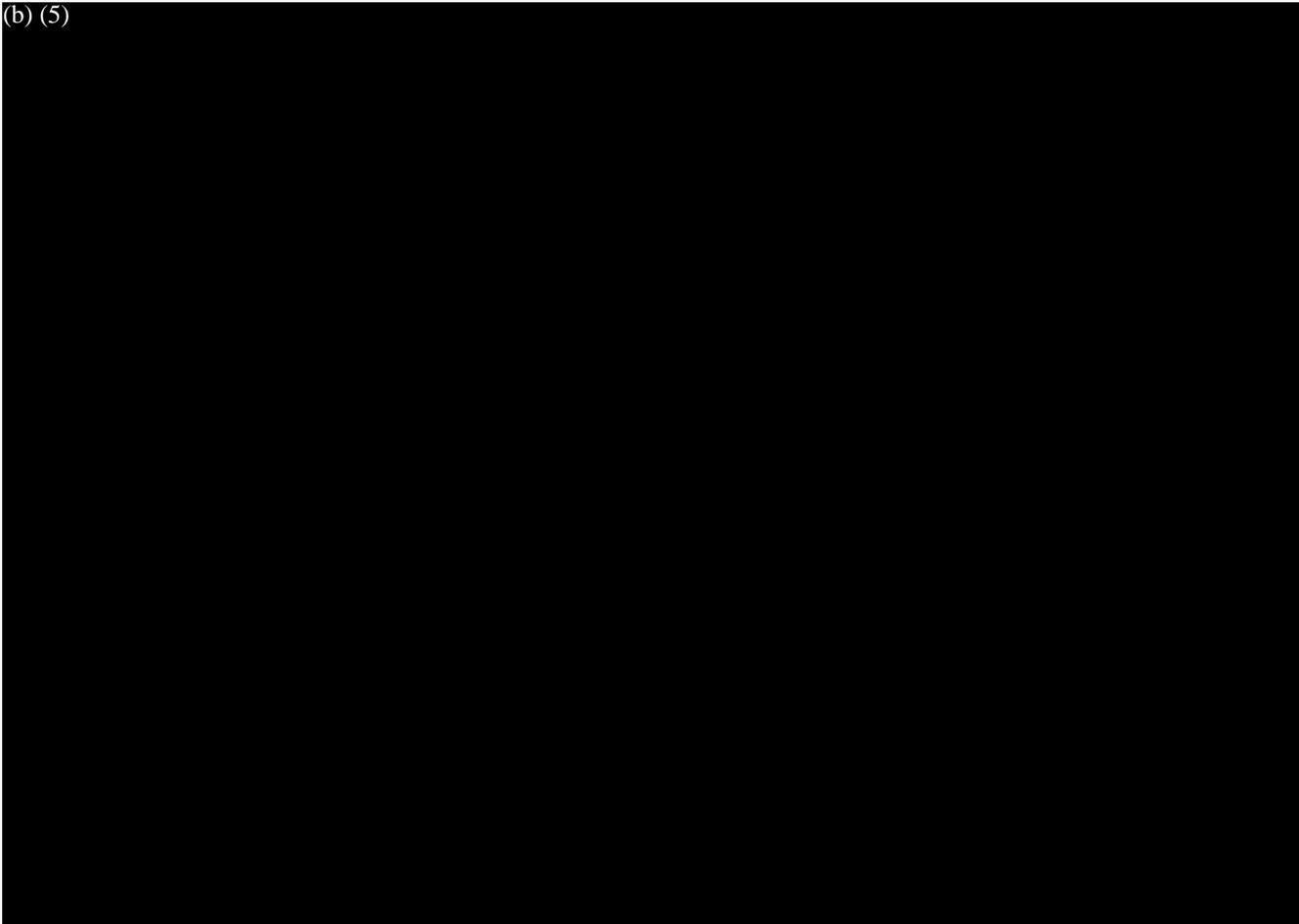
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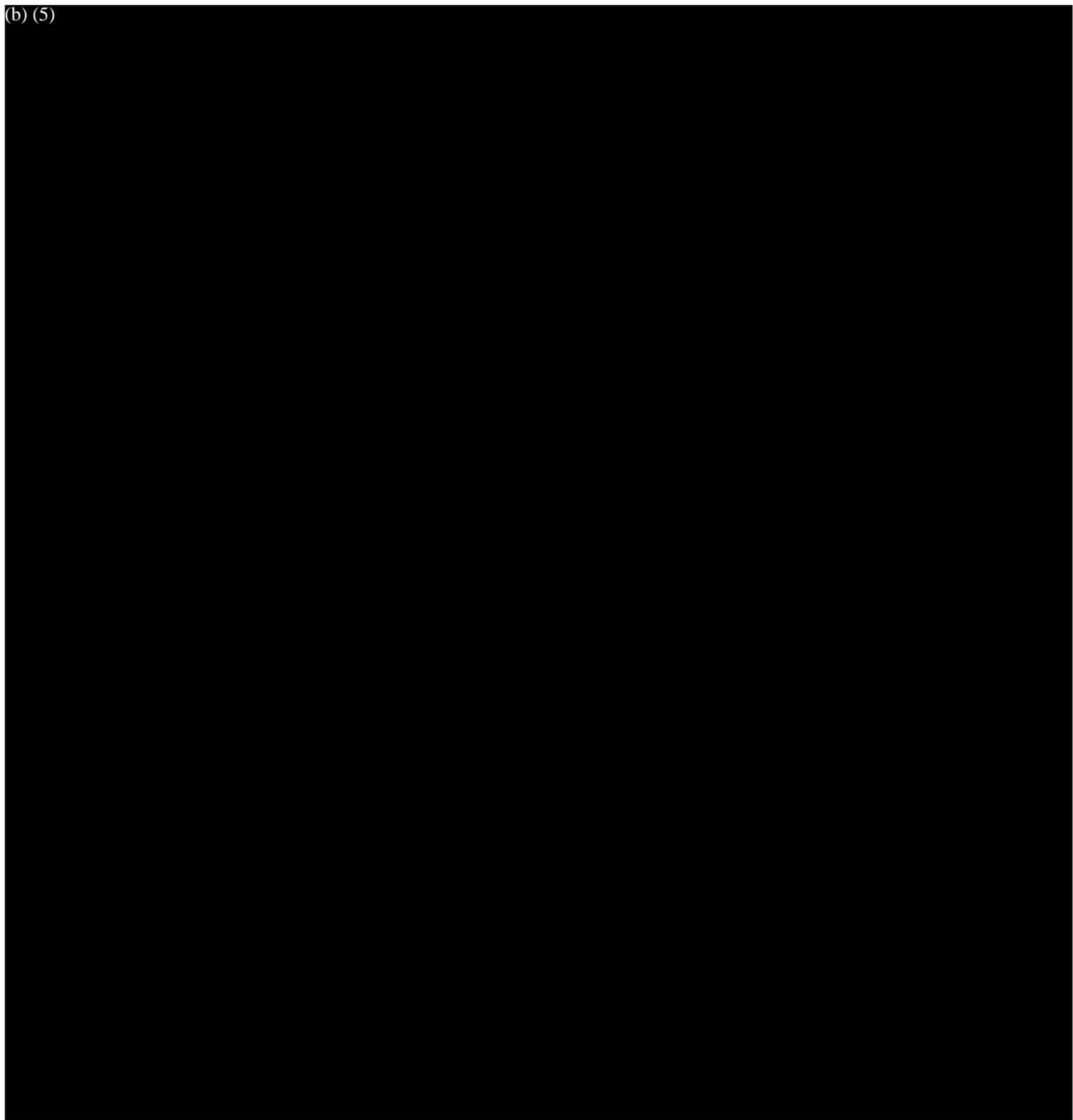
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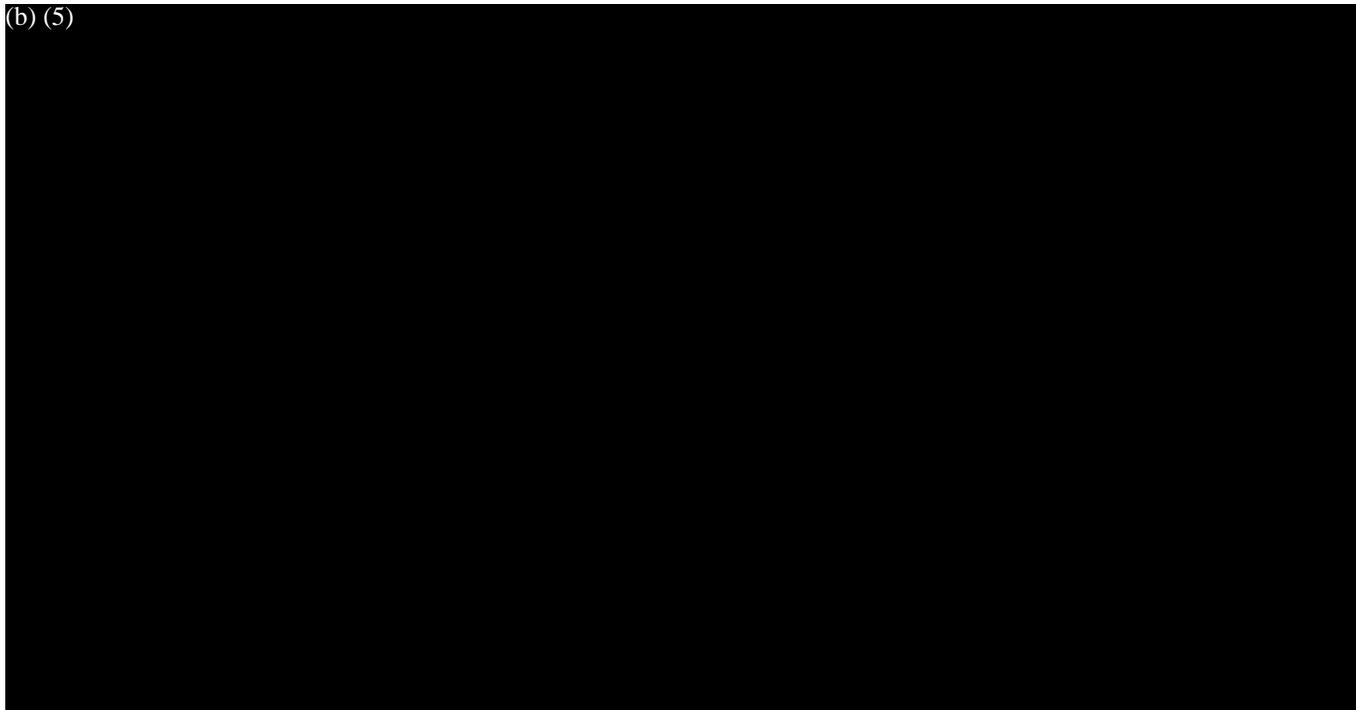
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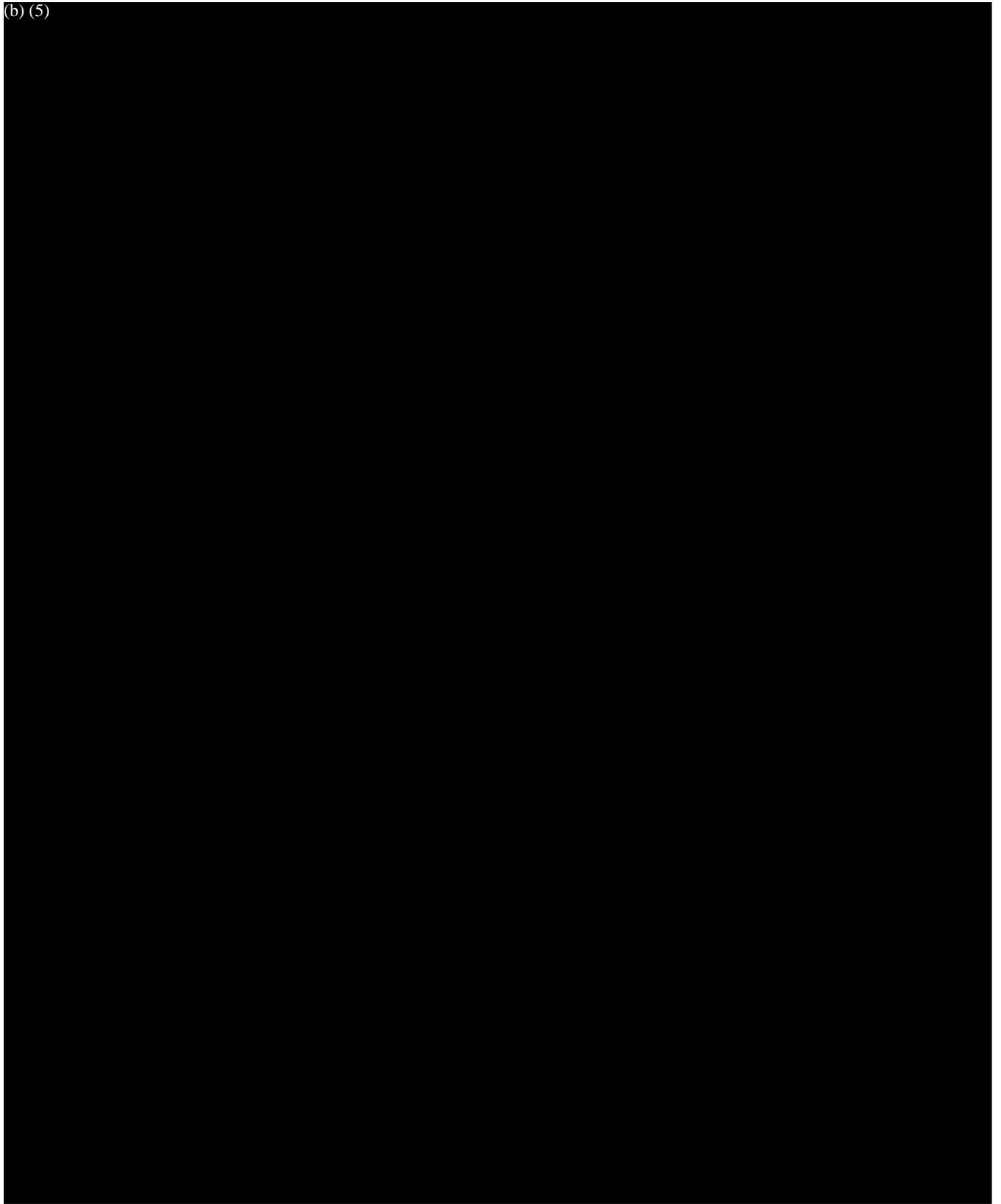
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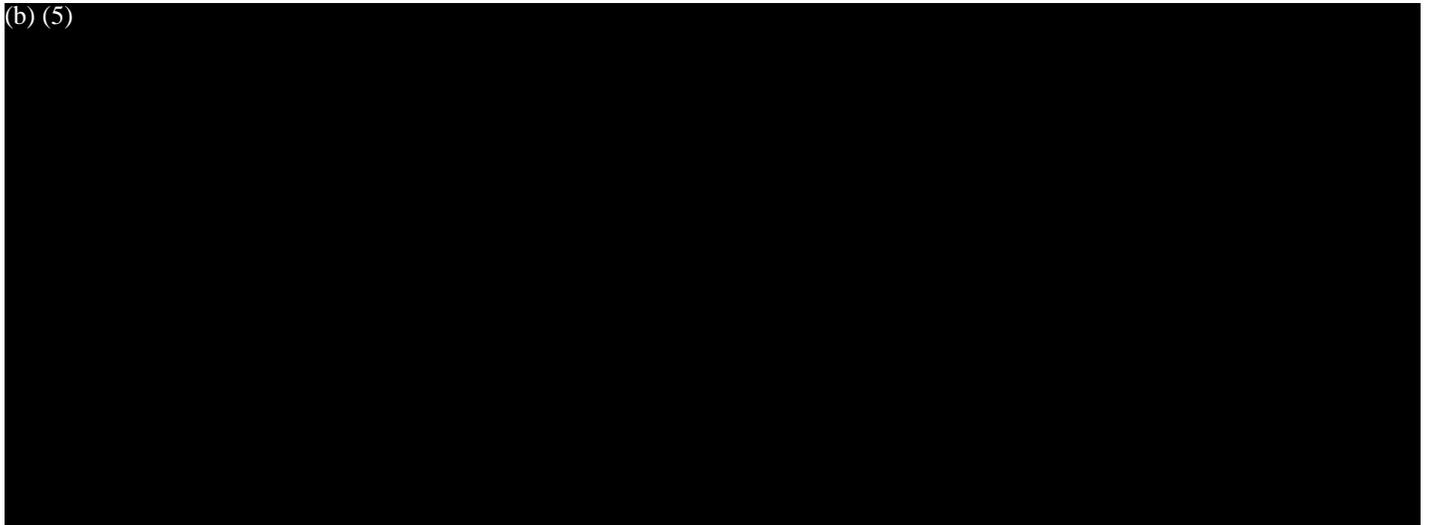
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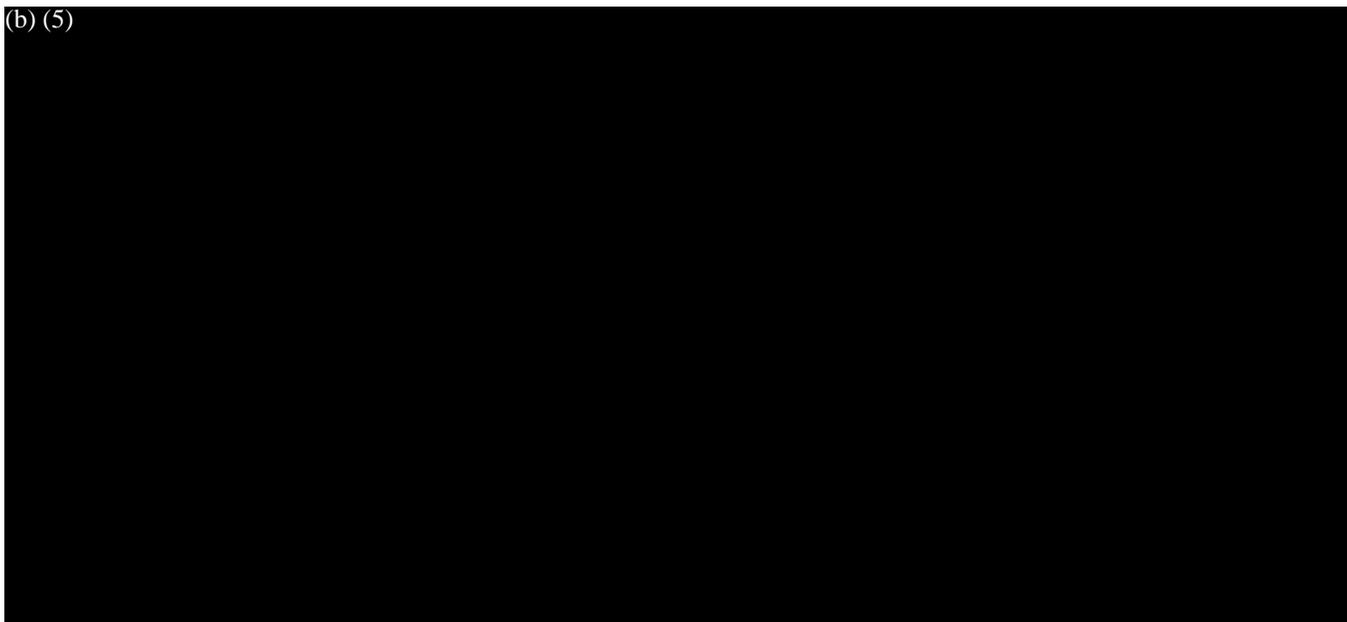
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Also, FOX will have a reporter at the LA presser and this will ask about it.

