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CHS Admonishments

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Admonishments

1. The CHS's assistance and the information provided to the FBI are entirely voluntary.
2. The CHS must provide truthful information to the FBI.
3. The CHS must abide by the instructions of the FBI and must not take or seek to take any independent actions on behalf of the US Government.
4. The US Government will strive to protect the CHS's identity but cannot guarantee it will not be divulged.

Additional Admonishments

If applicable to the particular circumstances of the CHS, or as they become applicable, the following admonishments must be completed. They need not be given if they have no relevance to the CHS's situation. (For example, the immunity instruction need not be given unless there is an issue of apparent criminal liability or penalties relating to the CHS. The Attorney General's Guidelines emphasize, however, that whether or not these instructions are given, the FBI has no authority to confer immunity and that agents must avoid giving any person the erroneous impression that they have any such authority.) Indicate whether the following instructions were given:

1. The FBI on its own cannot promise or agree to any immunity from prosecution or other consideration by an FPO, a state or local prosecutor, or a court in exchange for the CHS's cooperation because the decision to confer any such benefit lies within the exclusive discretion of the prosecutor or court. However, the FBI will consider (but not necessarily act upon) advising the appropriate prosecutor of the nature and extent of the CHS's assistance to the FBI. (This instruction should be given if there is any apparent issue of criminal liability or penalty.)  
 Yes  No  The Admonishment #1 field is required.
2. The CHS is not authorized to engage in any criminal activity and has no immunity from prosecution for any unauthorized criminal activity. (This instruction is not necessary for CHSs who have such authorization. This instruction should be repeated if the CHS is suspected of committing unauthorized illegal activity.)  
 Yes  No  The Admonishment #2 field is required.
3. The CHS is not an employee of the US Government and may not represent himself/herself as such. (This instruction should be given to all CHSs except under those circumstances where the CHS previously has been or continues to be otherwise employed by the US Government.)  
 Yes  No  The Admonishment #3 field is required.
4. The CHS may not enter into any contract or incur any obligation on behalf of the US Government, except as specifically instructed or approved by the FBI. (This instruction should be given to all CHSs except to those CHSs who are otherwise authorized to enter into a contract or incur an obligation on the behalf of the US.)  
 Yes  No  The Admonishment #4 field is required.
5. No promises or commitments can be made, except by the Department of Homeland Security, regarding the alien status of any person or the right of any person to enter or remain in the US. (This instruction should be provided if there is any apparent issue of immigration status that relates to the CHS.)  
 Yes  No  The Admonishment #5 field is required.
6. The FBI cannot guarantee any rewards, payments, or other compensation to the CHS.  
 Yes  No  The Admonishment #6 field is required.

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Additional Instructions Based on Employment or Position

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Witness Information

The content and meaning of the mandatory instructions and relevant additional instructions were conveyed to the CHS by the FBI Agent whose electronic signature appears below and were witnessed by the government official named below. The CHS acknowledged his/her receipt and understanding of these instructions.

Witness Name \*

The Witness Name field is required.

Witness Title:

Witness Agency:

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*Provided verbally  
person by*

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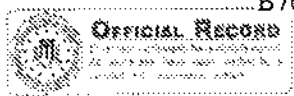
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## Electronic Communication

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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] Reporting received  
[redacted]

Date: 09/30/2016  
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CC: [redacted]

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b7C -1

From: [redacted]  
Contact: [redacted]

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b7E -1

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (~~S//OC/NF~~) [redacted]  
[redacted]

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b7A -1  
b7E -4

SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] Reporting received [redacted]  
[redacted] being sent to the instant file.

