



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 18, 2026

Request No. F-2025-26796

Manasi Raveendran
Center for Reproductive Rights
1600 K Street NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Raveendran:

As we noted in our letter dated May 7, 2026, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State (“Department”) has identified an additional 13 responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined all 13 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Zachariah Lindsey, USADC, at Zachariah.Lindsey@usdoj.com. Please refer to the case number, F-2025-26796, and the civil action number, 25-cv-04338, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diamonece Hickson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Diamonece Hickson
Supervisory Government Information Specialist
Litigation and Appeals Office

Enclosures: As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
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 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
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- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
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| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
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- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
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 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
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- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

From:	(b)(6)@state.gov>
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CC:	(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject:	Current Viable Abortifacients in GEEL
Date:	Fri, 8 Aug 2025 17:04:37 +0000

Hey Jeremy,

I just got this spreadsheet from (b)(6). These are the currently viable products in Geel. Everything else has practically been destroyed. On another note, the Belgium Charge came by today to ask us if we can transfer the contraceptives to them. Happy to answer any other questions you might have.

Here are raw numbers below-

Levonorgestrel 75mg/rod, 2 rod Implants = 142,300 pieces, \$1,089,650

Levonorgestrel 30 mcg 35 Tablets/Cycle, 1 Cycle bayer microlut 35 = 236,346 units, \$87,698.80

Copper T Cu380A Intrauterine Device, 300 Each (Pregna T Cu 380 A) + 138 pieces, \$19,575

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Subject:	Re: Austrian, Coulter, Los Banos Clear: BCL for SBO Hanrahan Meeting with Belgian CDA
Date:	Wed, 13 Aug 2025 15:54:59 +0000

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Michelle Los Banos

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Subject: Austrian, Coulter, Los Banos Clear: BCL for SBO Hanrahan Meeting with Belgian CDA

DASs,

For your clearance, below linked is a BCL package for SBO's meeting with Belgian CDA regarding USAID contraceptives.



[BCL for SBO Hanrahan Meeting with Belgian CDA](#)

Thanks,

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Subject: Re: BOUNCED: BCL for SBO Hanrahan Meeting with Belgian CDA

Hello Staffers,

As requested, (b)(6) in EUR/ACE cleared the BCL with no edits, and I've updated the BCL accordingly. It should now be good to go up the chain.

Best,

(b)(6)

Desk Officer for Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg
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Subject: Re: BOUNCED: BCL for SBO Hanrahan Meeting with Belgian CDA

Thanks (b)(6) I've updated the bio and BCL context as requested. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Please also note that overnight the meeting was scheduled for 11:30am on Thursday August 14 (tomorrow).

Best,

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Subject: BOUNCED: BCL for SBO Hanrahan Meeting with Belgian CDA

Hi (b)(6)

Welcome to EUR! Thank you for your submission. Could you make the following edits at the linked folder below and resend to us?



[BCL for SBO Hanrahan Meeting with Belgian CDA](#)

1. Include a bio in the attached InfoLink format vice the pdf you sent up. You can just drop it into the linked folder.
2. Include 1-2 sentences in the context section of the BCL (b)(5) DPP

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Thanks,

(b)(6)

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Subject: EUR/FO: BCL for SBO Hanrahan Meeting with Belgian CDA

Hello Staffer Colleagues,

I'm one of the new Benelux desk officers, looking forward to working with you all!

We understand SBO Hanrahan may be having a meeting with Belgian CDA soon. In anticipation, we've prepared a BCL for EUR/FO clearance with attachments. Please note this meeting was originally between SBO and Belgian FM Prevot, so we did not include C and S/P clearances as normal practice. However, since it has been downgraded to a CDA meeting, please let us know if you will seek their clearances, or if we should do so before EUR/FO clearance. Thank you!