Peter – OLA is going to get questions about this and I think the talking points we drafted will be useful for your purposes.

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We will monitor the press avail, if any local stations pick it up live but Kevin, please send us audio as soon as you can.

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still no major news interest at this point.

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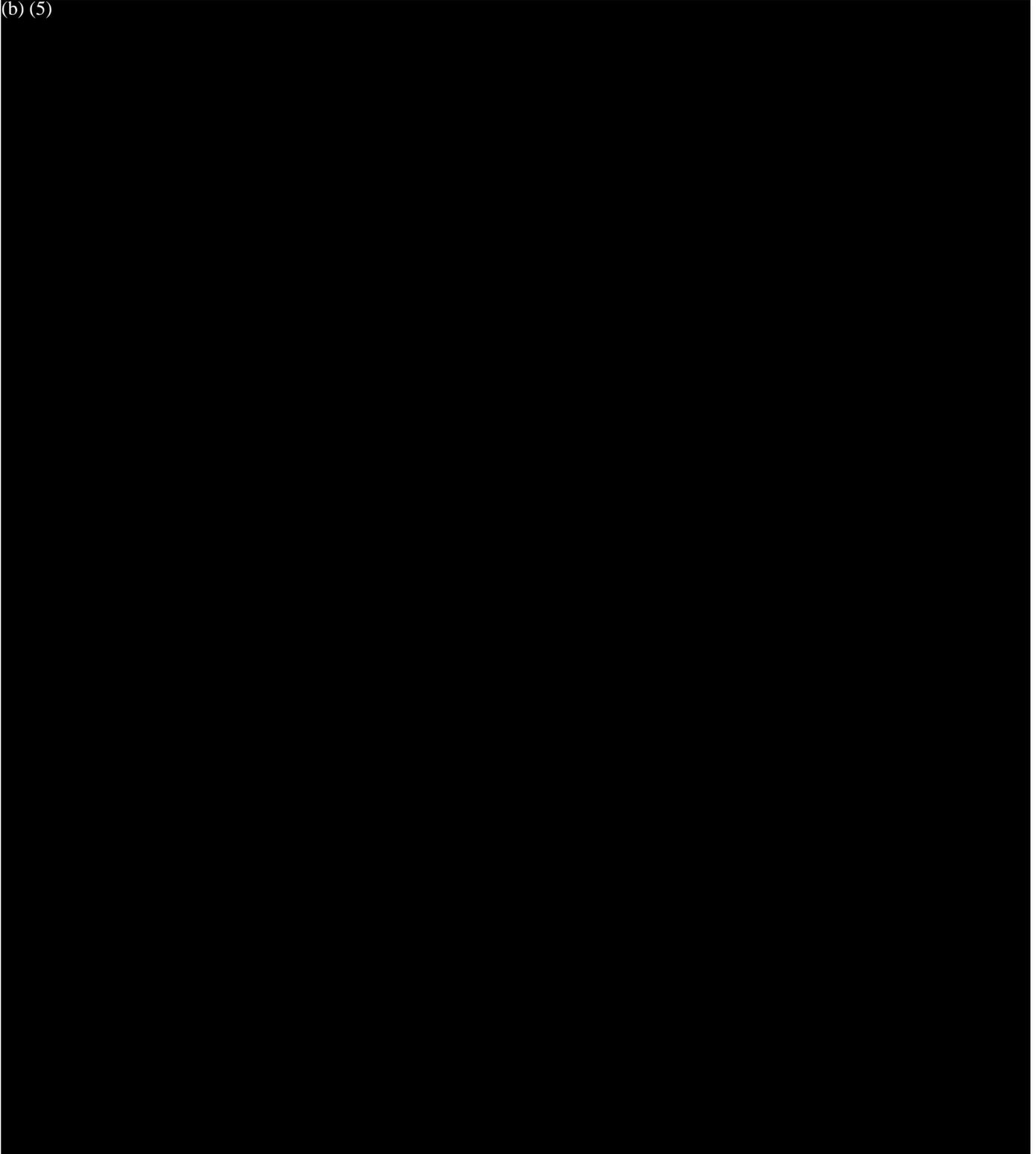
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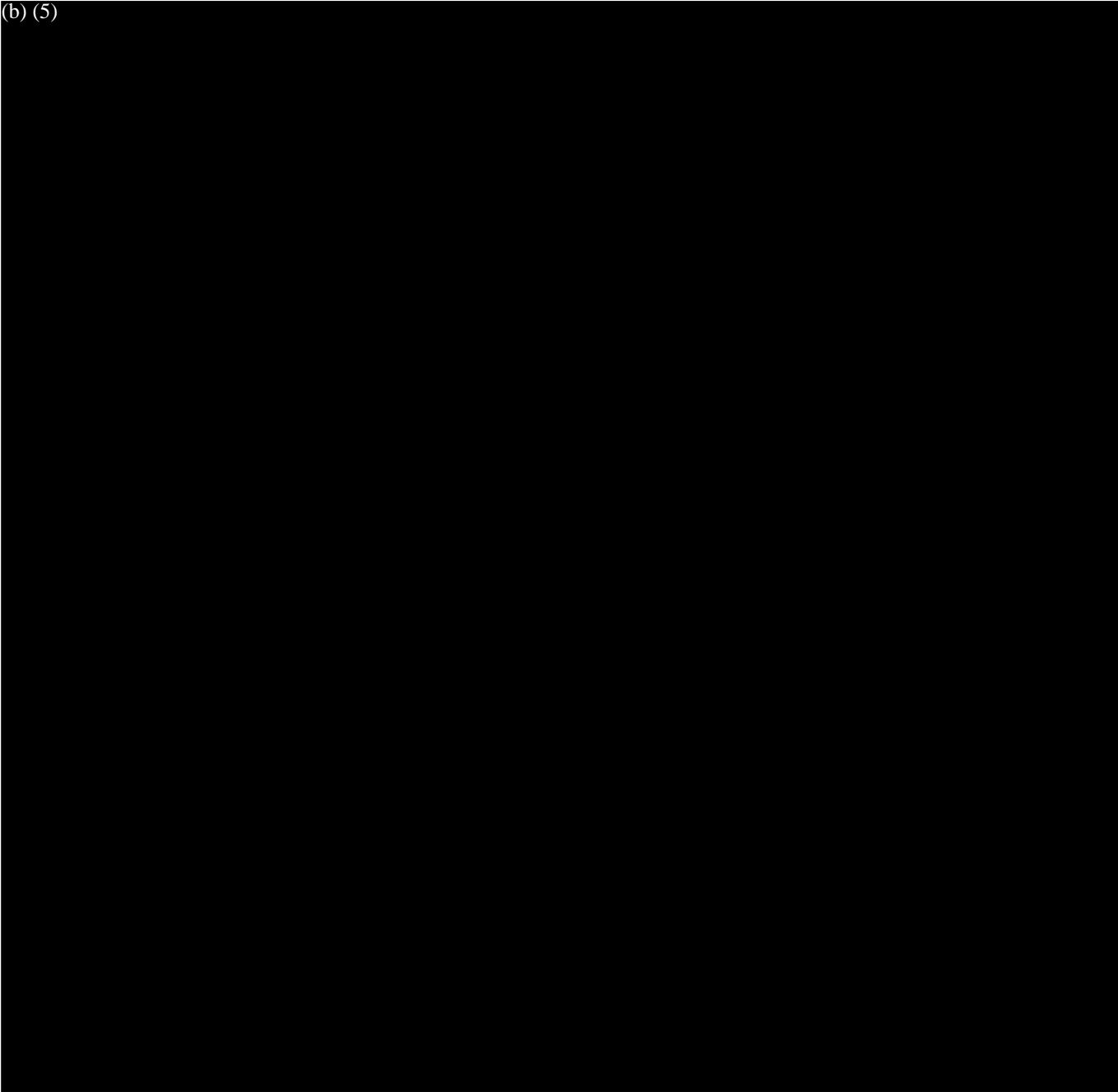
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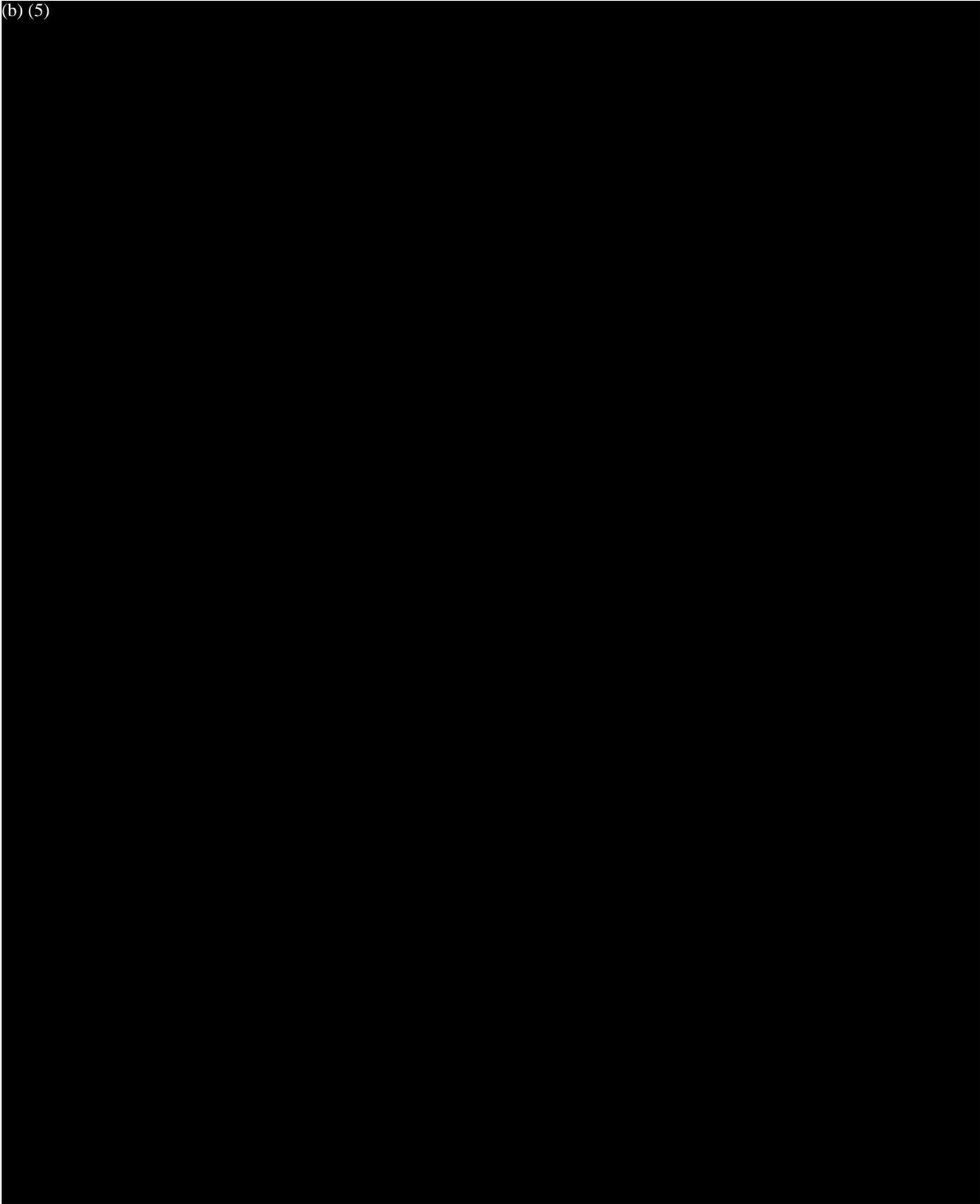
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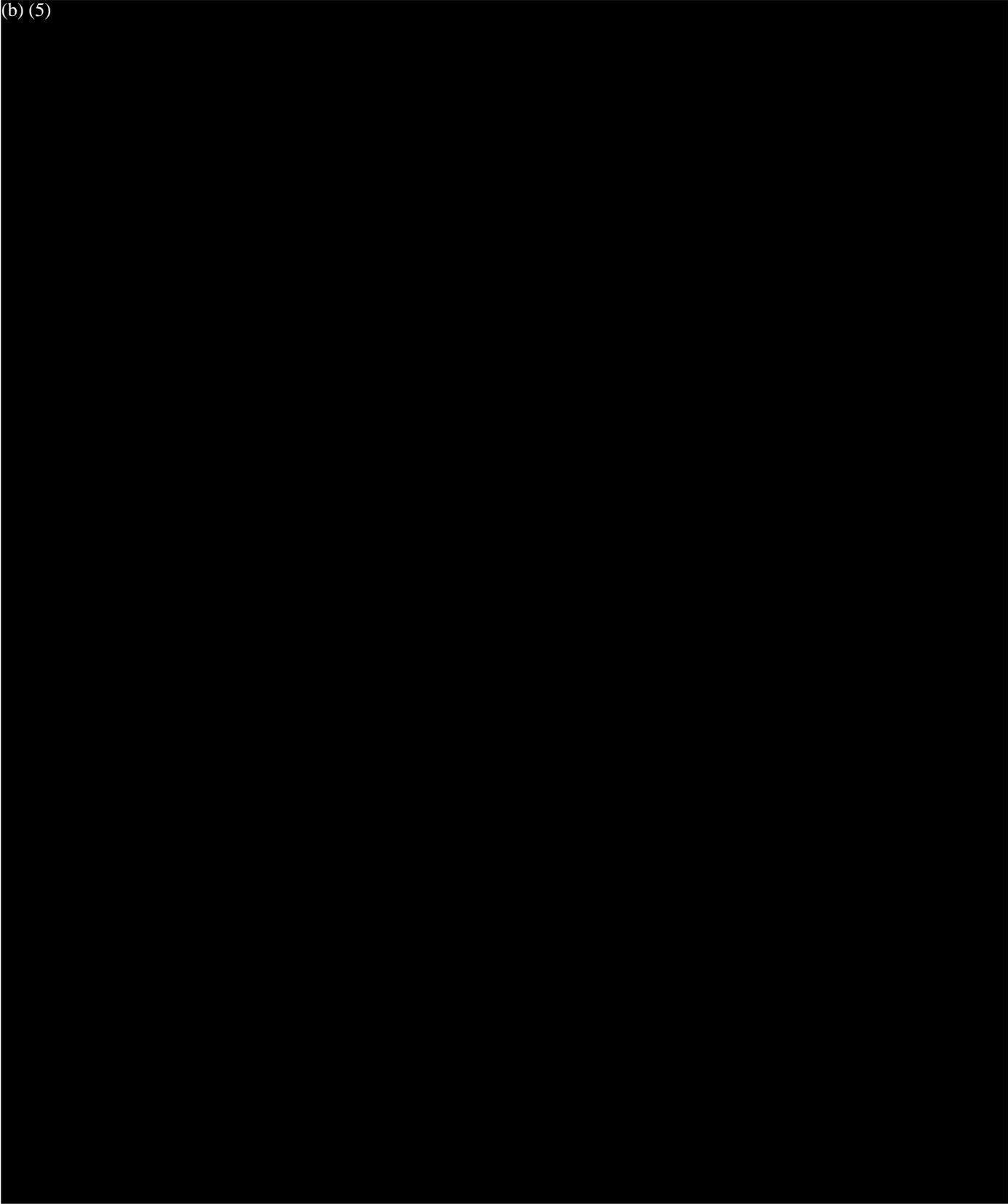
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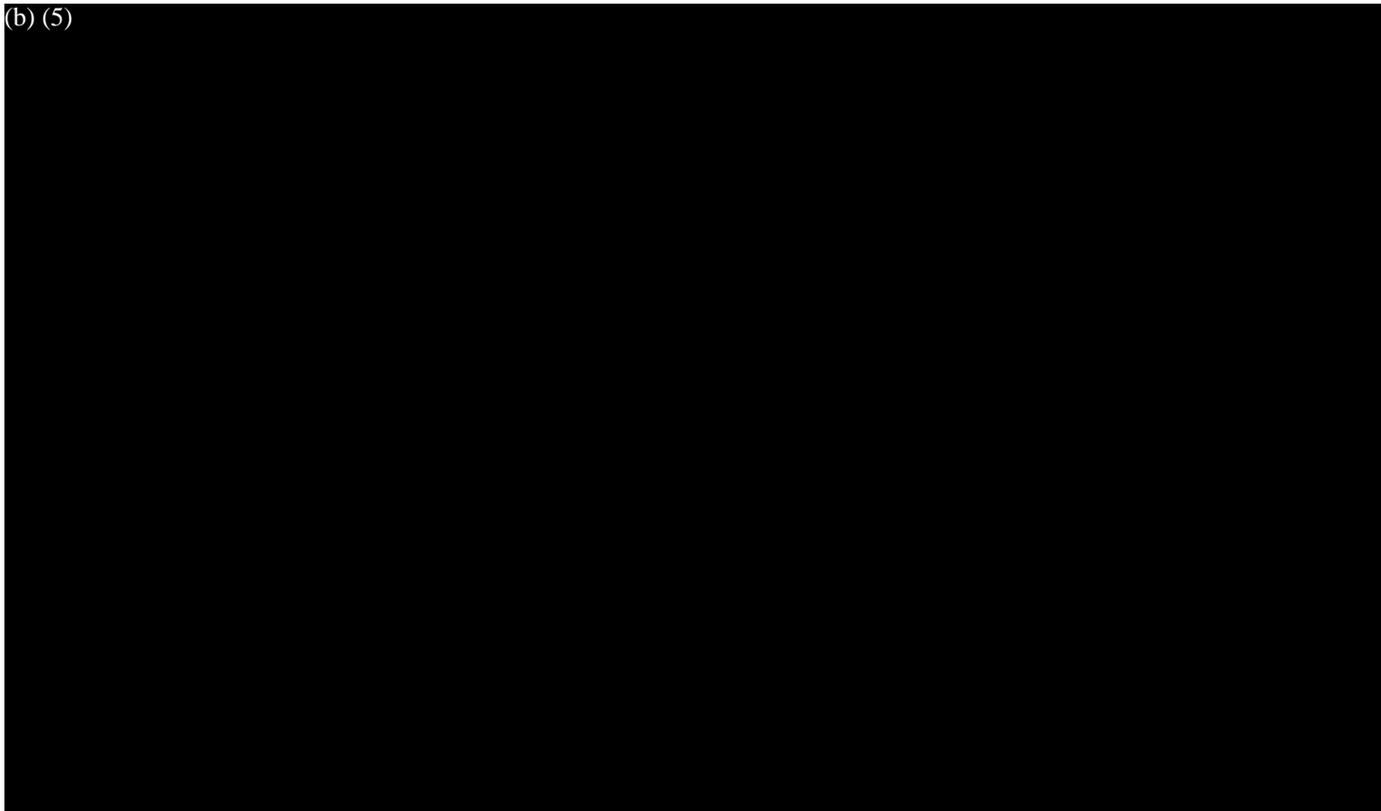
