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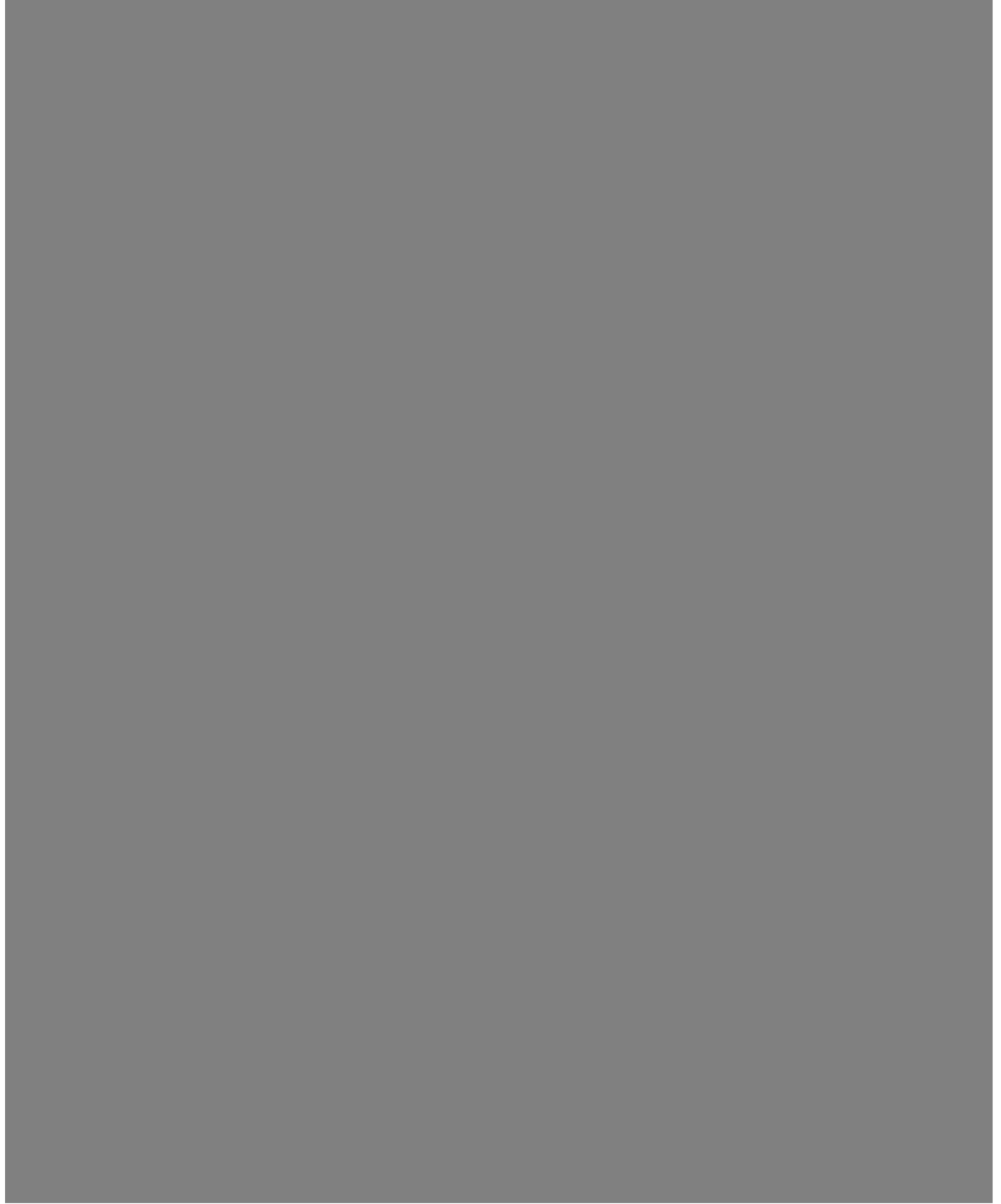
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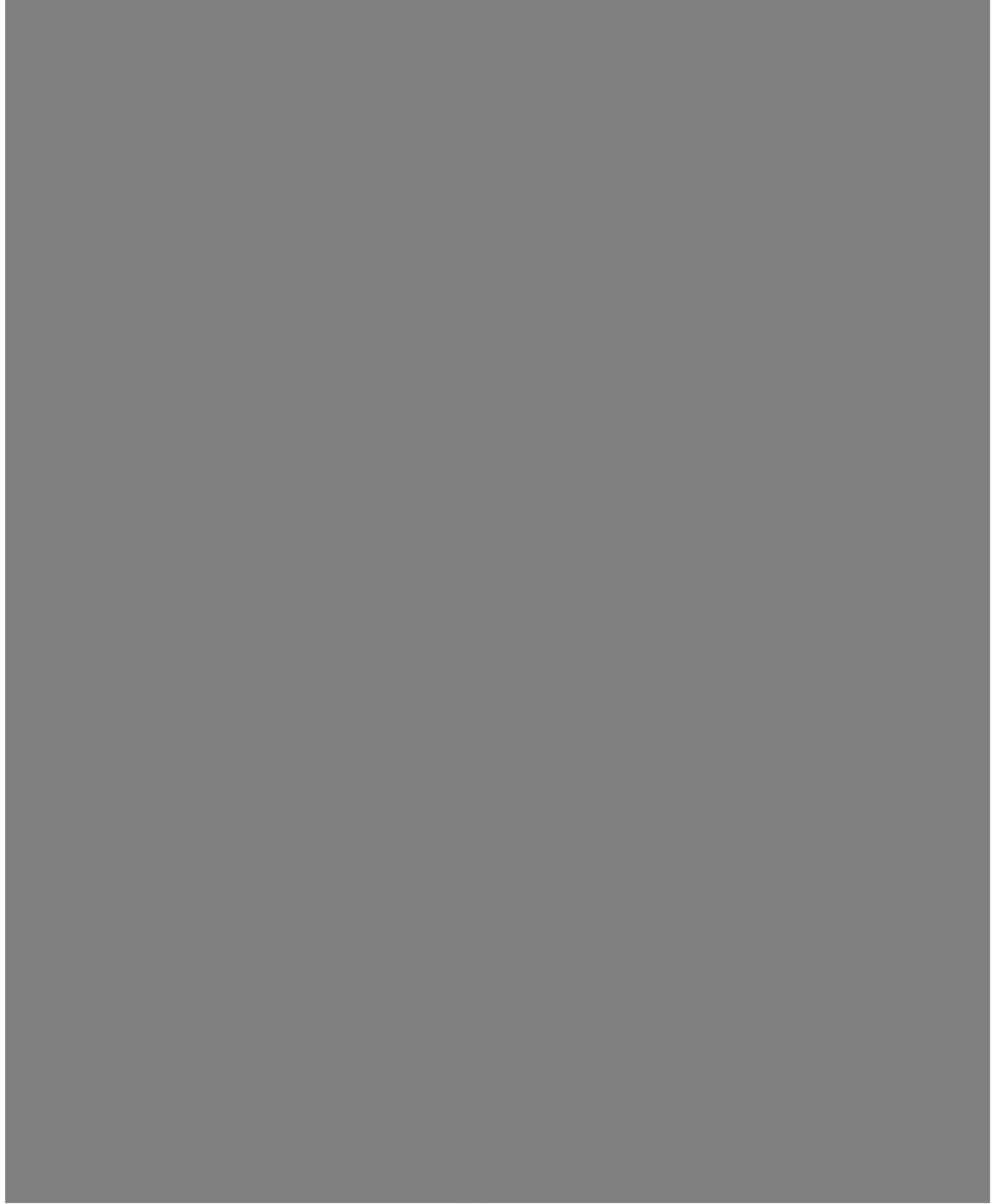
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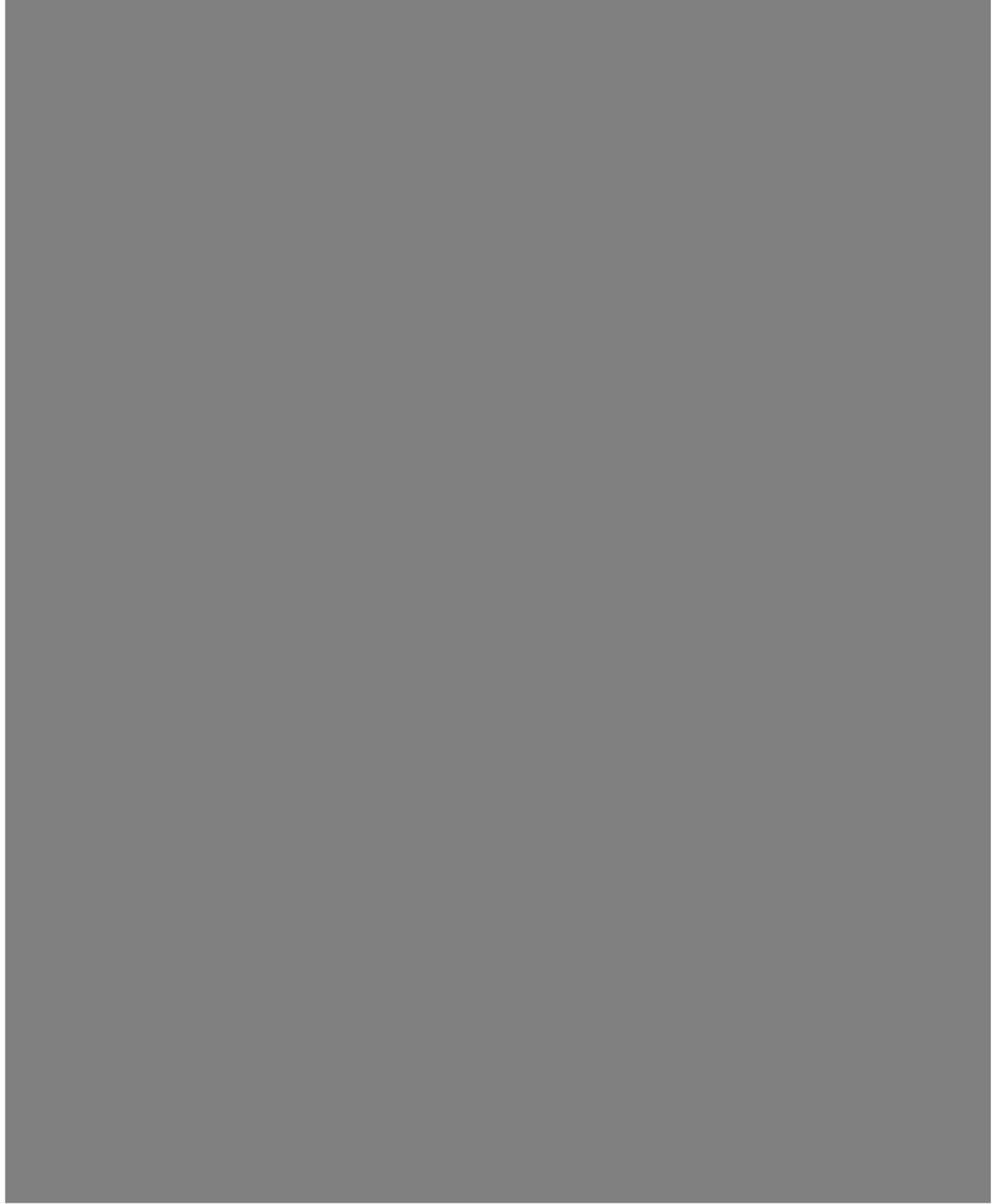
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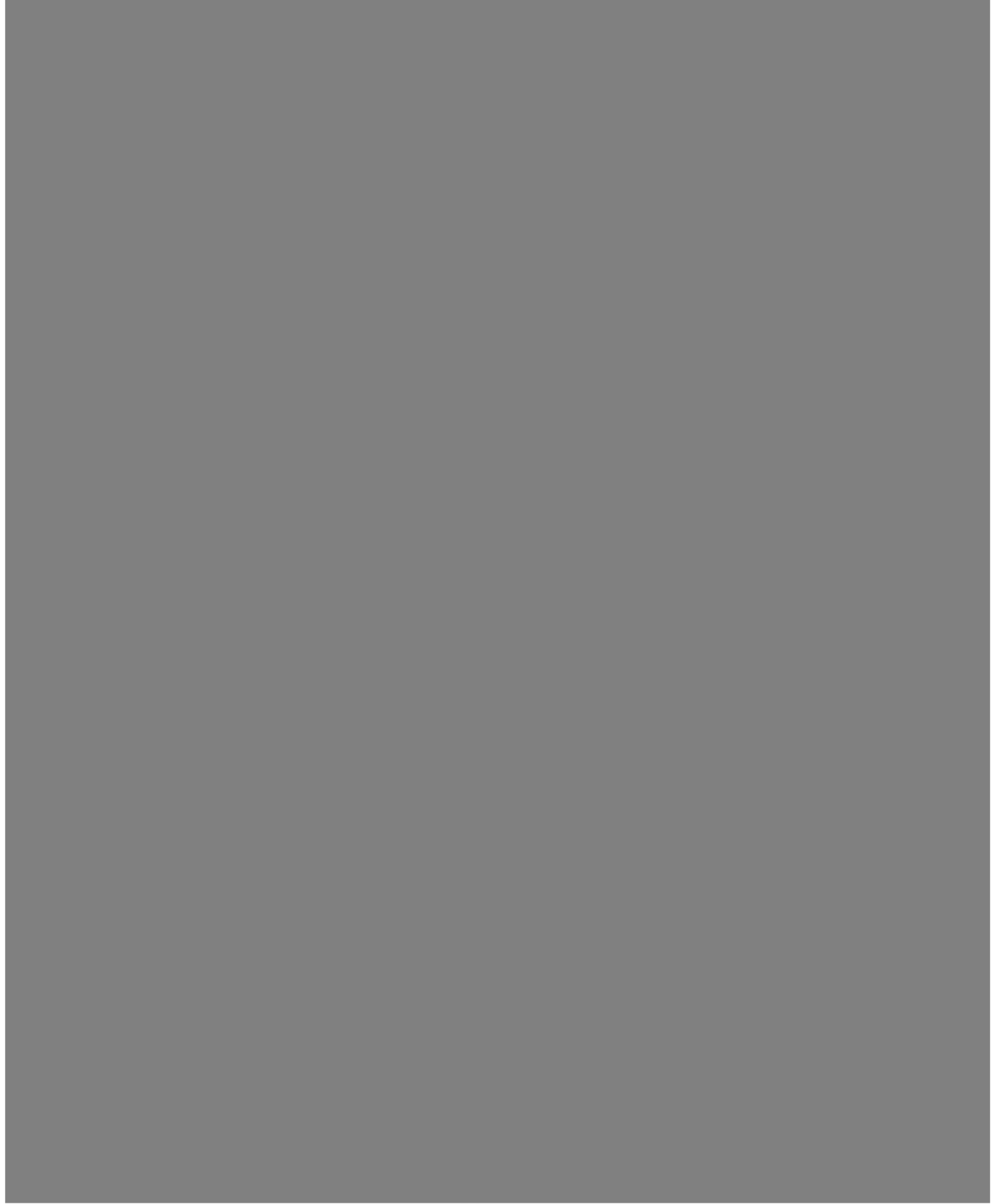
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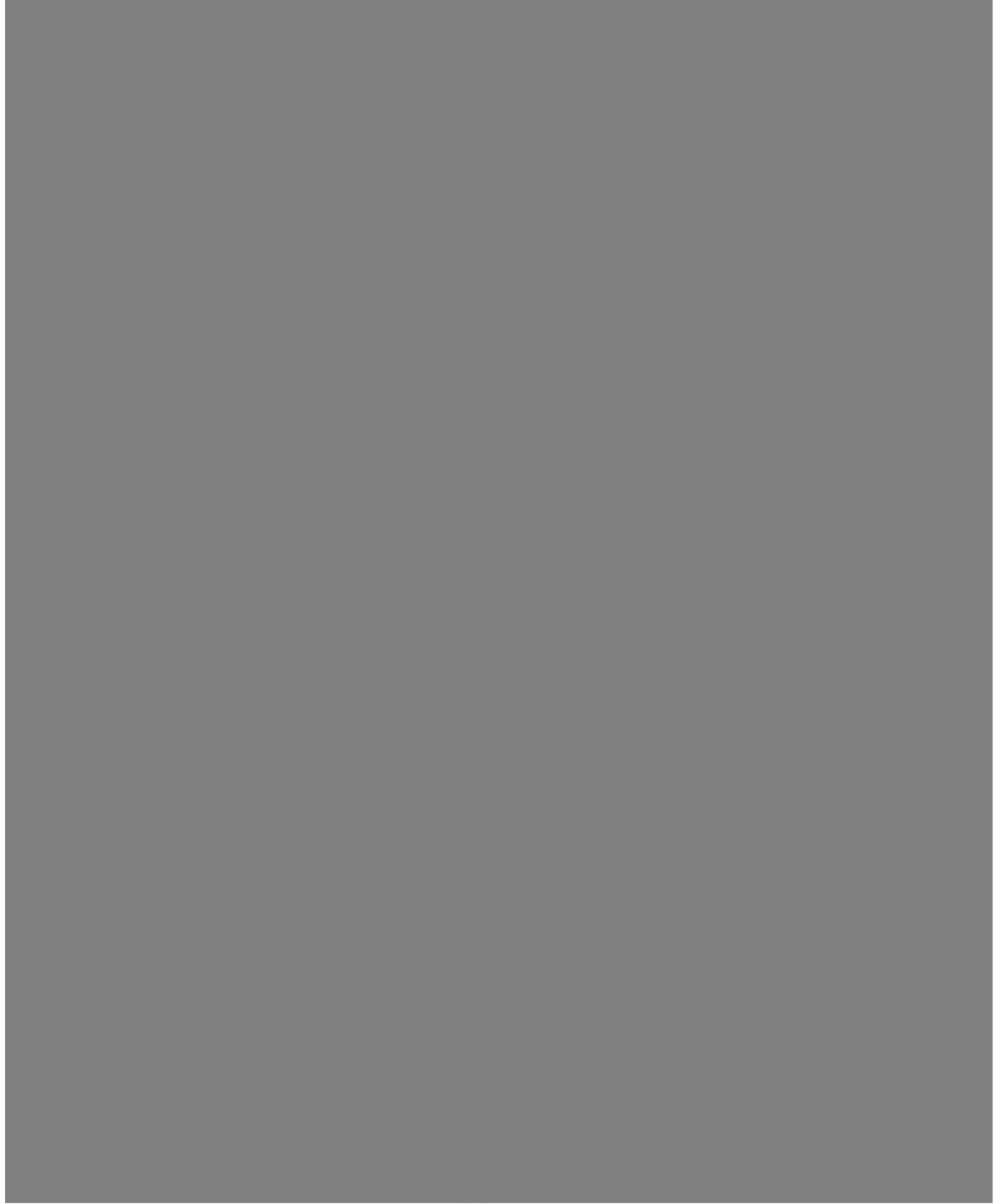
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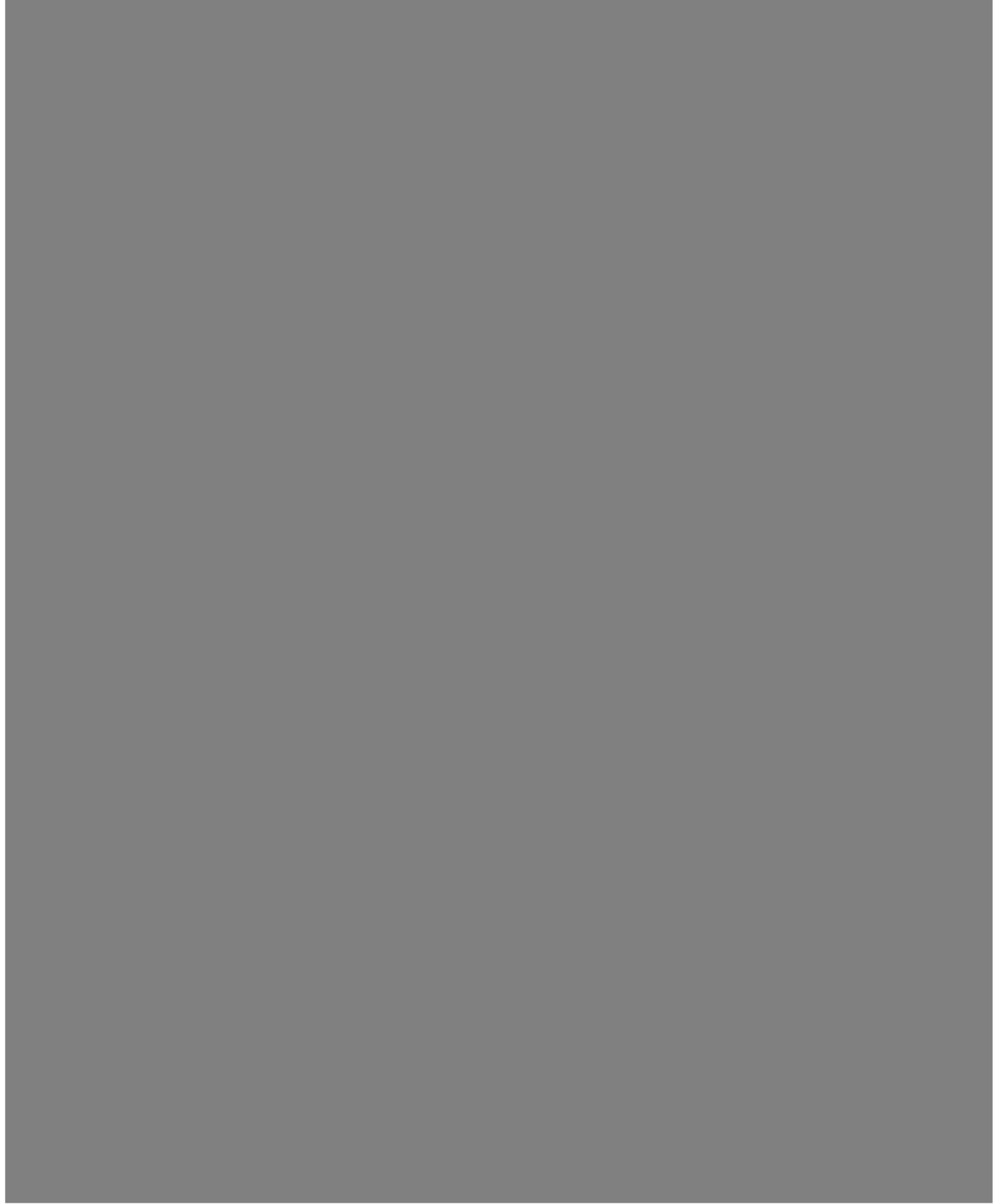
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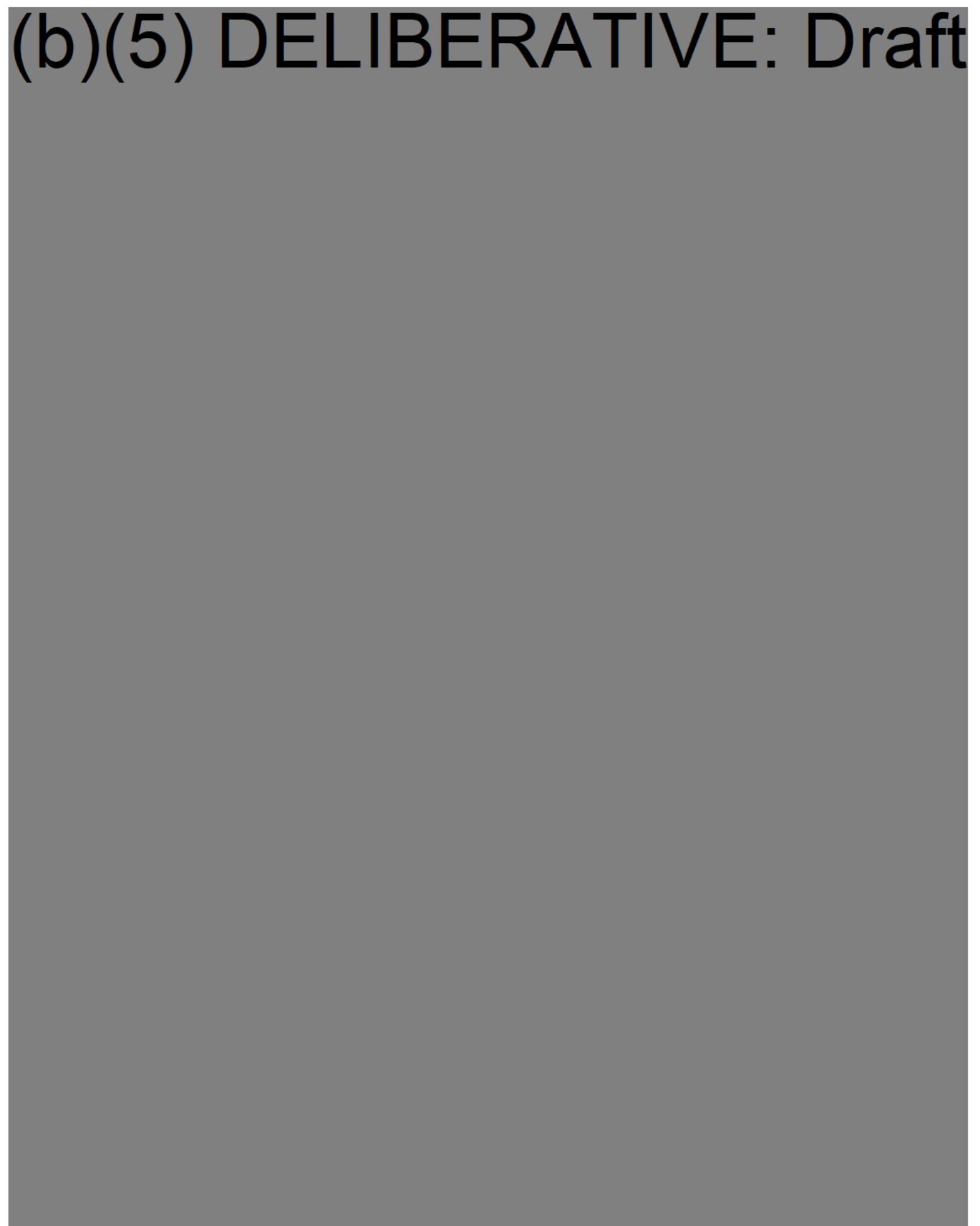
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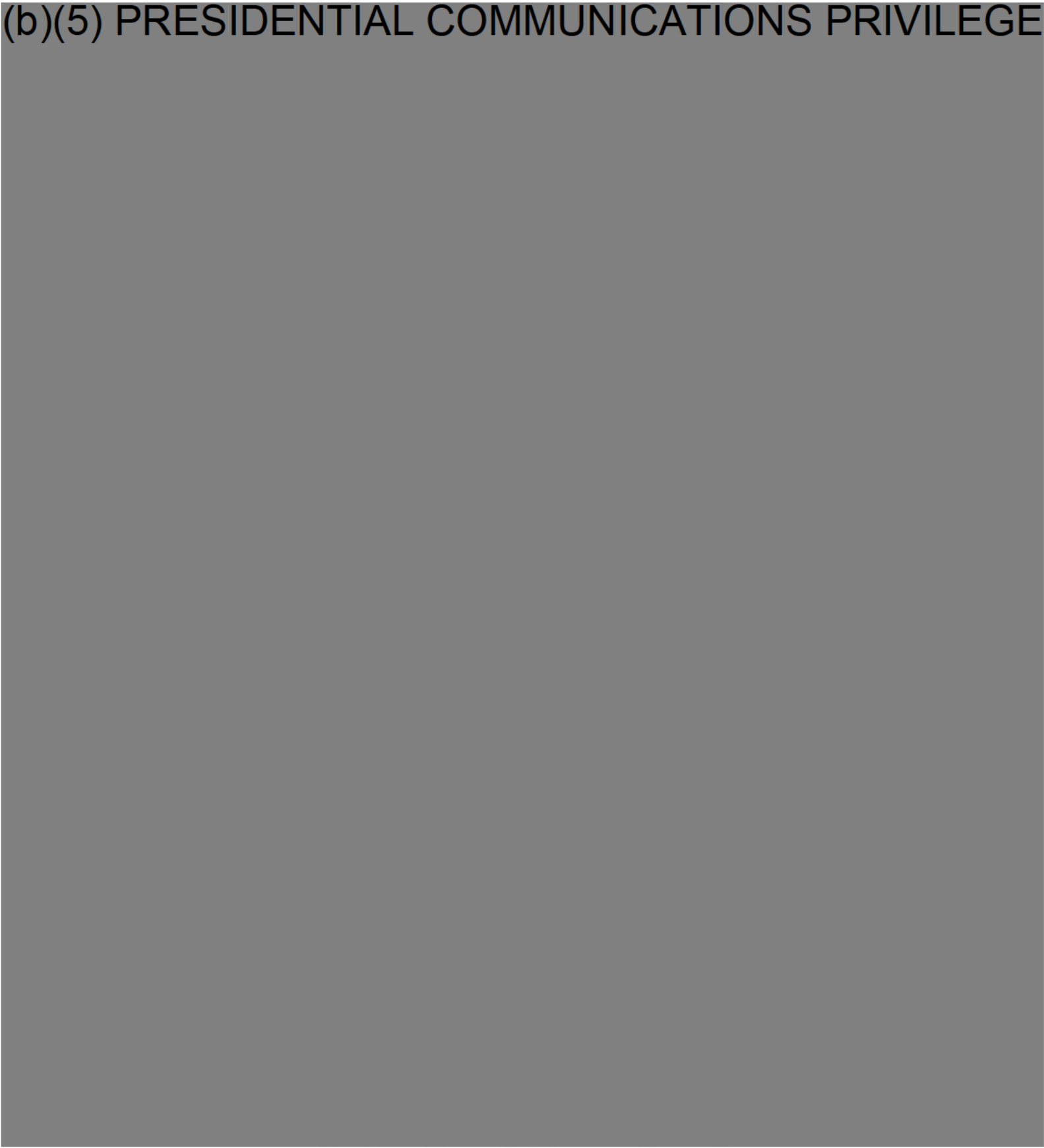
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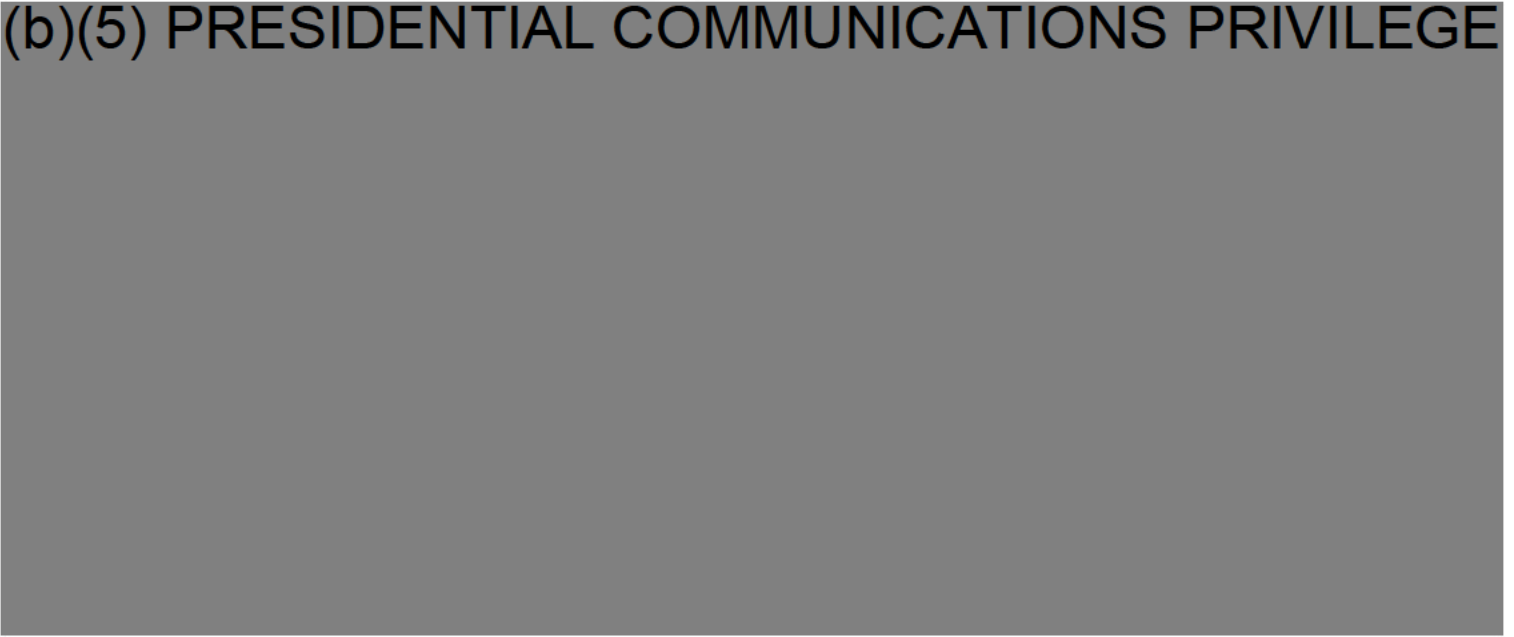
Very Respectfully,
Ethan