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b7E -2

~~Reason: 1.4(b)  
Derived From: National  
Security Information SCG  
Declassify On: 20411231~~

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

- 1. (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]
- 2. (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]
- 3. (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]
- 4. (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

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b7E -2

Details:  
[redacted]

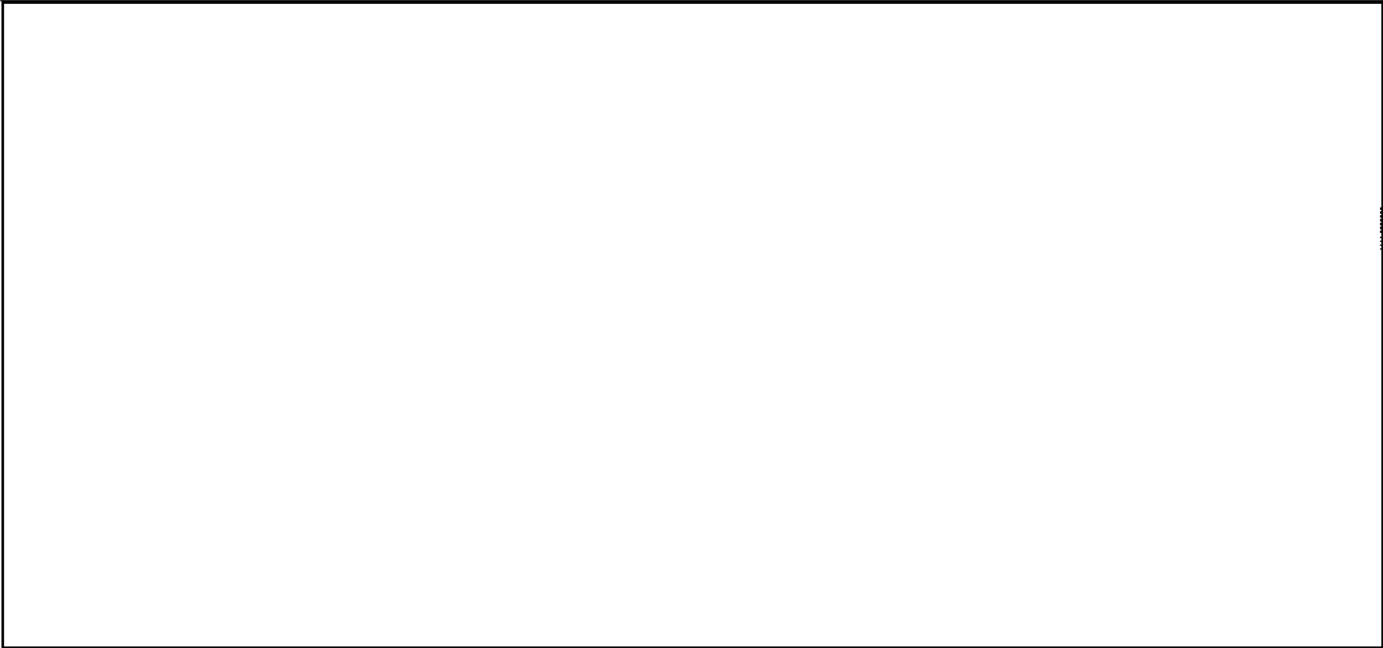
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b3 -1  
b6 -1,2  
b7A -1  
b7C -1,2  
b7D -1,2,3  
b7E -2,6,8

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] Reporting received [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Re: [redacted] 09/30/2016

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b7D -1, 2  
b7E -2,4



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b3 -1  
b6 -1,2  
b7A -1  
b7C -1,2  
b7D -2,3  
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(Effective 11-14-2016)



**Human Source Validation Report**

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b7E -1,2

Classified by: [redacted]  
Derived from: FBI NSIC dated 20130301  
Declassify on: 50X1-PLUN

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **Human Source Validation Report:** [redacted]

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**(U) Summary**

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] concurs with the closing of [redacted] assesses it is likely" [redacted] has contributed to the FBI's [redacted] [redacted] makes this assessment with medium confidence,<sup>6</sup> based on the fact that [redacted] reporting has been minimally corroborated; his or her access and placement is commensurate with his or her reporting; and on the presence of one major control issue noted in [redacted] file. He or she provided information regarding various issues of value to the US Intelligence Community (USIC). However, [redacted] exposed his or her relationship with the FBI. As a result, he or she was closed. [redacted] has provided a list of recommendations should he or she be re-opened.

