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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. F-2016-02315

Segment: PA-0001

Mr. John Greenewald



Dear Mr. Greenewald:

In response to your request dated April 1, 2016, under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552), we initiated searches of the records of the Department's Executive Secretariat and the Bureau of Public Affairs.

The search of the records of the Bureau of Public Affairs has been completed, resulting in the retrieval of thirteen (13) documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one (1) may be released in full and twelve (12) may be released with excisions. All released material is enclosed.

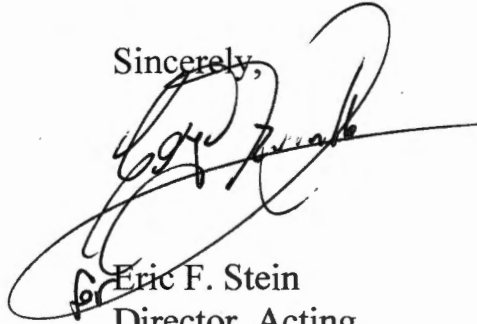
An enclosure explains Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

You have the right to appeal our determination by writing, within 60 days, to the Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Officer, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LA, U.S. Department of State, SA-2, Room 8100, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100. The appeal letter should refer to the case number shown above, clearly identify the decision being appealed, and provide supporting arguments when possible. For further information, see the Code of Federal Regulations, 22 CFR 171.13.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2,

Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric F. Stein", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Eric F. Stein
Director, Acting
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

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- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 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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ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
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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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- (D) disclose confidential sources
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(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

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From: Welty, Douglas P. (OIG)
 Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 9:42 AM
 To: OIG-ALL-OIG (STATE)
 Subject: OIG Media Report & Analysis - Monday, 4/4/16
 Attachments: OIG Media Report 4-4-16.docx

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The following is OIG's Media Report and Analysis for Monday, April 4, 2016:

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Steve
 Blodgett, Senior Reviewer

Media Report and Analysis – Monday, April 4, 2016

Dept. of State – Office of Inspector General

OIG in the News

- Continued coverage of issues regarding Former Secretary Clinton's email - including reports that the Department has paused Diplomatic Security's review to avoid interfering with an ongoing FBI investigation into Clinton's use of a private server (although the independent OIG review continues), and continued reports on the FBI investigation (see "Media Reports" below and *Department Daily Press Briefing* for 4/1/16)

Media Reports

- Continuing Reports on the Issue of Former Secretary Clinton's Email – Time, Washington Post, Associated Press, Washington Examiner, Reuters, Wall Street Journal, Daily Caller/blog 1, 2, ABC News, Forbes, UPI, Washington Post (Opinion)
- Security Vulnerabilities Found in U.S. Visa Database: ABC News – (3/31/16) – Reuters – Ramkumar Iyer
 Cyber security experts have found vulnerabilities in a U.S. State Department system that could have allowed hackers to alter visa applications or steal data from the more than half-billion records on file, ABC News reported, citing sources familiar with the matter. The department learned after an internal review several months ago that its Consular Consolidated Database (CCD) was at risk of being compromised, though no breach had been detected, the report said.
- A Job Half-Done? Questions Remain Following State Department's Announcement of New Debarment Procedures – (4/2/16) – National Law Review – Frederic Levi
 On March 28, 2015, the Department of State ("State") issued a proposed rule to update various procedural aspects of the agency's suspension and debarment actions. The proposed rule appears intended to streamline the suspension and debarment process and reinforce the independence of the agency's suspension and debarment official ("SDO"). Yet despite these laudable aims, the proposed rule raises substantial questions about the scope and implementation of the contemplated changes.
- Here's Where the Marines Have Stood Up New Embassy Guard Posts After Benghazi – (4/3/16) – Marine Corps Times – Lance Bacon

The Marine Corps is taking big steps to help prevent another attack like the one on a diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, in 2012 that left four Americans dead. The service has established about two dozen new Marine security guard detachments and beefed up 117 others as part of a multifaceted plan to protect U.S. embassies and consulates around the globe.

Ambassador Watch

- **The Nuclear Physicist Who Helped Reduce the World Stockpile of Nuclear Arms Retires – (4/4/16)**
Retiring James Timbie played a behind-the-scenes role at the Department of State, advising negotiators on the science behind nuclear weapons in every arms control agreement since the Nixon administration, from pacts with the Soviets to, most recently, the Iranians.

Of Interest...

- **Panama Papers: What We Know So Far – (4/4/16) – Financial Times – Vanessa Houlder (see additional Financial Times and McClatchy Newspapers coverage)**
A huge leak of data from Panama has exposed a web of secret offshore companies that has allegedly been used to hide wealth, evade taxes and launder money. Hundreds of politicians, business people and sportspeople, including 72 current or former heads of state, have been implicated in the findings published by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ).

Today in Congress

- Senators bitterly divided over Republican leaders' refusal to consider President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee may find a ray of bipartisanship this week on another issue: legislation to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration. Returning to Washington today after a two-week recess, the chamber first plans to vote on trade-secret legislation, as amended, after a brief debate. The bill, S. 1890, approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on a voice vote, would give companies new legal remedies to combat theft of trade secrets. *The House remains in recess until next week.* (Source: Bloomberg's "Congress Tracker")

Clips and Tweets

- Twitter.com/stateoig: Latest tweet: "OIG posts Inspection of @arsembtashkent Uzbekistan <http://go.usa.gov/c5HhJ>" – 721 tweets, to date; Total followers: 4,161
- **State Department Daily Press Briefing – (4/1/16)**

Department Daily Press Briefing

Friday, April 1, 2016

Clinton emails

QUESTION: Clinton's emails. Do you guys have an update on the internal review the State Department is conducting into the 22 top secret emails and whether they should have been classified at the time, whether or not they were mishandled?

MS TRUDEAU: I do. It's a procedural update, but it is an update. As you know, in late January, the State Department announced that we intended to conduct an internal review to examine questions of classification at the time emails from former Secretary Clinton's collection were sent. In doing so, we contacted the FBI to solicit a judgment from them as to the best path forward. The FBI communicated to us that we should follow our standard practice, which is to put our internal review on hold while there is an ongoing law enforcement investigation underway. Of course, we do not want our internal review to complicate or impede the

progress of their ongoing law enforcement investigation. Therefore, the State Department, at this time, is not moving forward with our internal review. The internal review is on hold, pending completion of the FBI's work. We'll reassess next steps after the FBI's work is complete.

QUESTION: Do you expect to help inform the FBI's investigation in any way in determining if those emails, specifically 22, ought to have been marked classified at the time? Do you expect to inform --

MS TRUDEAU: So we're coordinating with the FBI on this. I'm not going to share any additional details at this time. This is a law enforcement matter.

Okay.

QUESTION: Sorry, I'm not sure I understand.

MS TRUDEAU: Yeah.

QUESTION: These two -- well, I don't --

MS TRUDEAU: Review and investigation.

QUESTION: Right. I don't understand how they contradict each other. Why?

MS TRUDEAU: So it's basically -- it's -- like I said, it's a procedural matter. So while the ongoing law enforcement investigation is taking place, our internal review is on hold pending the completion of that.

QUESTION: Why?

MS TRUDEAU: Because we don't want to complicate the law enforcement investigation. That takes priority.

QUESTION: Are the same people doing the review as are doing the investigation?

MS TRUDEAU: I understand that it's our standard procedure. In cases like this, if there's an ongoing law enforcement investigation we pause. So we communicated with the FBI in this matter.

QUESTION: Well, let's just take, for example, something else. Like there was an ongoing investigation into what happened in Benghazi, and yet there was also a internal State Department review going on at the same time to see -- I didn't see that -- the review wasn't stopped then.

MS TRUDEAU: I can't speak to that. I can speak to the decision that was taken here.

QUESTION: Well, you can say what the decision was, but I don't understand why it is that you would --

MS TRUDEAU: So what --

QUESTION: I don't understand why it is that you would say that your internal review would somehow complicate an FBI investigation. And I don't understand why the FBI would say that either. It doesn't sound right.

MS TRUDEAU: So what we're saying is that the law enforcement investigation will continue. We don't want our own internal review to impede or complicate the progress.

QUESTION: Yeah, how --

QUESTION: (Off-mike.)

QUESTION: How exactly --

MS TRUDEAU: I'm not going to speak to that.

QUESTION: How exactly would it or could it impede or complicate --

MS TRUDEAU: I'm not going to speak to the details on that, Matt. I can't.

QUESTION: Well, if you can't say how it is, then why should -- I mean --

MS TRUDEAU: It's a procedural matter. This is why -- so the law enforcement investigation will continue.