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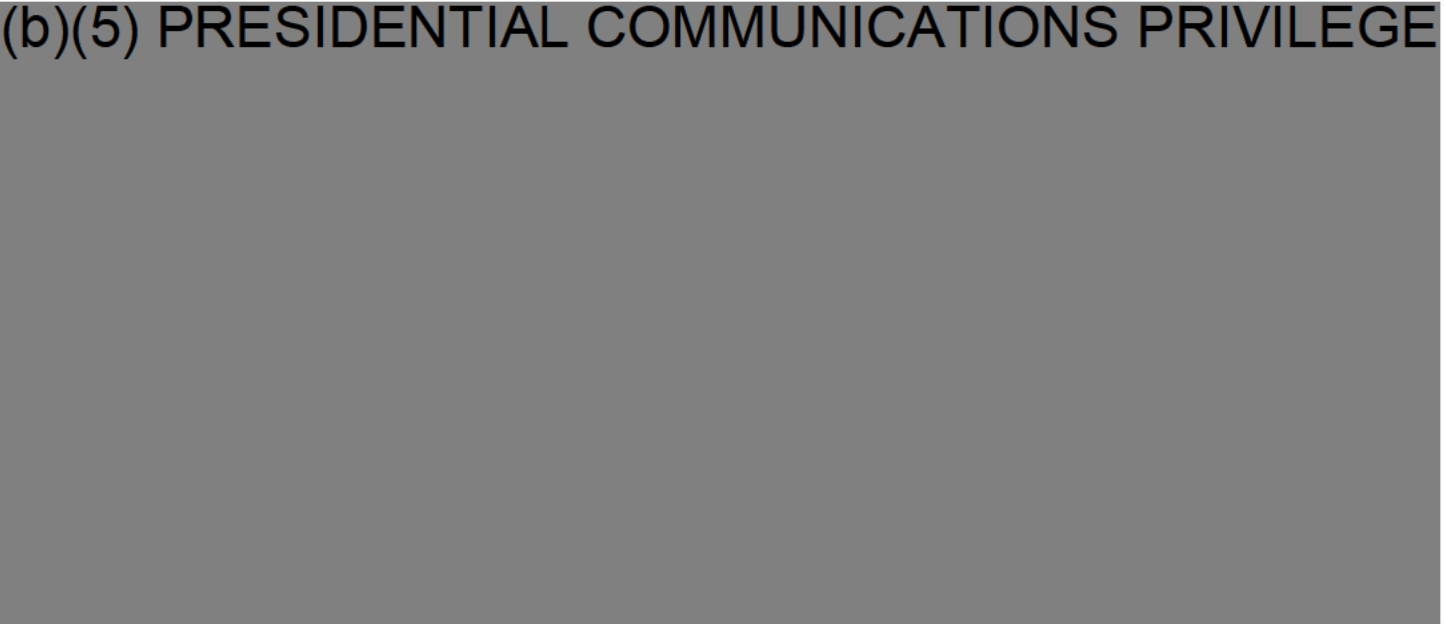
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Hi Walker – just checking in on this. (b)(5) PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS PRIVILEGE

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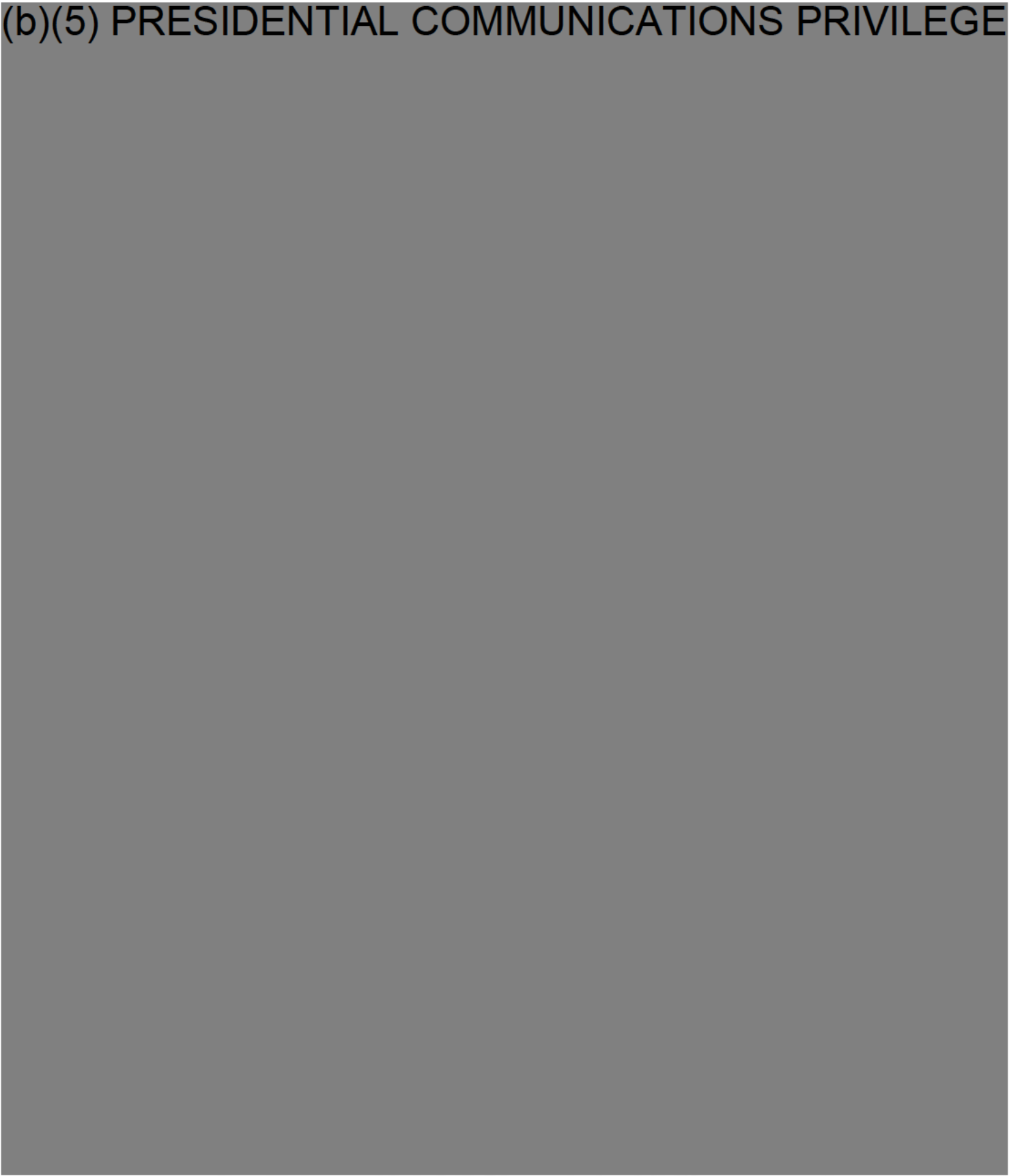
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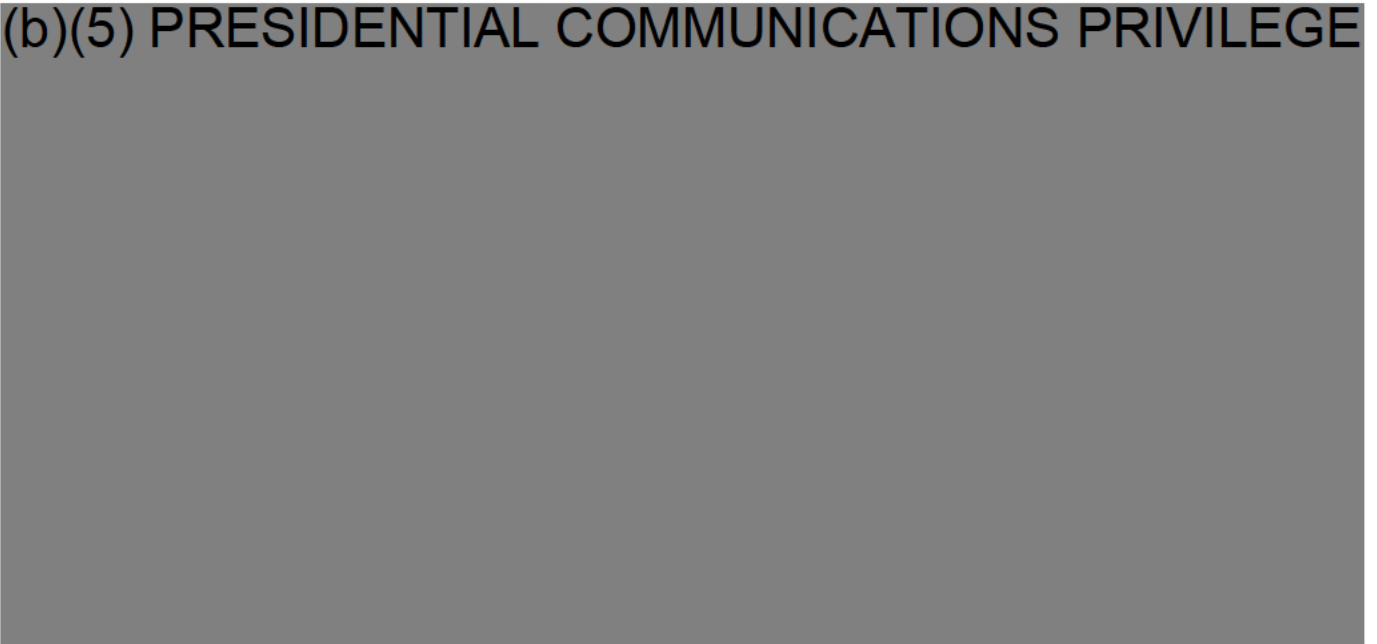
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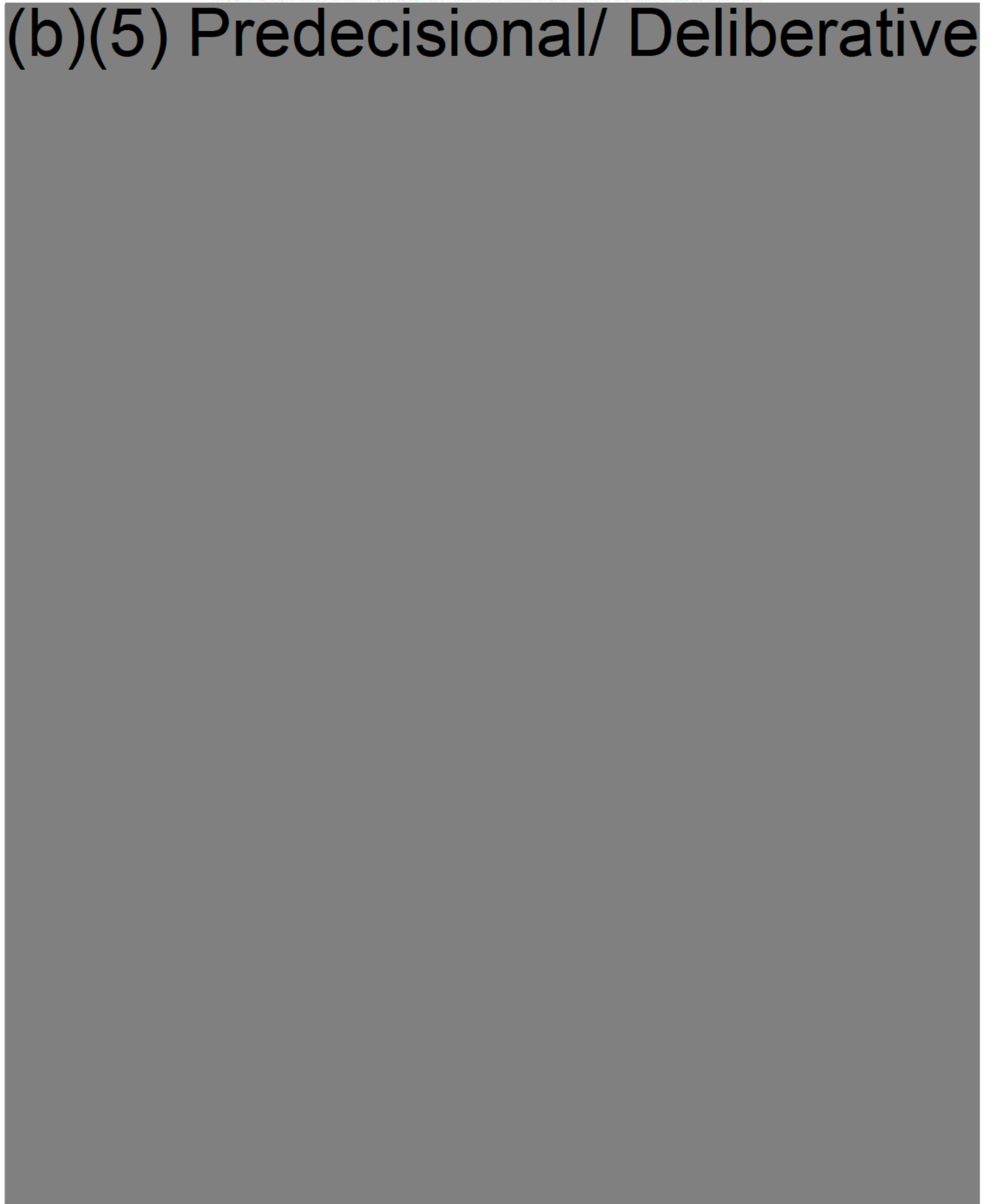
As discussed, please find attached a revised version of the (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative memo and a set of national security priorities for advanced AI.