Best,

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To:	Lively, Kathleen G (Brussels) (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject:	RE: NYT Story on Belgian Warehouse
Date:	Wed, 13 Aug 2025 11:53:05 +0000

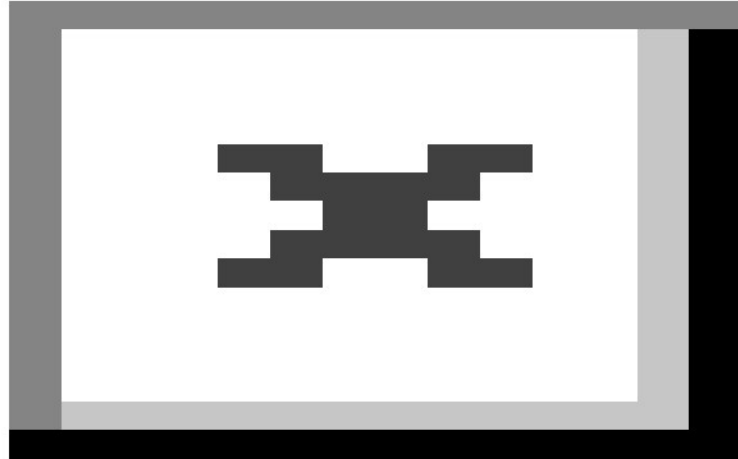
Super helpful. Thanks!

From: Lively, Kathleen G (Brussels) (b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 3:03 AM
To: Austrian, Courtney E (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: NYT Story on Belgian Warehouse

Good morning Courtney –

There is no one here that knows definitively what is in the warehouse. The USAID personnel that were assigned to USEU have departed and even they had no visibility. I was told “contraceptives, Anti-malarials, and drugs to combat HIV”.

The gentlemen that would likely know are pasted below:



They traveled here in late July to inspect the warehouse and asked for no assistance from the embassy. I spoke with (b)(6) and David Pemberton on July 9th who informed me of their trip and expressed to Tim Richardson on that call that they did not see that a transfer of the contraceptives to another party would be viable. They stated that the anti-malarials and the HIV drugs would be distributed as planned. My guess is that if EUR can speak with the gentlemen above you may be able to get more details on what exactly constitutes the ~\$9.5M on contraceptive materials.

Hope that helps – Kathleen

From: Austrian, Courtney E (b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 2:04 AM
To: Lively, Kathleen G (Brussels) (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Fw: NYT Story on Belgian Warehouse

Hi Kathleen,
Any chance folks at post know what the contents of the warehouse are? We won't be making public, but as you can see, Brendan want to make sure we are factual.

Cheers, Courtney

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Subject: RE: NYT Story on Belgian Warehouse

Thanks. NYT Notes: "None of the supplies registered for storage in the Belgian warehouse fit that description [contraceptives that induce abortions]." Is this accurate reporting?

A prior note (b)(6) forwarded from our CDA said that some of the materials set for destruction can induce an abortion if taken by a woman once she is already pregnant. This seems to be a direct contradiction of the articles claim.

If / when I have the conversation with the Belgians, it will be important to be 100% rock solid on the facts.

From: Austrian, Courtney E (b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 17:34
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Subject: NYT Story on Belgian Warehouse

Brendan,
Flagging a NYT story about the contraceptives in the warehouse in Belgium.

As Trump Administration Plans to Burn Contraceptives, Europeans Are Alarmed

By [Jeanna Smialek](#) and [Stephanie Nolen](#)

Aug. 7, 2025

The Trump administration's plans to incinerate \$9.7 million in birth control pills and other contraceptives stored in a Belgian warehouse have left European governments struggling as they try to prevent the destruction.

When the Trump administration abruptly [defunded and dismantled](#) the United States Agency for International Development, or U.S.A.I.D., earlier this year, millions of contraceptives it had purchased were stuck in Geel, Belgium. The pills, intrauterine devices and hormonal implants [were destined for clinics in the poorest countries in Africa](#).

With the contraceptives in limbo, the contractor managing the supply explored selling it to outside organizations, including the United Nations' main sexual and reproductive health agency, the U.N. Population Fund. The nonprofit MSI Reproductive Choices offered to take over the warehousing and redistribute the contraceptives at no cost to the United States.

