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This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of October 23, 2008, and supplements our electronic message of May 12, 2010.

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We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13526. As a result of our review information has been sanitized and 4 pages have been withheld in their entirety as the information is currently and properly classified TOP SECRET, SECRET and CONFIDENTIAL according to Sections 1.2(a)(1), 1.2(a)(2), 1.2(a)(3) and 1.4(c) of EO 13526. This information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(1). It is not possible to reasonably segregate meaningful portions of the withheld pages for release. The records are enclosed for your use. A brief explanation of the applicable sections follows:

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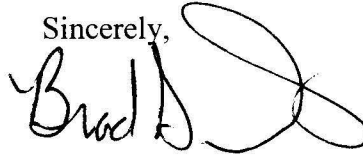
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Sincerely,

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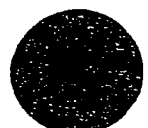


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INTRODUCTION

(U) This issue of the Army Scientific and Technical Intelligence Bulletin (ASTIB) was prepared by the Chemical Warfare and Life Sciences Branch, Military Technologies Division, US Army Foreign Science and Technology Center, 220 Seventh Street, NE., Charlottesville, VA 22901. As a result of recent inquiries about the state-of-the-art of Cuban chemical and biological warfare capabilities, this issue is devoted exclusively to that subject. Economically and militarily, Cuba is heavily dependent upon the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact countries. Presently, more than 1500 Soviet military advisors are in Cuba, in addition to a Soviet brigade of about 2000 men, to assist in Cuban military training and operational planning. As will become obvious to the reader, this Soviet influence is strongly manifested in the chemical and biological warfare area.

(U) Additional information on Cuban chemical and biological warfare capabilities and related topics can be obtained from the author, Mr. Victor Wolfe, Chief, Chemical Warfare and Life Sciences Branch.