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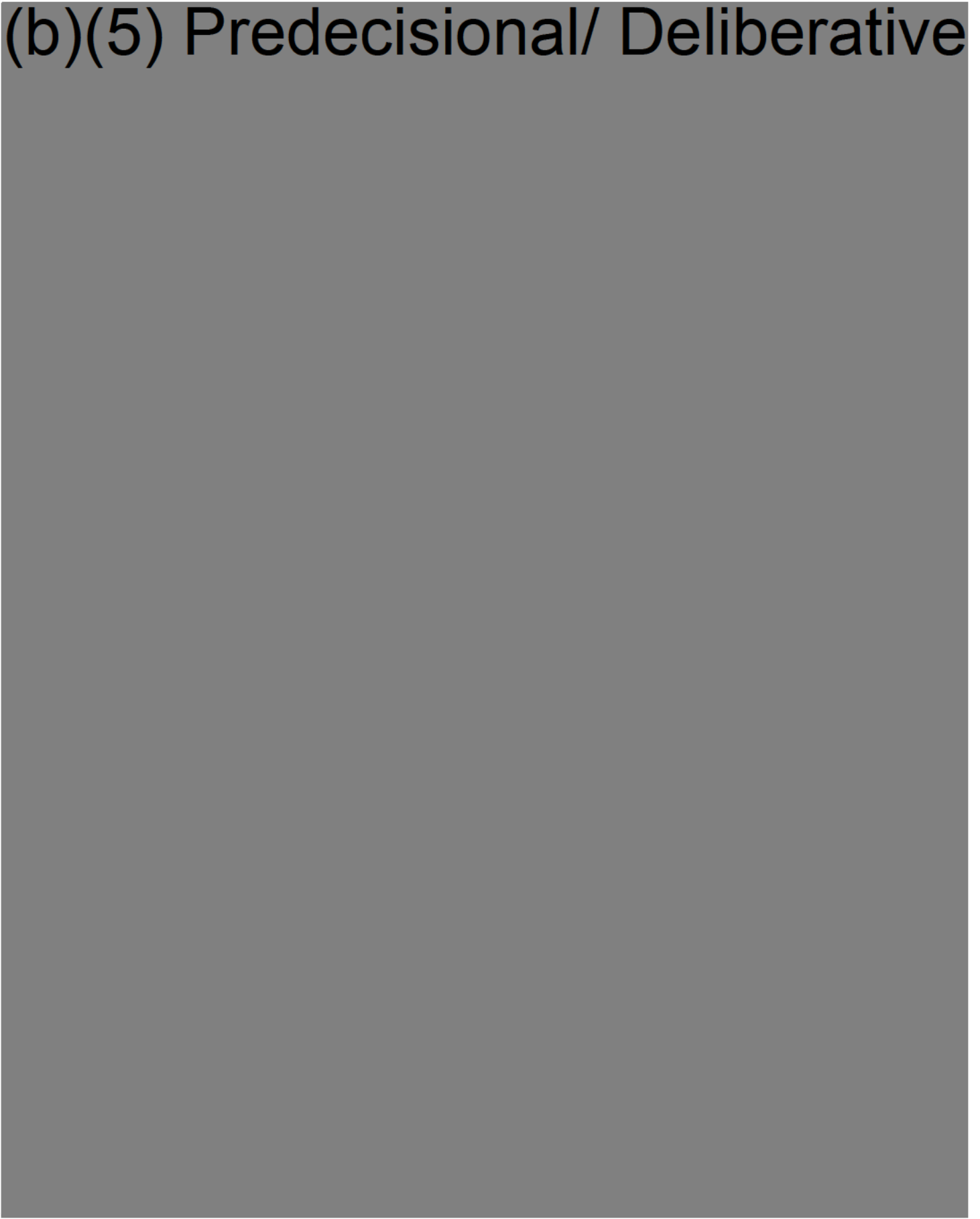
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Thank you,
Sihao

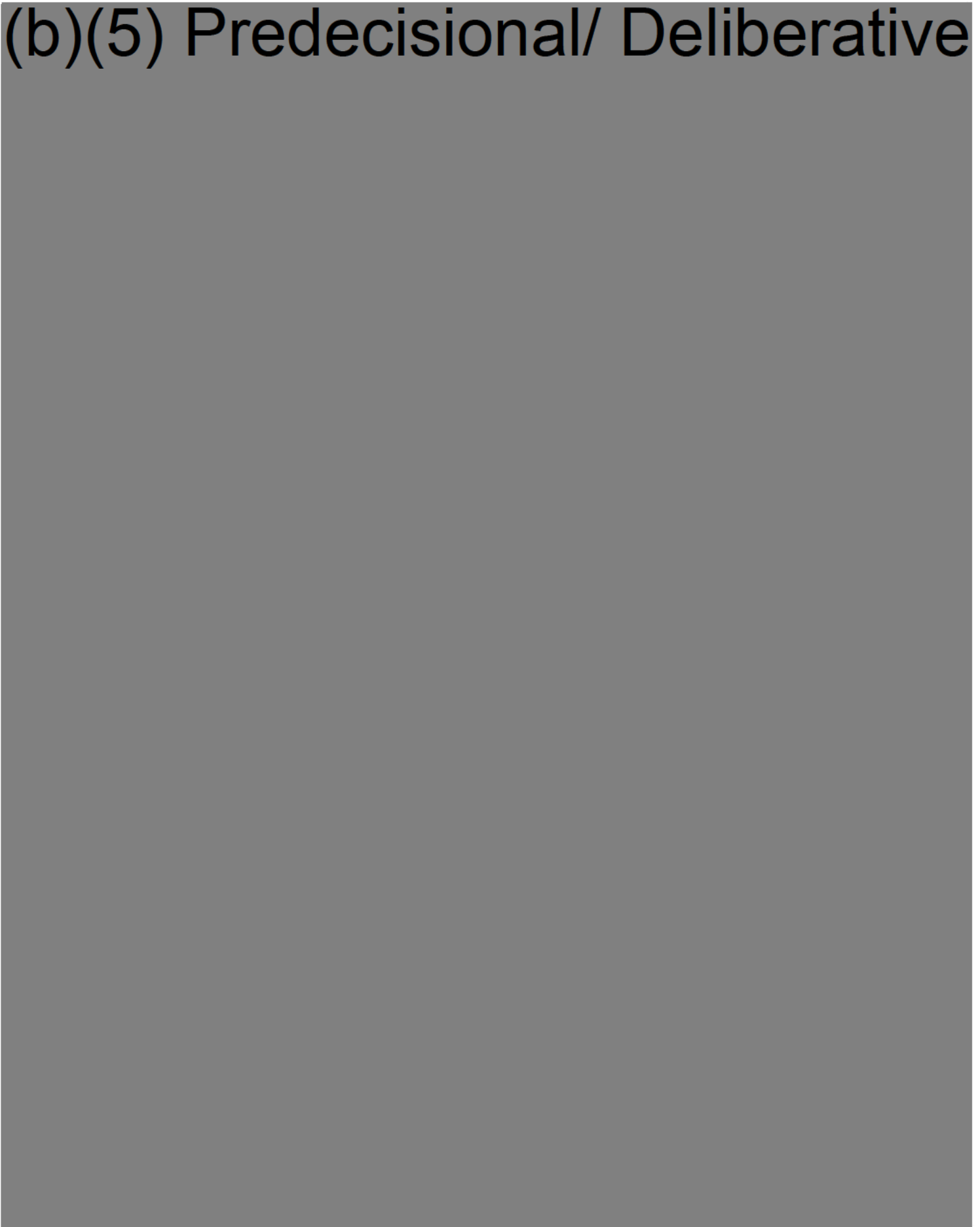
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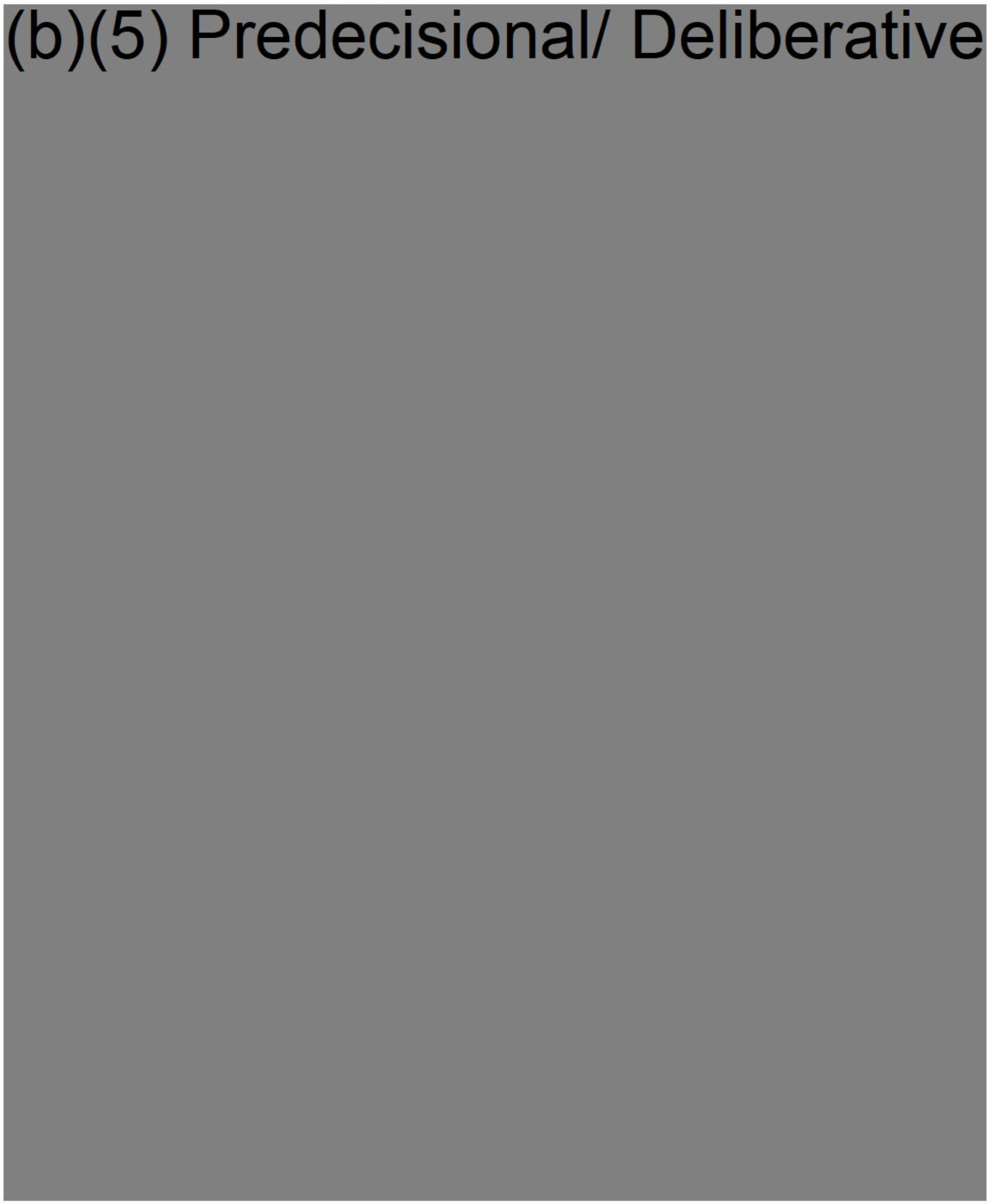
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AI Security EO Redlines

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Michael and Ethan,

Attached is a first pass at the AI security EO redlines, per our discussion this morning.

I've also attached (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative along with proposed draft language for discussion

Let me know if I can help make any changes!

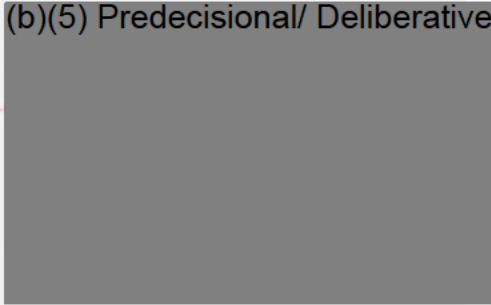
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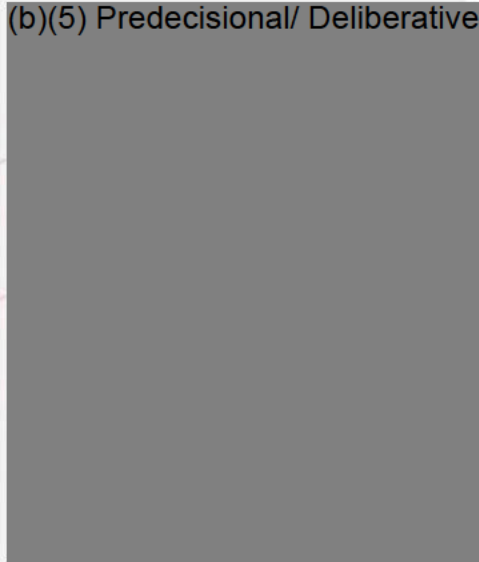
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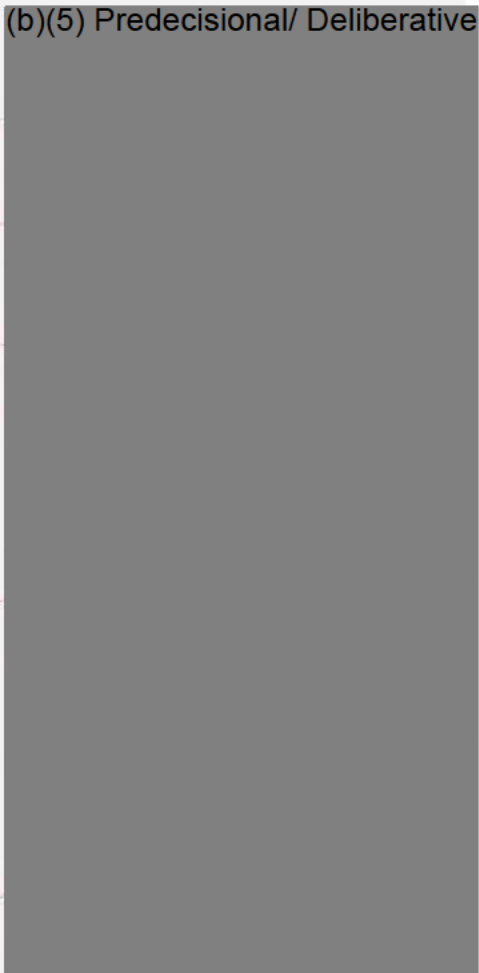
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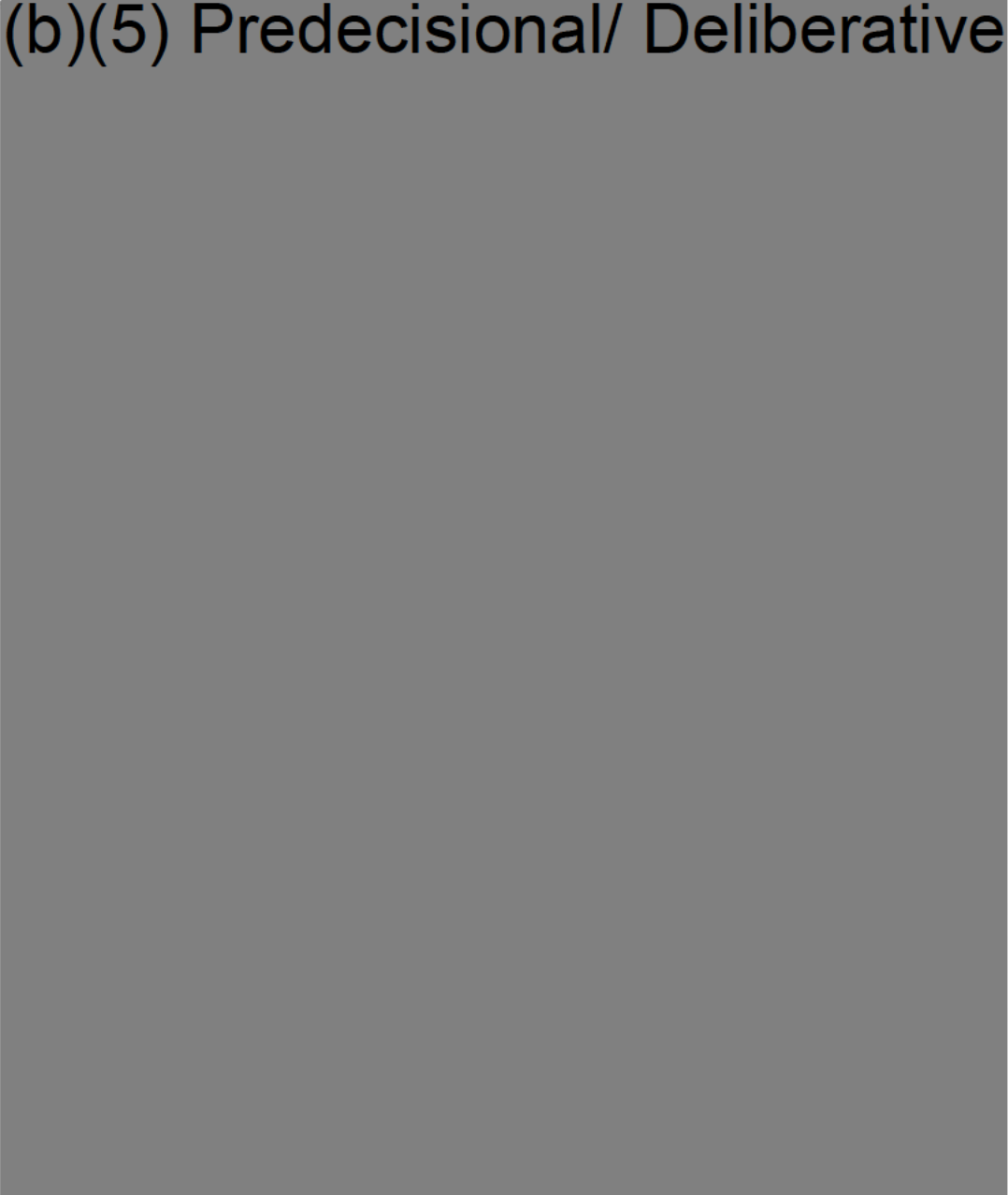
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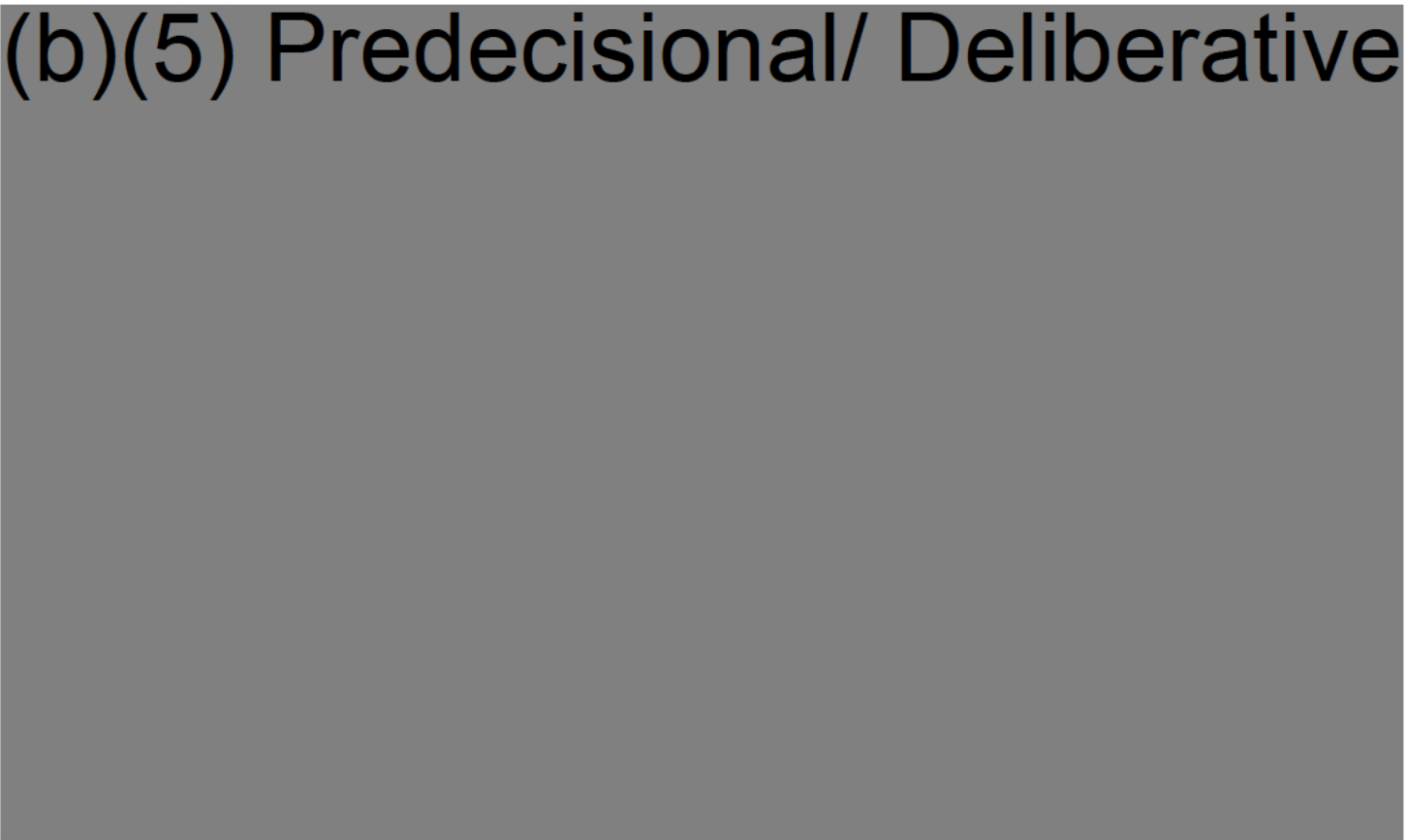
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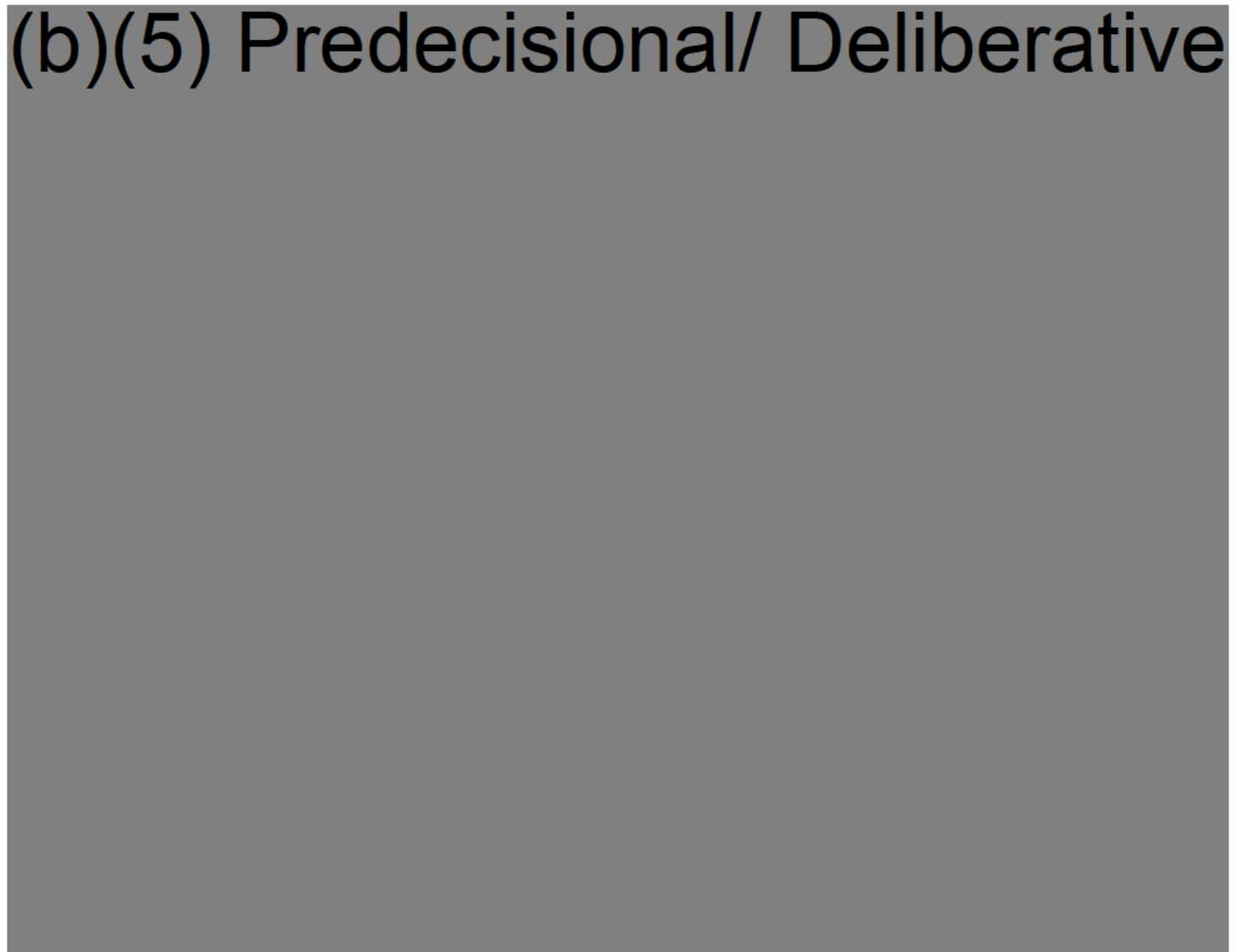