QUESTION: I get it's a procedural matter, but that doesn't mean you don't -- it doesn't have to be explained.

MS TRUDEAU: So my understanding is that the law enforcement investigation, run by the FBI, is continuing. Ours is on pause. It is on hold until that happens.

QUESTION: Yeah, I understand that's the -- yes, that is the fact of what you've just said.

MS TRUDEAU: Yeah.

QUESTION: What I'm trying to get at is why it is that -- or how it is possible that an internal State Department review of what happened with those 22 emails could possibly complicate or impede a review being done by an entirely different agency at a --

MS TRUDEAU: I think it's prudence. It is the idea that there is an ongoing law enforcement investigation.

QUESTION: But --

MS TRUDEAU: As we do our internal review, we do not want to get into the complications that a law enforcement investigation, as it continues, the ramifications of that. Ours is --

QUESTION: Well, I don't understand how an internal State Department review could possibly complicate the -- I don't get it. I don't. How could an internal State Department review complicate an FBI investigation?

MS TRUDEAU: Well, clearly, we believe that it's best that it's on hold.

QUESTION: Yeah, to -- you believe that it's best on hold, yeah. But I don't -- but I --

MS TRUDEAU: We believe -- it's our standard process, is that this is what we do. That while it's happening -- do you have more questions?

QUESTION: Is it (inaudible)?

QUESTION: Well, I just -- yeah, I mean, your -- the answer is far from satisfactory, I think. Go ahead, Arshad.

QUESTION: Should the fact that you have decided to pause your review so as not to impede the FBI's investigation be taken as a sign that the Administration thinks that the laws may have been broken here?

MS TRUDEAU: I wouldn't read anything into it. It's my understanding -- and I know this makes Matt unhappy -- that this is a procedural matter.

QUESTION: So the reason I'm asking this is --

MS TRUDEAU: Yeah.

QUESTION: -- I mean, I think clearly somebody thinks that there may have been laws broken here, because the FBI's investigating it. Now that doesn't mean that laws were broken; it just means the FBI is trying to figure out if laws have been broken. And therefore, it seems to me to stand to reason that you're backing off on this to let --

MS TRUDEAU: Pausing.

QUESTION: -- the investigation into whether laws were or were not broken proceed. Correct?

MS TROUDEAU: I can speak to process on this one. I can't speak to the details, what the overlap is. What I can say is that our standard procedure in this case is that law enforcement comes first.

QUESTION: So once the law enforcement investigation is over, your internal review will start again?

MS TROUDEAU: So after the law enforcement investigation ends, we'll reassess. I'm not going to prejudge any outcomes on that. And the department will take appropriate action to take a look at where we move forward on it.

QUESTION: And so how long have -- this review began when, the State Department's internal review?

MS TROUDEAU: So it's my -- it's -- we reached out to the FBI in February. I think Kirby spoke about this from the podium in January. So the work that had begun was largely administrative, talking about planning.

QUESTION: When did the -- and when did the FBI investigation begin?

MS TROUDEAU: You know I can't speak to that. I'd refer you to the FBI on that.

QUESTION: Was it before January?

MS TROUDEAU: I actually don't know.

QUESTION: Is there a fear that the findings of the internal review could contradict those of an FBI review --

MS TROUDEAU: I won't --

QUESTION: -- and therefore create a problem?

MS TROUDEAU: Yeah, I'm not going to speak to that. But we are prioritizing the law enforcement investigation.

QUESTION: When did the FBI ask you not to proceed with your review?

MS TROUDEAU: So we reached out to them in late February. They came back to us in March.

QUESTION: When in March?

MS TROUDEAU: I don't have that specific date.

QUESTION: Was it yesterday, or was it, like --

MS TROUDEAU: I -- to be honest, I don't have that granularity.

QUESTION: Can you ask?

MS TROUDEAU: Yeah, I will.

QUESTION: Can I change topics?

MS TROUDEAU: Of course.

QUESTION: No, no, wait.

MS TROUDEAU: Wait, hold on one second,

QUESTION: It was -- who was it again that was doing this internal review?

MS TROUDEAU: It was the bureaus of Diplomatic Security and INR.

QUESTION: Now does this also mean that the -- is this the only review? The IG has still got a review going on, and in terms of just broader practices --

MS TRUDEAU: We -- the Secretary --

QUESTION: And the -- that has not stopped?

MS TRUDEAU: It's my understanding that continues at the direction --

QUESTION: Why would that continue if this --

MS TRUDEAU: The IG is an independent organization. Remember they have their own process, their own mandate.

QUESTION: So -- okay. But you can say that it hasn't been affected?

MS TRUDEAU: To my knowledge, as of right now, it continues.

Today's top general (not OIG-focused; based solely on number of media reports) news stories focus on:

- The release of a vast trove of documents and data -- the so-called "**Panama Papers**" -- on **offshore financial dealings** of wealthy, famous and powerful people around the world is raising questions over **the widespread use of such tactics** to avoid taxes and skirt financial oversight.³
- Investigators arrived on the scene Sunday to start unraveling how and why an **Amtrak train** crashed into a backhoe on a track near Philadelphia, killing two people.
- Militants unleashed on Monday a wave of **suicide attacks** across Iraq, killing at least 29 people and wounding dozens, officials said.

Always feel free to give us feedback on this report, or let us know of any special media searches you may need and remember to check out the **My OIG blog -- subscribe and CONTRIBUTE** -- Latest posting: **ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE**

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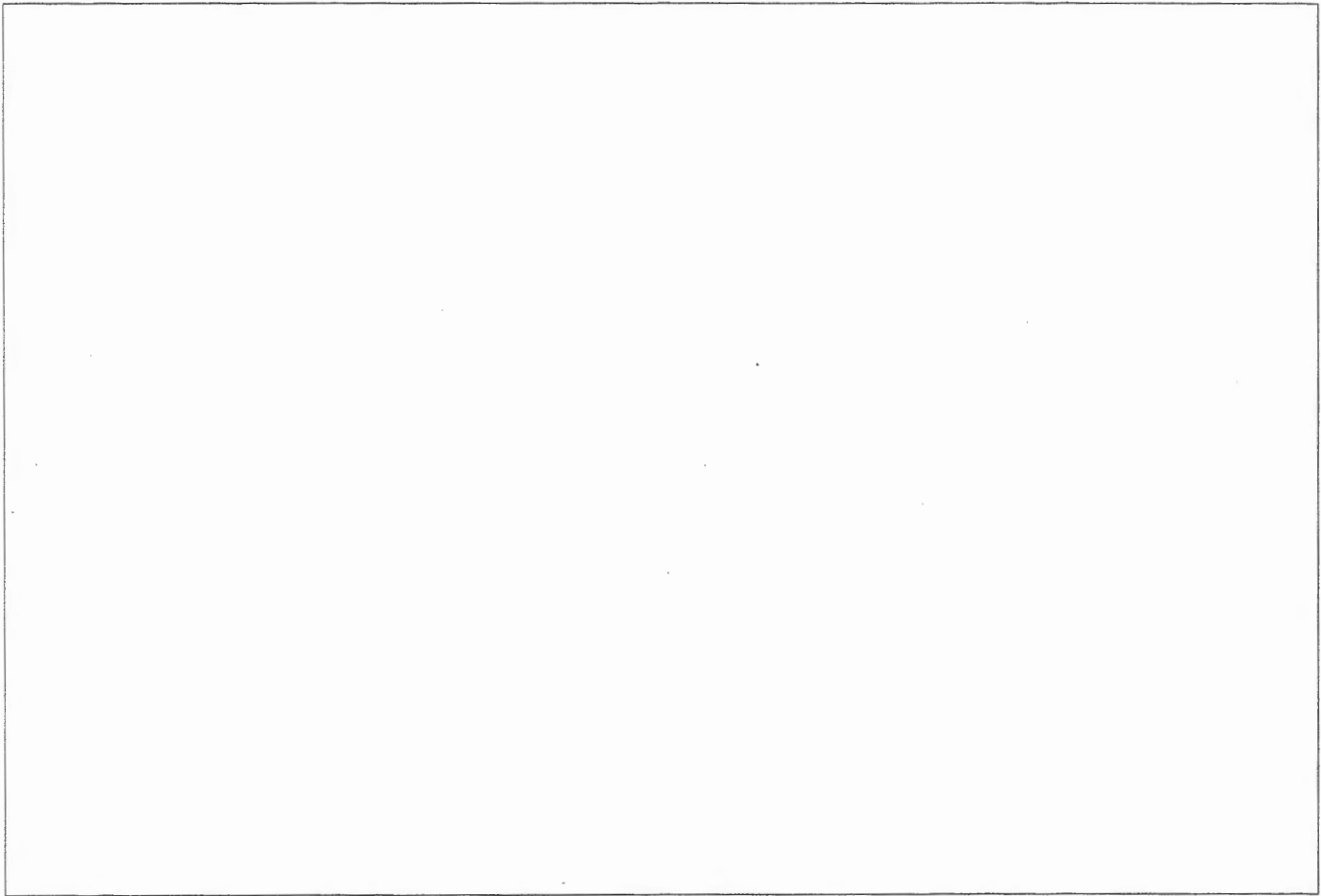
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Cc: Beechem, Stephanie
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<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/mar/1/review-clinton-emails-may-come-after-election/>

State Dept: Review of Clinton secret emails may wait until after November election
By Stephen Dinan - The Washington Times - Tuesday, March 1, 2016

The State Department may wait until after the November election to finish its review of classified information former Secretary Hillary Clinton sent on her secret email account, a spokesman said Tuesday, vowing they will not be held to the political calendar.