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**(U) Administrative**

~~(U//FOUO)~~ [redacted]

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b7E -1,2,5,9

**(U) Details**

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ This Human Source Validation Report (HSVR) conveys [redacted] validation review and assessment of [redacted] for the period [redacted] to 01 November 2016.

CPS Score: 10 (Resides outside US and extra-territorial traveler)

Purpose of Review: Special Request

Primary Reporting Program: [redacted]

Secondary Reporting Program: Countermelligence Division (CD)

Field Office: [redacted]

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<sup>3</sup> (U) See Appendix A (Expressions of Likelihood).

<sup>6</sup> (U) See Appendix B (Confidence in Assessments and Judgments Based on a Body of Information).

<sup>5</sup> (U) This validation review includes a check of the following databases: [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] conducted database checks on 09 February 2017.

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~~SECRET//NOFORN~~ (U)

Confidential Human Source Coordinator (CHSC): [redacted]  
Handling Agent: [redacted]  
Date CHS was Opened/Closed: [redacted]; Closed 01 November 2016

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b7C -1  
b7E -2

**(U) Background**

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] is a foreign national currently employed at his or her own business [redacted]

[redacted] (S)

[redacted] was closed on 01 November 2016 due to disclosing his or her relationship to an online publication website. This is the first HSVR completed on [redacted]

b1 -1  
b3 -1  
b7A -1  
b7D -1,2,3  
b7E -1,2,6,8

**(U) Suitability**

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] However, due to the disclosure of his or her relationship with the FBI to an online publication, [redacted] was subsequently closed.

b7D -1  
b7E -2

**(U) Authenticity**

(U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ **Identity:** According to information contained in the [redacted] there are no reasons to doubt his or her identity. [redacted] has sufficiently verified [redacted] identity through background investigations and updated criminal history checks during the operation.

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7D -1  
b7E -1,2,5

(U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] conducted [redacted] on 09 February 2017 and verified the existence of [redacted] privately owned company.

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b7E -1,2,5,9

(U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] [redacted] (S)

b1 -1  
b3 -1  
b6 -2  
b7C -2  
b7D -1,2,3  
b7E -2,6,9

(U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] [redacted]

b3 -1  
b7D -1,4  
b7E -1,2

(U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] [redacted] (S)

b1 -1  
b3 -1  
b6 -2  
b7C -2  
b7D -1,2,3  
b7E -1,2,6



[Redacted]

b7E -1,2,5

- ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted] b7D -1  
[Redacted] b7E -1,2,3,5,9

(U) Reliability

- ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted] b7D -1  
[Redacted] b7E -1,2
- ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]

(U) Control

- ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted] b7D -1  
[Redacted] b7E -1,2

(U) Production Review/Investigative Support

~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted] b7D -1  
[Redacted] b7E -1,2

- ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted] b7D -1  
[Redacted] b7E -2
- ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted] b7D -1,2,3  
[Redacted] b7E -1,2,6,8

- ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted] b7D -1  
[Redacted] b7E -1,2

(U) Corroboration

- ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted] b7D -1  
[Redacted] b7E -2,9

[Redacted]

b6 -3  
b7C -3  
b7D -1,2,3  
b7E -2,6,8

- (U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

b1 -1  
b3 -1  
(S) b6 -2  
b7C -2  
b7D -1,2,3  
b7E -1,2,6

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ *Collection Requirements*

[Redacted]

(S) b1 -1  
b3 -1  
b7E -4,6

(U) *Threat Issues*

- (U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- ~~(U//NF)~~ [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

(S)

b1 -1  
b3 -1  
b7E -4,6

(U) *Key Intelligence Questions:*

- (U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

(S)

b1 -1  
b3 -1  
b7E -6

(S)

b1 -1  
b3 -3  
b7E -6

(U) *Compliance Issues*

- (U) • ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

b7D -1  
b7E -1,2,5

[Redacted]

b7E -2,9

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Even though [Redacted] resides outside the US, [Redacted]

b1 -1  
b3 -1  
(S)b7D -1  
b7E -1,2

[Redacted]