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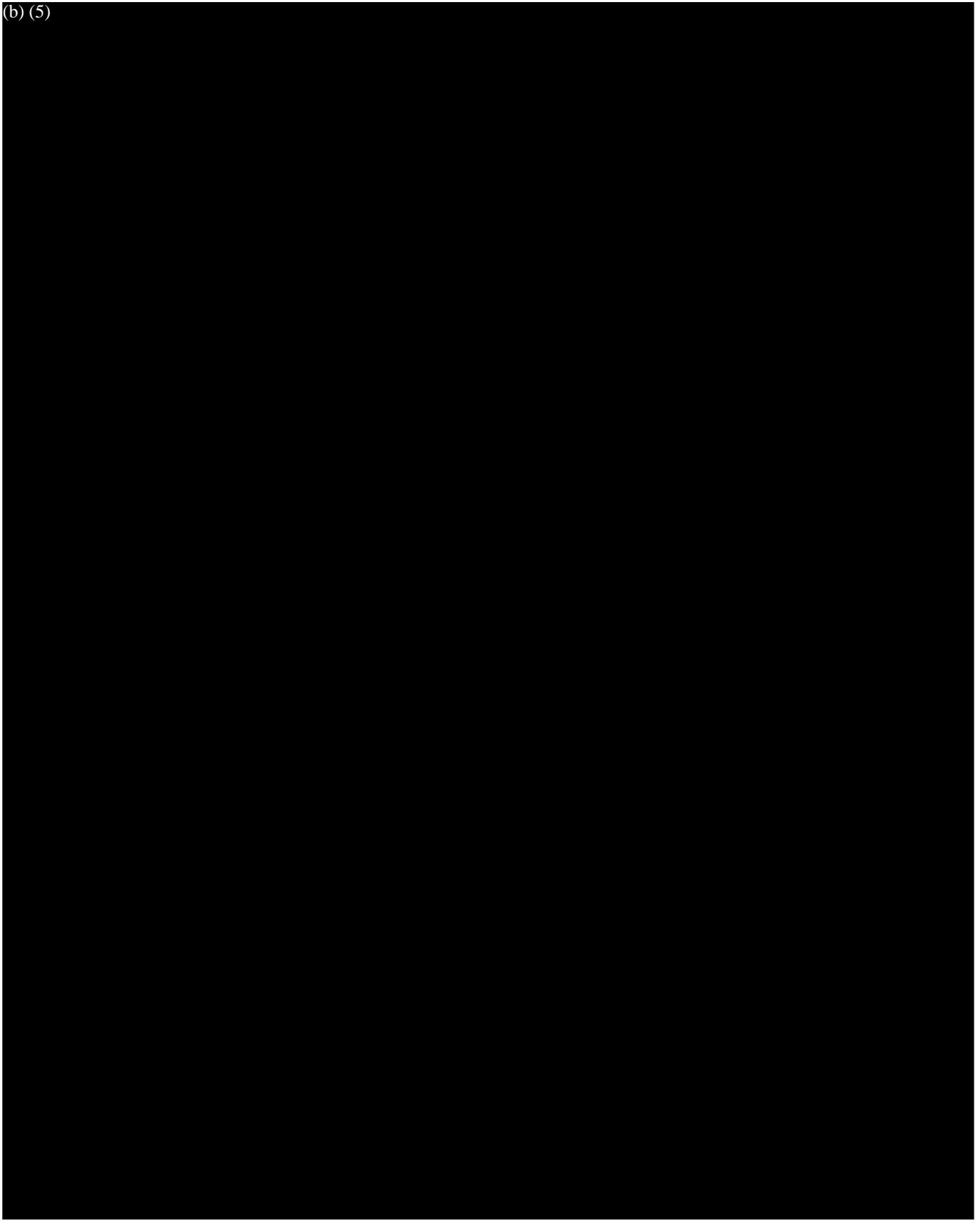
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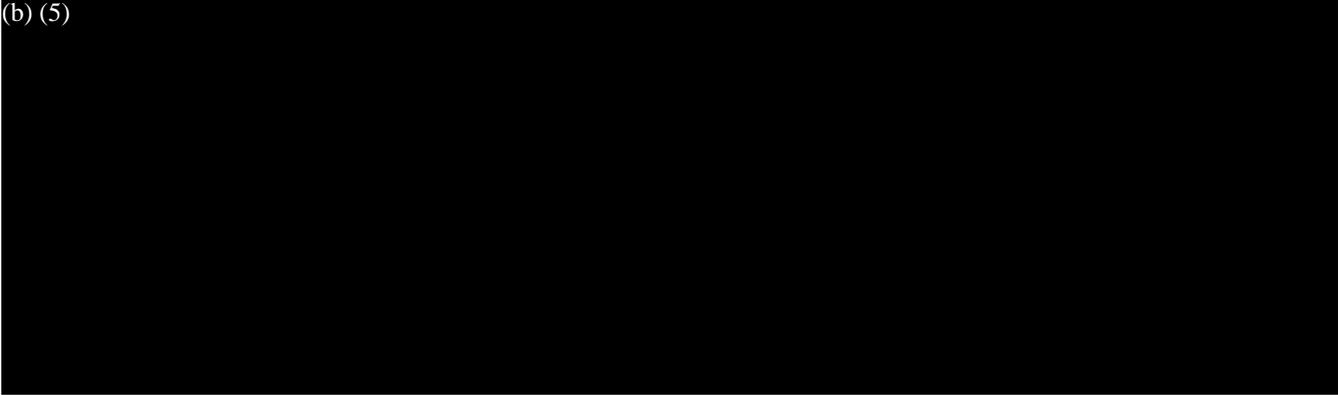
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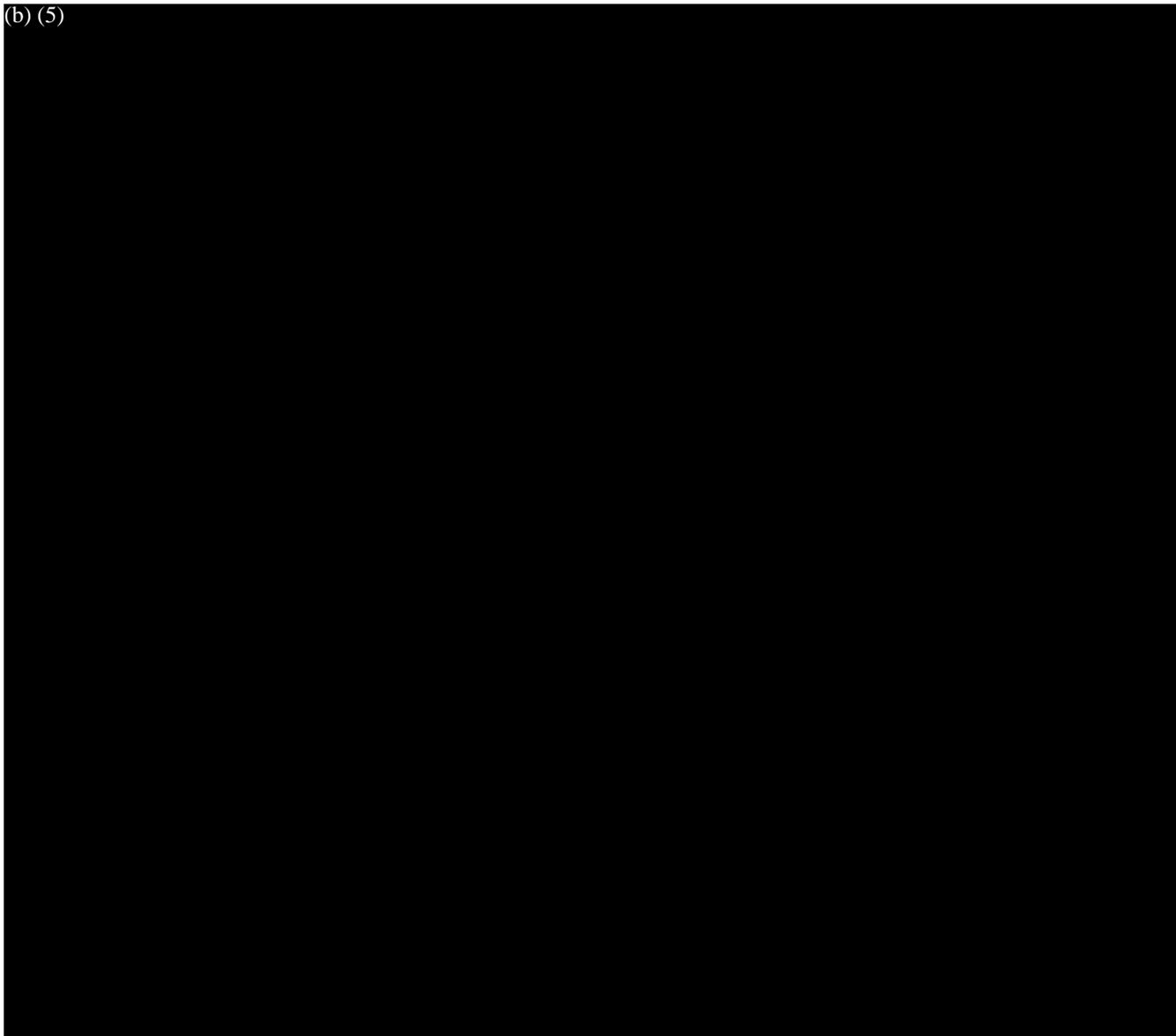
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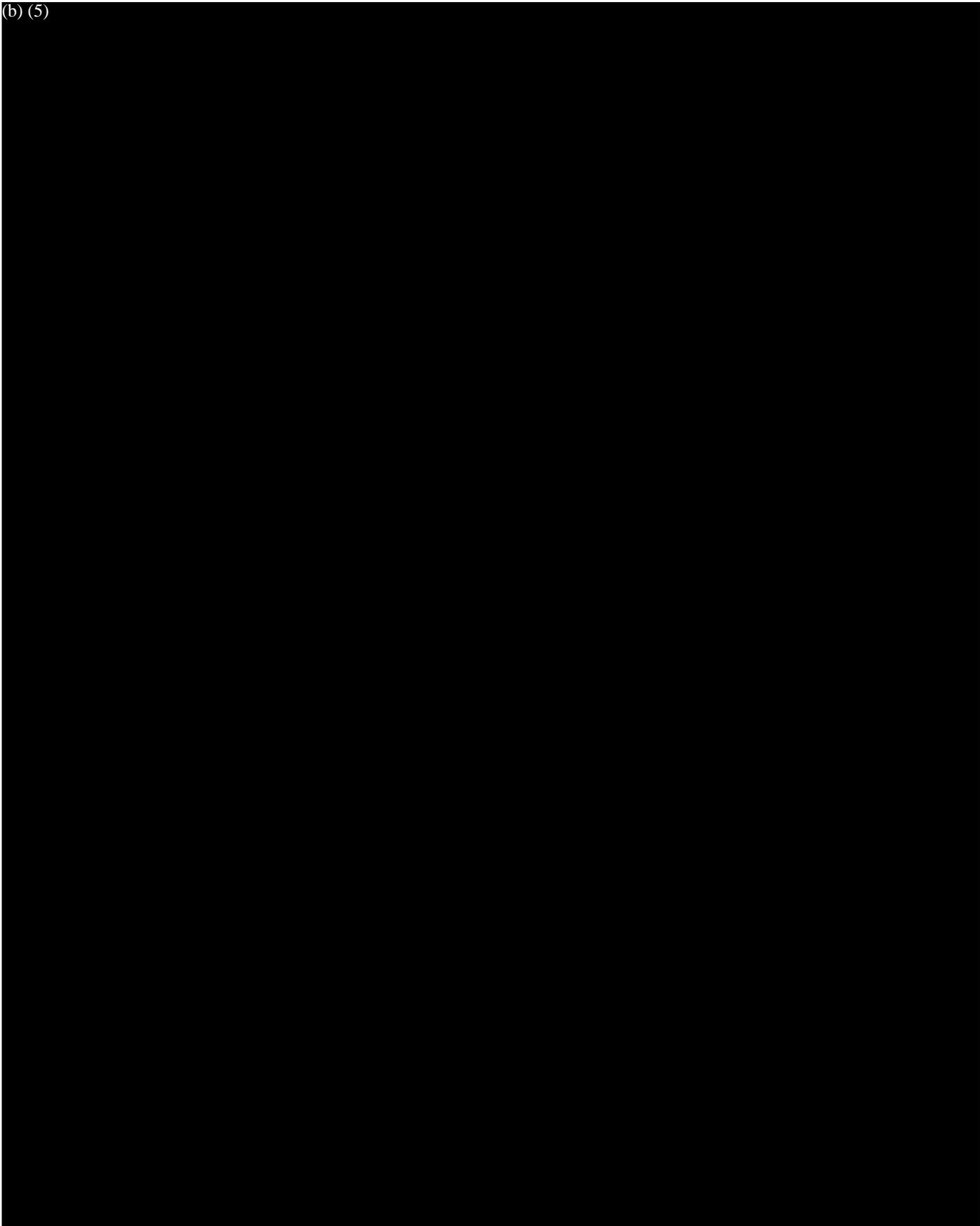