But last month it emerged that the U.S. government had instead decided to burn the supplies, at a cost to the government of more than \$160,000 in transport and incineration fees.

"U.S.A.I.D. was allegedly dismantled to prevent future wastage and to deliver value for money for the American people," said Sarah Shaw, the associate director of advocacy at MSI Reproductive Choices. "It's just egregious that they're willing to waste \$9 million worth of contraceptives that are so desperately needed."

She added, "Women are going to die because they've not had access to those contraceptives."

The decision to destroy the contraceptives has created alarm in Brussels and France as politicians scramble to figure out if the supplies have physically left the warehouse and how they can prevent their destruction.

The State Department confirmed in a statement that "a preliminary decision was made to destroy certain" birth control products. It declined to say exactly why the decision was made or to specify the current location or status of the products.

The department said the contraceptives that had been flagged for destruction were "abortifacient," meaning that they work by inducing abortion. None of the supplies registered for storage in the Belgian warehouse fit that description, and U.S.A.I.D. was forbidden by law to purchase such products.

The department did not reply to repeated requests for clarification.

While earlier reports suggested that the supplies would be destroyed by the end of July in France, European governments, advocacy groups and an American congressional office all said they did not know whether the burning had actually begun.

It is not clear why the government would not sell or donate the contraceptives. The department, in its statement, referred to policies preventing the U.S. government from providing aid to overseas nongovernmental organizations that provide or help with access to abortions, based on a rule that the Trump administration reinstated.

And the United States recently refused to work with the U.N. Population Fund, citing other government policies.

The dissolution of U.S.A.I.D. has created a huge gap in the supply chain of contraceptives for the world's poorest countries, because the United States was a major donor.

Siobhan Perkins, who was the procurement adviser for the U.S.A.I.D. contraception supply chain, said the products slated for destruction were enough to prevent approximately 362,000 unintended pregnancies, 110,000 unsafe abortions and 718 maternal deaths.

The contraceptive supplies in the Belgian warehouse would have been enough to supply Senegal for three years, Ms. Shaw, of the reproductive health group, said. Most of the products have a remaining shelf life of several years.

European governments are still hoping to stop the incineration. The Belgian government's foreign office has been in talks with its American counterparts about an alternative plan.

"Foreign Affairs is exploring all possible avenues to prevent the destruction of these stocks, including their temporary relocation," Florinda Baleci, a spokeswoman for the department, said in an email on Tuesday. She said that she could not confirm or deny whether the stock was still in Geel and that Belgium had "not officially received any information to the contrary."

Attempts at negotiating a solution have, so far, been unsuccessful. The U.N. population agency spent weeks in April trying to buy the contraceptives from the United States' contractor, said Udara Bandara, the U.N. official handling those negotiations.

He said the American side missed an April 25 deadline to discuss the terms of the deal and then missed another deadline on April 30. On May 8, the contractor wrote to ask if the U.N. group was still interested in the purchase. It was.

Mr. Bandara said he never heard back.

If the Belgian talks fall through, it is not clear what else European officials can do.

Politicians on the left in France have urged the government to seize the stockpile.

"We cannot allow an anti-choice ideology to be imposed on us within our own borders," Marine Tondelier, the head of France's Green party, wrote last month in an [open letter](#) to President Emmanuel Macron.

But France's government has [suggested](#) that it cannot legally seize the drugs.

And while Mélissa Camara, a French member of European Parliament for the Greens, wrote the European Commission was asking it to intervene diplomatically, the commission has merely said it is monitoring the situation and exploring solutions.

Aurelien Breeden and Koba Ryckewaert contributed reporting.

Courtney E. Austrian

A/Deputy Assistant Secretary

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Submitted	ITN001015765	Brussels	EXEC - Executive	(b)(6)	2025-07-24	2025-07-29
Submitted	ITN001015657	Amman	USAID - United States Agency For International Development	(b)(6)	2025-07-15	2025-07-20
Submitted	ITN001015499	Brussels	EXEC - Executive	(b)(6)	2025-07-24	2025-07-29
Submitted	ITN001015396	Brussels	EXEC - Executive	(b)(6)	2025-07-24	2025-07-29

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Subject:	RE: Points for Call with Emb Brussels CDA Lively
Date:	Mon, 8 Sep 2025 18:08:13 +0000

Adding @ (b)(6) 😊

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Subject: Points for Call with Emb Brussels CDA Lively

Hello Courtney,

Please find below points for your call with CDA Lively tomorrow and our pre-brief this afternoon.