(U) **Caveat**

(U//~~FOUO~~) [Redacted]

b7D -1  
b7E -2

(U) **Analyst Comments**

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted] notes as a result of the disclosure of his or her relationship to an online publishing company, [Redacted] was closed. [Redacted]

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b7E -1,2

[Redacted]

(U) **Recommendations**

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]

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b7E -1,2

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]

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b7D -1,4  
b7E -1,2,5

[Redacted]

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]

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b7E -1,2,5,9

[Redacted]

(U)

~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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b7E -1,2,9

(U)

~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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b7E -1,2

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~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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b7E -1,2

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~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]  
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b7E -1,2,9

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~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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b7E -1,2,5

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~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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b7D -1,4  
b7E -1,2

(U) Outlook

(U)

~~(S//NF)~~ [Redacted]  
[Redacted] exposed their relationship with the FBI  
[Redacted]

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(U) Consumers: SSA [Redacted]

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b7E -1,4

(U) From: [Redacted]

(U) Drafted by: IA [Redacted]

(U) Case ID #: [Redacted]

(U) Approval: UC [Redacted] 3-23-17  
SSA [Redacted]

(U) Contact: IA [Redacted]

(U) This HSR was prepared by [redacted] Please address any comments or questions to IA [redacted]  
[redacted] or to SSA [redacted]

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(U) Appendix A: Expressions of Likelihood (or Probability)

(U) Phrases such as “the FBI judges” and “the FBI assesses,” and terms such as “likely” and “probably” convey analytical judgments and assessments. The chart approximates how expressions of likelihood and probability correlate with percentages of chance.

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<i>Terms of Likelihood</i>	Almost No Chance	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Roughly Even Chance	Likely	Very Likely	Almost Certain(y)
<i>Terms of Probability</i>	Remote	Highly Improbable	Improbable (Improbably)	Roughly Even Odds	Probable (Probably)	Highly Probable	Nearly Certain
	1-5%	5-20%	20-45%	45-55%	55-80%	80-95%	95-99%

(U) Unless otherwise stated, the FBI does not derive judgments via statistical analysis.

**(U) Appendix B: Confidence in Assessments and Judgments Based on a Body of Information**

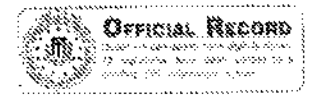
(U) Confidence levels reflect the quality and quantity of the source information supporting judgment. Consequently, the FBI ascribes high, medium, or low levels of confidence to assessments, as follows:

(U) **High confidence** generally indicates the FBI's judgments are based on high quality information, from multiple sources. High confidence in a judgment does not imply the assessment is a fact or a certainty; such judgments might be wrong. While additional reporting and information sources may change analytical judgments, such changes are most likely to be refinements and not substantial in nature.

(U) **Medium confidence** generally means the information is credibly sourced and plausible but not of sufficient quality or corroborated sufficiently to warrant a higher level of confidence. Additional reporting or information sources have the potential to increase the FBI's confidence levels or substantively change analytical judgments.

(U) **Low confidence** generally means the information's credibility or plausibility is uncertain, the information is too fragmented or poorly corroborated to make solid analytic inferences, or the reliability of the sources is questionable. Absent additional reporting or information sources, analytical judgments should be considered preliminary in nature.

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(U) [redacted] (S)

Date: 11/14/2016 b1 -1  
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From: [redacted]  
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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b7C -1

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted]

~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted]  
[redacted]

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SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER

(S) Synopsis: ~~(S//NF)~~ To document [redacted] a meeting held with FBI  
[redacted]