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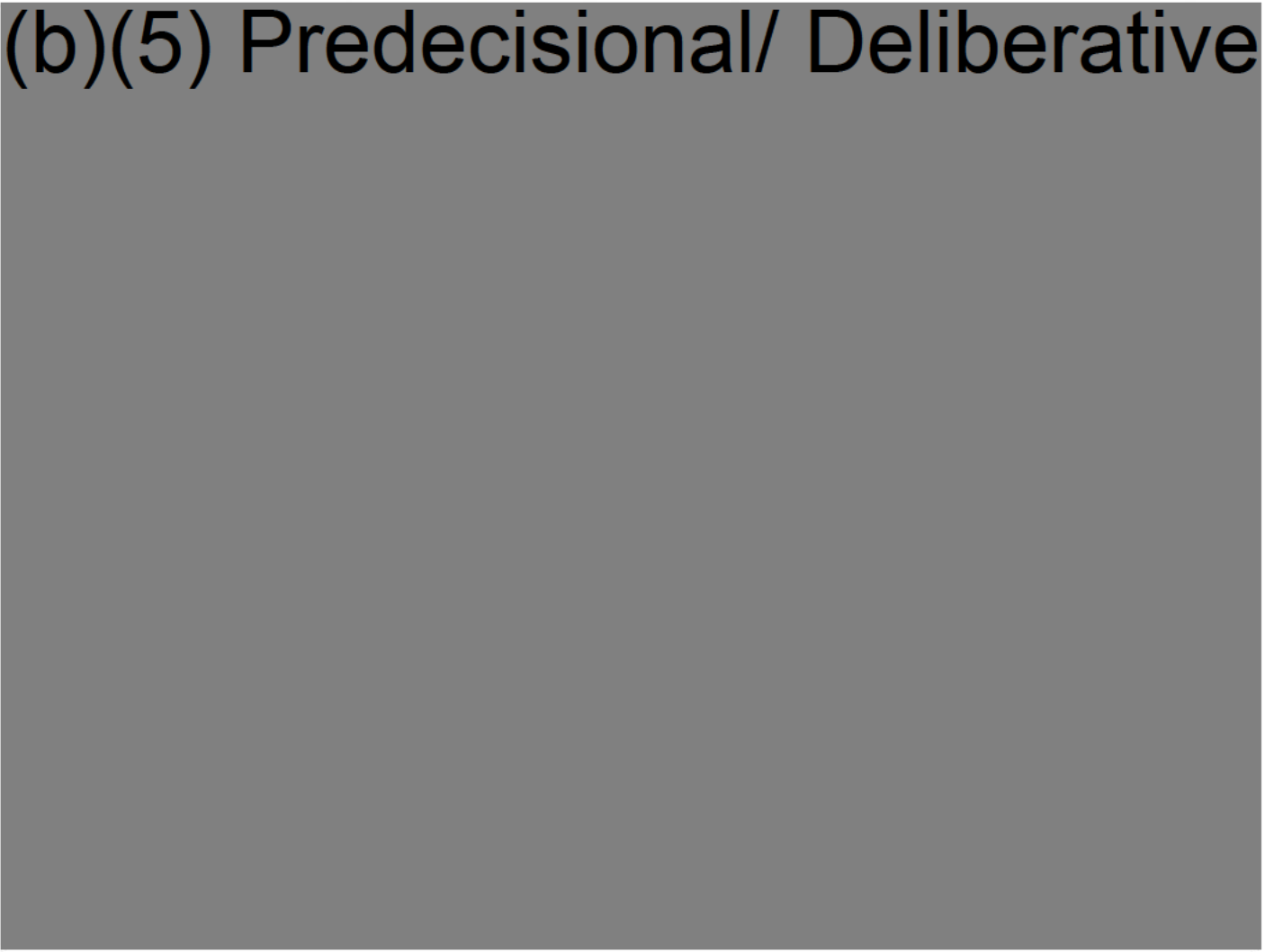
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[EXTERNAL] Joint Trade Association Letter on AI-Driven Cybersecurity Risk

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Dear Director Kratsios:

Attached please find the joint trade association letter, "A Secure & AI-Ready America Action Plan," outlining recommendations to help strengthen the nation's cybersecurity posture and operational resilience in response to the rapidly evolving AI landscape.

Collectively, the undersigned organizations represent thousands of financial institutions, technology companies, manufacturers, healthcare organizations, fintech firms, cybersecurity providers, and critical infrastructure stakeholders operating across every state and county in America.

As advancements in AI continue to accelerate vulnerability discovery, operational risk, and cybersecurity challenges, we believe strong public-private coordination will be essential to ensuring the United States remains secure, resilient, and globally competitive.

We appreciate your leadership on these issues and look forward to continued engagement and collaboration to help ensure a secure and AI-ready America.

Respectfully,

Anjelica Dortch
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May 14, 2026

The Honorable Michael Kratsios
Director
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Director Kratsios:

We, the undersigned trade associations, write to urge immediate Federal action to prepare for a new era of AI-enabled cybersecurity risk. Recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) signal a structural shift in the cybersecurity environment facing the United States, particularly the private-sector owners and operators of critical infrastructure on which the Nation's security, economy, and daily life depend.

This is not a theoretical future challenge. Highly capable AI systems are accelerating vulnerability discovery, lowering the time and resources required to identify exploitable weaknesses, and increasing pressure on existing labor-intensive patching, incident response, disclosure, and risk management processes. Recent testing by cybersecurity companies confirms that frontier AI models can accomplish in weeks what previously required a full year of manual penetration testing, and adversaries can now weaponize new vulnerabilities within minutes of disclosure. Concerningly, these or similar systems will be available to adversary nations who might target the U.S. Government or private sector. The result is a rapidly changing threat environment in which longstanding assumptions, particularly about the speed of attack cycles, the scale of vulnerability discovery, and the integrity of the software supply chain no longer hold. On the other hand, in the medium- and long-term, these technologies should help create a more secure and resilient digital ecosystem that can continue to strengthen American businesses and improve the lives of citizens.

We believe this moment requires a whole-of-nation response commensurate with the size scale of the challenge. President Trump's *Cyber Strategy for America*, released in March 2026, makes clear that the Administration intends to streamline cyber regulations, modernize and secure Federal networks, strengthen the resilience of critical infrastructure, and adopt AI-powered cybersecurity solutions to defend Federal systems at scale. That strategic direction is well-suited to the threat environment now emerging. But today's

rapidly evolving environment also requires a framework specifically tailored to AI-accelerated cyber risk, the secure deployment of agentic AI systems, and the resilience of the software and digital infrastructure on which the Nation depends. We must work together to translate pertinent elements of the Strategy into concrete action that prepares government and the private sector for the speed and scale of the AI era - particularly the implications of vulnerability discovery, observability, remediation, and risk-management lifecycles that are compressing in real time.

We welcome efforts by frontier AI model developers to raise awareness and promote collaboration through initiatives such as Anthropic's Project Glasswing. We encourage the U.S. government to foster voluntary structured and sustained engagement among frontier AI developers, policymakers, and critical infrastructure stakeholders to better identify emerging threats, test model capabilities, and strengthen national preparedness. Ongoing evaluation, red-teaming, and information sharing will be essential to staying ahead of rapidly evolving risks. At the same time, the U.S. government should work with AI companies to promote voluntary development, testing, and deployment practices that help protect society from the malicious use of advanced AI systems.

We stand ready to support this effort with technical expertise, operational insight, and participation in any public-private processes the Administration may convene. The following recommendations – each of which is aligned with President Trump's *Cyber Strategy for America* – will strengthen the Nation's cybersecurity and resilience and make America "AI-Ready."

- 1) **Adopt effective AI-driven cybersecurity and modernize security operations.** AI should be deployed as a force multiplier to enhance threat detection, incident response, and vulnerability management at scale. The same models that find and exploit vulnerabilities can be deployed in defense, but only if they are integrated into modern cybersecurity platforms supported by robust infrastructure, sensor networks, unified data lakes, and analytical tools that break down operational silos where critical signals are buried. To achieve this, the Administration should: reform procurement processes to embrace agile, outcomes-based approaches, that support the rapid adoption and iterative improvement of AI capabilities like machine learning and logging; direct federal agencies and critical infrastructure operators to rationalize fragmented security tooling, eliminating data silos and streamlining operations, and require public entities to conduct a frontier AI exposure analysis, deploy real-time, ML-based prevention and detection across all on-premises and cloud environments, and transform security operations into a near real-time function measured by Mean Time to Detect (MTTD) and Mean Time to Respond (MTTR).
- 2) **Leverage existing resources and accelerate efforts to address targeted gaps.** The Administration should build on established cybersecurity guidance and industry best practices, rather than duplicating or fragmenting existing efforts. This includes supporting work to assess how current frameworks apply to emerging AI-related risks, identifying targeted gaps, and developing fit-for-purpose guidance to address those gaps along with accelerating the development and dissemination of resources to advance the secure deployment of AI generally, and agentic AI specifically, across the Federal Government and throughout the private sector. Over the past two years, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has worked closely with the financial services sector to examine AI's impact on cybersecurity and fraud and to launch several related workstreams. Those efforts recently produced papers on a financial services AI risk management framework, AI-enabled fraud, identity and authentication, explainability, nutrition labels, and AI lexicon. This work provides a strong model of public-private collaboration to develop practical solutions and policy recommendations, particularly in areas such as digital identity and authentication where government leadership remains important.
- 3) **Reestablish cross-sector public-private coordination to help facilitate AI cyber readiness and response.** The administration should expand public-private collaboration, and specifically, the

Administration should leverage and modernize the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) framework to ensure regular engagement among departments and agencies, sector risk management agencies (SRMAs), critical infrastructure owners and operators, technology providers, cybersecurity firms, and relevant trade associations.

- 4) **Conduct a national risk assessment.** The Administration should conduct a comprehensive assessment of AI-related security risks and opportunities at the national level, including recommendations, with particular focus on AI-enabled vulnerability discovery, observability, exploitation, risk-management and remediation, as well as agentic AI cyber capabilities.
- 5) **Update cybersecurity risk and resilience management plans.** The Administration should direct departments and agencies to modernize their cybersecurity and resilience risk management plans in light of technological developments in AI and quantum computing, including by prioritizing the transition to Zero Trust architectures, immutable and isolated backup copies of mission-essential data, and post-quantum cryptography (PQC) to address future risks to encryption. The Administration should also reconsider key elements such as approaches to governing cybersecurity activities and specifically the adoption of AI for cybersecurity and resilience purposes and preparation for the misuse of AI by malicious actors.
- 6) **Modernize coordinated vulnerability disclosure and the CVE ecosystem.** The Administration should invest in the CVE ecosystem so it can operate effectively in a global environment and meet AI-accelerated vulnerability discovery and exploitation, as well as the increase in volume.
- 7) **Refocus the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency on its core mission.** The Administration should prioritize CISA activities that directly advance its core mission of protecting the federal civilian government networks; sharing information with private-sector partners; and supporting critical infrastructure owners and operators – all of which are critical to addressing the unique challenges posed by the speed and scale of advanced AI systems.
- 8) **Advance an AI-ready America workforce strategy.** The Administration should work with industry to produce and execute a workforce strategy that strongly matches Americans to jobs of the future, strengthens the Nation’s cybersecurity talent pipeline, expands AI literacy, and builds the surge capacity needed to respond to AI-accelerated cyber threats.
- 9) **Streamline and eliminate unnecessary regulations, beginning with cyber incident reporting.** The Administration should move quickly to rationalize cyber incident reporting requirements before AI-accelerated threats and higher-volume vulnerability activity place unsustainable pressure on already strained security teams and ensure regulated entities and their third-party service providers are not forced to satisfy overlapping timelines, definitions, and reporting formats across multiple Federal regimes, including revisiting the Securities and Exchange Commission’s regulation on Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure.
- 10) **Work with Congress to take steps necessary to prepare for an AI world.** The Administration should prioritize reauthorizing the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 and updating M-21-31: *Improving the Federal Government’s Investigative and Remediation Capabilities Related to Cybersecurity Incidents*. These frameworks help private sector organizations share and continuously monitor cybersecurity threats that help protect the government, businesses, and the American people. In addition, the administration should fill key government roles like the Ambassador for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, and the Directors of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

11) Expand American leadership and cooperation with international partners. The Administration should strengthen American leadership and deepen coordination with like-minded partners to advance the development and adoption of AI systems, including AI agents, and drive alignment in critical areas such as vulnerability disclosure, technical standards, and cross-border cyber incident response and reporting.

12) Promote structured public-private collaboration to test advanced AI models for security risk. The Administration should encourage sustained collaboration among frontier AI developers, relevant Federal agencies, and critical infrastructure stakeholders to support the testing, evaluation, and red-teaming of advanced AI models for cybersecurity, fraud, resilience, and broader national security risks. As model capabilities evolve rapidly, ongoing and trusted collaboration built on open standards will be essential to ensure transparency and interoperability. This initiative should help identify risks to improve shared understanding of model behavior in real-world environments, and inform practical safeguards, response protocols, and policy development.

Each of the preceding recommendations has accompanying specific actions for government offices and agencies, including the Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Cybersecurity and Information Security Agency (CISA), National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), the U.S. Department of State and others, which we look forward to discussing as we partner to achieve our shared goal of a more secure and resilient digital ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and action plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alliance for Chemical Distribution
American Fintech Council
Business Software Alliance
Cybersecurity Coalition
Cyber Threat Alliance
Electronic Transactions Association
Healthcare Leadership Council
Independent Community Bankers of America
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
TechNet

AI Security Talkers

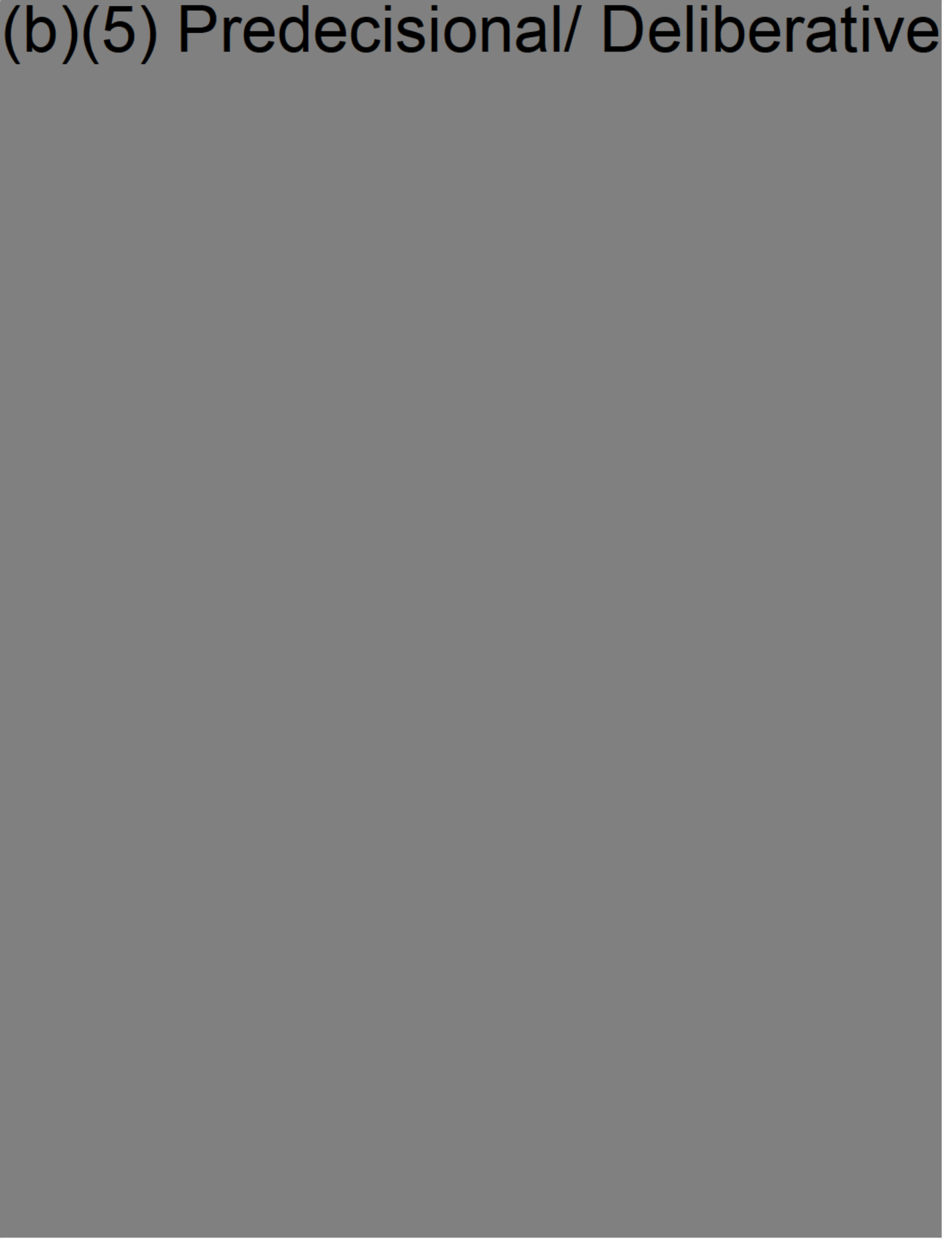
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See attached. I will be in DNSA meeting for the next hour.

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Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Call w Kratsios / WIRED request

Hey Michael,

Wired sent me this media request for you to speak with them about AI policy (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative
[REDACTED]

Steven

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Date: June 8, 2026 at 3:38:19 PM EDT
To: "Cheung, Steven EOP/WHO" (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Call w Kratsios / WIRED request

Hi Steven

We would be interested in setting up a call w Kratsios if he is up for it, to talk about frontier AI model policy in light of last week's EO

Is it possible to arrange something next week potentially?

Thanks

HL

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Hugo Lowell
Senior Political Correspondent
WIRED

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RE: AI Security TPs

From: "Klein, Ethan A. EOP/OSTP" (b) (6)
To: "Kratsios, Michael J. EOP/OSTP" (b) (6)
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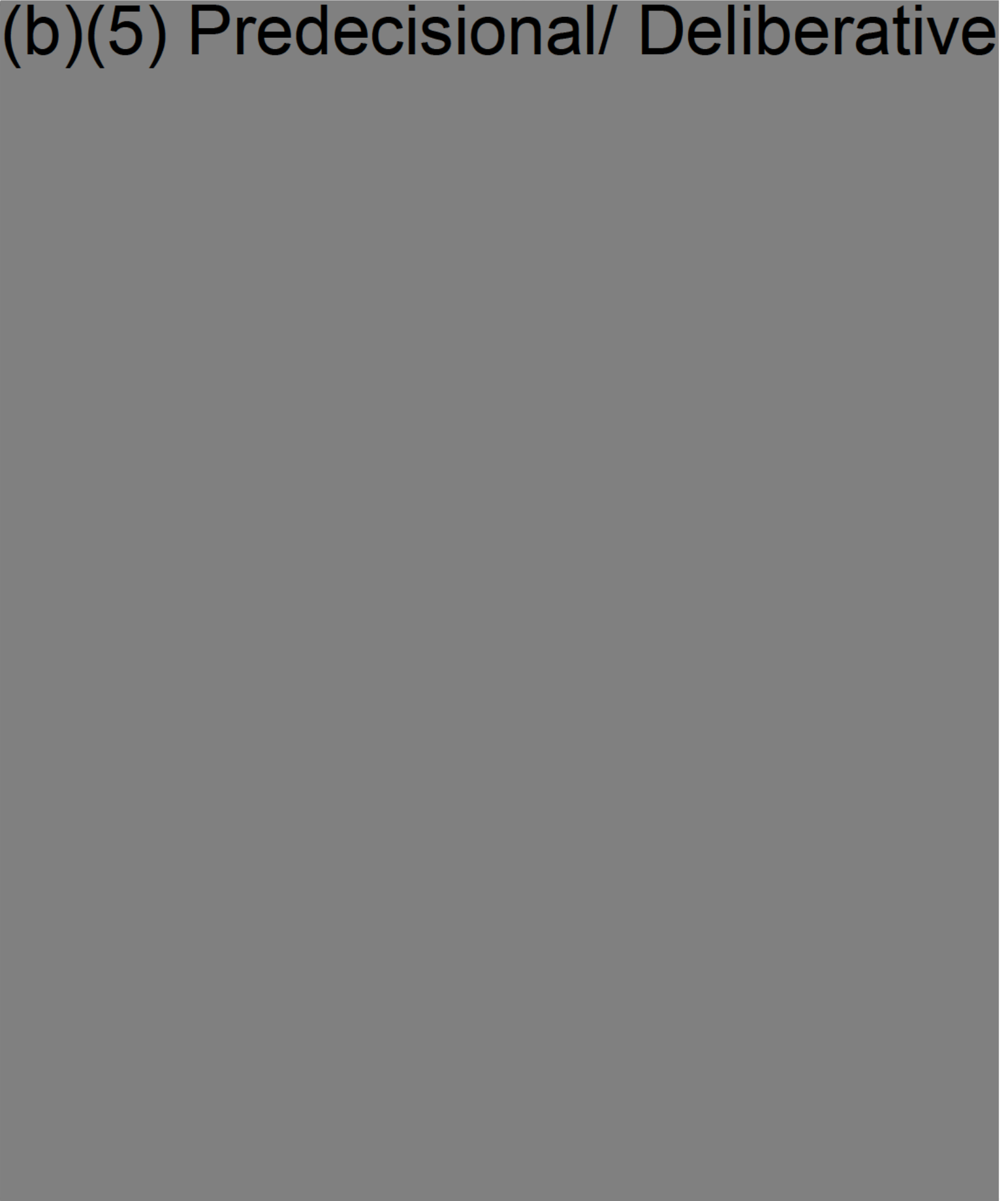
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From: Klein, Ethan A. EOP/OSTP
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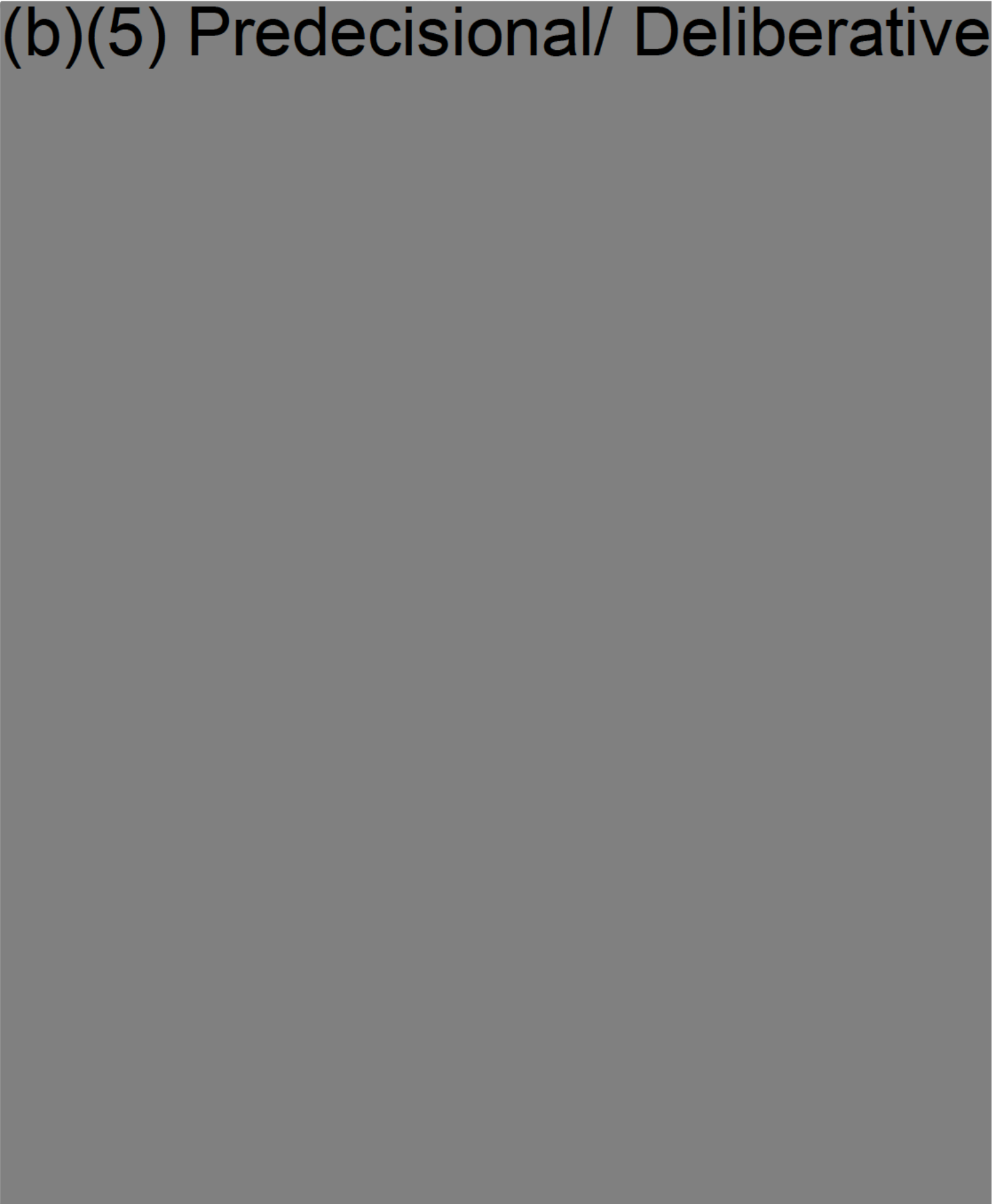
See attached for initial draft. Will keep working on this tomorrow, but wanted to make sure you had something to look at.