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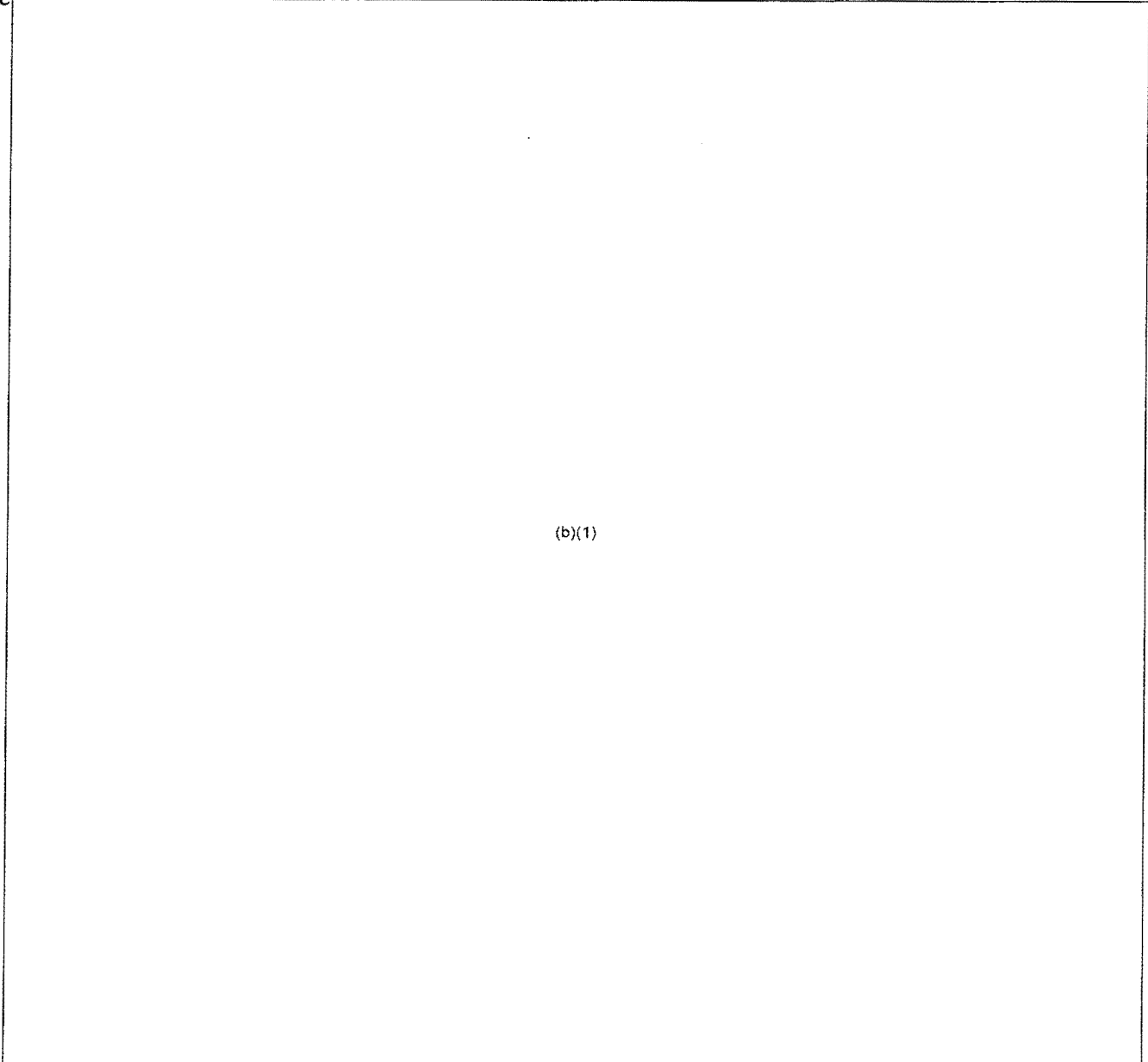
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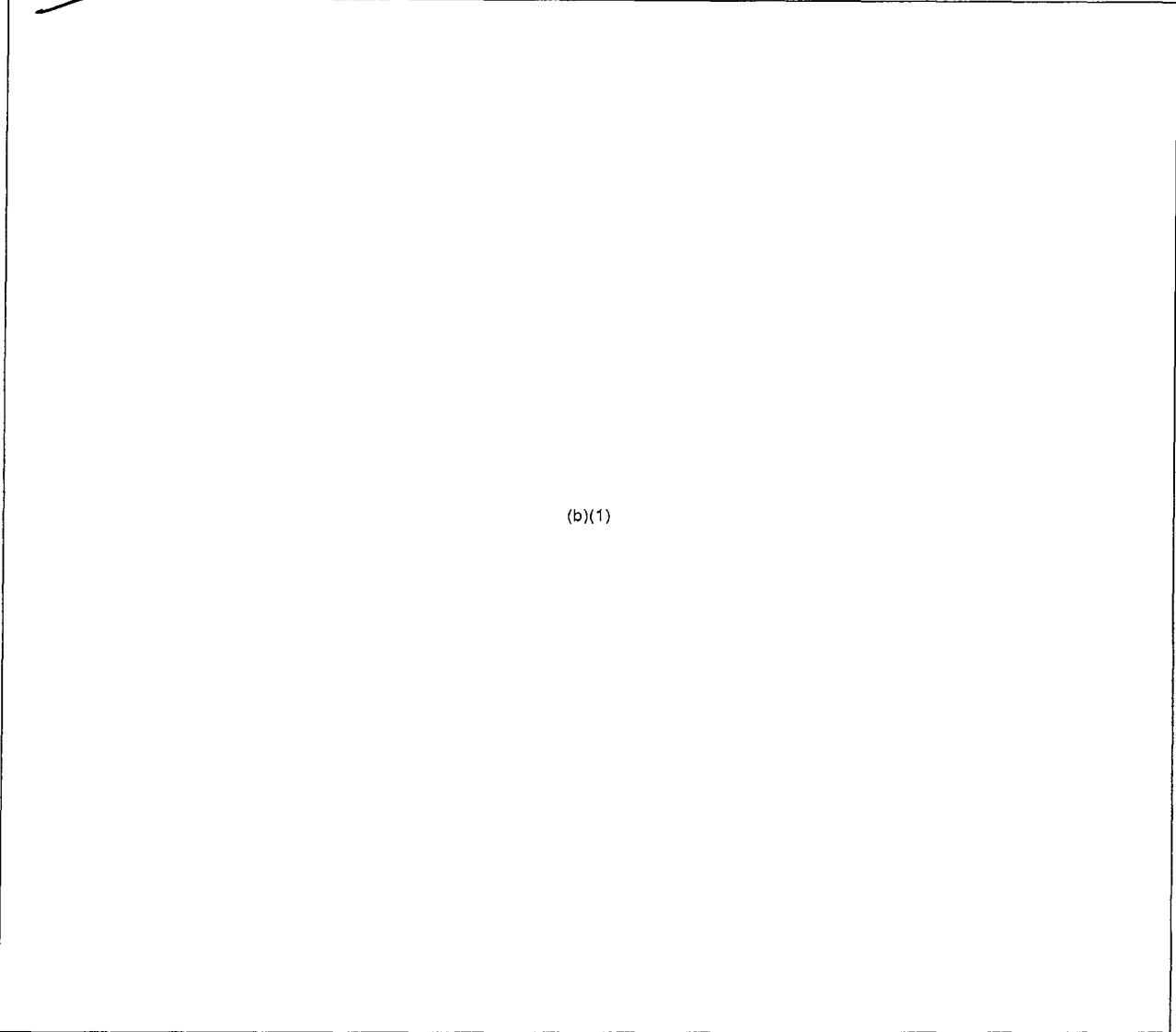