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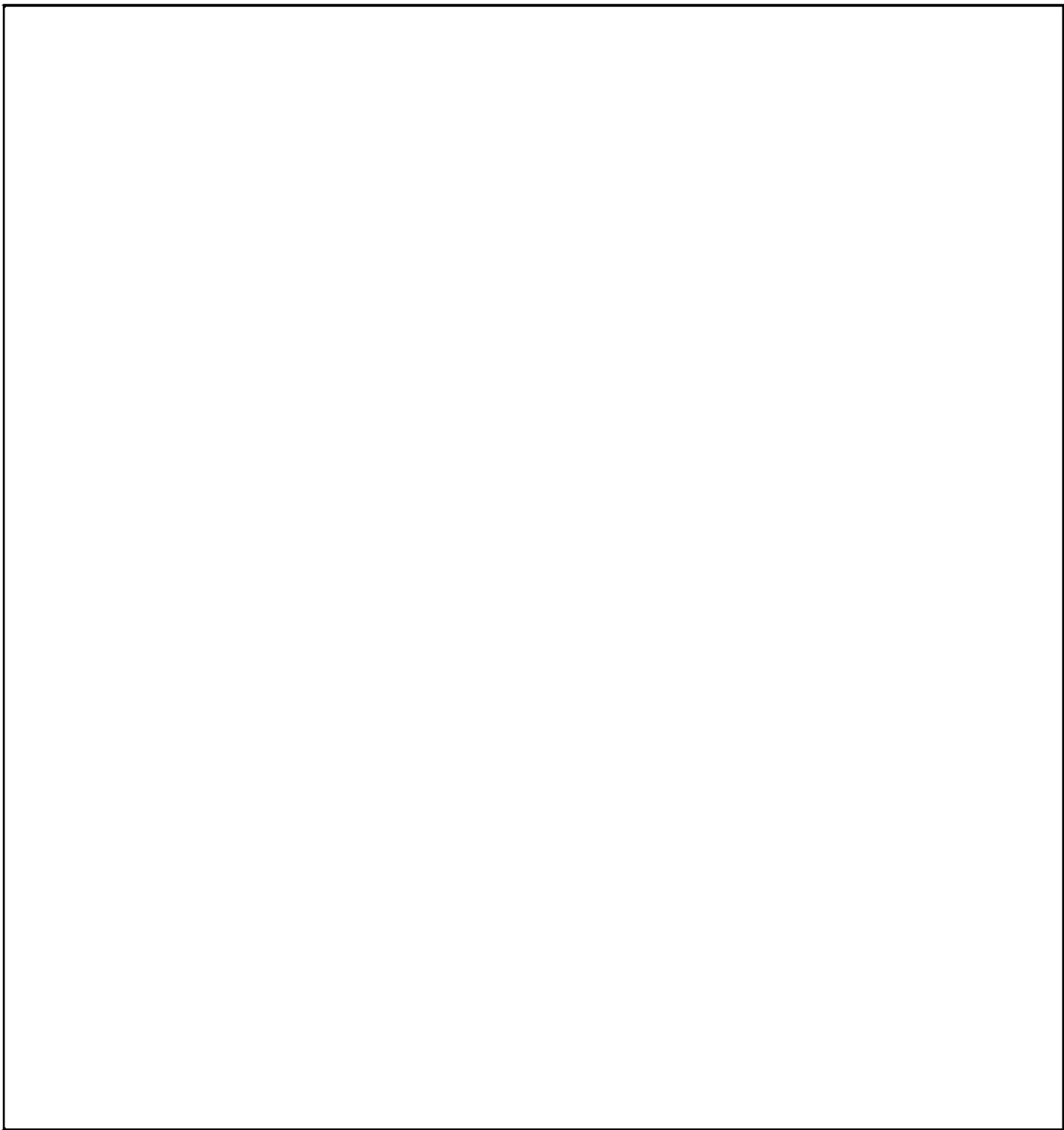
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Title: ~~(S//NF)~~ Meeting with [redacted] on [redacted]  
Re: [redacted] 11/14/2016 (S)