EUR Town Hall: Quick recap of SBO's town hall remarks.

U.S. Ambassador Nominee Bill White:

Rumors of confirmation soon, maybe this week. He has been contacting OBO to move forward with work on CMR.

Contraceptives Issue: No update from Washington, any issues in Brussels?

RSA and Treasury: Thank you for sharing with us info from Treasury Rep on Bel. AMB Bernard's call with Secretary Bessent on the Russian Sovereign Assets. Appreciate you keep sending us info like that.

Best,

(b)(6)

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Subject:	Re: Pre-brief: CDA Lively Call (Brussels)
Date:	Mon, 11 Aug 2025 13:32:10 +0000

Dear DAS Austrian,

Ahead of our 10am huddle, here are some brief points for your call with Brussels CdA Lively:

FO Updates: Latest FO and reorg updates.

U.S. Ambassador Nominee Bill White: Remains on hold.

Contraceptives Update: Comments (if any) on meeting between SA (b)(6) and Belgian CdA Sophie Karlshausen.

Trabelsi: Thank you for all of your efforts. Congratulations on getting it done.

From: (b)(6)@state.gov> on behalf of Austrian, Courtney E
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Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:09 AM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Pre-brief: CDA Lively Call (Brussels)

When: Monday, August 11, 2025 10:00 AM-10:30 AM.

Where: A/DAS Austrian office

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To:	(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject:	RE: Readout of SBO Meeting with Belgian CDA Karlshausen on USAID Contraceptives
Date:	Fri, 15 Aug 2025 14:40:35 +0000

I think it's more of whether I can do it perhaps on Tuesday – as Monday looks pretty full.

Courtney Austrian | Office Director, EUR/ERA | Room 3332 (b)(6) (O) (b)(6) (C)

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Hi Courtney,

Do you want to move the call with Paris to another time on Thursday?

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Administrative Services Specialist to Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary Courtney Austrian

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Subject: RE: Readout of SBO Meeting with Belgian CDA Karlshausen on USAID Contraceptives

There's already a call with Mario on Thursday; we may need to move it up. Adding (b)(6) to see if that is possible.

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Subject: Re: Readout of SBO Meeting with Belgian CDA Karlshausen on USAID Contraceptives

Excellent. I'll set up a call with Brussels, and happy to attend a call with Paris if the France Desk would like me there.

Best,

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You're right about the need to update, but perhaps best if I do it through phone calls.

Courtney Austrian | Office Director, EUR/ERA | Room 3332 | (b)(6) (O) | (b)(6) (C)

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Subject: Re: Readout of SBO Meeting with Belgian CDA Karlshausen on USAID Contraceptives

Hello Courtney,

Understood on circulation, though would it be of interest to the DCM in Paris and CDA in Brussels to see this so they can be aware? We would let them know to stop distribution with them. Please advise.

Best,

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F has asked that we not distribute a readout. Let's leave the circulation as it is for now.
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Good Evening,

Please find linked below a bootleg copy of the readout from today's meeting with Belgian CDA Karlshausen (ACE cleared, but F did not provide clearance by COB).

Please note the last paragraph on the follow-on conversation while I was walking CDA Karlshausen out that may be of interest.