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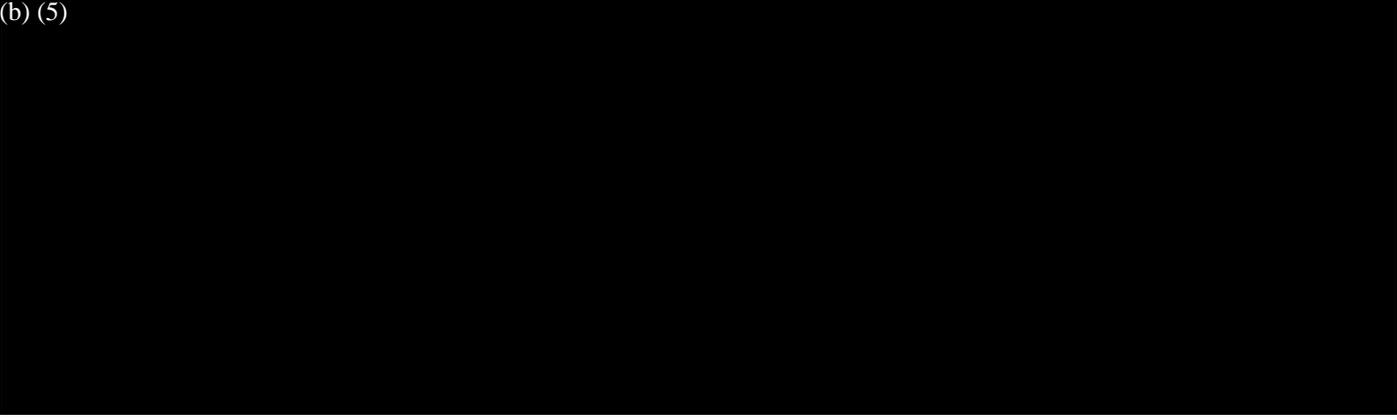
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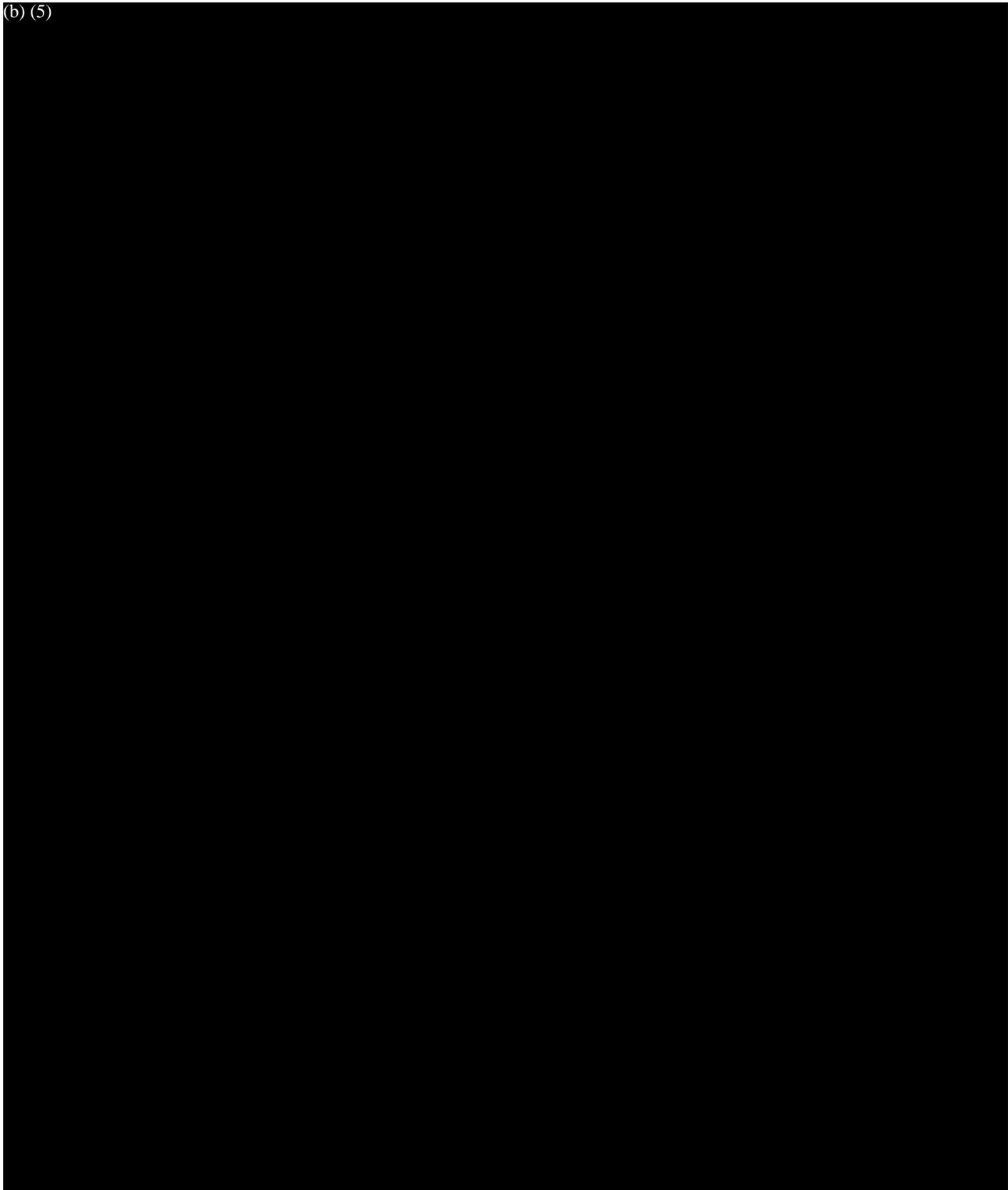
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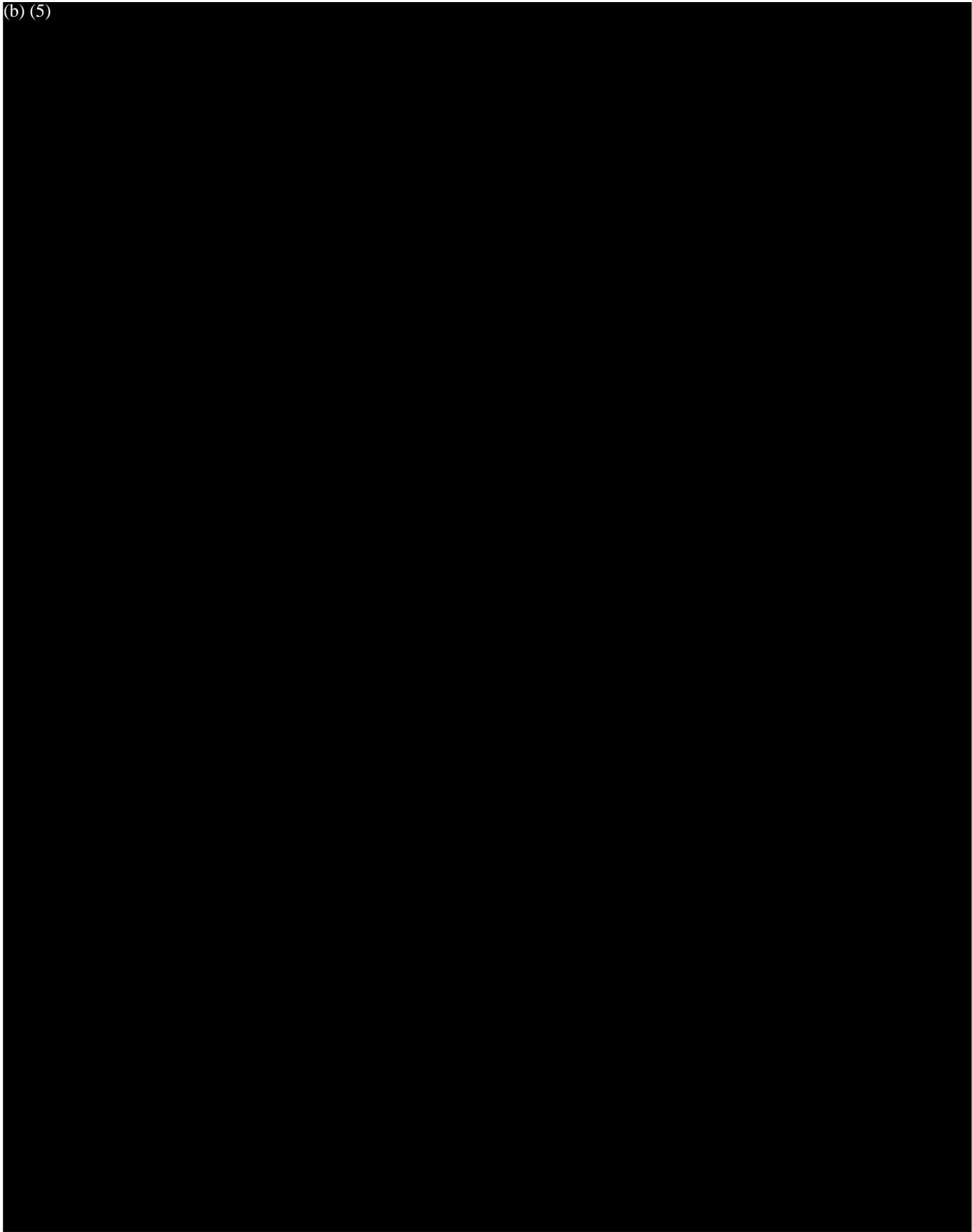
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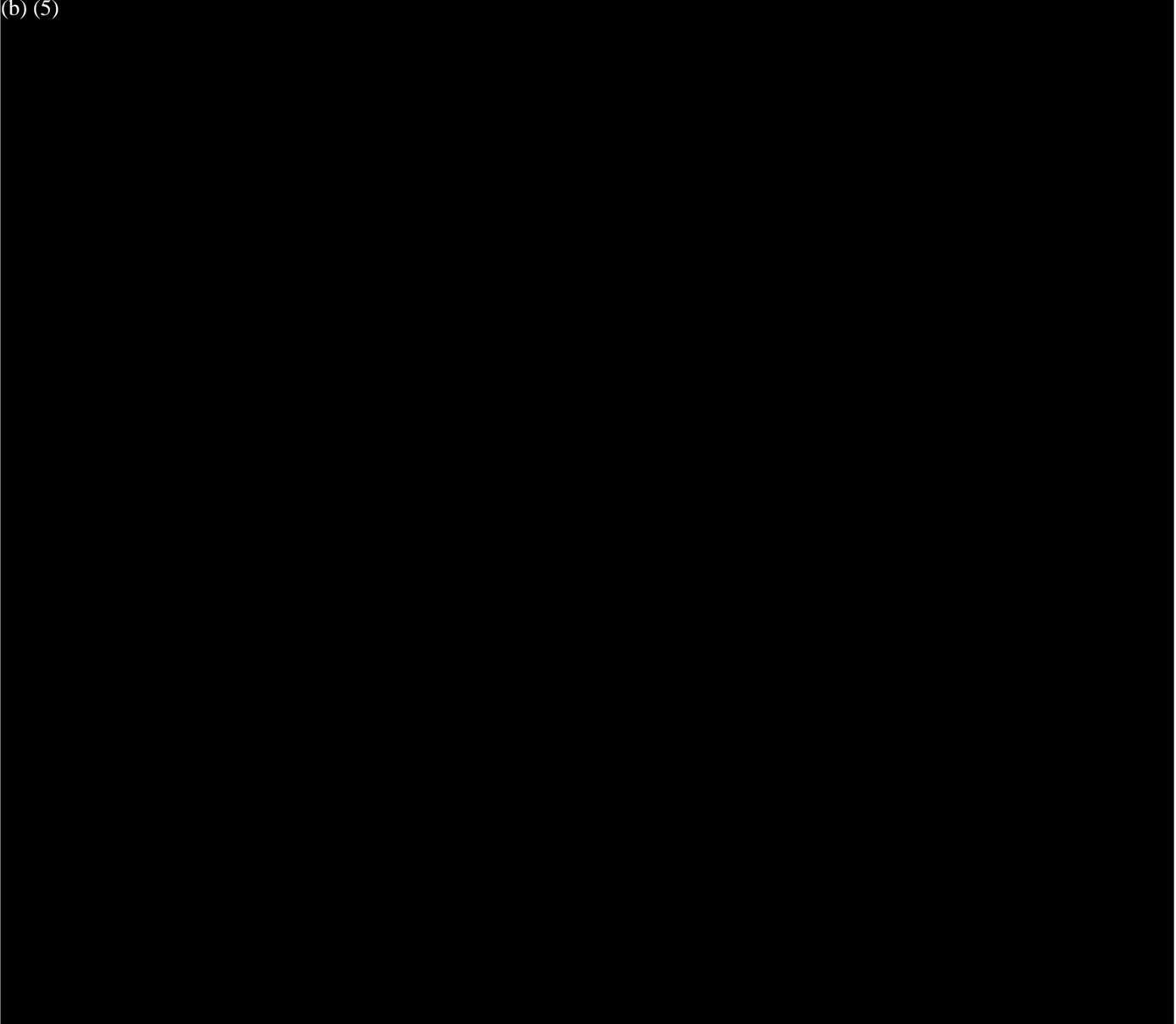
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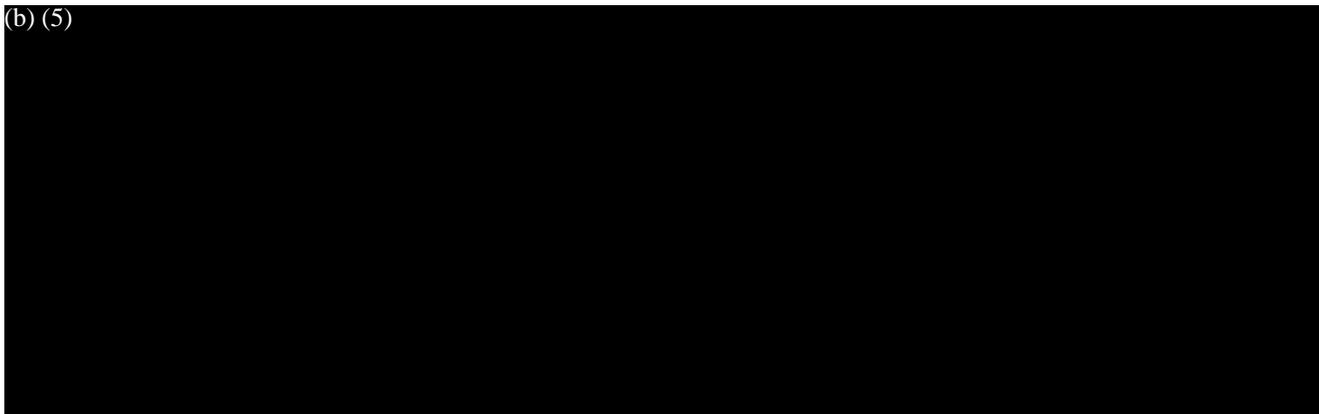