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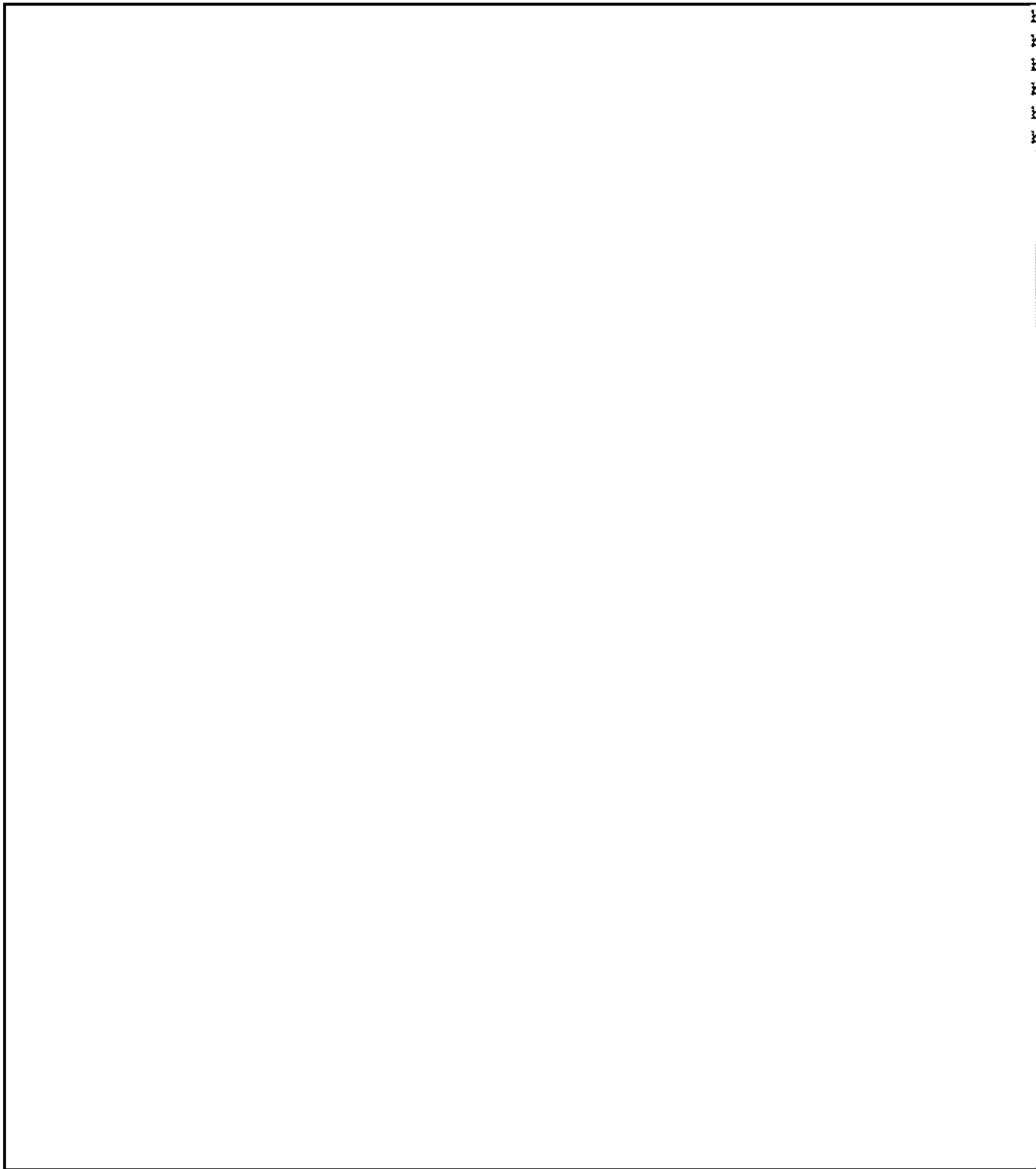