"We're not going to rush judgment of any of these things," spokesman John Kirby told reporters.

Mrs. Clinton, who rejected use of an account tied to the official state.gov secure email system and instead relied on an account tied to a server she kept at her New York home, returned more than 30,000 messages to the department in December 2014, or nearly two years after she left office.

The department has pored over those emails and as of Monday had released almost all of them, with more than 2,000 having portions redacted because they contain information now deemed "confidential" or "secret." Another 22 messages deemed "top secret" have been withheld entirely.

None of the information was marked classified at the time, and Mrs. Clinton says she didn't handle any improper information on her account. But her successor, Secretary of State John Kerry, asked for a review to determine how now-classified information ended up in her messages.

Mr. Kirby said they will not rush that review, even though the outcome could affect voters' decisions.

"I'm not going to commit to a specific timeline. The secretary wants this review done thoroughly and accurately and efficiently, and he's not going to allow himself or the process or the department to be driven by the political calendar on this," the spokesman said.

That stands in contrast with the federal judge who ordered the more than 30,000 messages released to the public. Judge Rudolph Contreras said there was intense voter interest in the messages, and that's one of the reasons he ordered them all to be released by the last day in February. That was a day before the Super Tuesday slate of primaries, which marked the biggest single day on the nomination calendar.

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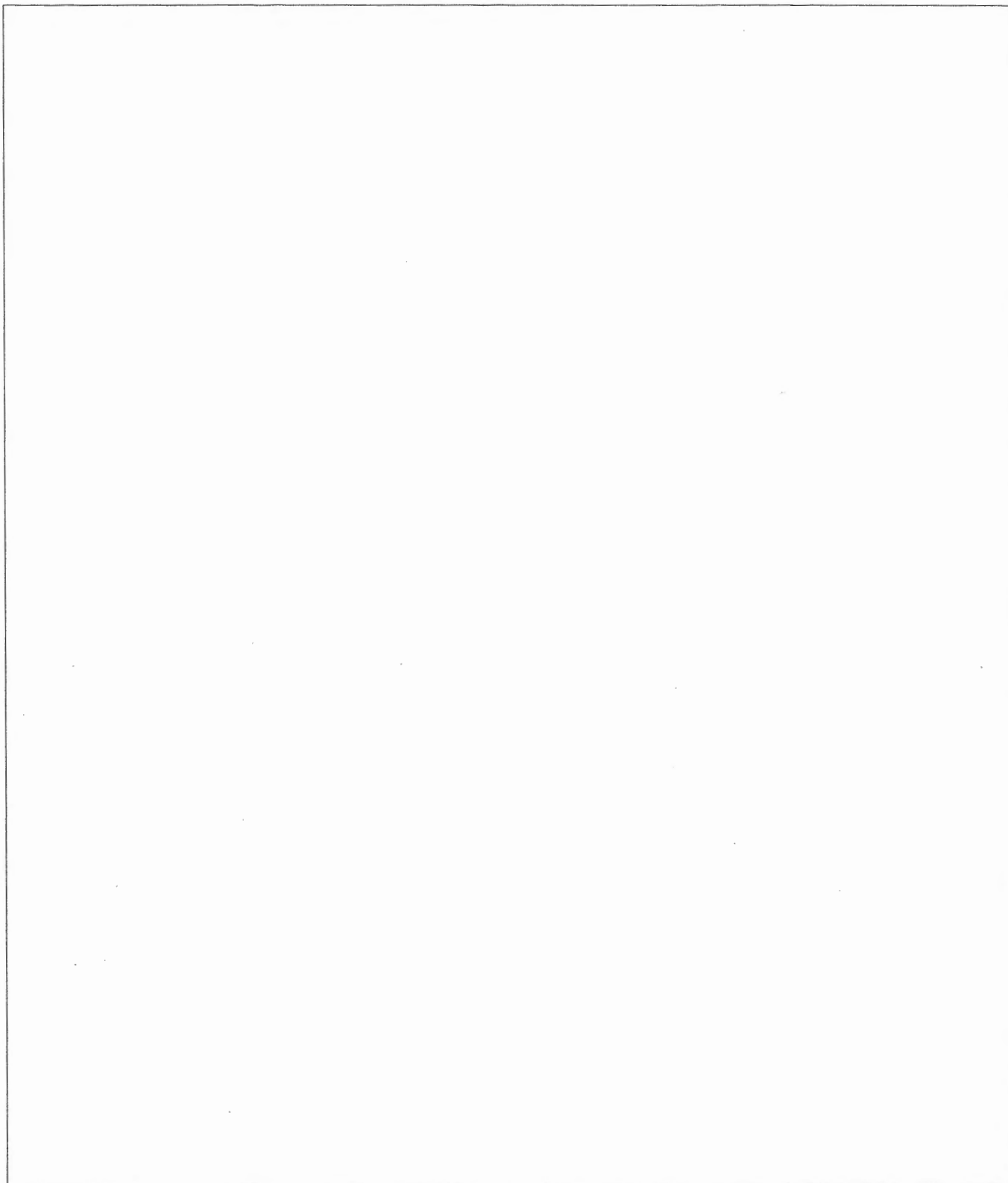
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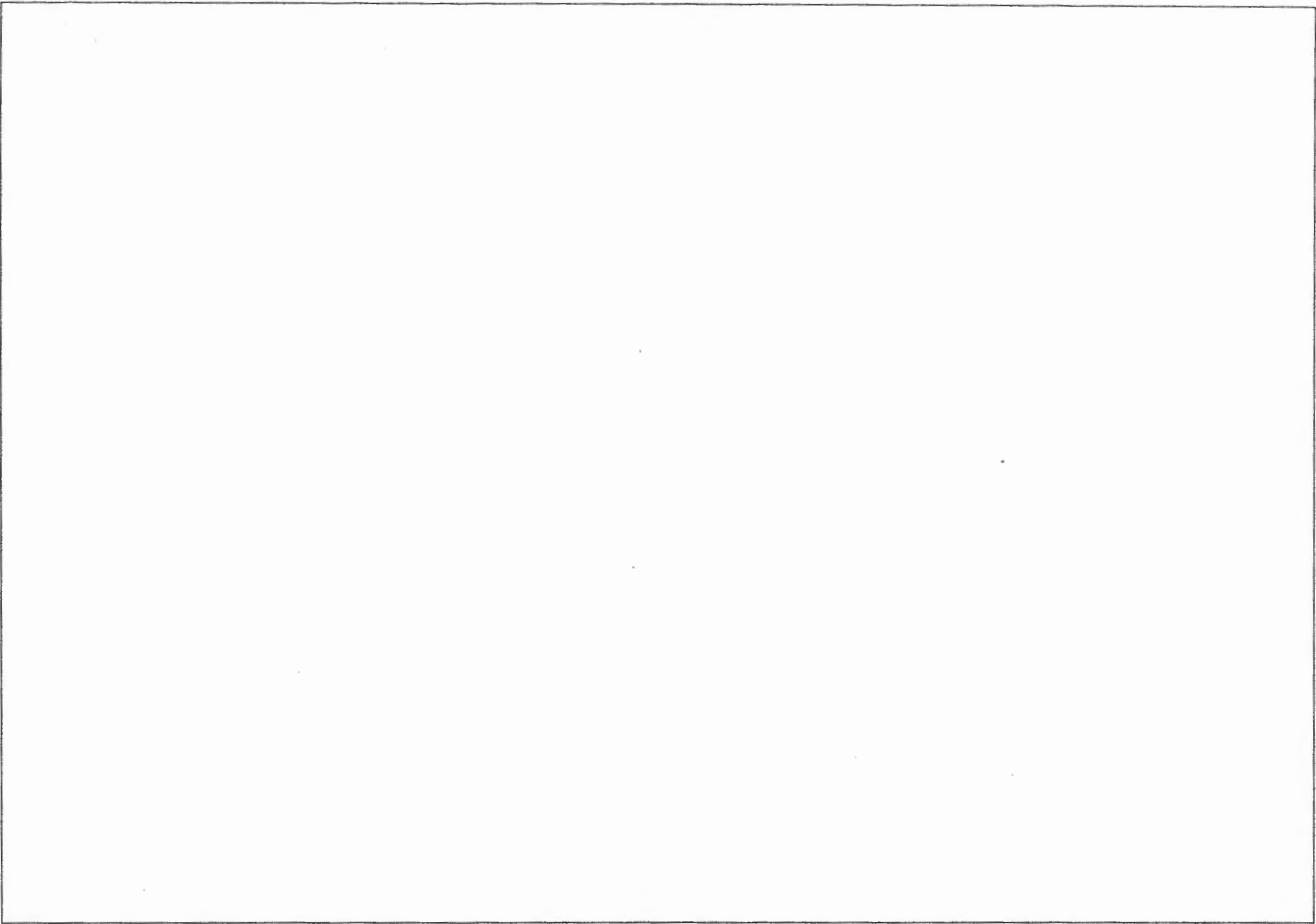
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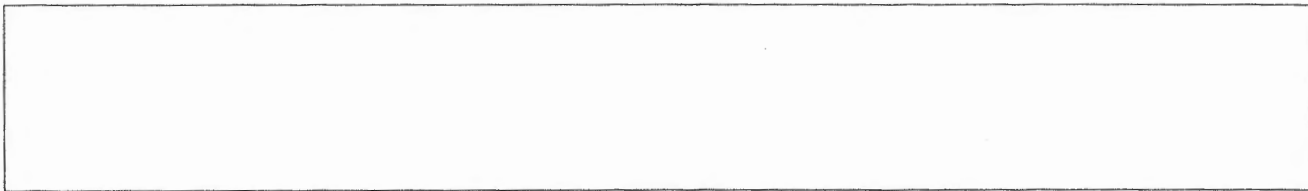
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Some quick suggestions. I didn't focus on the question on the second page until now. Others will want to look at that too.