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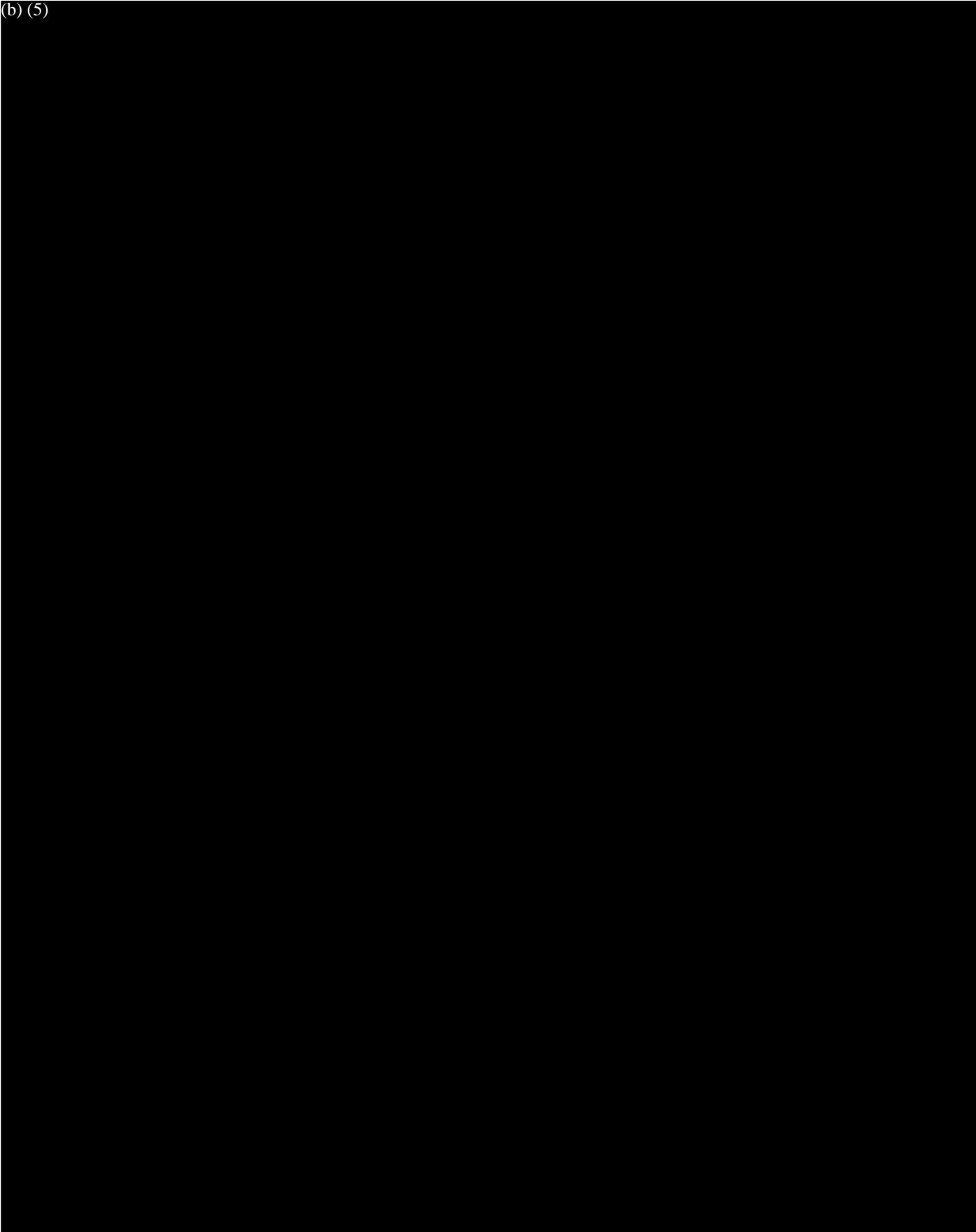
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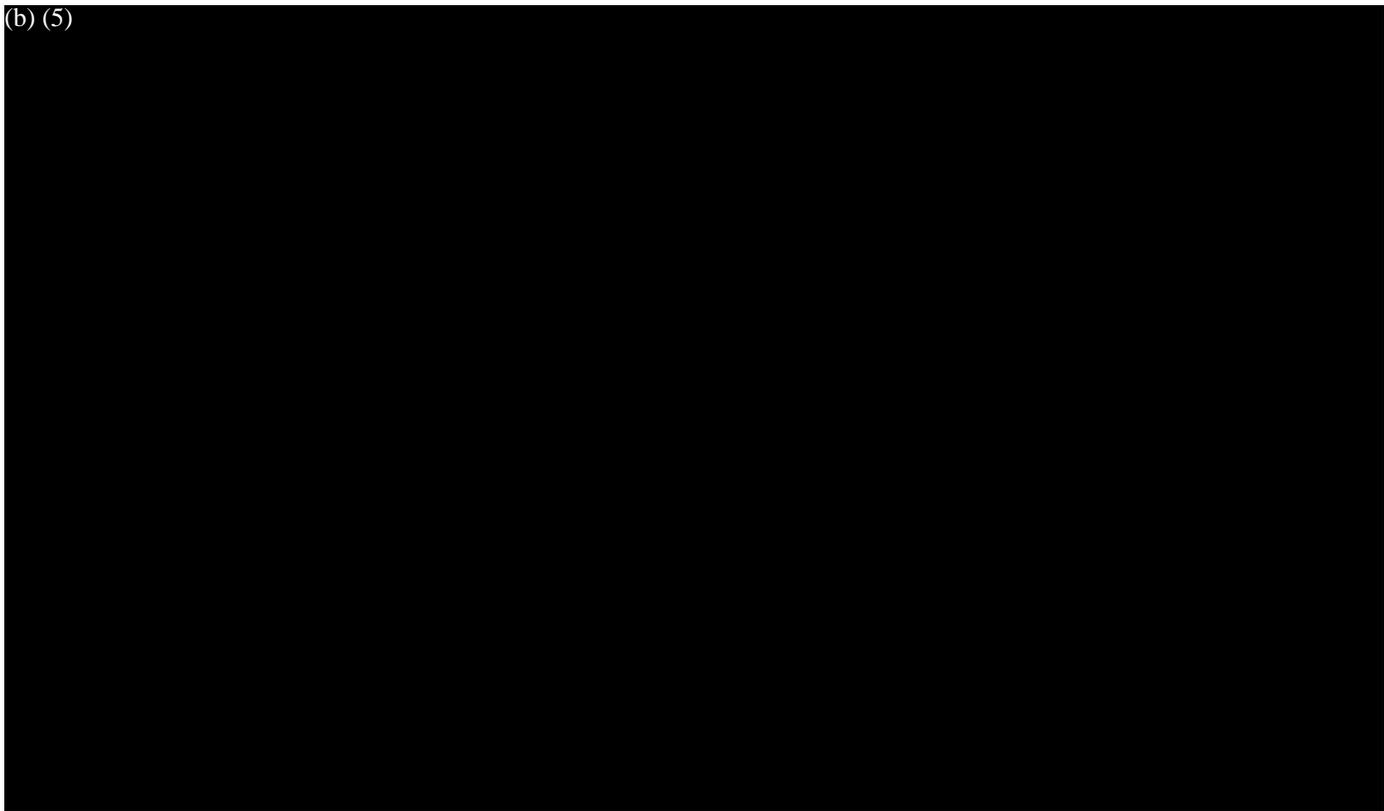
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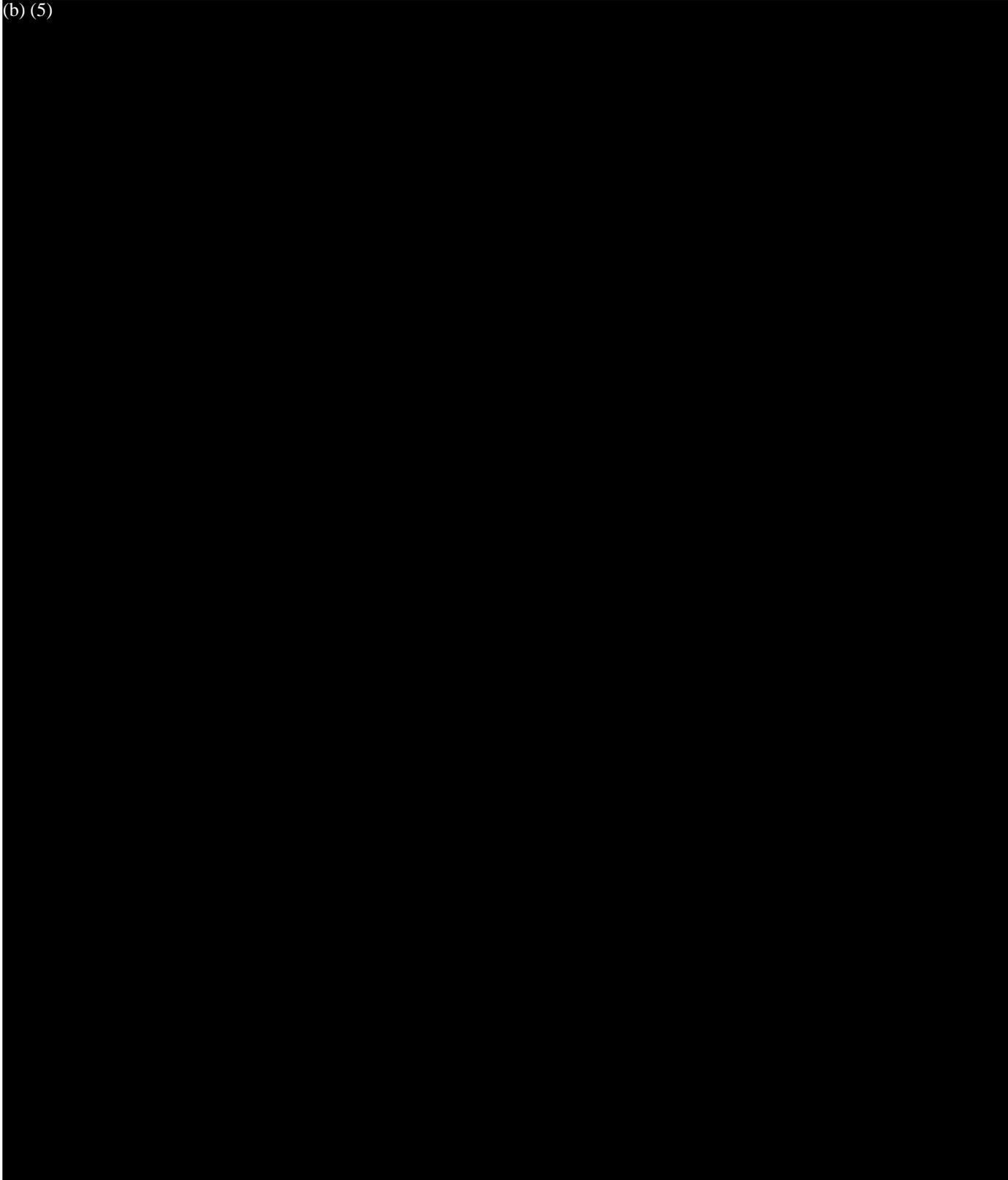
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Looks like this topic is trending on Twitter.