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Draft AI (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative

From: "Klein, Ethan A. EOP/OSTP" (b) (6)
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Good evening, all –

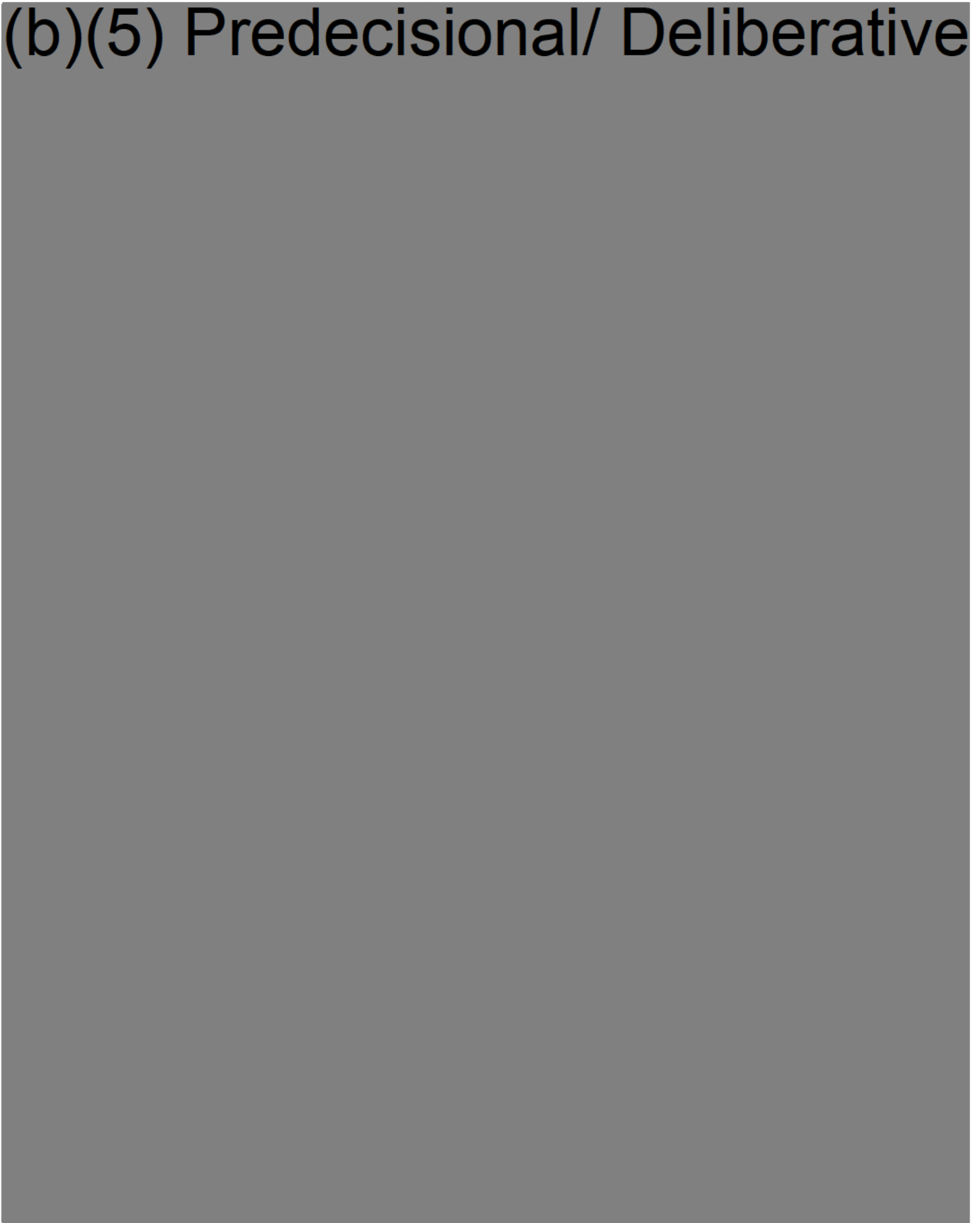
As discussed with Sean this evening, I'm attaching a one-pager of a draft proposal for a model release framework.

Will plan to touch base with y'all first thing tomorrow morning to decide next steps (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative

Thanks!
Ethan

Ethan A. Klein, Ph.D.
United States Chief Technology Officer
The White House
c (b) (6)

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: 5.6 Launch Schedule (following up on our meeting last week)

From: "Klein, Ethan A. EOP/OSTP" (b) (6)
To: Sasha Baker (b) (6)
Cc: Chan Park (b) (6); Chad Tucker (b) (6); Matt Rimkunas (b) (6); Connie LaRossa (b) (6); "Friel, Rory EOP/OSTP" (b) (6); "Goldberg, Arielle J. EOP/OSTP" (b) (6)
Date: Tue, 23 Jun 2026 09:30:52 -0400

Good morning, Sasha –

Thanks very much for reaching out and for the updates on GPT-5.6. I'd be happy to meet tomorrow afternoon (after 2PM) virtually or in-person to discuss (b) (4). Adding Rory and Arielle from our team.

Very Respectfully,
Ethan

From: Sasha Baker <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 3:30 PM
To: Kratsios, Michael J. EOP/OSTP (b) (6); Klein, Ethan A. EOP/OSTP (b) (6)
Cc: Chan Park (b) (6); Chad Tucker (b) (6); Matt Rimkunas (b) (6); Connie LaRossa (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 5.6 Launch Schedule (following up on our meeting last week)

OSTP Colleagues:

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(b) (4) We can make the right individuals available on our side as early as tomorrow, and can flex to your schedules.

Thanks,
Sasha

On Sun, Jun 21, 2026 at 1:25 PM Sasha Baker (b) (6) > wrote:

WH Colleagues:

Thank you for your time last week — we appreciate the clarity and your ongoing partnership. I want to share a brief update (b) (4)

(b) (4)

Thanks again for your continued partnership and standing by for feedback on this approach.

Best,
Sasha

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Sasha Baker
Head of National Security Policy
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Draft Model (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative

From: "Klein, Ethan A. EOP/OSTP" (b) (6)
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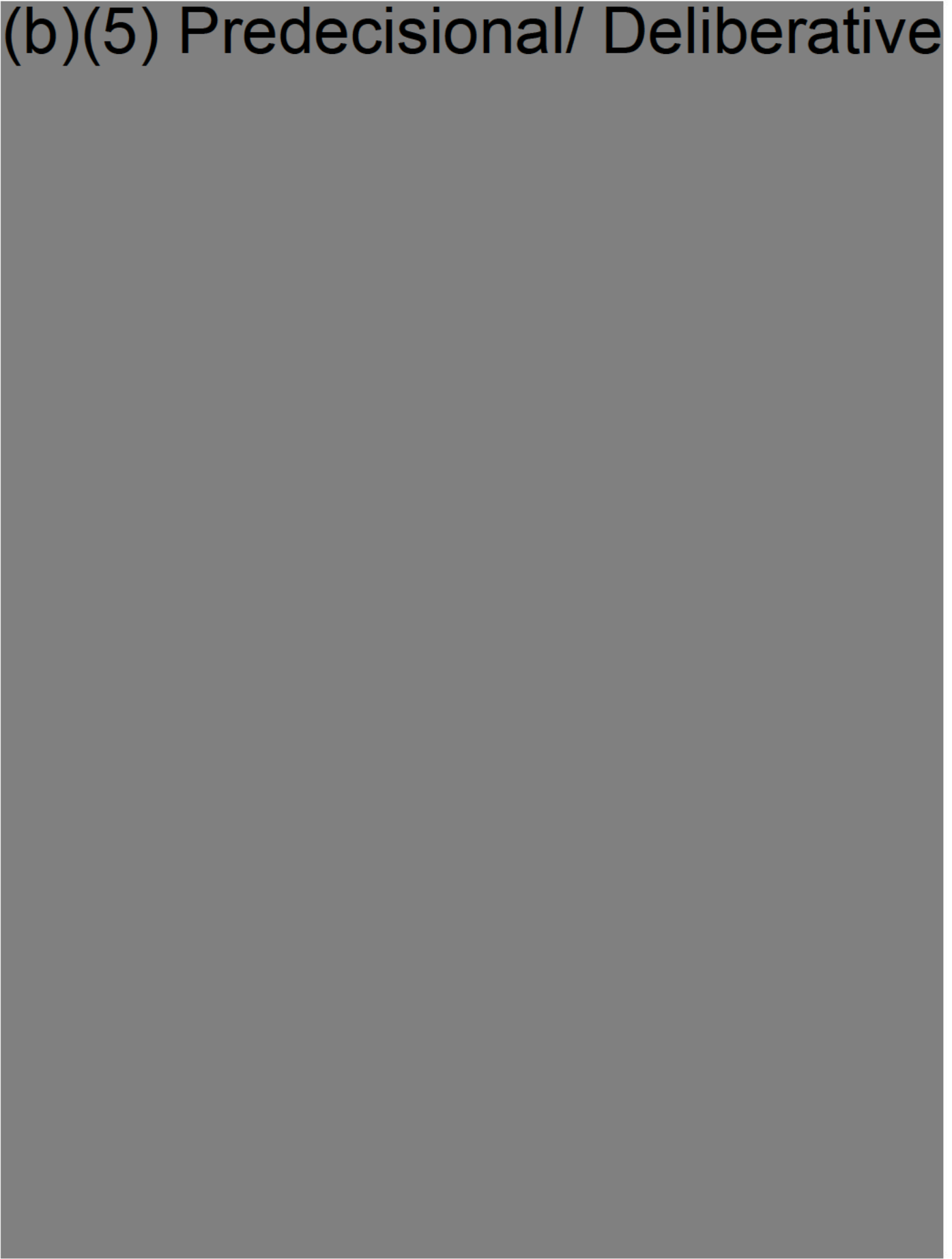
We've been coordinating the development of a draft proposal for a model release framework (see attached). (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative

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[Redacted]. Please let us know if you have any thoughts.

Thanks!
Michael

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Draft Safeguards Memo

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To: "Kratsios, Michael J. EOP/OSTP" (b) (6)
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From: "Kratsios, Michael J. EOP/OSTP" (b) (6)
To: (b) (6), "Klein, Ethan A. EOP/OSTP"
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To discuss tomorrow. May need some work. I have a breakfast from 8-9 (you can skip that ethan).

Can you guys work on this while I'm at the breakfast and we can try and sync with sean btw 9 and 930.

Michael Kratsios
Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Science & Technology Policy
The White House
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[EXTERNAL] Democrats' Lead Continues To Evaporate As Fuel Prices Plummet And Traffic Resumes Through Strait

From: Americans for Limited Government (b) (6) >
To: "Kratsios, Michael J. EOP/OSTP" (b) (6)
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Democrats' Lead Continues To Evaporate As Fuel Prices Plummet And Traffic Resumes Through The Strait Of Hormuz



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During the height of the U.S. conflict with Iran and the ensuing rise in fuel prices due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, Democrats opened up a lead of over seven percentage points in generic congressional ballot surveys. That lead is evaporating as peace negotiations continue, maritime traffic resumes through the Strait of Hormuz, and fuel prices plummet. In mid-May, prior to the United States' Memorandum of Understanding with Iran which paused the conflict, congressional Democrats had eked out a 7.7 percentage point lead in the generic congressional ballot according to Real Clear Polling. That lead has dropped to 5.6 percentage points over the past month and a half. In Economist/YouGov surveys, the drop has been more significant. Comparing the Economist/YouGov poll from March 27-30 to the survey released June 30, Democrats have dropped from a six-percentage-point lead (39 percent to 33 percent) to a two-point lead (37 percent to 35 percent). Among swing voters, the declines have been significant. This decline in Democrats' generic congressional ballot lead coincides with plummeting fuel prices, with crude oil plummeting from as high as \$108

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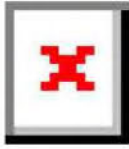
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Catastrophic Supreme Court Ruling: Anchor Babies Away!



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Americans for Limited Government Executive Director Robert Romano: "The Supreme Court just told would-be illegal aliens everything they've ever wanted to hear: Just come to the U.S. and give birth, and the kids will get to stay here for life. That this is the default position of the Fourteenth Amendment — and neither Congress nor the President can do anything about it short of amending the Constitution. Unlike Justice Kavanaugh's dissent — which at least found that Congress could amend federal statutes to address the issue of birthright citizenship for illegal aliens — the majority's catastrophic ruling locks in anchor babies forever as a matter of constitutional mandate. Now, it will take two-thirds of the House and Senate, and three-fourths of the states to amend the Constitution if the American people decide to end the anchor baby folly. And it sends the wrong message: Nothing prevents the illegal alien parents from being deported."

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By Manzanita Miller

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The U.S. and Iran are holding negotiations in Qatar this week, with a U.S. official telling the New York Times Tuesday that U.S. special envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner will meet with Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani. According to the U.S. official, U.S. and Iranian diplomats are holding separate talks with diplomats from Qatar and Pakistan on Wednesday.

President Donald Trump's decision to pause the conflict with Iran to enter a period of negotiation and demand that the Strait of Hormuz be reopened has increased his approval rating and reduced Democrats' lead in the generic congressional ballot.

President Trump's approval rating has inched up by three percentage points in the latest Economist/YouGov survey, going from 35 percent in late March to 38 percent at the end of June.

Polls continue to show the GOP closing in on Democrats in the generic congressional ballot, with Democrats lead shrinking from a six-percentage-point lead (39 percent to 33 percent) to a two-point lead (37 percent to 35 percent) since late March.

The survey reveals key groups of swing voters are less interested in voting for a Democrat for Congress now than they were in late March.

Democrats' lead among women has declined by five percentage points. In the latest survey, Democrats hold a twelve-point lead on the generic congressional ballot among women, with 42 percent of women planning to support a Democrat for Congress while 30 percent plan to support a Republican.

In the late March survey, Democrats led among women by sixteen percentage points, 43 percent to 27 percent.

Another swing has occurred among independent voters, with Democrats thirteen-point lead over Republicans in late March shrinking to a nine-point lead in late June. In March, independents planned to support a Democrat for

Congress by thirteen percentage points, 28 percent to fifteen percent. In late June, 26 percent of independents plan to vote Democrat while seventeen percent plan to vote Republican.

While Democrats' lead among Latinos has only contracted by two percentage points since late March, that lead is historically meager compared to the lead Democrats rely on in midterm cycles.

Democrats currently hold a narrow six percentage point lead among Latinos, with 38 percent planning to support a Democrat while 32 percent plan to support a Republican. In March, Democrats held an eight-point lead, 42 percent to 34 percent.

That six-to-eight-point lead among Latinos is deeply concerning for Democrats compared to past election cycles. Four years ago, Democrats won Latinos by 21 points, 60 percent to 39 percent. Now, the raw percentage of Latinos planning to vote Democrat has dropped by 22 percentage points, and Democrats lead has shrunk by two-thirds, dropping from a 21-point lead to a six-point lead.

Democrats are also earning historically meager margins with young voters. In the latest Economist/YouGov survey, Democrats lead among young voters by eighteen percentage points, with 41 percent of young voters planning to support a Democrat while 23 percent plan to vote Republican.

Four years ago, Democrats won voters under 30 by 28 percentage points, 63 percent to 35 percent. Over four years, Democrats' share of the youth vote has declined by 22 percentage points and Democrats' lead has shrunk by ten percentage points.

While the outcome of the midterm election this year will be largely impacted by whether inflation and fuel prices are declining and whether the U.S.-Iran negotiations have resulted in an end to the conflict, polling shows swing voters are more open to supporting Republicans now than they were this spring. Historically, Democrats are facing significant declines in support from minorities and young voters that indicate even in a challenging election cycle for Republicans, Democrats are not bouncing back among swing voters.

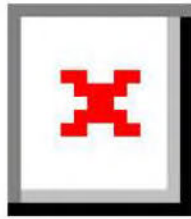
Manzanita Miller is the senior political analyst at Americans for Limited Government Foundation.

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Catastrophic Supreme Court Ruling: Anchor Babies Away!

June 30, 2026, Fairfax, Va.—Americans for Limited Government Executive Director Robert Romano today issued the following statement on the Supreme Court’s ruling in Trump v. Barbara:

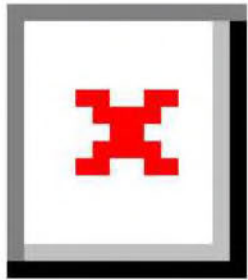
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“Once again, Republican-appointed justices John Roberts and Amy Coney Barrett might believe they are forestalling a court-packing scheme by Democrats by giving them essentially what they want on these critical issues. It won’t work. One day soon within their lifetimes, they’ll be sitting on a court of 13 or 21 justices who will just pour cement on these rulings and otherwise overturn the ones Democrats don’t like, who will then lock in otherwise unconstitutional laws to secure Democratic one-party rule. And the American people will have to recognize that it was this court and this Senate who refused to pass the SAVE America Act as being the harbingers who surrendered U.S. sovereignty. This is a dark day.”

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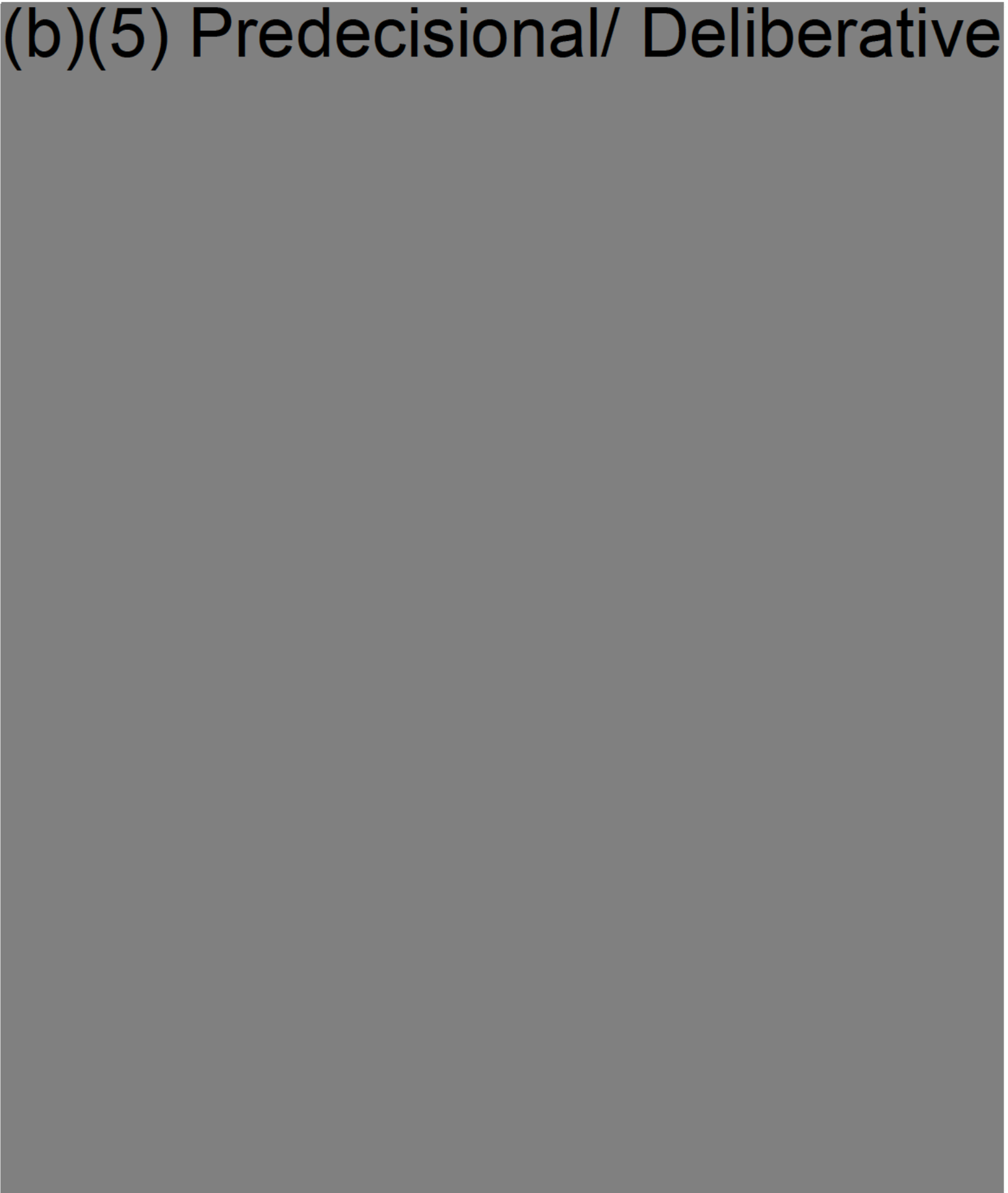
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Please see attached and note that EK hasn't had a chance to review the latest
Thanks!