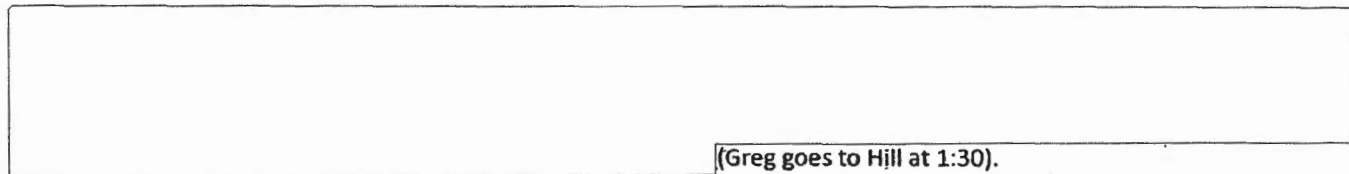
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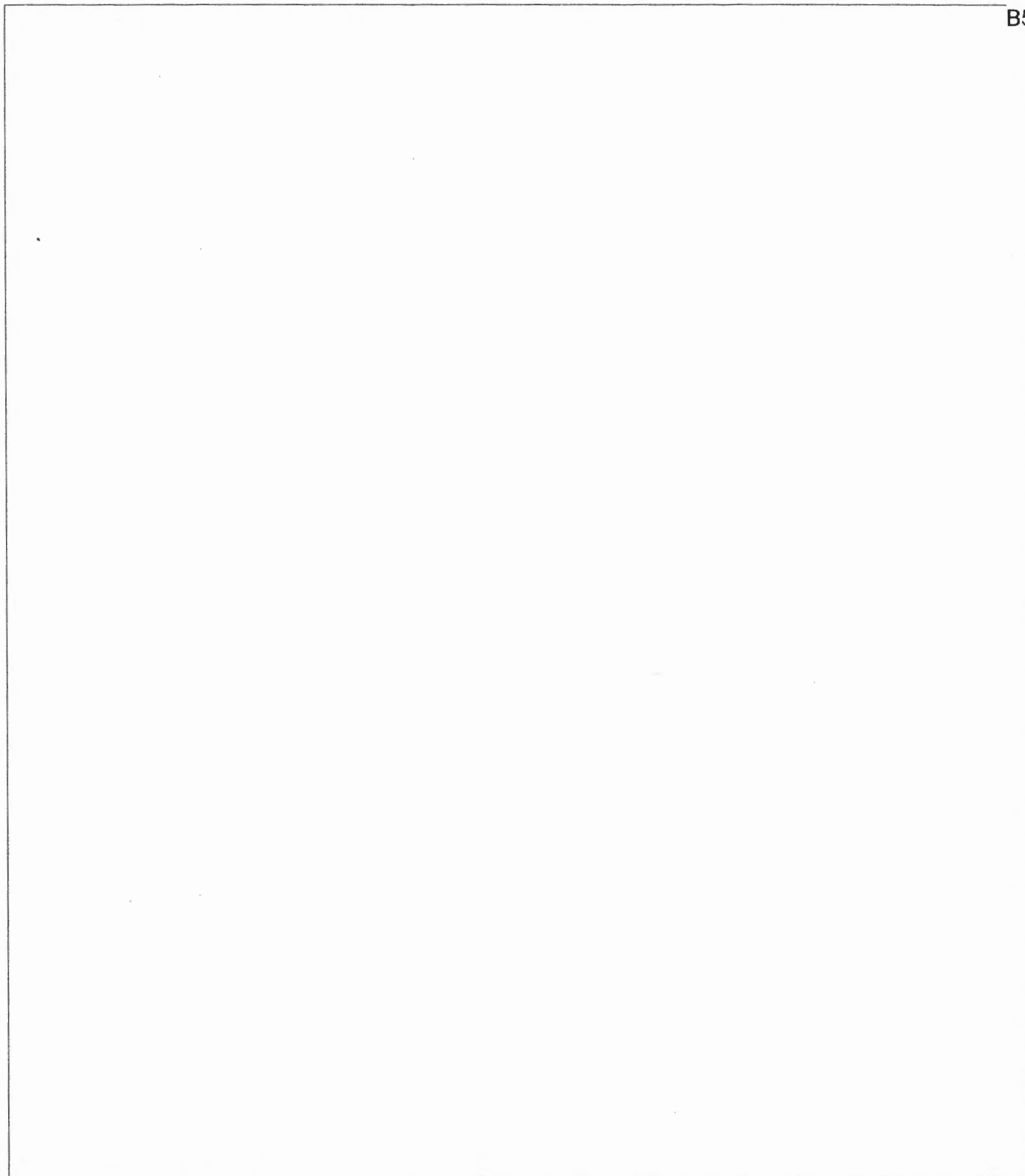
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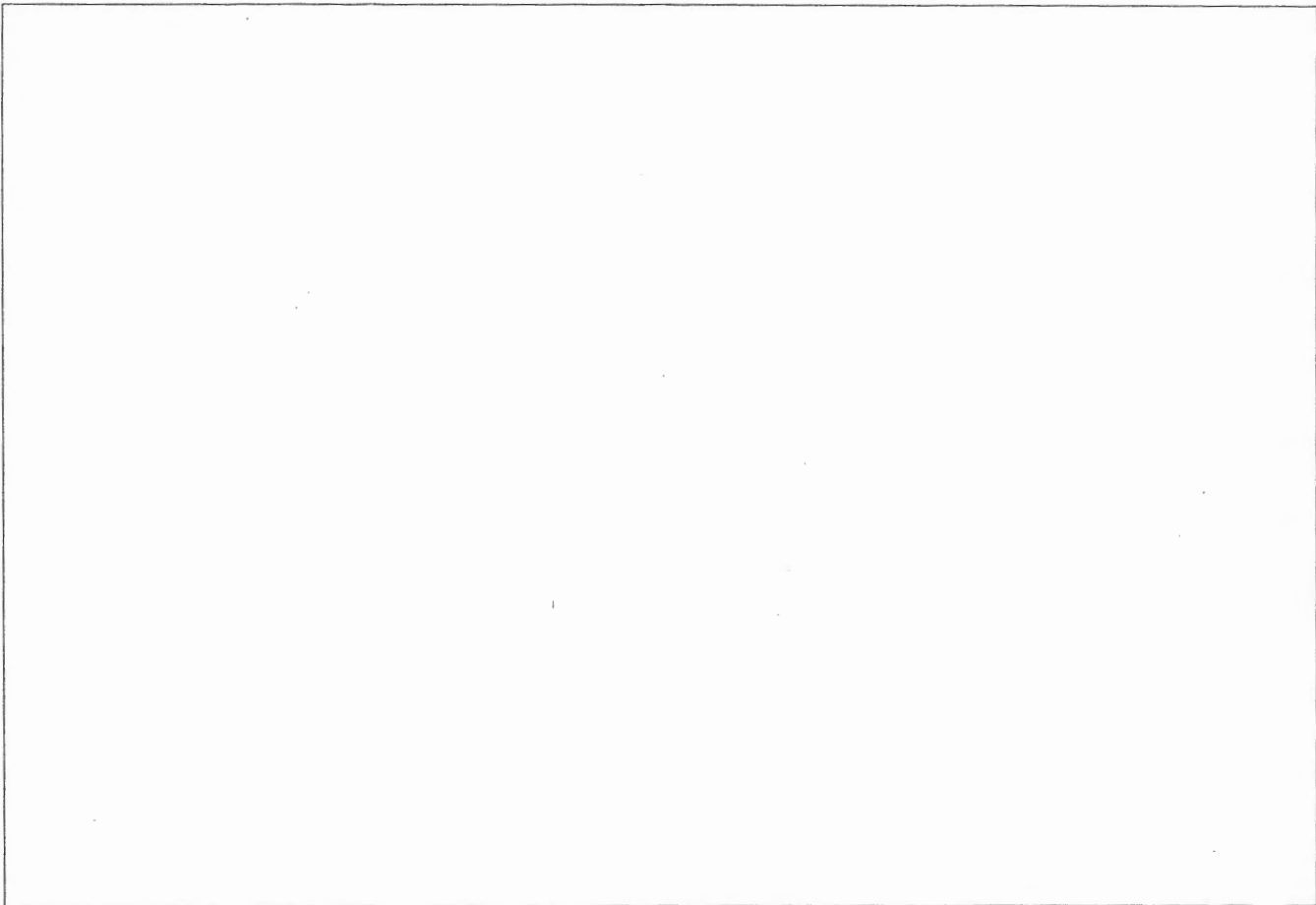