Shirlethia

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Clinton Q:

REPORTER: Madam attorney general was it appropriate for you to meet with former president clinton while your agency is in the middle of an investigation of his wife's email server?

AG LYNCH: Well i did see the president at the Phoenix airport the other night as I was landing, he was heading out. He did come over and say hello and speak to my husband and myself and talk about his grandchildren and his travels and things like that. And that was the extent of that. No discussions was held on any cases or anything like that - he didn't raise anything.

REPORTER: You don't believe that gives off the appearance of any impropriety while your agency is investigating?

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Fox just ran a segment and WSJ is writing on it now as well.

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CBS News now also reporting. Interest is coming from "the highest levels of news" team there. They are also sending a reporter to the LA presser.

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[Was Bill Clinton in Phoenix just to cross paths with AG Lynch?](#)

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Have the Clintons ever held a political event and not invited the media? **Bill Clinton** was in Phoenix on Monday to attend a "Latino Leaders ...

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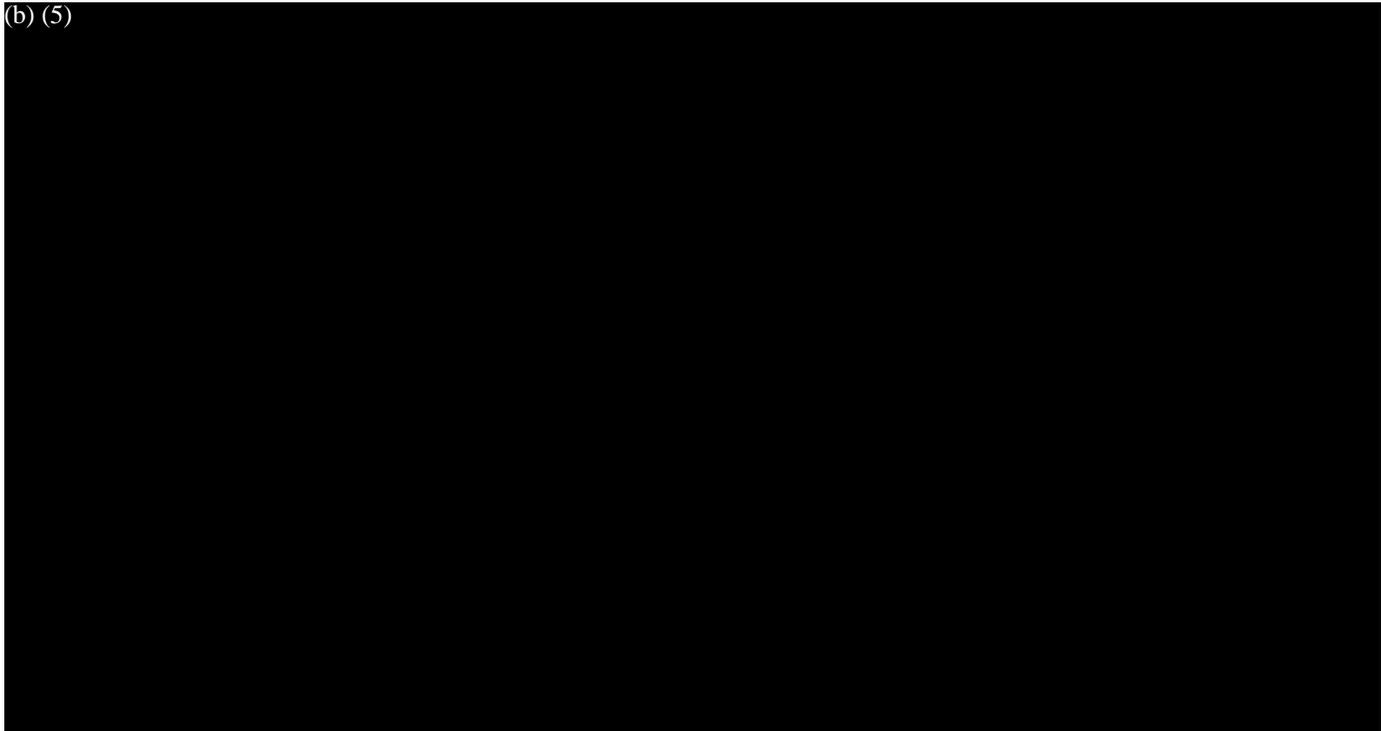
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Also, FOX will have a reporter at the LA presser and this will ask about it.

Peter – OLA is going to get questions about this and I think the talking points we drafted will be useful for your purposes.

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We will monitor the press avail, if any local stations pick it up live but Kevin, please send us audio as soon as you can.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 1:25 PM  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Pokorny, Carolyn (OAG); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA); Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG); Kadzik, Peter J (OLA); Amuluru, Uma (OAG); Herwig, Paige (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT: Statement/Talking Points

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/06/29/bill-clinton-loretta-lynch-meet-on-airplane-in-phoenix-video/>

still no major news interest at this point.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:31 AM  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
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I sent the transcript and link to the news clip to the FOX producer. He had already tracked down the video from the presser. He actually thinks they may not run anything on it today but will keep me posted. He doesn't think it's news. I also talked to the ABC producer, who noted that they aren't interested, even if FOX runs with it.

Given this, we are still holding.

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**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
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On Jun 29, 2016, at 9:33 AM, Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) <[maaxelrod@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:maaxelrod@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

It's already public, as reflected in today's clips. (b) (5)

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2016/06/28/ag-loretta-lynch-praises-phoenix-police-training/>

**From:** Newman, Melanie (OPA)  
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On Jun 29, 2016, at 9:23 AM, Pokorny, Carolyn (OAG) <[cpokorny@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:cpokorny@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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On Jun 29, 2016, at 9:14 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Fox News just called. They received a tip from someone on the ground in Phoenix. (b) (5)

On Jun 28, 2016, at 4:16 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

(b) (5). I am holding for now.

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We didn't get any follow up. (b) (5). Our justice reporter didn't follow up either.

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On Jun 28, 2016, at 1:10 PM, Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) <[maaxelrod@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:maaxelrod@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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On Jun 28, 2016, at 4:09 PM, Franklin, Shirlethia (OAG) <[shfranklin@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:shfranklin@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

The question was just asked at the press avail. Local reporter noted that "sources say" that the AG met with former President Bill Clinton last night and asked whether Benghazi was discussed. The AG stuck to the talking points. She also received a question about whether POTUS' support of Hillary Clinton has any impact on the Department's investigation, (b) (5)

Melanie, as previously discussed, is the plan to now issue the statement?

Shirlethia

On Jun 28, 2016, at 12:46 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Thanks all!

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Herwig, Paige (OAG); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
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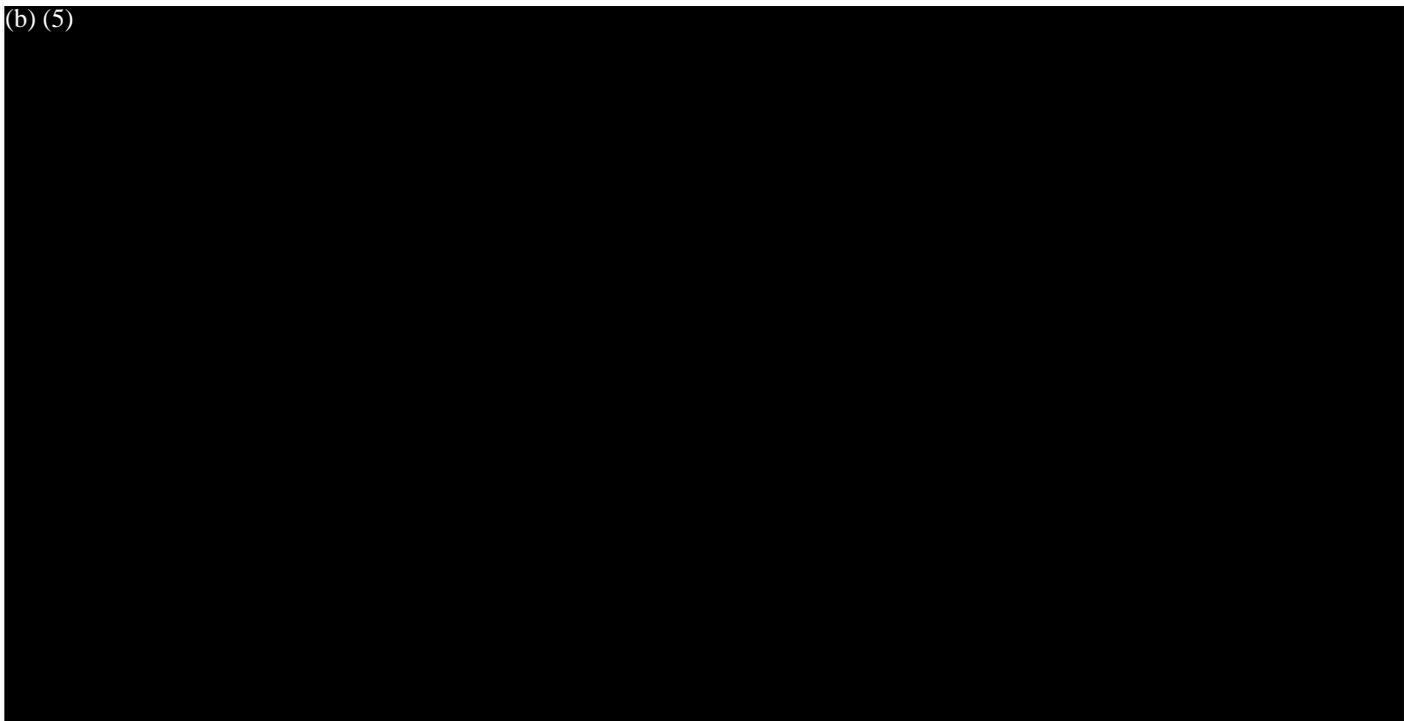
None from me.