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b7E -2,6

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b7D -2  
b7E -1,2,4

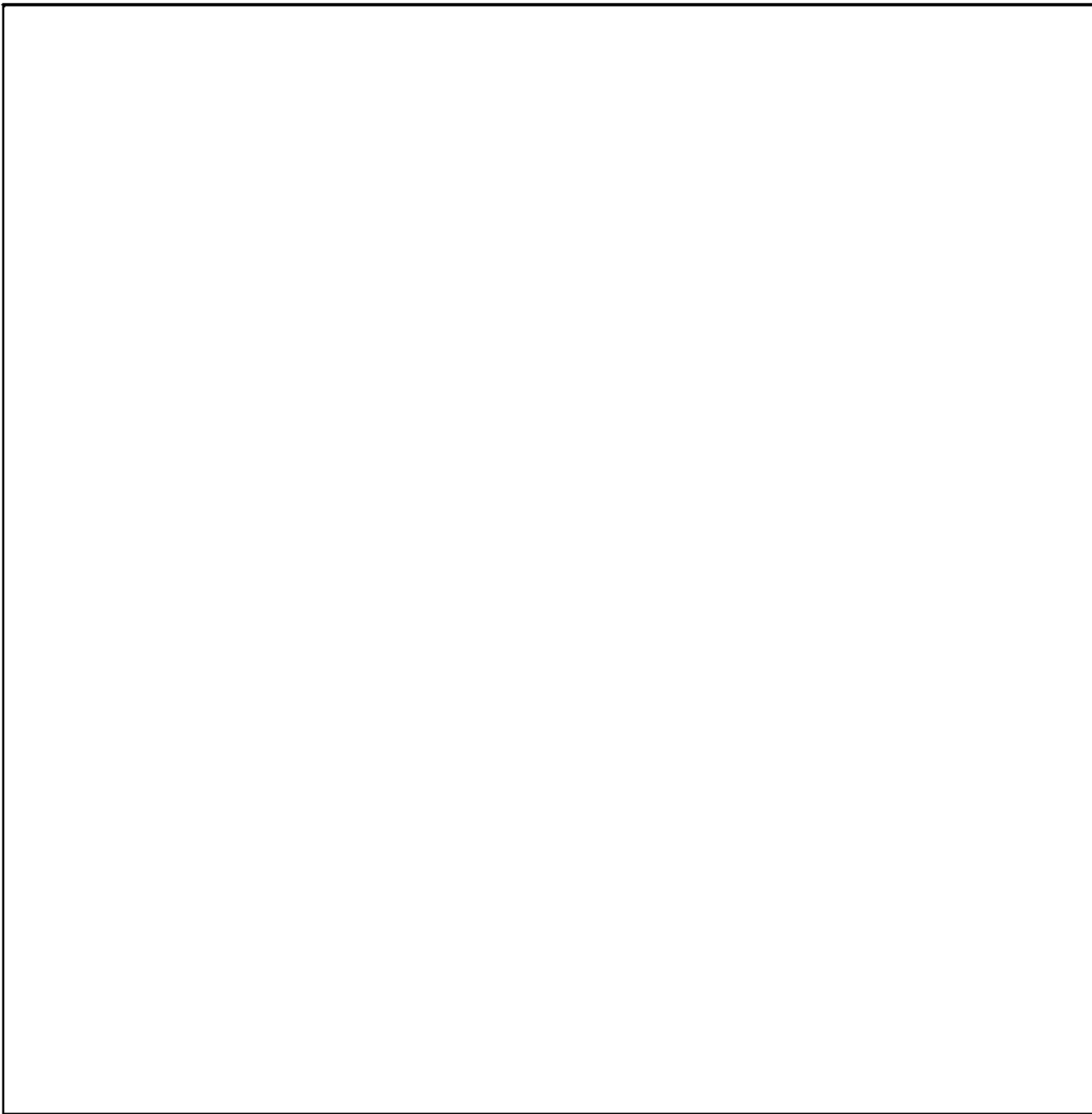
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Re: [redacted] 11/14/2016 (S)



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b7A -1  
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Re: [redacted] 11/14/2016 (S)



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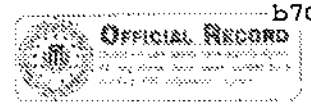
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Re: [redacted] 11/14/2016 (S)

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## Import Form

Form Type: EMAIL

Date: 11/18/2016

(U)  
Title: ~~(S//NF)~~ SIA Notes from [redacted] Meeting with [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] (U)  
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SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER

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Synopsis: ~~(S//NF)~~ Notes compiled by [redacted] from [redacted]  
meeting with [redacted]

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