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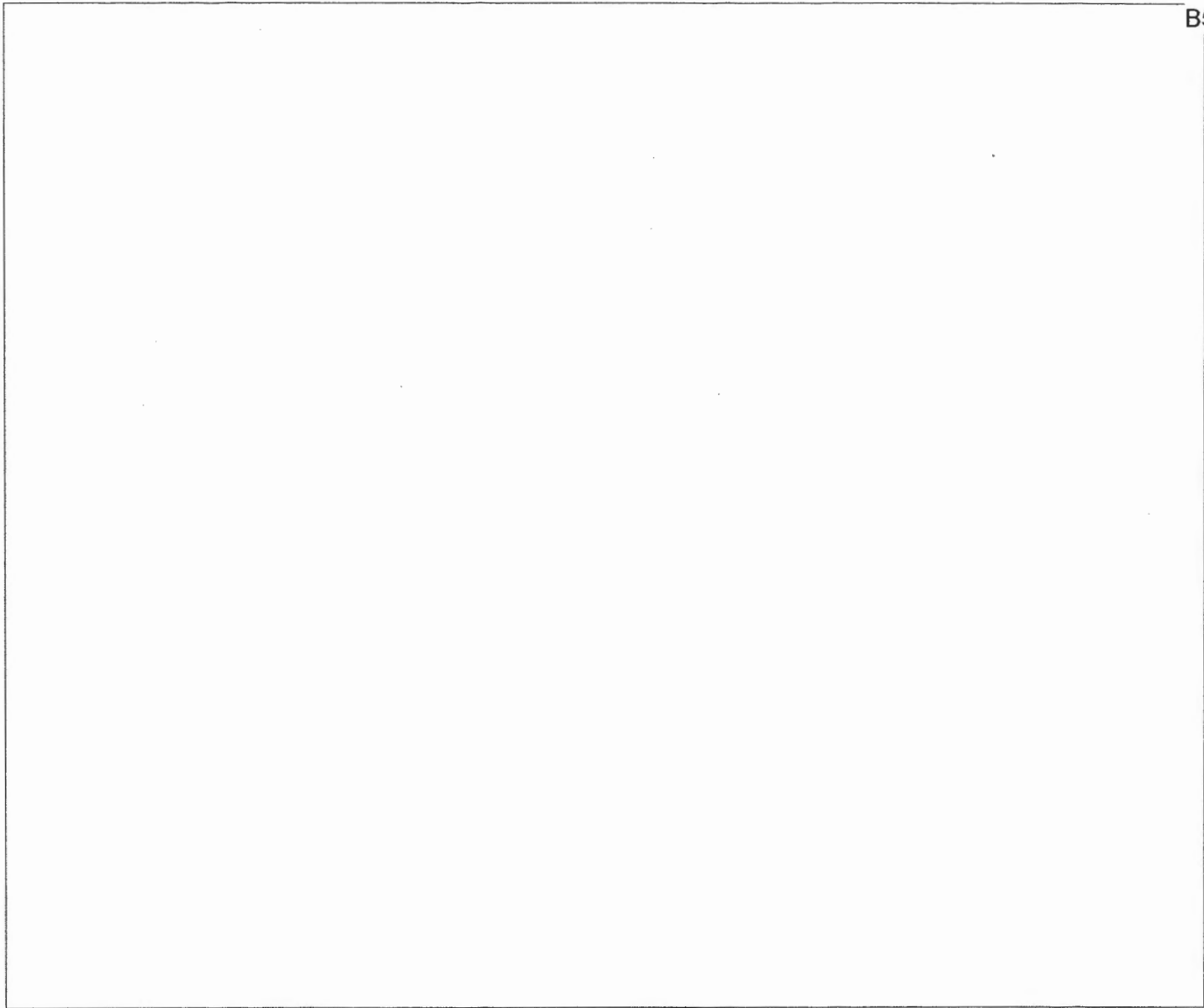
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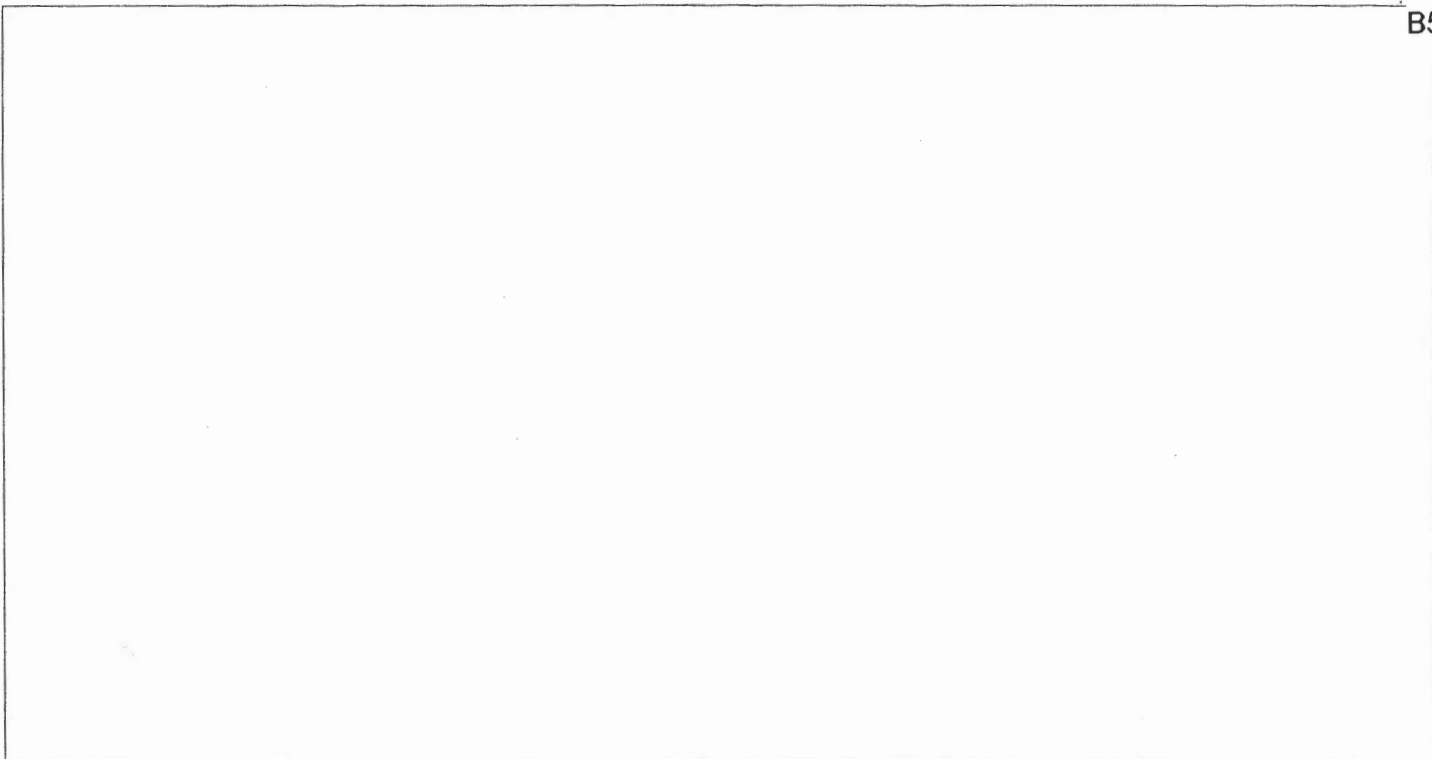
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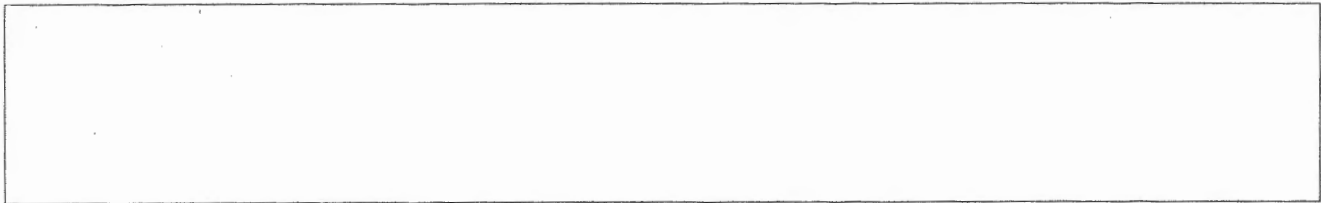