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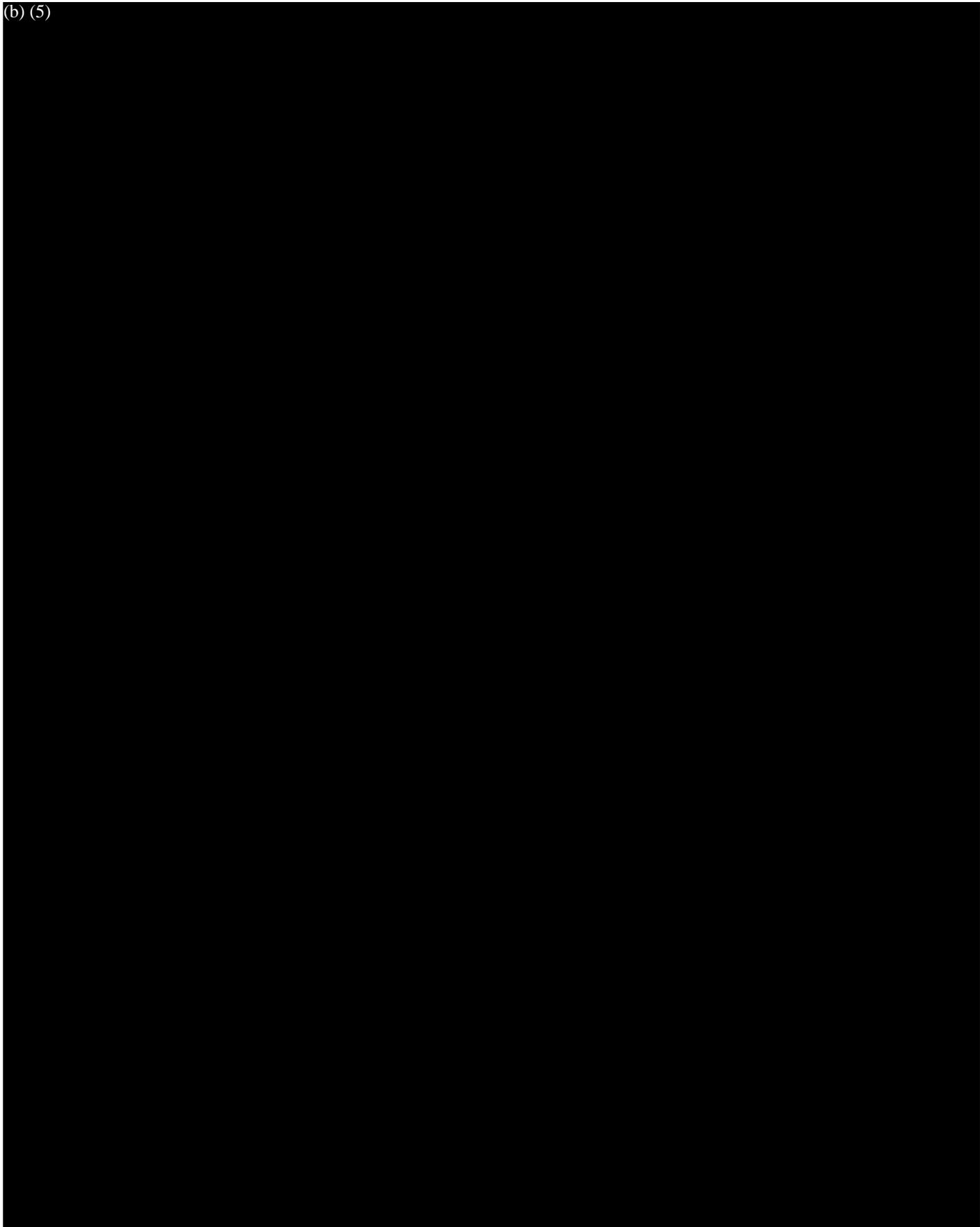
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Edited to include Peter's comment as well. Also cleaned up Carolyn's edits a little to make it less clunky. Any further comments? I would like to close this out for the AG to use NOW. Thanks.

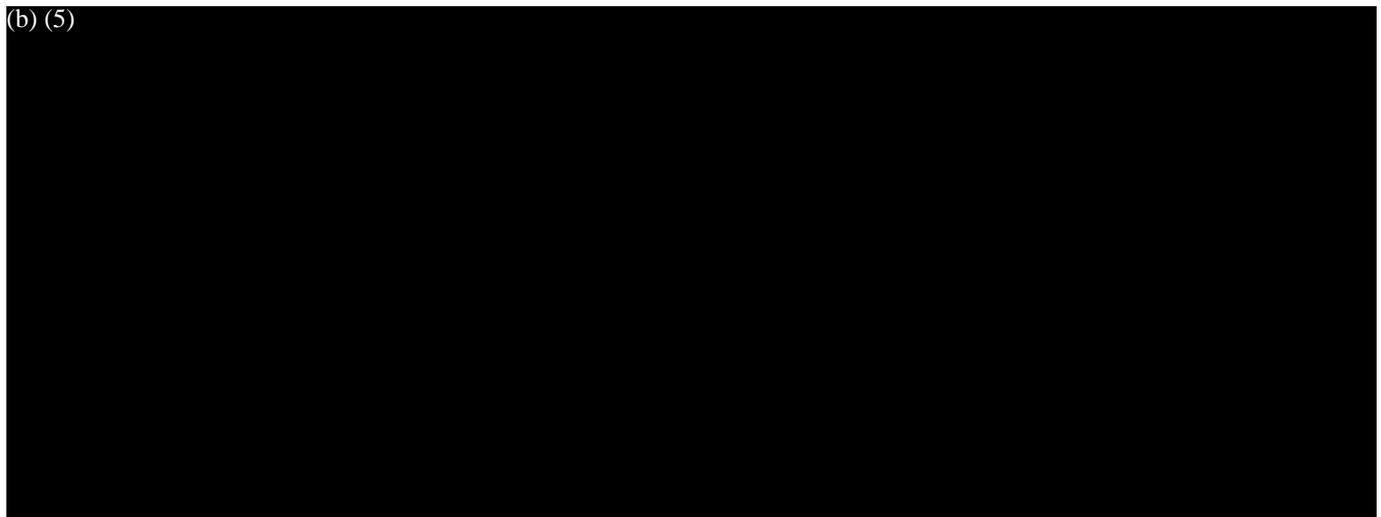
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Works for me. Edits reflected below to address your point, as well as additional from folks on the ground.

Please send edits in the next 10 minutes. Thank you.

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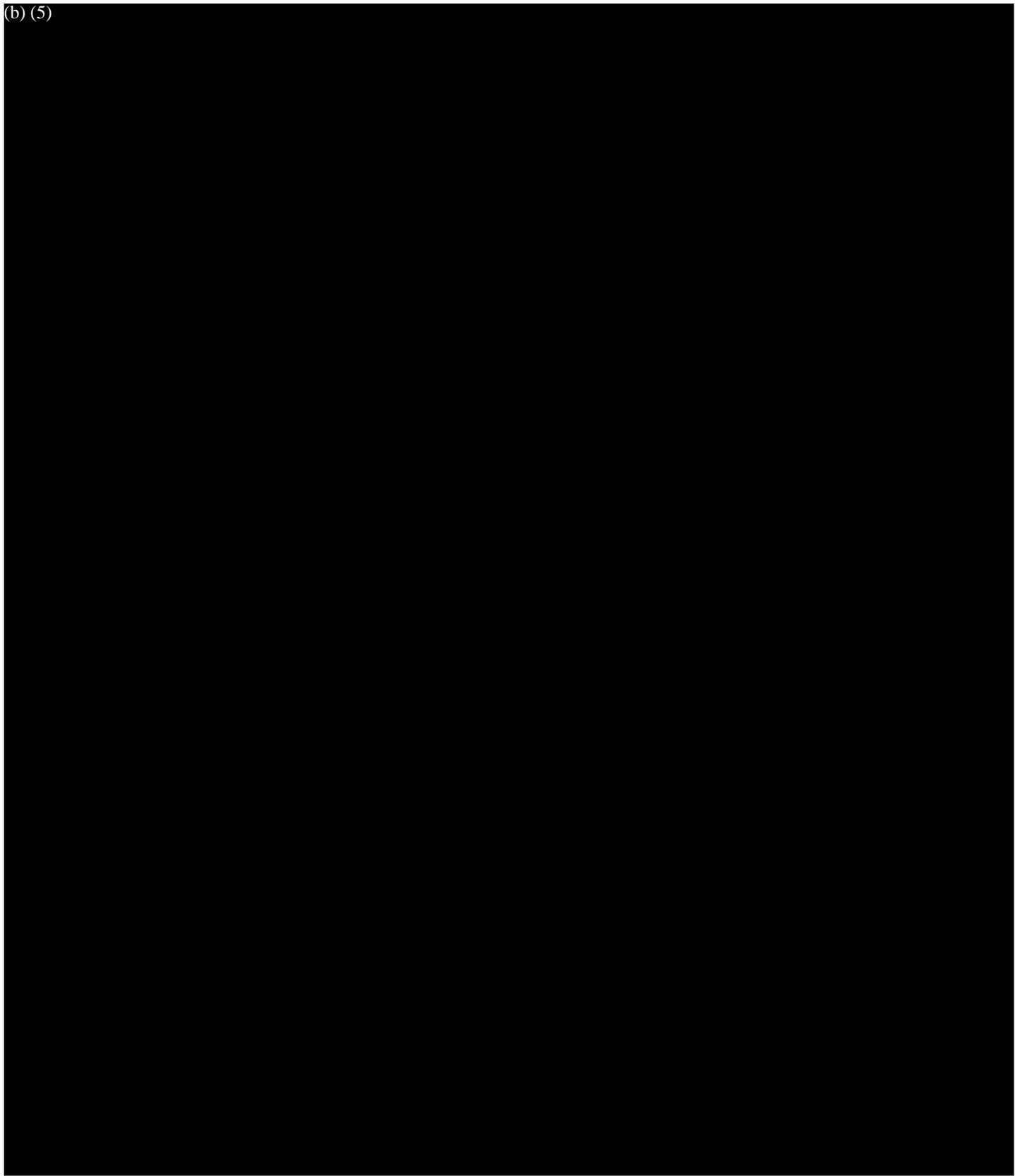
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On Jun 28, 2016, at 2:59 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <[mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

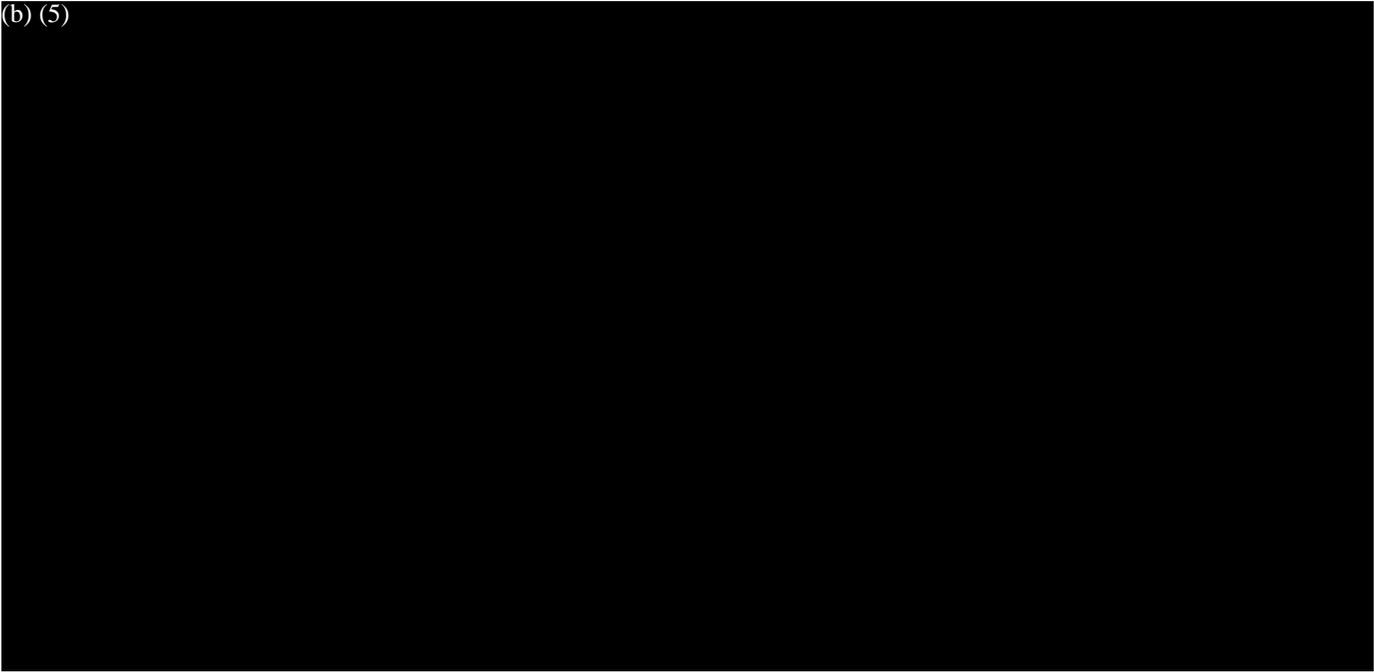
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