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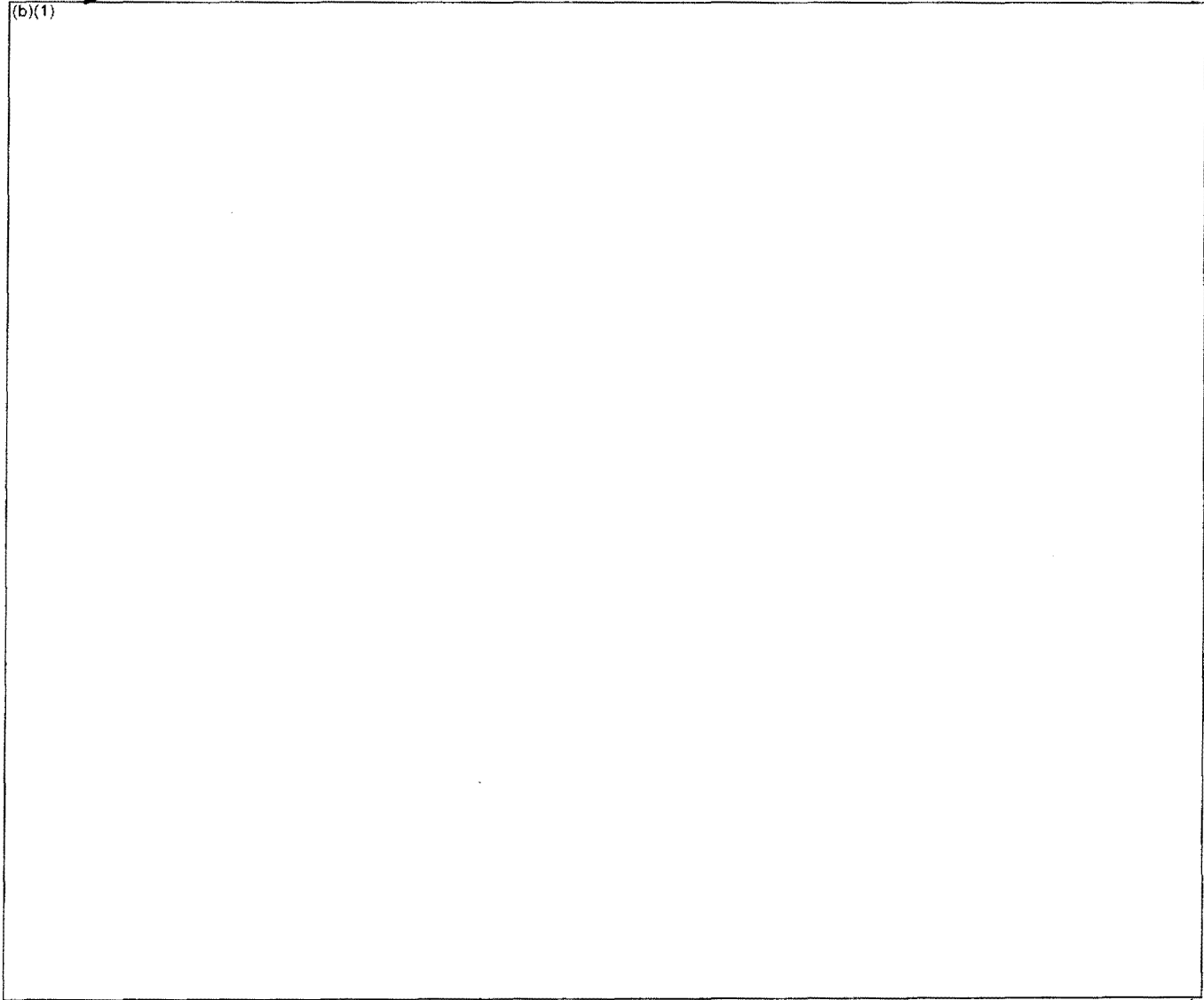
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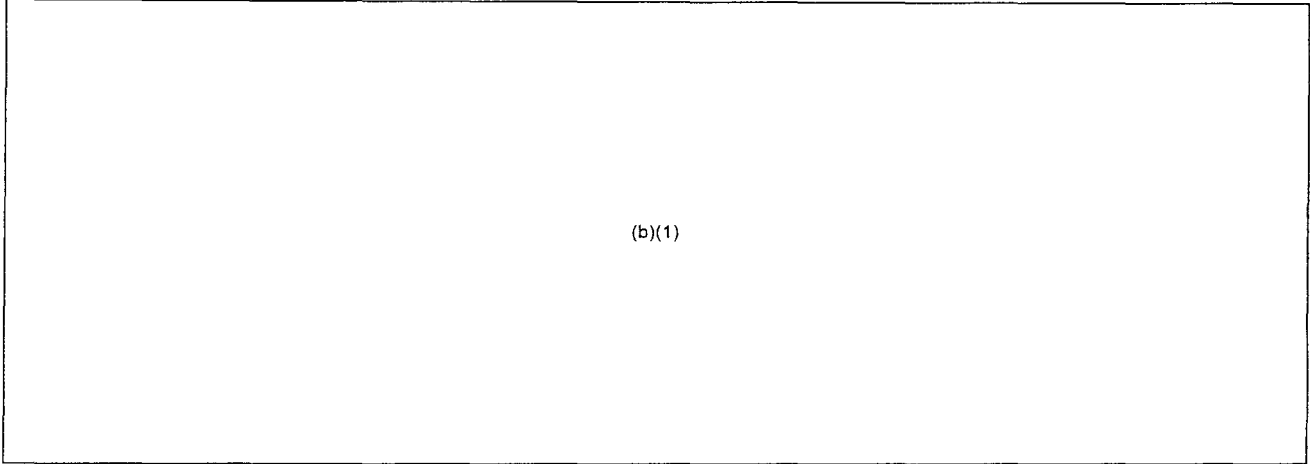