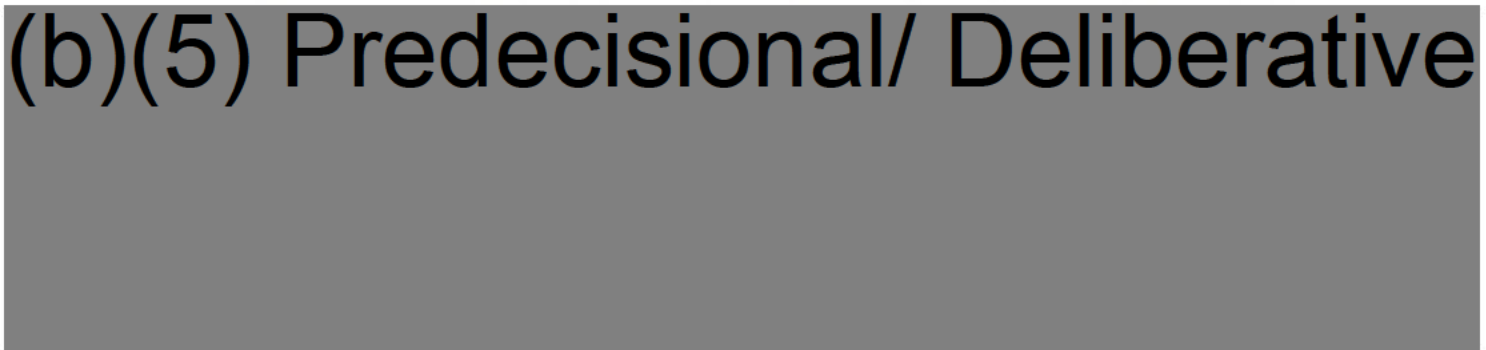
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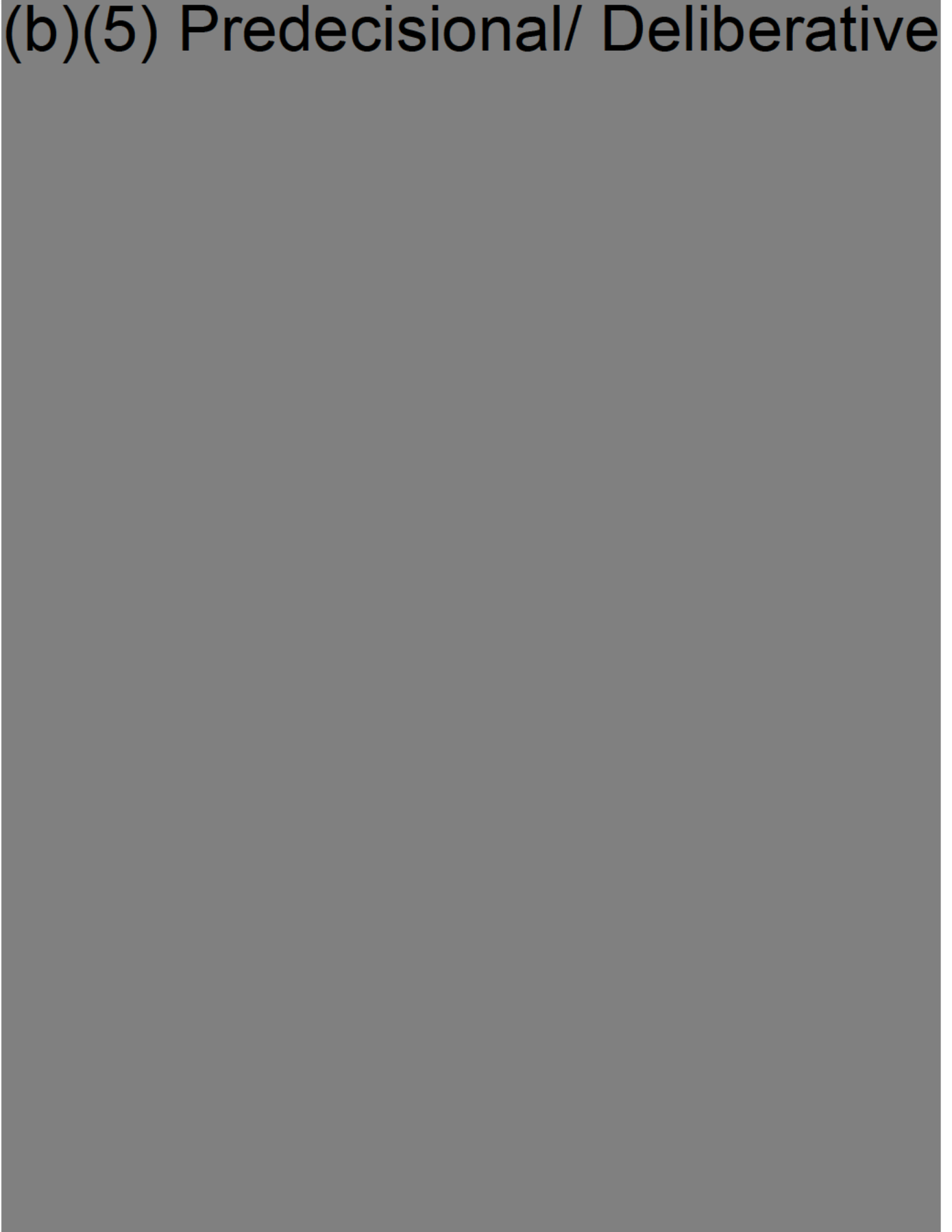


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Hey Michael,

Please see attached for an initial set of talking points Arielle drafted (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative

Happy to chat more in the morning.

Separately, Arielle and I discussed (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative
We will work on that tomorrow morning.

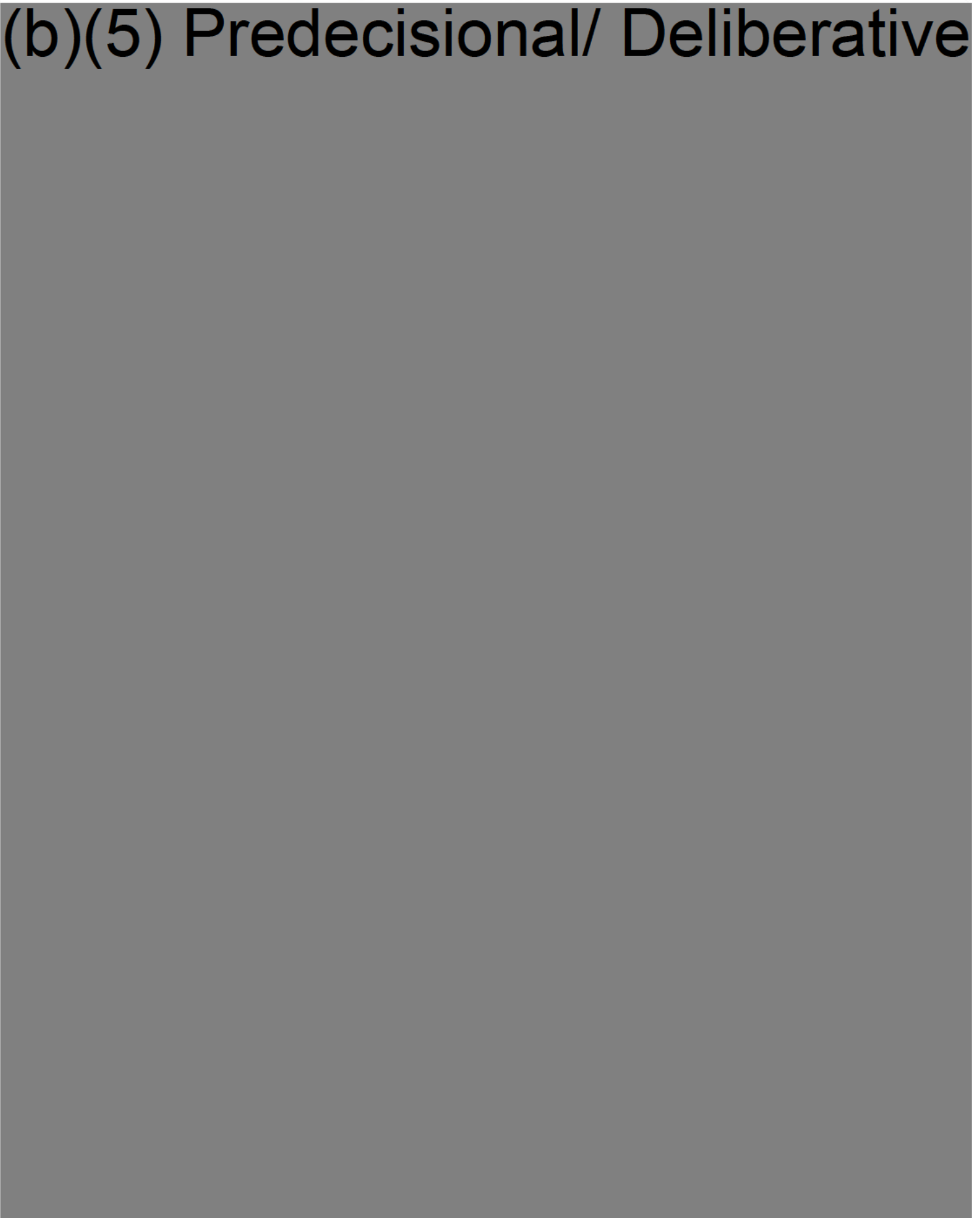
Thanks,
Ethan

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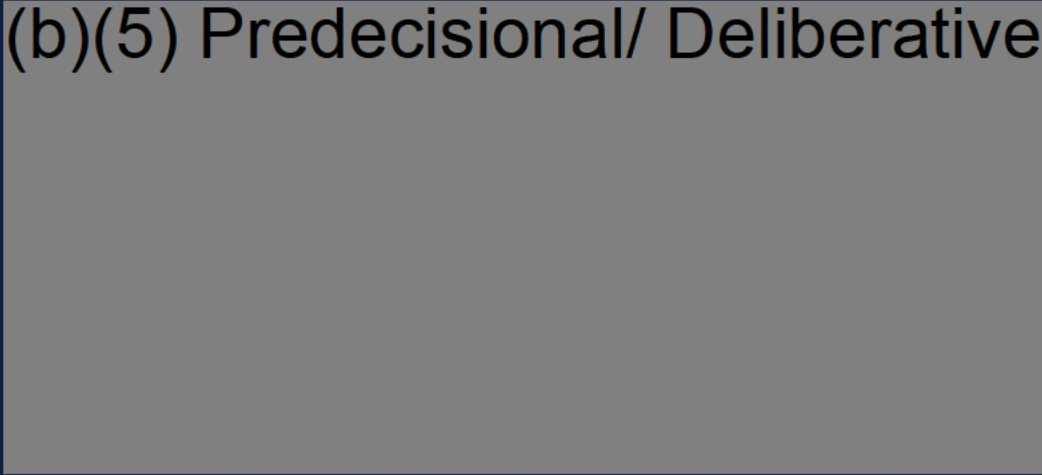
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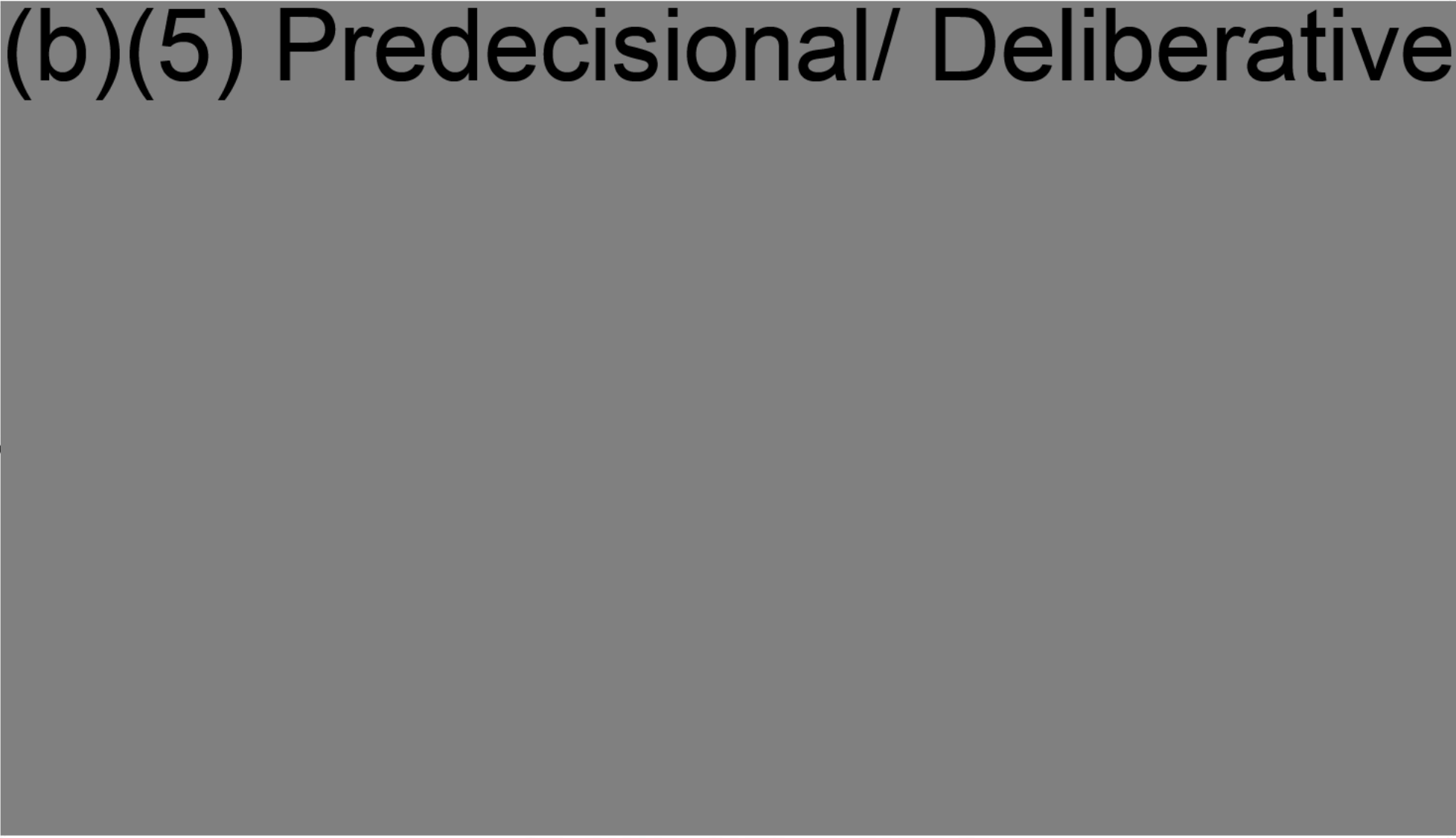
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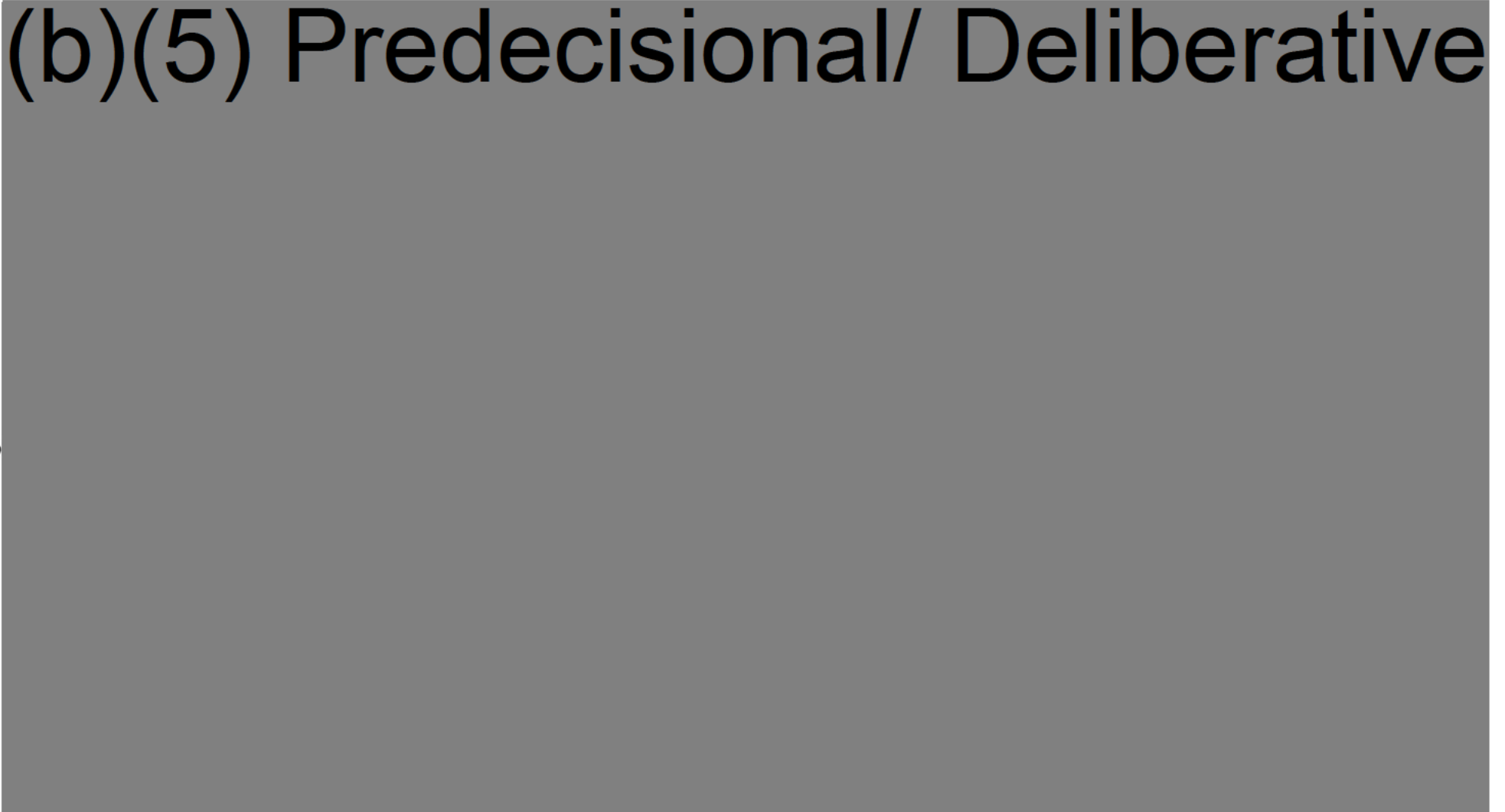
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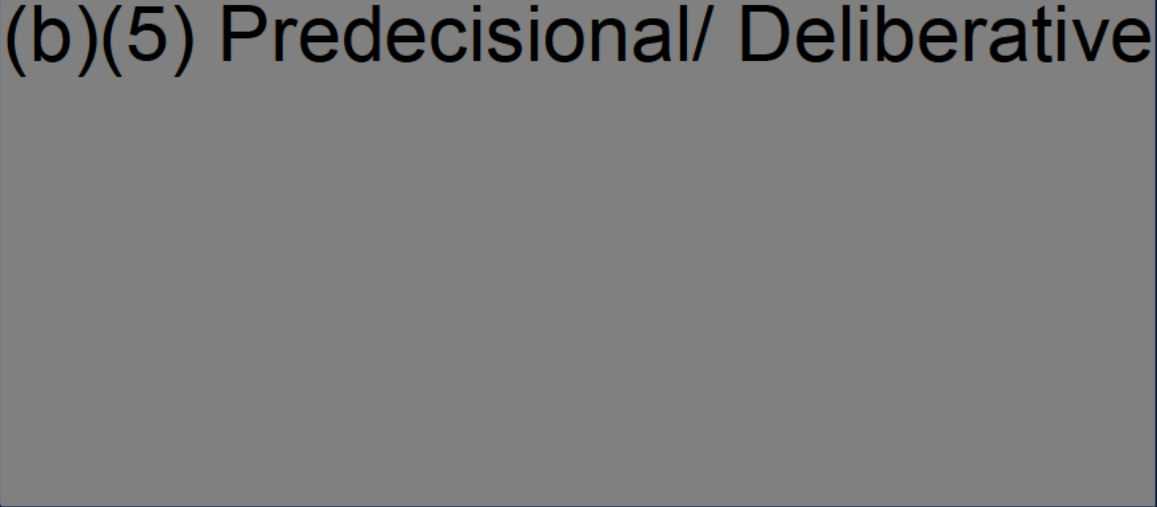
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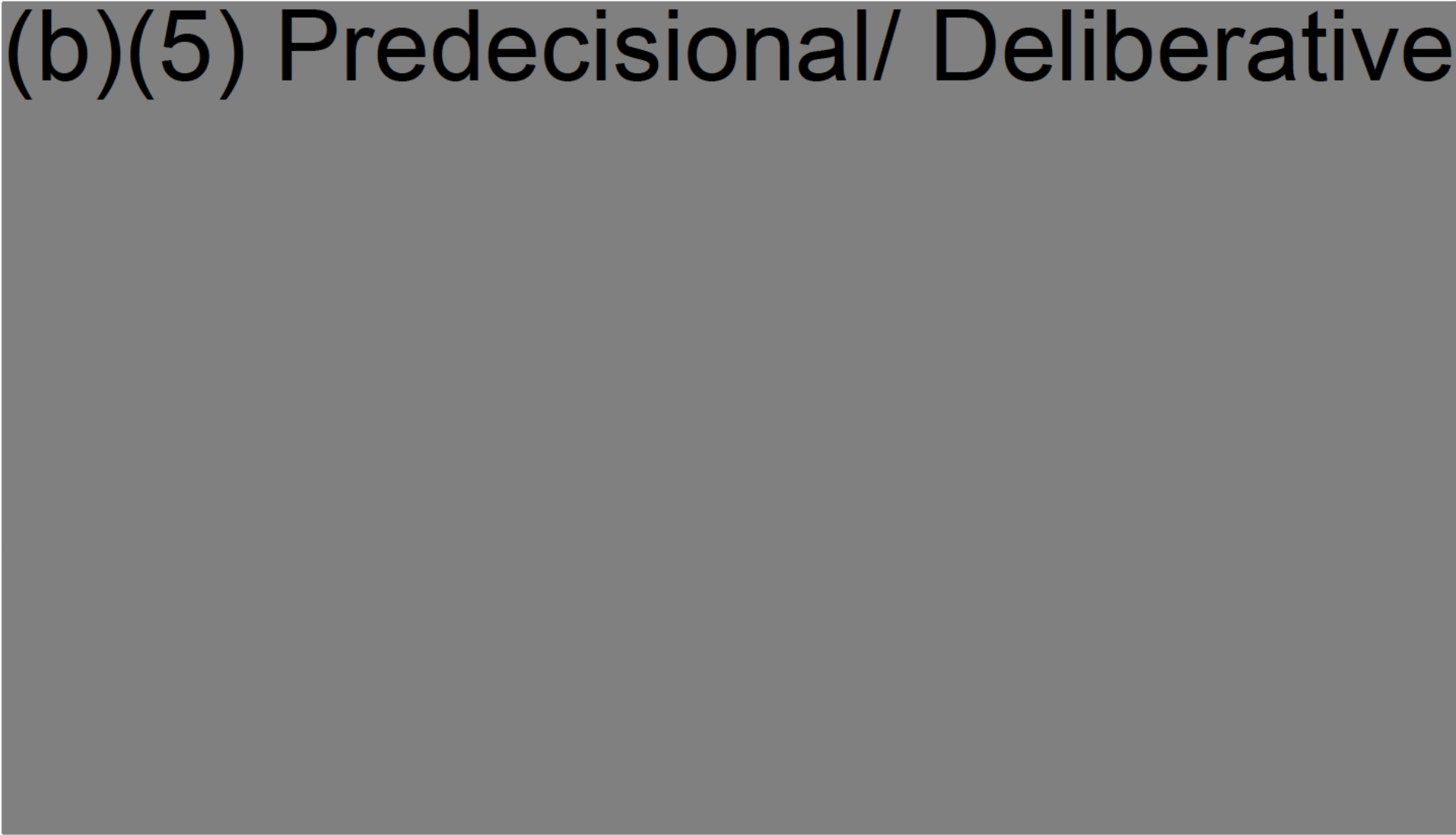


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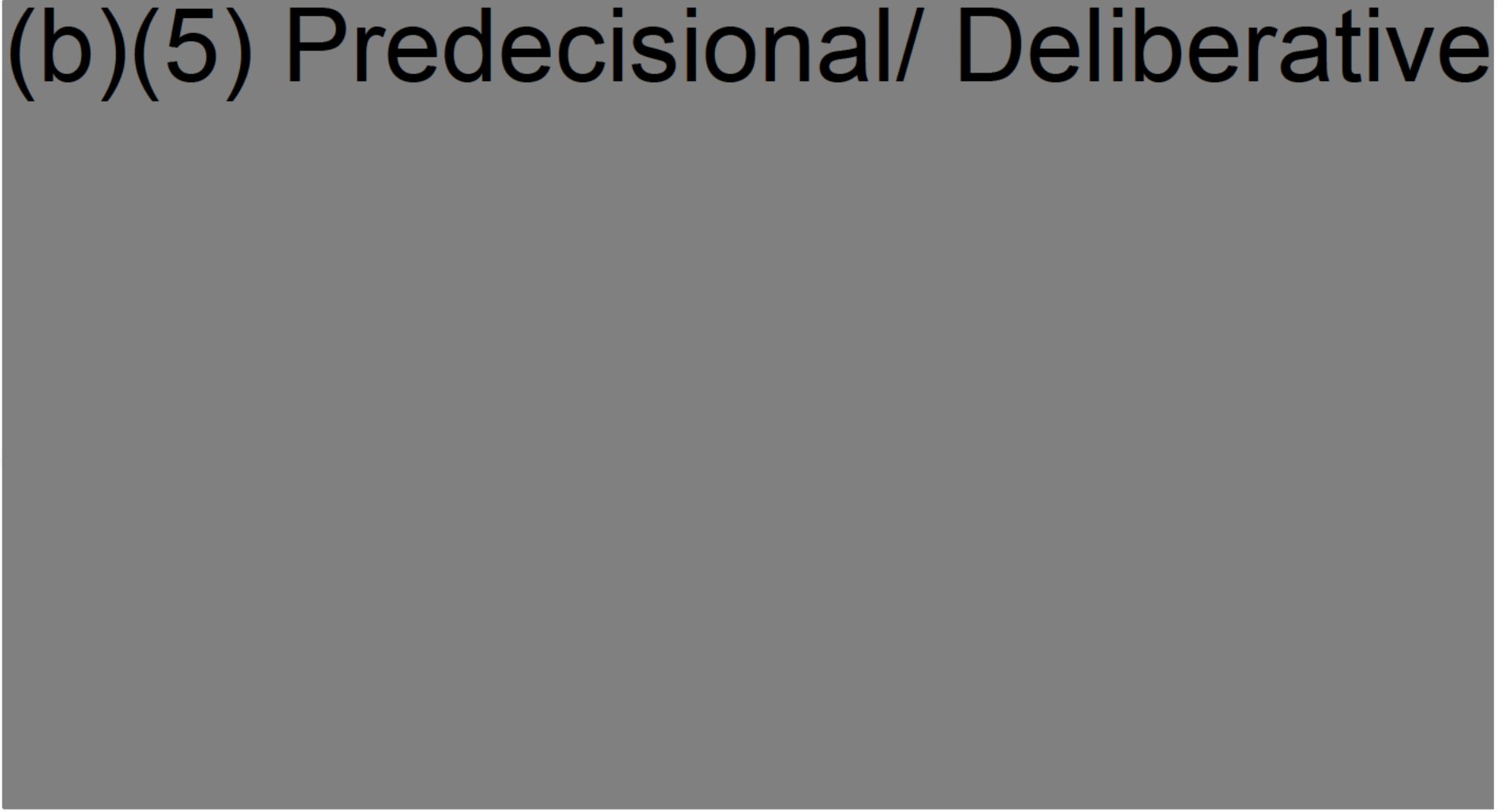