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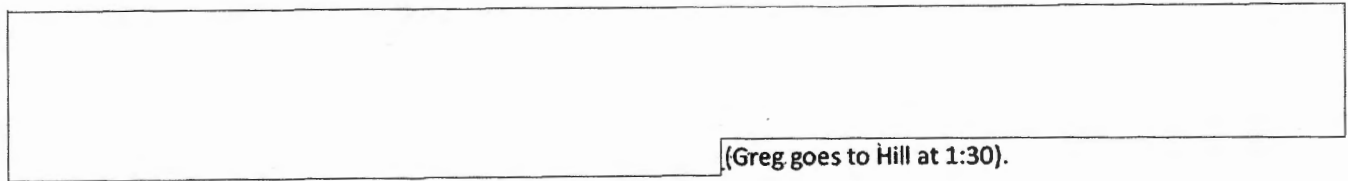
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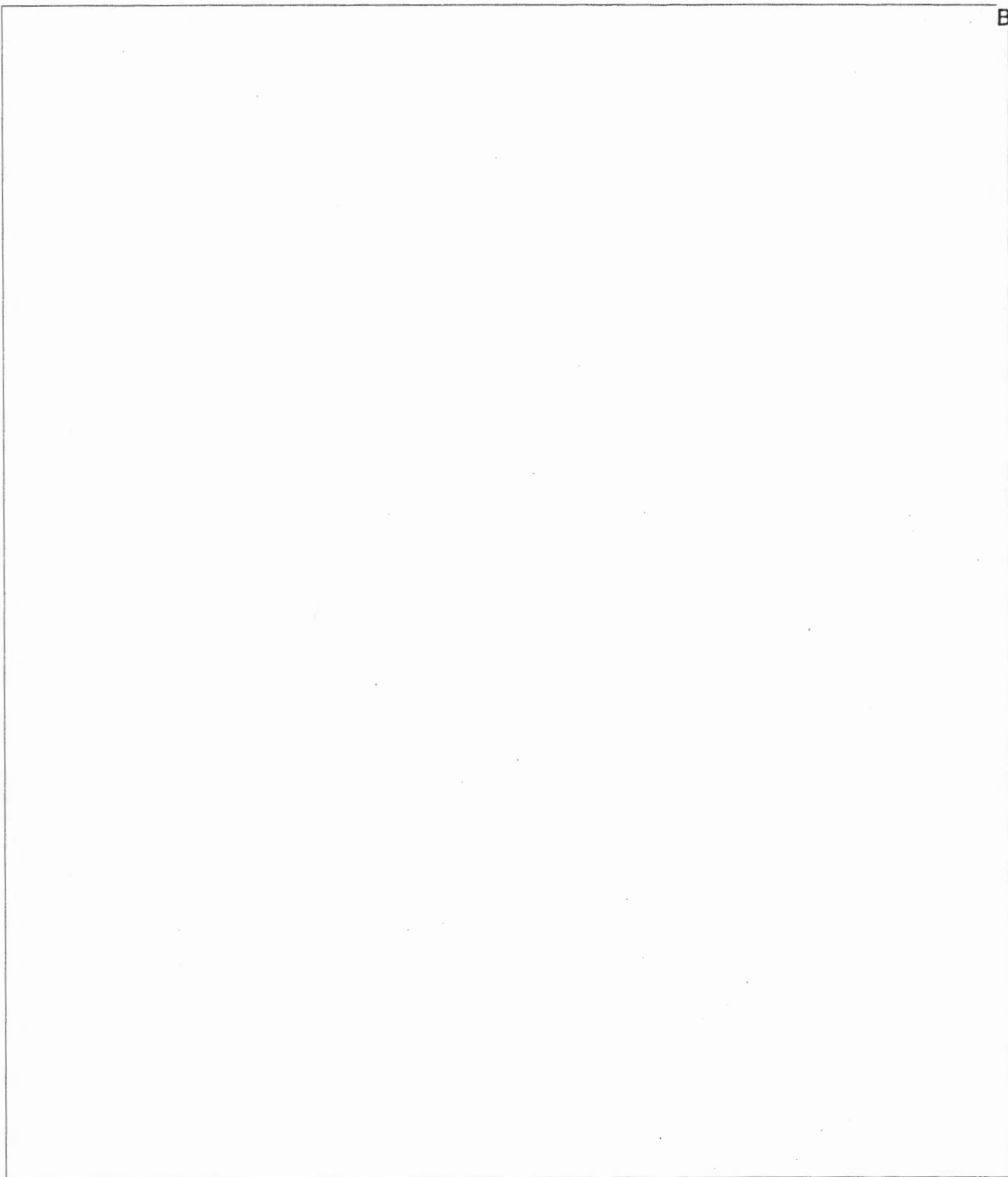
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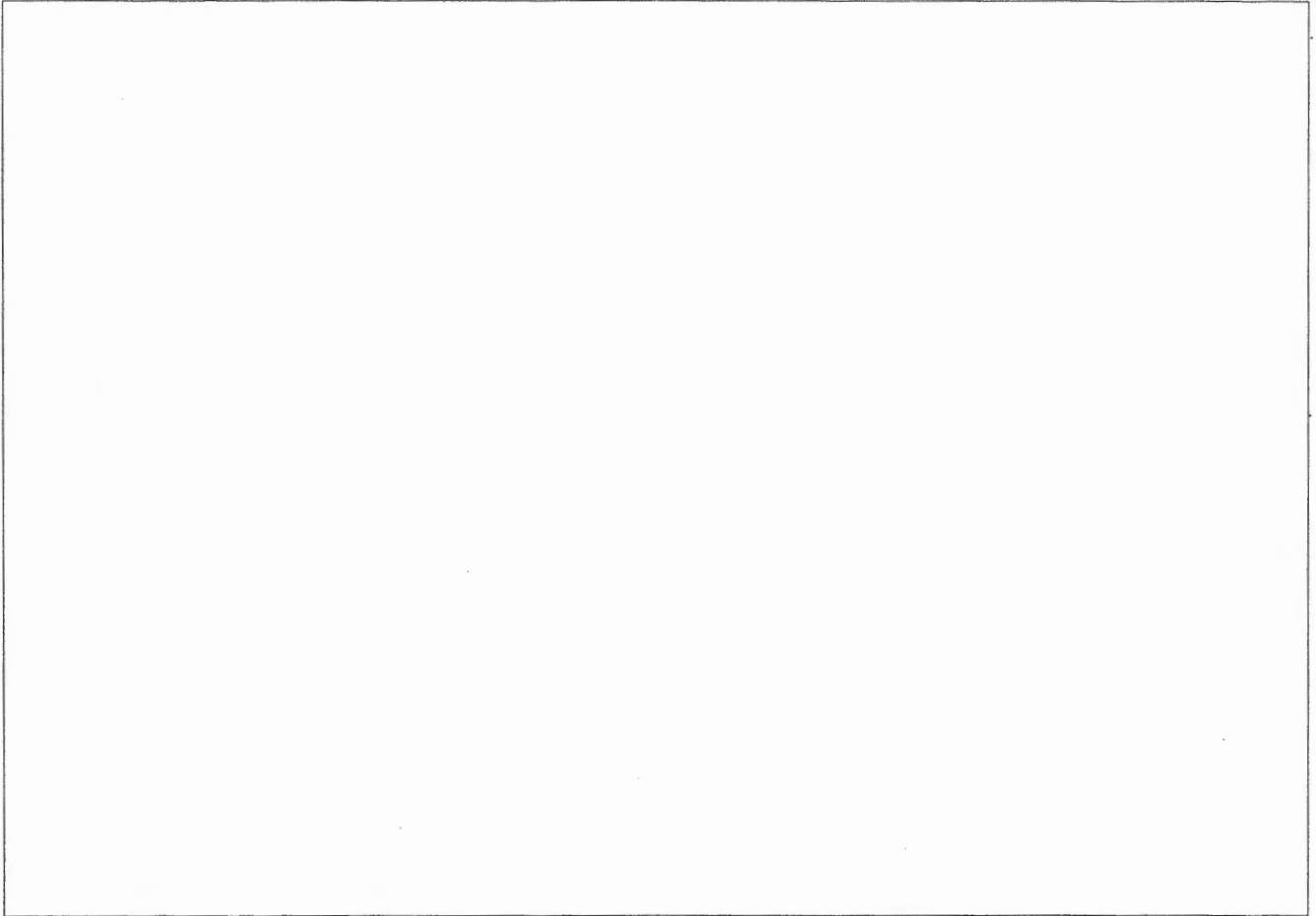