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The CDA's Call with Acting DAS Courtney Austrian
Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 15:30

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**The CDA's Call with Ambassador Frédéric Bernard
Wednesday, October 22, 4:30 p.m.**

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**The Ambassador's Meeting with Deputy PM / Foreign Minister Maxime Prévot
Friday, November 14, 4:45 p.m., Palais d'Egmont, Place du Petit Sablon 8,**

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**(SBU) The Deputy Secretary's Meeting with
Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Maxime Prévot
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I **confirm** the drafter received guidance on this paper's intent, objectives, topics, scope, and structure. **X Yes** ☐ **No**

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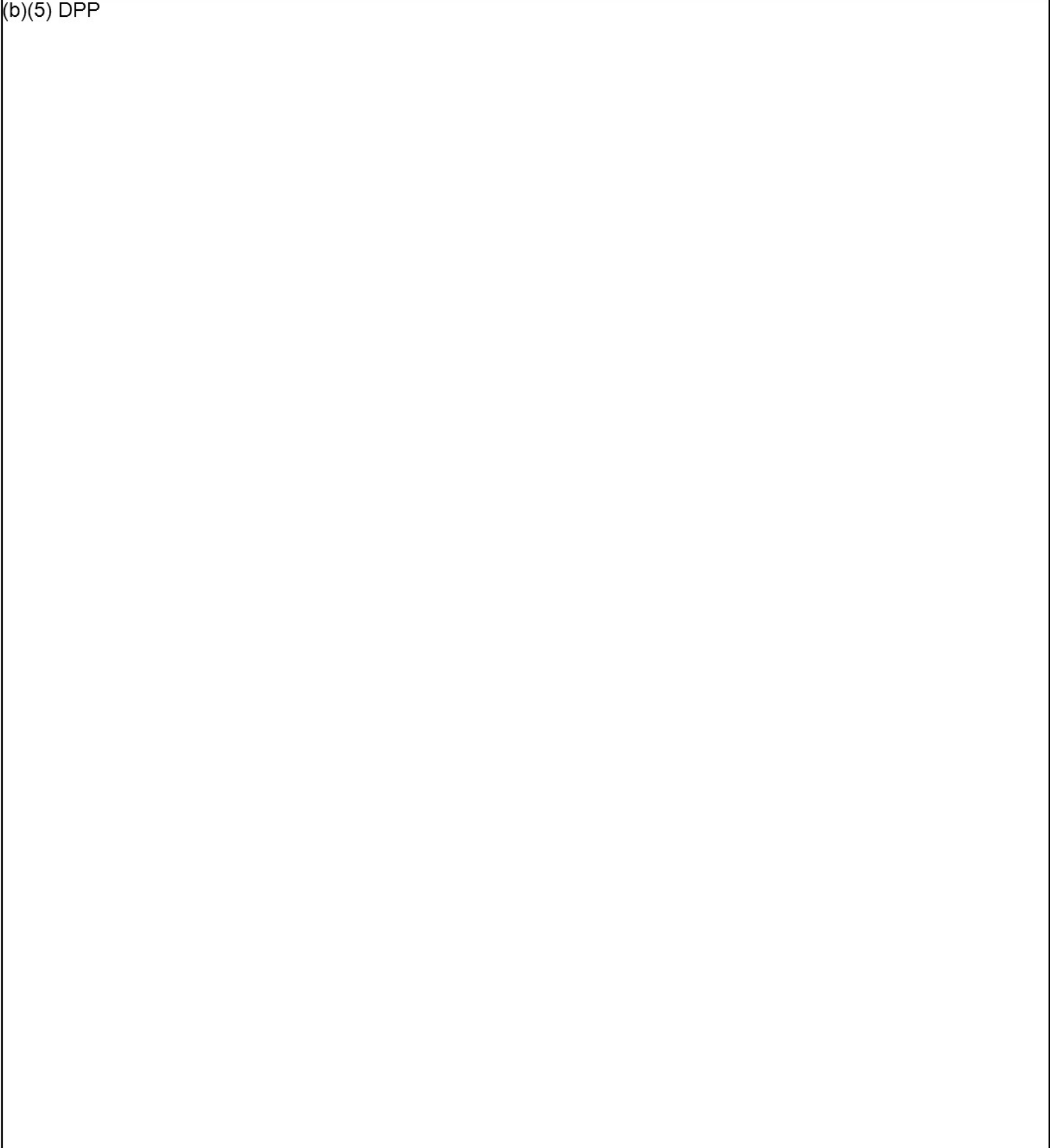
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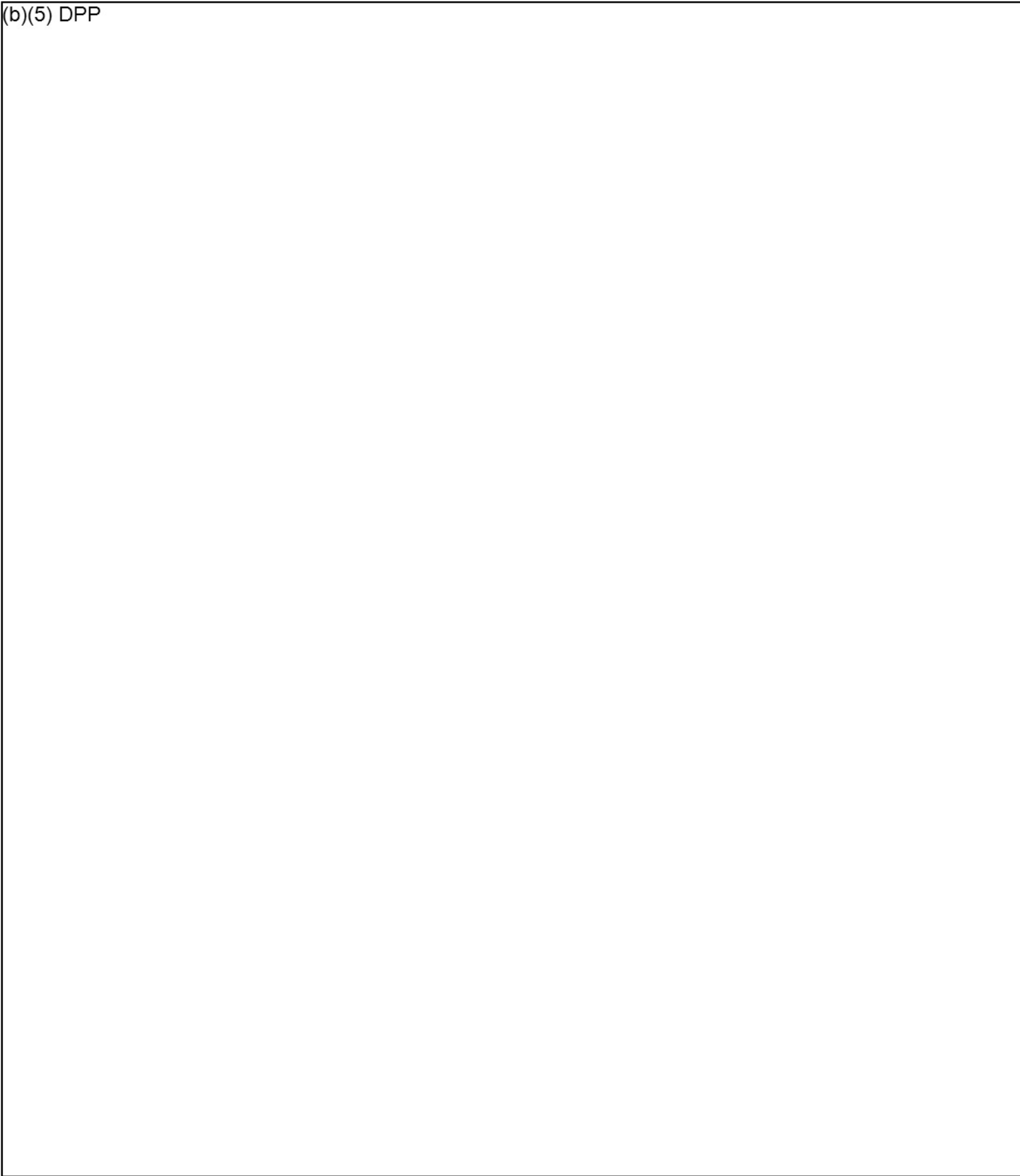
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Thursday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m.

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