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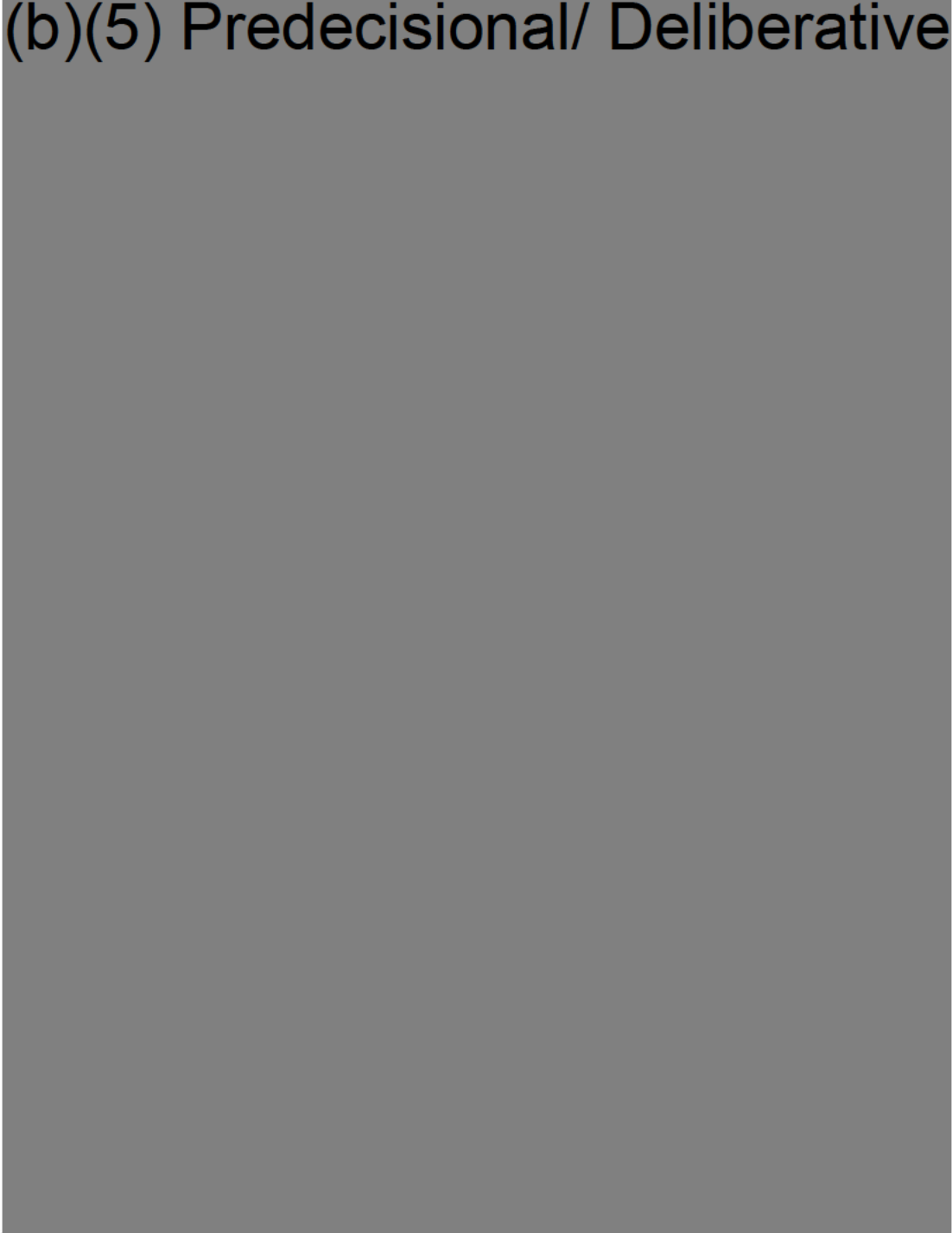
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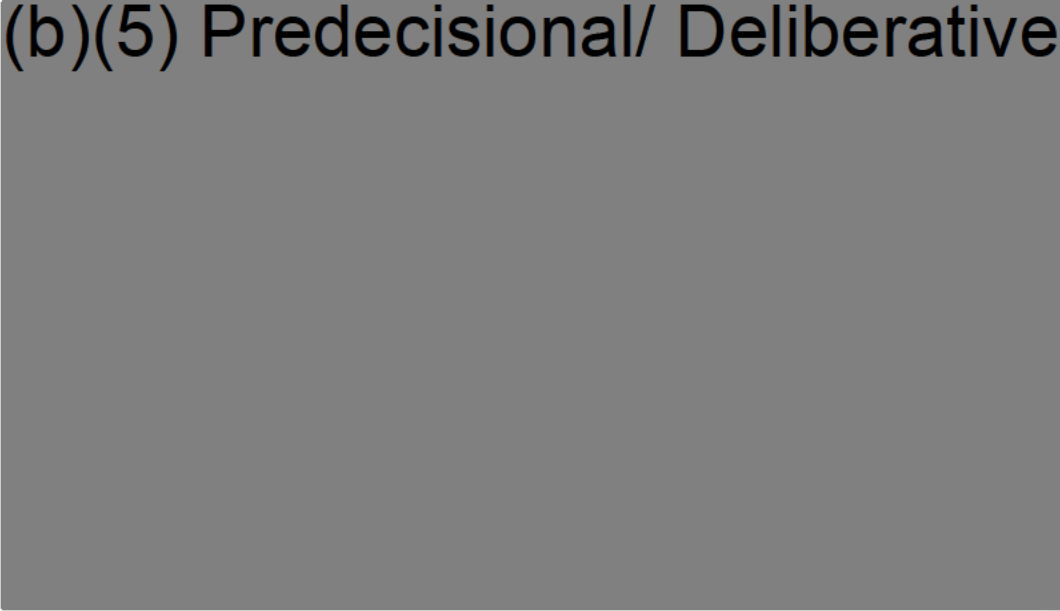
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Thanks,
Arielle

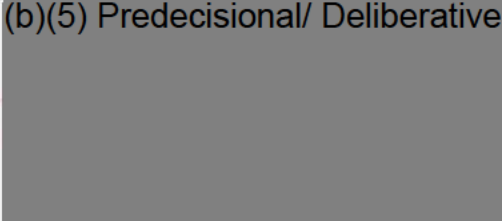
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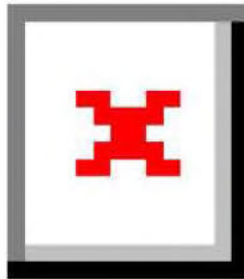
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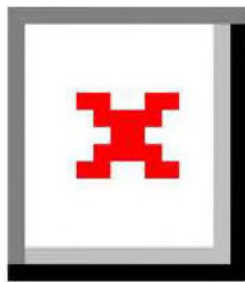


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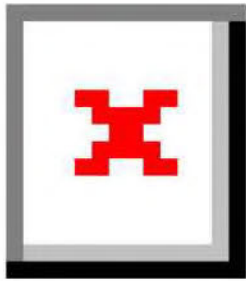


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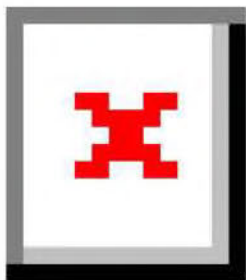




This Afternoon in DC



1. US strikes Iran again
2. Patriot rights for Ukraine
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5. Trump threatens Spain
6. Platner's ultimatum

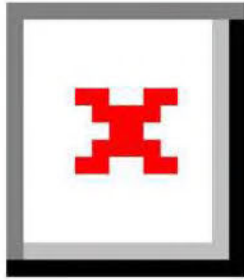




Crude oil futures ▲ another 5%, to \$75 a barrel, after President Trump said the ceasefire with Iran is over.



US launches new strikes on Iran

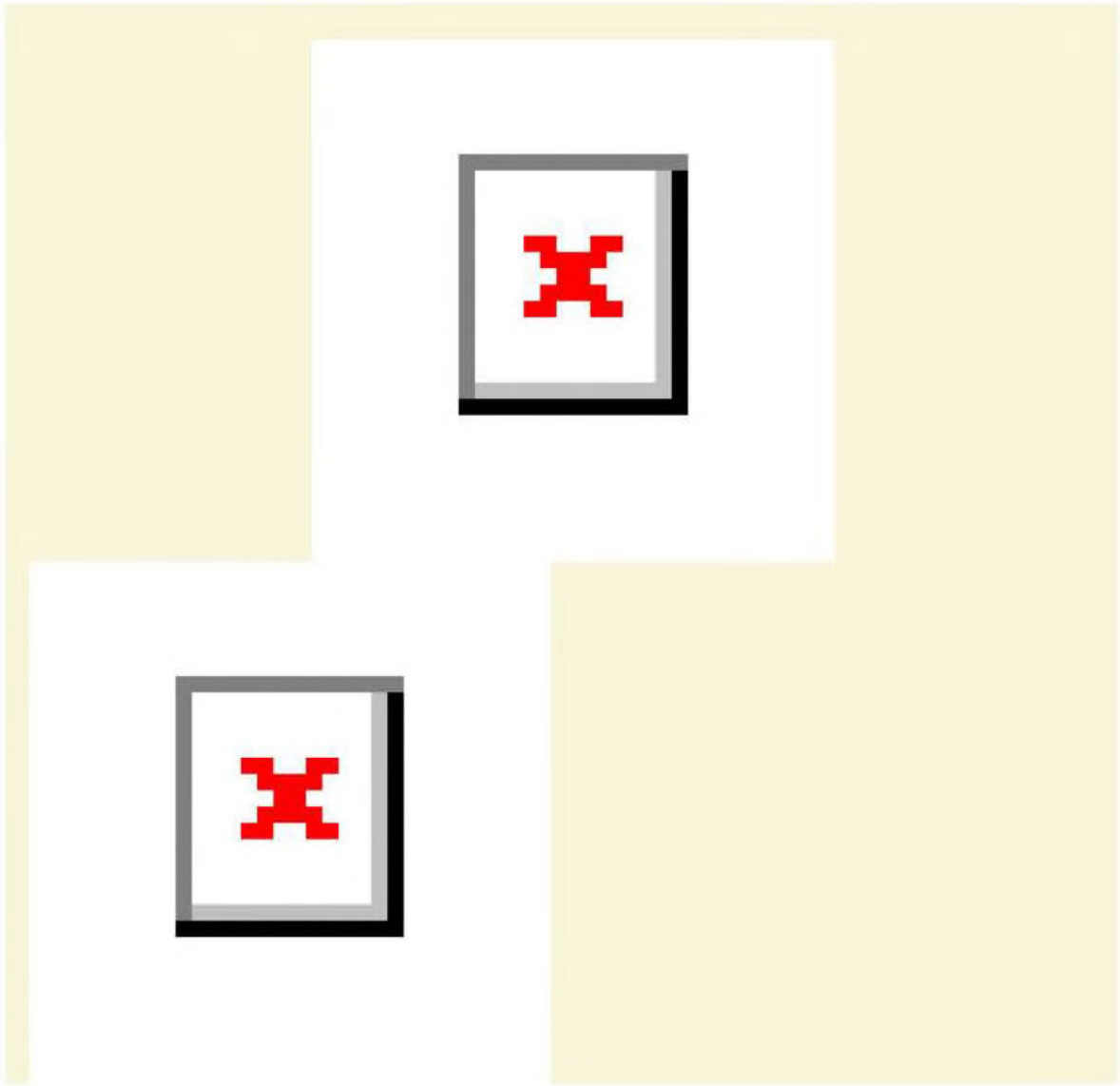


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US Central Command has [launched](#) new strikes on Iran this evening at the direction of President Donald Trump, as the ceasefire between the two countries goes up in smoke. Trump, speaking at the NATO summit in Türkiye today, told reporters that the US may reimpose a military blockade in the Strait of Hormuz and warned that an attack was imminent. “We’ll probably hit them hard again tonight. I’ll give them a little warning: We’re going to hit them hard tonight,” he said. And while Trump also said he isn’t sure he wants to make a deal with Iran anymore, he said he doesn’t think the war with Iran will restart, predicting that “it’s going to go very quickly.” The shattered ceasefire is going to be a challenge for Republicans, as most voters oppose the conflict.

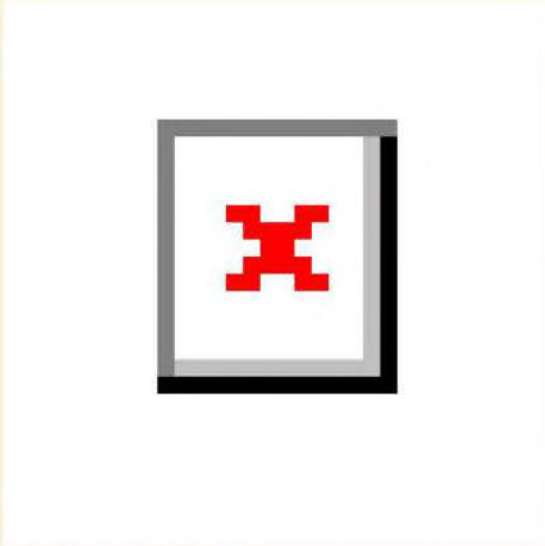
— *Shelby Talcott*







US to help Ukraine build Patriot interceptors

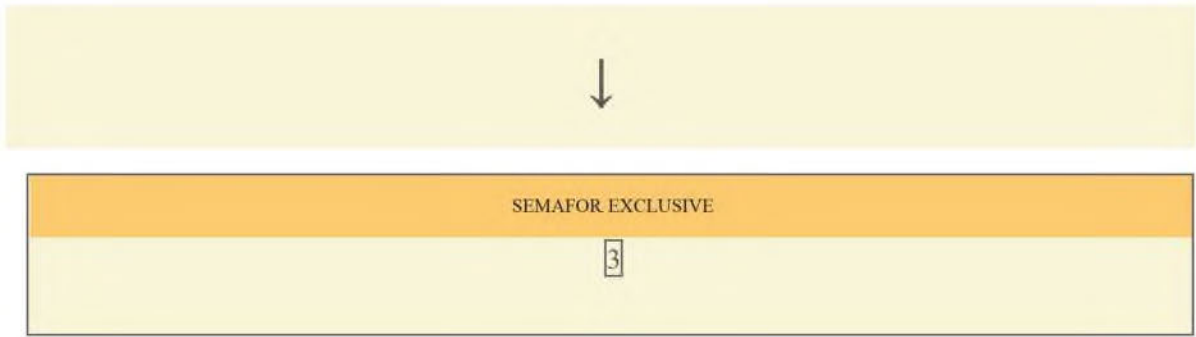


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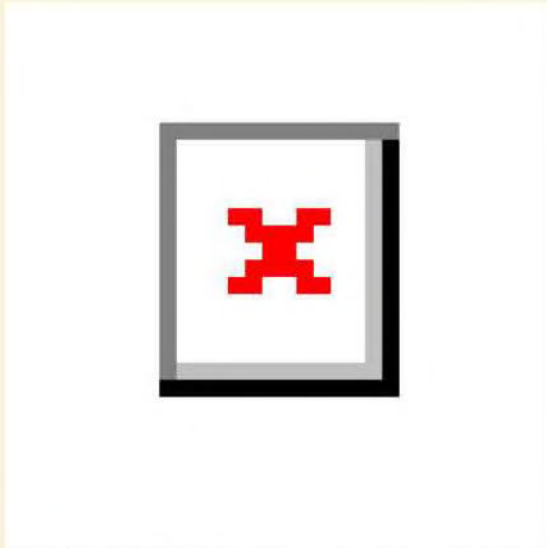
Trump agreed to supply licenses for Ukraine to build Patriot missile interceptors during a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy today at the NATO summit in Türkiye. The move stops short of the immediate transfer of Patriots to Ukraine that Kyiv would have preferred, but nevertheless is welcome news to European officials hoping for more US help against Russia. “We want weapons. Nobody produces enough. Whatever helps,” one European diplomat said. The details have yet to be worked out and Trump acknowledged that the companies that produce Patriots — Lockheed Martin and RTX Corp. — hadn’t been notified of his decision. There’s also the question of where the systems would physically be produced. Building them in Ukraine would present Russia with a new target, the diplomat said, adding that ideally production would take place in another European country, like Germany, France, or Poland.

— *Morgan Chalfant*





Rubio notifies Congress of plan to move toward Syria normalization



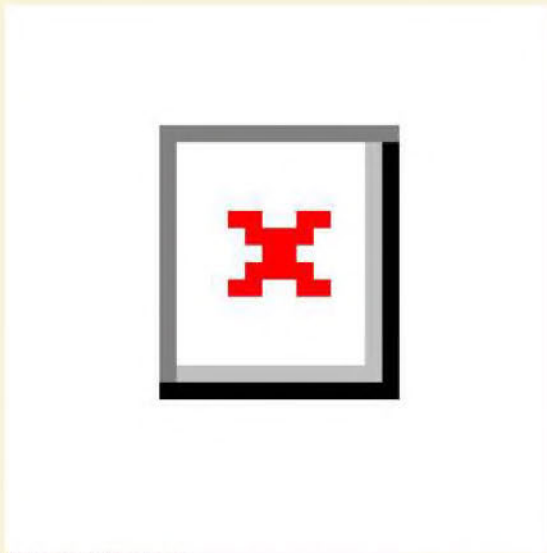
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Secretary of State Marco Rubio has formally notified Congress that the Trump administration plans to lift Syria's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism, [Semafor's Eleanor Mueller scoops](#). Trump told reporters earlier Wednesday that he planned to drop the label following a meeting with Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa on the sidelines of the NATO summit in Ankara. Advocates for normalized US-Syria relations had previously told Semafor [they were expecting](#) the change, which will clear the way for private-sector investment in Syria. "This is yet another historic step by President Trump to give the Syrian people a chance at greatness," Rubio said [in a statement](#) shared with Semafor. He cited an executive order from June 2025 that directed a review of the designation as well as "positive changes," "counterterrorism actions" and "formal assurances" by al-Sharaa.



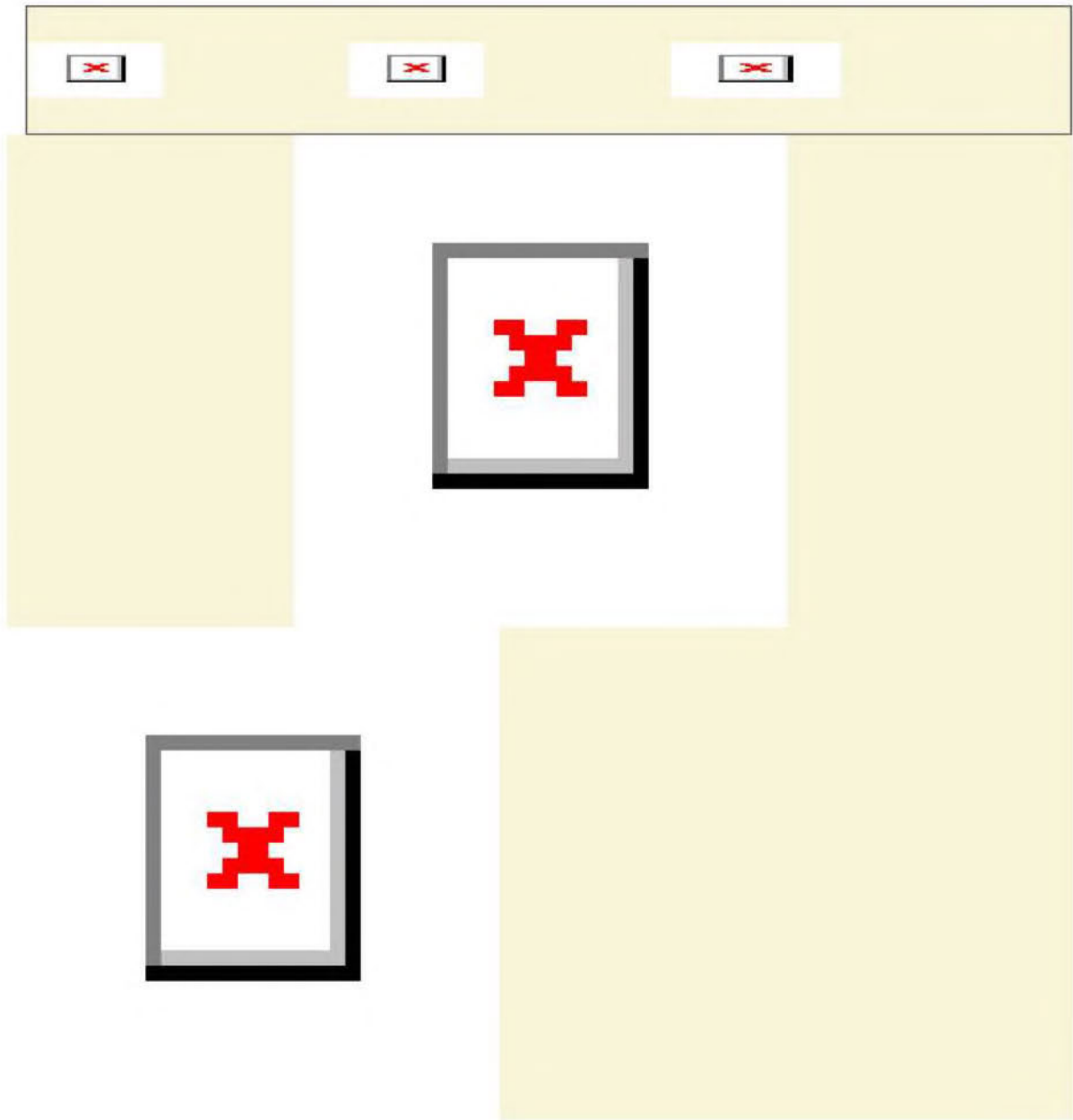


Iran war complicates global economic outlook



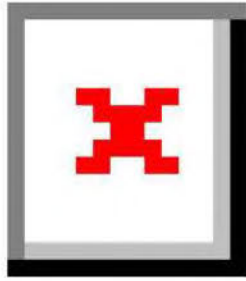
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The global economy is weathering the shock from the Iran war, but higher energy prices and inflation risks are complicating the outlook, according to new reports from the International Monetary Fund and the Federal Reserve. The IMF [lowered](#) its 2026 global forecast to 3%, down from 3.1% in April and below the 3.5% average growth in 2024 and 2025, citing high energy prices and trade risks. The fund said the economy avoided a sharper downturn, partially due to demand for AI, and projected growth will rebound to 3.4% in 2027. The Fed's [minutes](#) from its June meeting, the first chaired by Kevin Warsh, showed officials were divided over the direction of interest rates, reflecting uncertainty over how long energy prices from the Iran conflict will keep inflation elevated. Despite differing views, the committee unanimously voted to keep its benchmark rate at 3.5-3.75%.