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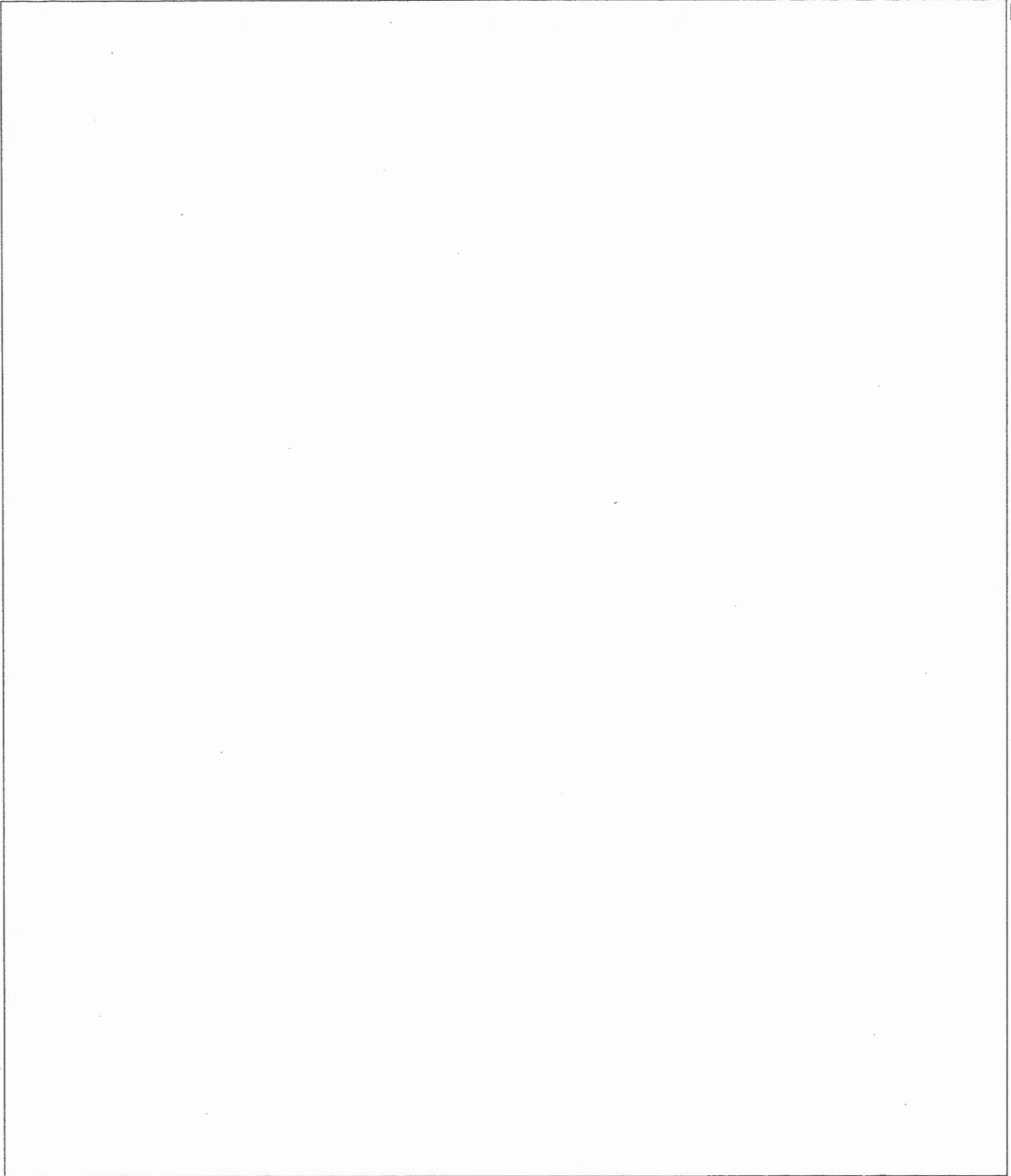
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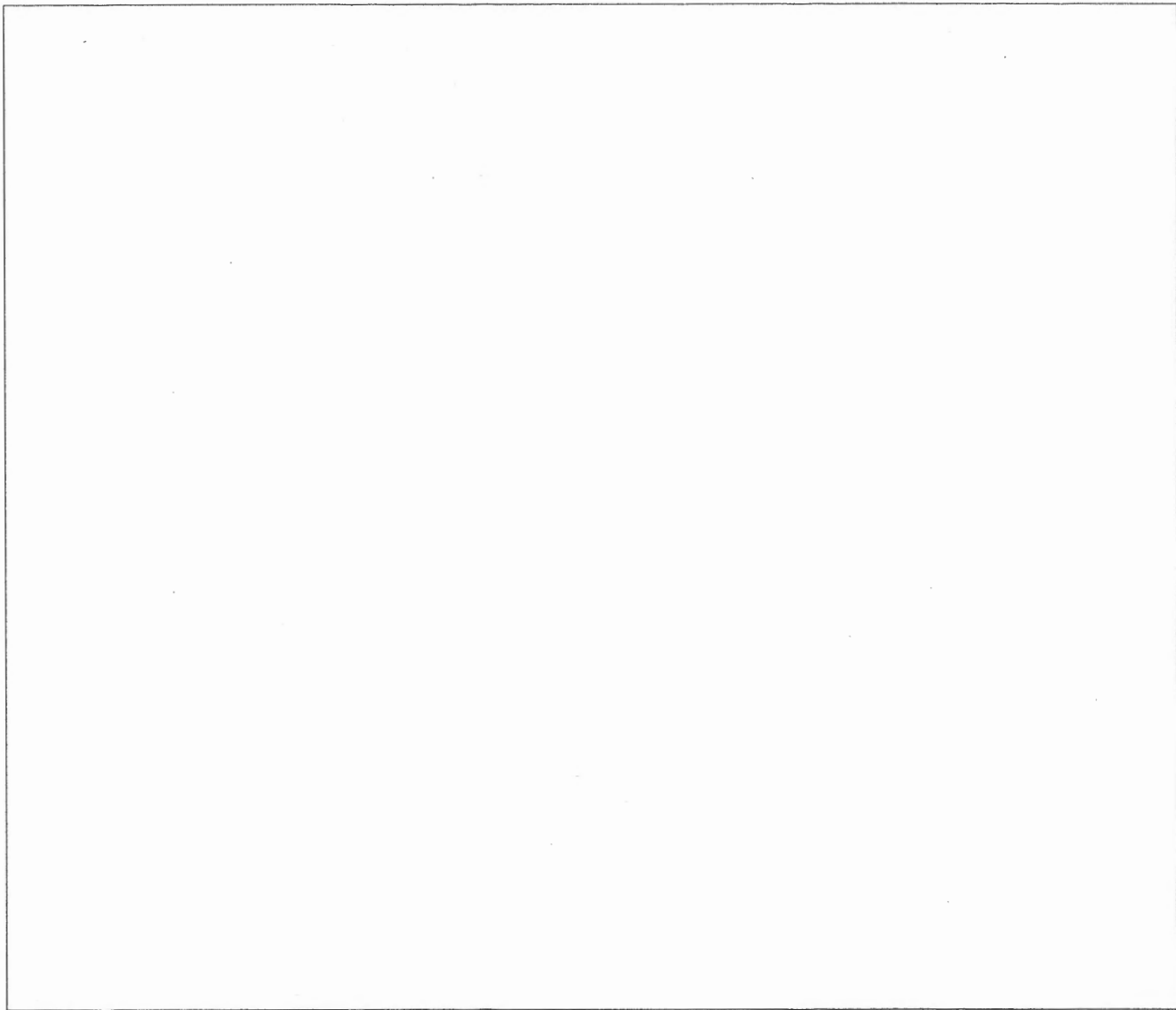
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Hill story is good too –