Trump threatens to cut off trade with Spain



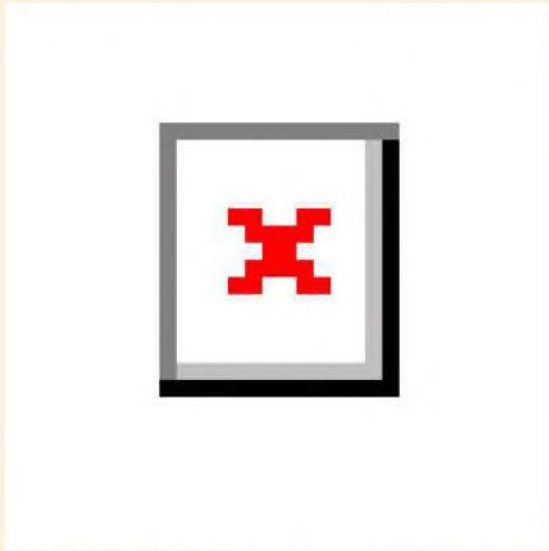
Trump threatened to halt all US trade with Spain today, escalating a dispute over Madrid's refusal to increase defense spending. "Spain is a terrible partner in NATO. ... They don't pay," Trump said, directing Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to "cut off all trade with Spain." Trump's threat revived a longstanding fight: At last year's NATO summit, Spain was the only member to reject the alliance's 5% defense spending target, pledging 2.1% instead. Spanish domestic politics constrain Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez: He [leads](#) a fragile minority coalition of left-wing and regional nationalist parties that are skeptical of military spending. Experts say a US trade embargo would be [difficult to implement](#) because Spain's trade policy is controlled by the EU, not Madrid alone. Spain also has a trade deficit with the US, so US exporters could pay a price, too.

— *Lauren Morganbesser*





Platner campaign and Maine Democrats continue to feud



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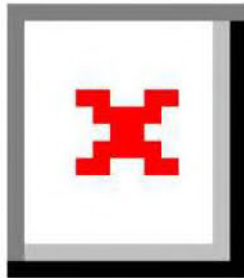
Maine Democrats clashed again with Graham Platner today, after their Senate nominee's campaign accused the state party of plotting with Washington insiders to control the replacement process if he quits. In a text to Platner's supporters, campaign manager Ben Chin accused Democrats of allowing DSCC operatives "to plan a potential nominating process behind closed doors" and "cut our team, our volunteers, and our vast networks of supporters out of the conversation." Maine Democrats [called](#) that "false" and promised an "open process" for replacing Platner by the July 27 deadline if he quits; a spokesman for the DSCC said the same and that Platner "needs to drop out immediately so that Maine Democrats can begin the process of fielding a new candidate." Platner talked with campaign staff before the texts went out, with links to a survey that asked supporters what they'd "say to Graham" and say to the state Democrats.

— David Weigel





Live Journalism



On Wednesday, July 22, **Katy George, Corporate Vice President of Workforce Transformation at Microsoft**, will join Semafor's *The World of Work* in Washington, DC to unpack how institutions are adapting and thriving in an increasingly fragmented economy.

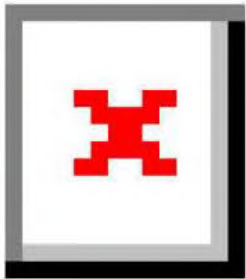
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White House

- **President Trump** [surprised](#) NATO leaders when he said in private that the US wishes “to stay with you,” a softer, more positive message than what he offered in public this week. — Politico
- Trump said he was [leaving](#) Türkiye on an older Air Force One aircraft, not the recently renovated Qatari-donated jet, after saying he would [stop](#) in the UK on his way home to show off the new Air Force One.
- Trump has [increased](#) his warnings about the dangers of “communism” since left-wing Democratic candidates won primaries in New York on June 23, using the term 81 times in the past two weeks. — Reuters

Congress

- Democratic Kentucky Gov. **Andy Beshear** [wrote](#) a letter to Sen. **Mitch McConnell**, R-Ky., asking for an update on his health.

Courts

- A former Wisconsin judge [avoided](#) prison but was fined \$5,000 after she helped a Mexican defendant evade ICE agents at the Milwaukee County courthouse.
- A three-judge panel [denied](#) a request from the Kennedy Center’s board to restore **President Trump**’s name to the building during the appeal process.
- A federal judge [rejected](#) Trump’s request to withhold the \$5 million plus interest he owes **E. Jean Carroll** after he was found liable for sexually abusing her. — NYT

Campaigns

- California Gov. **Gavin Newsom** is [launching](#) a midterm campaign tour, beginning in Nevada, to support Democratic candidates and bolster his expected 2028 presidential run. — Politico
- Actor **Patrick Dempsey** [published](#) an op-ed in the Portland Press Herald saying he isn’t running for Senate in Maine.

Healthcare

- Some of the biggest Obamacare insurers are preparing to make hefty [increases](#) to premiums in 2027. — WSJ
- Health insurance giants, like UnitedHealth, Cigna and CVS, are [suing](#) states that are attempting to break them up. — NYT

Technology

- OpenAI will publicly [launch GPT-5.6](#), its most advanced AI model, tomorrow after a government-requested delay last month. — Axios
- **Elon Musk**'s SpaceXAI is also releasing [its latest model](#). — Axios

World

- Russia [introduced](#) a ban on diesel exports after Ukrainian drone attacks on oil refineries triggered shortages.

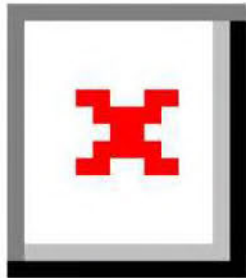
Immigration

- The son of a Mexican man [killed](#) yesterday by an immigration enforcement agent during a traffic stop in Houston called for independent investigation into his death.





Quote of the Day



— President Trump at the [NATO summit](#), referencing Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin.





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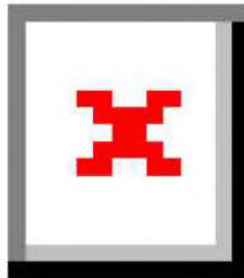
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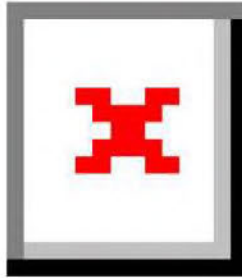


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THE CATCH-UP



President Donald Trump arrives for a media conference at the NATO summit in Ankara, Turkey, on Wednesday. | AP Photo/Francisco Seco

From the moment he landed in Turkey for the NATO leaders' summit, President **Donald Trump** [grumbled his way across Ankara](#), returning again and again to longheld criticisms that the alliance is ripping off the U.S. He [threatened again to take Greenland](#) from Denmark, [rein in trade with Spain](#) (dubbing it "a wasted cause") and slammed Europe's energy and immigration policies.

Now Trump appears to be playing nice—er. During a closed-door gathering of NATO leaders, the president told reporters there was "tremendous love" in the room, adding "it was very smart people, and they have a lot of good in their heart, not evil — good — and they're doing a great job for their country."

"The world is doing well," Trump said — a comment that stands in contrast to much of the rhetoric the president typically reserves for longheld allies.

Trump, who's repeatedly threatened to withdraw from the alliance, told the NATO leaders during that meeting "we want to remain with you," [POLITICO's Paul McLeary and colleagues report](#). Ahead of a bilateral with Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**, whom he's frequently criticized, Trump said he plans to budge on one of his key requests — allowing Ukraine to [produce Patriot interceptor missiles](#).

The turn comes after multiple leaders went out of their way to praise him during the summit — and as the war in Iran intensifies.

Trump this morning [announced the ceasefire](#) with Tehran was “over” after [the U.S. attacked Iran](#) over Iranian military strikes on three ships in the Strait of Hormuz. Trump said U.S. troops bombed parts of Kharg Island, the country’s oil hub, and threatened to bomb it again today.

“I’ll give [them] a little warning,” he said. “We’re going to hit them hard tonight.”

Oil prices, which had been coming down, [surged 7 percent](#) — to their highest level in weeks.

AND ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE: The godparents of Europe’s populist right are emulating Trump’s brazen style to bulldoze their way out of scandal, hoping voters will agree the establishment is conspiring to stitch them up, [POLITICO’s Tim Ross and Marion Sollety report](#).

Good Wednesday afternoon. Thanks for reading Playbook PM. Drop me a line at isentner@politico.com.

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7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. WEIGHING GRAHAM: The fate of **Graham Platner’s** Maine Senate campaign remains on the edge after [POLITICO reported](#) that a woman who Platner dated said he forced her to have sex with him, which he has denied. A senior Platner campaign aide said on a 1 p.m. call with Platner’s team that the embattled nominee is expected to speak later today, per a person familiar with the

call, POLITICO's **Lisa Kashinsky** writes in. It wasn't immediately clear whether Platner was planning to speak to staff or make a public statement.

Scoop: Platner's team quietly fielded a poll yesterday gauging the strength of potential candidates who could replace him on the ballot, [POLITICO's Chris Sommerfeldt and Erin Doherty report](#). The flash poll, obtained by POLITICO, was conducted by Public Policy Polling and commissioned by Platner's campaign. It tested head-to-head matchups between GOP Sen. **Susan Collins** and Platner, along with five possible Democratic replacements, including former state Senate President **Troy Jackson** and Maine Secretary of State **Shenna Bellows**.

The news comes as Platner's team [remains sharply at odds with the Maine Democratic Party](#) about next steps if he drops out. Maine Democratic Party Executive Director **Devon Murphy-Anderson** ripped the Platner campaign in a new statement released this afternoon.

"While the Platner campaign remains focused on distracting from the job of defeating Susan Collins in November with false accusations against us, the Maine Democratic Party remains hyper focused on developing a representative, transparent and inclusive process to select a new nominee when he chooses to withdraw from the race," Murphy-Anderson said.

"While we may be frustrated with Graham Platner's continued efforts to manipulate this process, we are so thankful for his supporters and all of their efforts to defeat Susan Collins – they are a vital part of our Party and deserve to participate in an open process to select Platner's replacement." Last night, the Maine Democratic Party [accused Platner's campaign](#) of attempting to "put their thumb on the scale of what this process looks like" and emphasized Platner would have no say in who the party chooses to replace him.

And more Democratic senators are joining the [near-total chorus](#) calling for his exit. "I think he's beyond the point of having a viable candidacy for the Senate. And the sooner he's gone from the scene, the better, as far as I'm concerned," Sen. **Dick Durbin** (D-Ill.) told POLITICO's **Shia Kapos** in an interview.

A name to know: ["The Low-Key Lawyer at the Center of the Search for a Platner Replacement,"](#) by NYT's Tim Balk: "**Charles Dingman**, chair of the Maine Democratic Party and a progressive, would play a key role in choosing the state's Democratic Senate candidate if Graham Platner leaves the race."

2. SLOWDOWN: ["Under Trump, the agency at the center of the global AI tech race has slowed to a crawl,"](#) by POLITICO's Ari Hawkins and Ben Johansen: "The Commerce

Department's Bureau of Industry and Security is supposed to be at the forefront of America's AI race with China, creating and enforcing restrictions on advanced semiconductors and other building blocks for artificial intelligence models that are sold abroad. But POLITICO spoke with half a dozen former BIS officials, including four from the Trump administration and two career officials, and another half a dozen people close to the White House who said delays in decisionmaking are grinding core parts of the agency to a halt."

3. WHERE'S MITCH? Democratic Kentucky Gov. **Andy Beshear** sent a public letter to Sen. **Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) today requesting that McConnell "fully update Kentuckians regarding the current status of your health," [POLITICO's Jordain Carney reports](#). "As public officeholders, we have made a commitment to our constituents to do our best to represent them and to always be transparent. I believe this requires clear communication about one's ability to serve," Beshear wrote. Speculation has grown over the condition of the 84-year-old McConnell amid his weekslong hospitalization, with very little indication of his status from the senator's office.

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4. 2028 WATCH: Democratic California Gov. **Gavin Newsom** is heading to Nevada this week for a three-day swing through the battleground state, [POLITICO's Melanie Mason reports](#). Officially, he's branding the visit as a way to promote Democrats ahead of the midterms — but it will also allow him to boost his national profile and forge connections outside of California ahead of an expected 2028 presidential bid.

5. RED MEAT: Speaker **Mike Johnson** is considering a vote on legislation that would block foreign pregnant women from entering the U.S., [POLITICO's Meredith Lee Hill reports](#). The legislation would be a way for Johnson to appease conservative hard-liners after the Supreme Court struck down Trump's bid to end birthright citizenship. But a potential House vote would be largely symbolic since it would have little chance of passing the Senate filibuster.

6. BRAVE NEW WORLD: OpenAI is planning a public release of its newest models on Thursday after the White House last month requested the company stagger their release, [POLITICO's Katherine Long reports](#). OpenAI has been previewing and testing GPT-5.6 with the White House and the Center for AI Standards and Innovation for over a month, a company spokesperson told POLITICO.

7. TICK TICK BOOM: At least 26 data centers nationwide are being built in sensitive streams and wetlands — and critics are finding they have few legal levers to challenge them, [POLITICO's Miranda Willson reports](#). That's because of a 2023 Supreme Court decision that contracted the amount of waterways protected by the Clean Water Act, meaning a vast majority of construction projects in the U.S. can now be built without federal water pollution permits.



TALK OF THE TOWN

HISTORY LESSON — [“To justify his arch, Trump cites a 1925 plan. That vision was very different.”](#) by WaPo's Júlia Ledur and Dan Diamond: “Officials say the Trump administration’s proposal builds on a historic design. Architects and preservationists say the resemblance ends there.”

IN MEMORIAM — [“Supreme Court’s last official crier is dead at 102,”](#) by WaPo's Cole Reynolds: “**George Hutchinson’s** words were far from the most important spoken during *Brown v. Board of Education*. But they were the first. ... Hutchinson, who died June 14 at 102, was the last crier of the U.S. Supreme Court, tasked with carrying out ceremonial duties that were later turned over to the court marshal.”

POLITICO MOVES — **Monday Ogbobi** is joining POLITICO as chief financial officer. He most recently was a head of finance at Amazon. ... **Alex Ruoff** is joining POLITICO as deputy Congress editor for energy and environment. He most recently oversaw Bloomberg Law’s labor and employment law coverage.

MEDIA MOVE — **Hector Guevara** joined WaPo as senior product manager. He previously worked on the SNKRS app for Nike and is an Outbrain alum.

OUT AND ABOUT — Target hosted a summer celebration last night on the rooftop of its D.C. headquarters in Metro Center. **SPOTTED:** **Alexis Williams, Isaac Reyes, Robin Givhan, Kelly**

Flanigan, Doug Thornell, Rae Robinson, Liz Landers, Brian Dodge, Mary McGinty, Ninio Fetalvo, Cristina Antelo, Anthony Hinojosa, Antonio Tijerino, James Thompson, Scott Kratz, Kristina Noell, Colleen Gillespie, Matt Gorman, Erica Parker, John Buscher, Charles Carithers, Brian Pomper and Spike Mendelsohn.

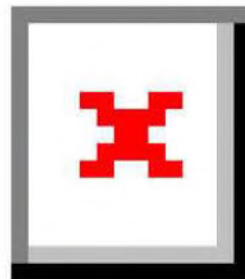
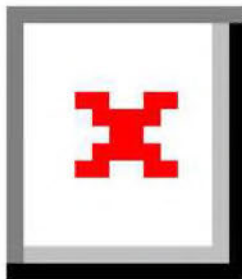
TRANSITIONS — Retired Lt. Gen. **Sean A. Gainey** has joined WestExec Advisors as a principal. He most recently was commanding general of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. ... **Buck Owen** has joined Barnes & Thornburg as chief operating officer. He most recently worked at Dentons. ... **Dan Weisberg** has joined the Wallace Foundation as chief program and policy officer. He previously worked for New York City Public Schools. ...

... **Clayton Thompson** has joined Winston Taylor as partner in its intellectual property litigation practice. He most recently worked at DLA Piper. ... **Nora Flood** has joined Eversheds Sutherland as counsel in the U.S. Capital Markets and Investments practice group. She previously worked at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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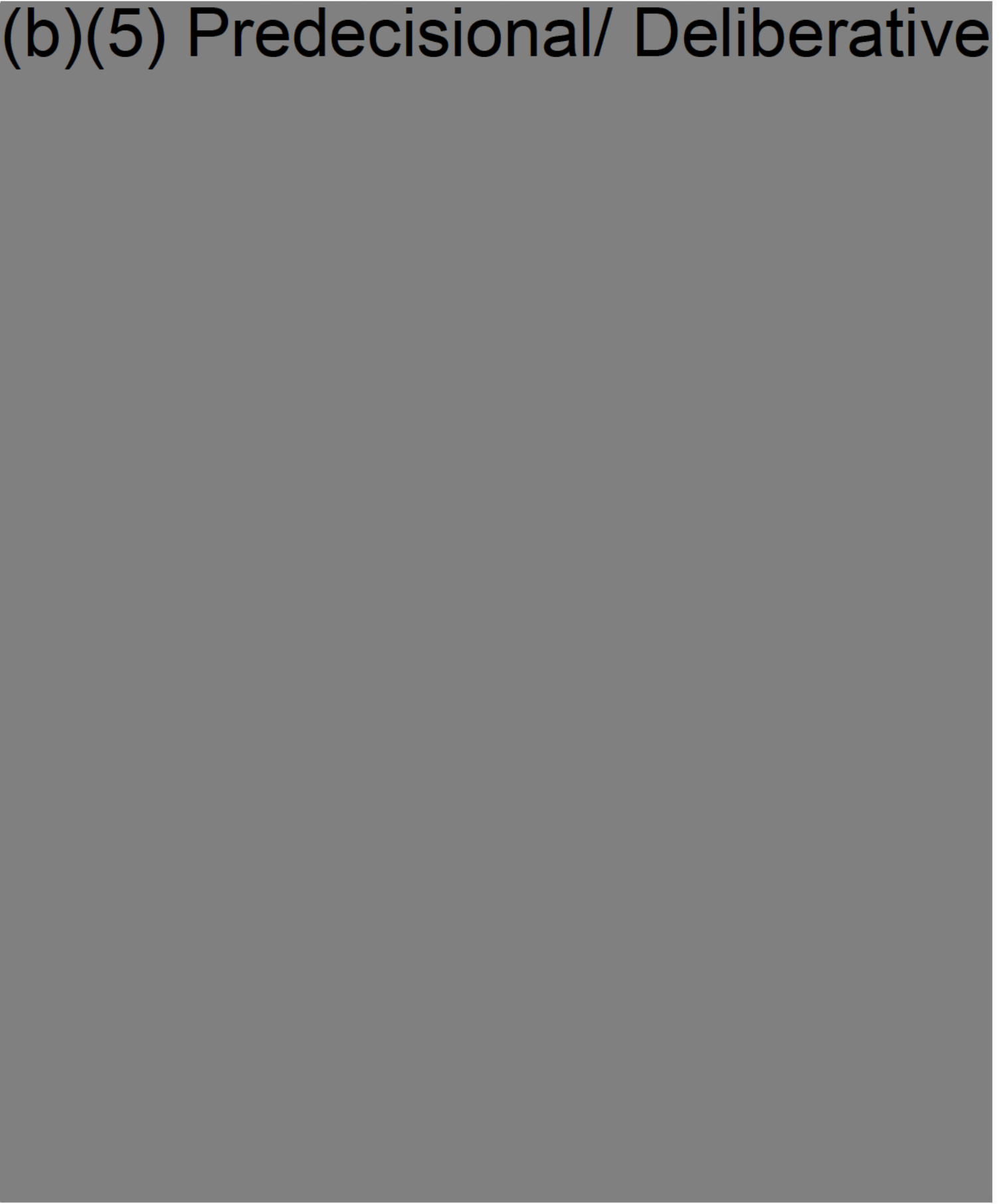
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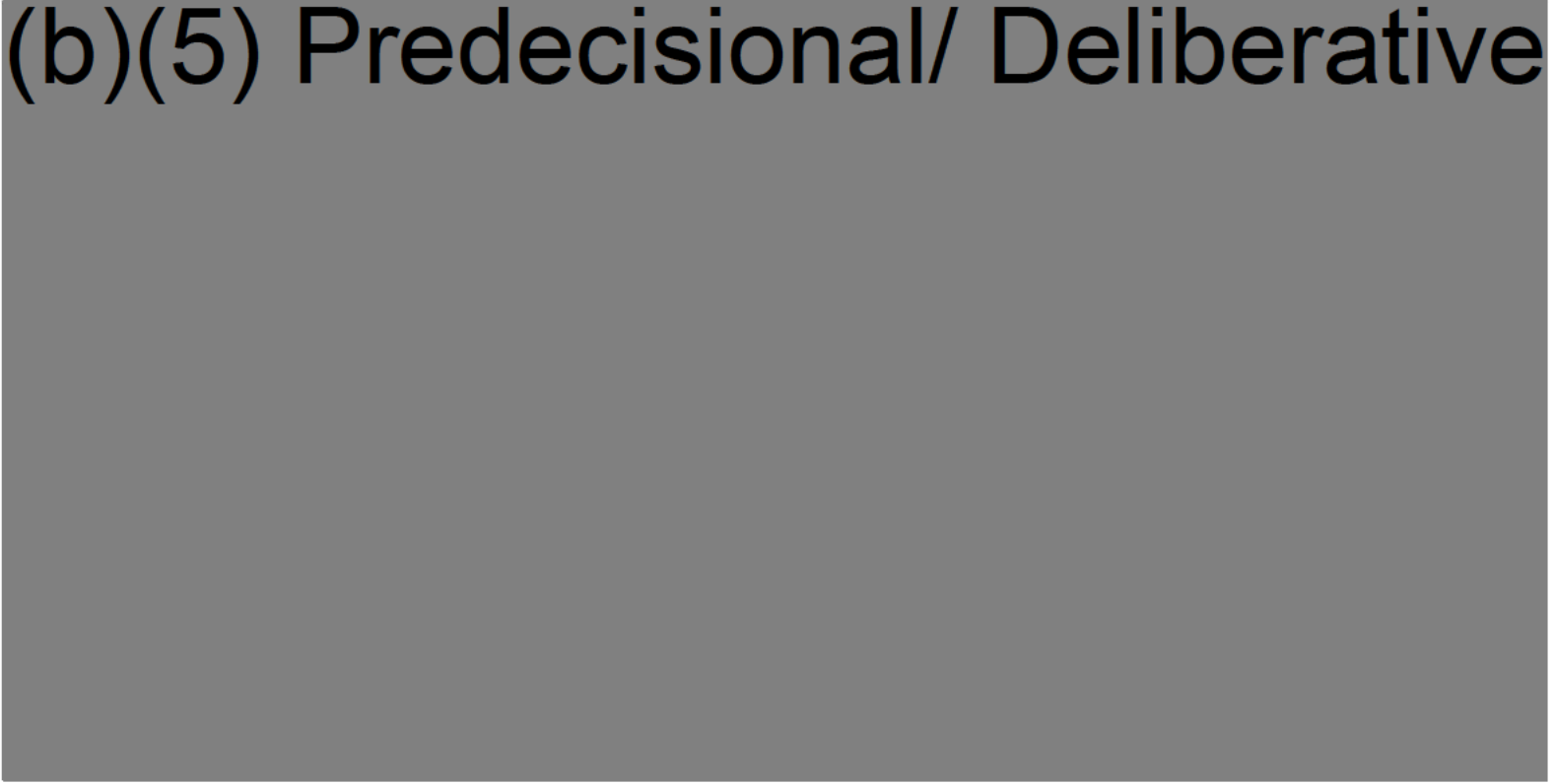
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Hey Anthony,

Thanks very much for flagging! And for your continued engagement

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Ethan

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Gentlemen: We aim to launch Titan tomorrow. (b) (4)

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We are happy to discuss further if you have any questions.

On Tue, Jul 7, 2026 at 10:06 PM Klein, Ethan A. EOP/OSTP
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Good evening, Anthony —

Thank you very much for sharing for our awareness, greatly appreciate it. Glad to know (b) (4). Will touch base with them, but feel free to reach out at any point if we can be of assistance.

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Ethan

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RE: Frontier AI Models

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Some minor comments from me in the overview. For the section (b)(5) Predecisional/ Deliberative

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Hi Michael,

See attached for a first draft of a one-pager to share today.

Thanks,
Ethan

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