State Dept puts hold on review of Clinton emails, deferring to FBI

By Julian Hattem - 04/01/16 03:13 PM EDT

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Two months ago, the department launched an internal review of 22 of the former secretary of State's emails, which had been classified at the highest level of "top secret" and weren't released even in redacted form. At issue was whether or not the emails should have been classified at the time they were sent, or whether the information had merely become classified over time.

On Friday, State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau announced that the FBI recommended last month that the department hold off on its review to let the bureau continue its work.

"While the ongoing law enforcement investigation is taking place, our internal review is on hold, pending the completion of that," Trudeau told reporters.

"We do not want our internal review to complicate or impede the progress of their ongoing law enforcement investigation."

The decision to press pause, the State Department spokeswoman added, is "standard procedure in cases like this, if there's an ongoing law enforcement investigation."

The FBI's recommendation came in response to a State Department inquiry about how to move forward, Trudeau said. She declined to speculate on how the State Department's review might interfere with the FBI's investigation.

The FBI has been reviewing Clinton's "homebrew" email arrangement for months, with an eye towards whether Clinton or one of her top aides mishandled classified information.

The review is reportedly nearing its final stages, and the bureau has been in the process of arranging interviews with key officials.

In addition to the FBI probe, inspectors general at the State Department and for the nation's intelligence agencies are also looking into Clinton's email situation. The State Department's decision to halt its internal review does not affect the ongoing probe by the department's inspector general, which is a separate entity, Trudeau maintained.

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The lingering federal investigations have continued to dog Clinton's presidential campaign. While she has dismissed the bespoke email setup as a simple error in judgment, political critics have accused the former top diplomat of willfully skirting federal security and recordkeeping laws.

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State Department Halts Its Clinton Email Investigation, Defers to FBI
By JUSTIN FISHEL
Apr 1, 2016, 2:42 PM ET

The U.S. Department of State has halted its internal review of Hillary Clinton's most sensitive emails until the FBI's own investigation is complete, the State Department announced today.

"We do not want our internal review to complicate or impede [the FBI probe]," a spokeswoman said.

In January the department revealed that during its review of Clinton's 52,000 pages of private email it had come across 22 documents that had to be upgraded to "Top Secret" and totally withheld from public release. It said at the time that it would conduct a separate internal review to determine if the secret information in those emails had been mishandled at the time the emails were sent.

Today the State Department said it is deferring that judgment to the FBI, which is conducting a more comprehensive security review of Clinton's email. The outcome of that investigation is highly anticipated amid the 2016 election cycle. Clinton has said she is confident that will not happen and that she did not break any laws with her use of a private email server during her tenure as secretary of state.

A department spokesman said it is standard practice to allow a law enforcement agency to first complete its work before any parallel investigation is done.

In March the FBI responded to a formal inquiry from the State Department about how it should proceed with its internal review. It recommended that the State Department follow standard practice and put its investigation on hold, the State Department official said.

The State Department has not ruled out conducting its own review after the FBI investigation is complete.

The FBI is expected to interview Clinton's closest aides and the presidential candidate may also be part of its investigation. It's not clear when the investigation will be completed. The FBI has not formally named Clinton as a target and she has not been accused of any crimes.

ABC News' Mike Levine contributed to this report

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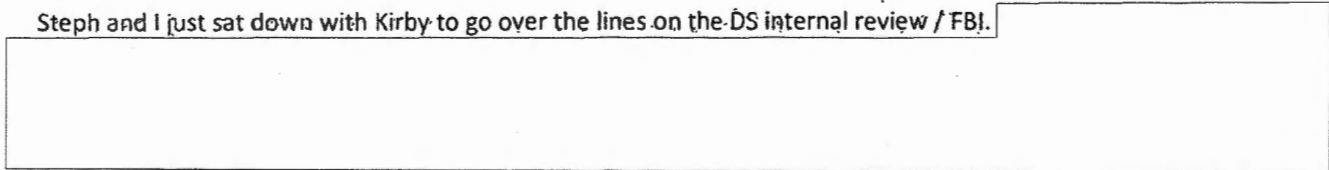
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Fine with me. greg

From: Prosser, Sarah E
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 10:51 AM
To: Hickey, Lauren A; Brown, Catherine W; Starr, Gregory B
Cc: McKeiver, Tyrik; Stout, Jennifer P; Beechem, Stephanie; Toner, Mark C; Smith, Daniel B; Jacobs, Janice L; Frifield, Julia E; Schram, Zachary I; Kirby, John; Visek, Richard C; Kennedy, Patrick F; Austin-Ferguson, Kathleen T; Evers, Austin R; Gleeson, Kevin M
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A couple comments attached.

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Thanks,
Sarah

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From: Hickey, Lauren A
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Brown, Catherine W; Starr, Gregory B
Cc: McKeiver, Tyrik; Stout, Jennifer P; Prosser, Sarah E; Beechem, Stephanie; Toner, Mark C; Smith, Daniel B; Jacobs, Janice L; Frifield, Julia E; Schram, Zachary I; Kirby, John; Visek, Richard C; Kennedy, Patrick F; Austin-Ferguson, Kathleen T; Evers, Austin R
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Hi all—

Updated points attached. Please let us know if there are any additional edits. Prosser – You good with this?

Best,
Lauren

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From: Brown, Catherine W
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 8:15 PM
To: Hickey, Lauren A; Starr, Gregory B
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From: Starr, Gregory B <StarrGB@state.gov>

Date: March 23, 2016 at 7:52:39 PM EDT

To: Brown, Catherine W <BrownCW@state.gov>, Hickey, Lauren A <HickeyLA@state.gov>

Cc: Kennedy, Patrick F <KennedyPF@state.gov>, Beechem, Stephanie <BeechemS@state.gov>, Jacobs, Janice L <JacobsJL@state.gov>, Frifield, Julia E <FrifieldJ@state.gov>, Visek, Richard C <VisekRC@state.gov>, Austin-Ferguson, Kathleen T <AustinKT2@state.gov>, Kirby, John <KirbyJ@state.gov>, McKeiver, Tyrik <McKeiverT@state.gov>, Smith, Daniel B <SmithD2@state.gov>, Stout, Jennifer P <StoutJP@state.gov>, Prosser, Sarah E <ProsserSE@state.gov>, Schram, Zachary I <SchramZI@state.gov>, Evers, Austin R <EversAR@state.gov>, Toner, Mark C <tonermc@state.gov>

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Brown, Catherine W

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 4:50 PM

To: Hickey, Lauren A

Cc: Beechem, Stephanie; Starr, Gregory B; Kennedy, Patrick F; Austin-Ferguson, Kathleen T; Visek, Richard C; Prosser, Sarah E; Evers, Austin R; Frifield, Julia E; Schram, Zachary I; Kirby, John; Toner, Mark C; Stout, Jennifer P; Jacobs, Janice L; McKeiver, Tyrik; Smith, Daniel B

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Some quick suggestions. I didn't focus on the question on the second page until now. Others will want to look at that too.

Catherine

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From: Hickey, Lauren A

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 4:28 PM

To: Starr, Gregory B; Kennedy, Patrick F; Austin-Ferguson, Kathleen T; Visek, Richard C; Prosser, Sarah E; Evers, Austin R; Frifield, Julia E; Schram, Zachary I; Kirby, John; Toner, Mark C; Stout, Jennifer P; Jacobs, Janice L; McKeiver, Tyrik; Smith, Daniel B; Brown, Catherine W

Cc: Beecher, Stephanie

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Hi all -

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(Greg goes to Hill at 1:30).

Best,
Lauren

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