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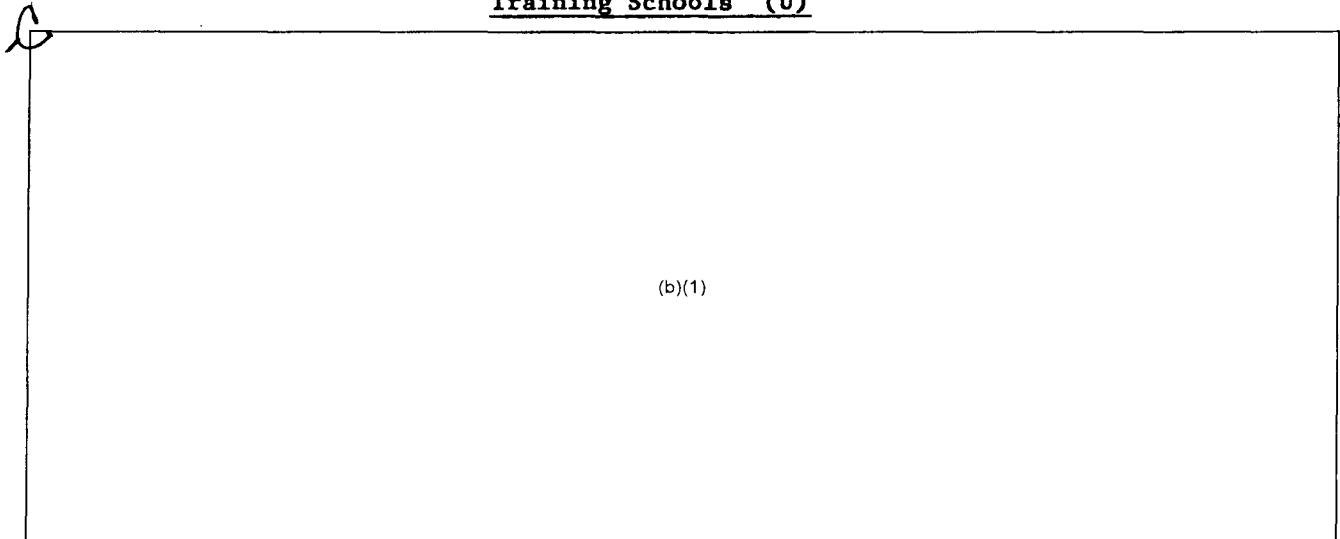


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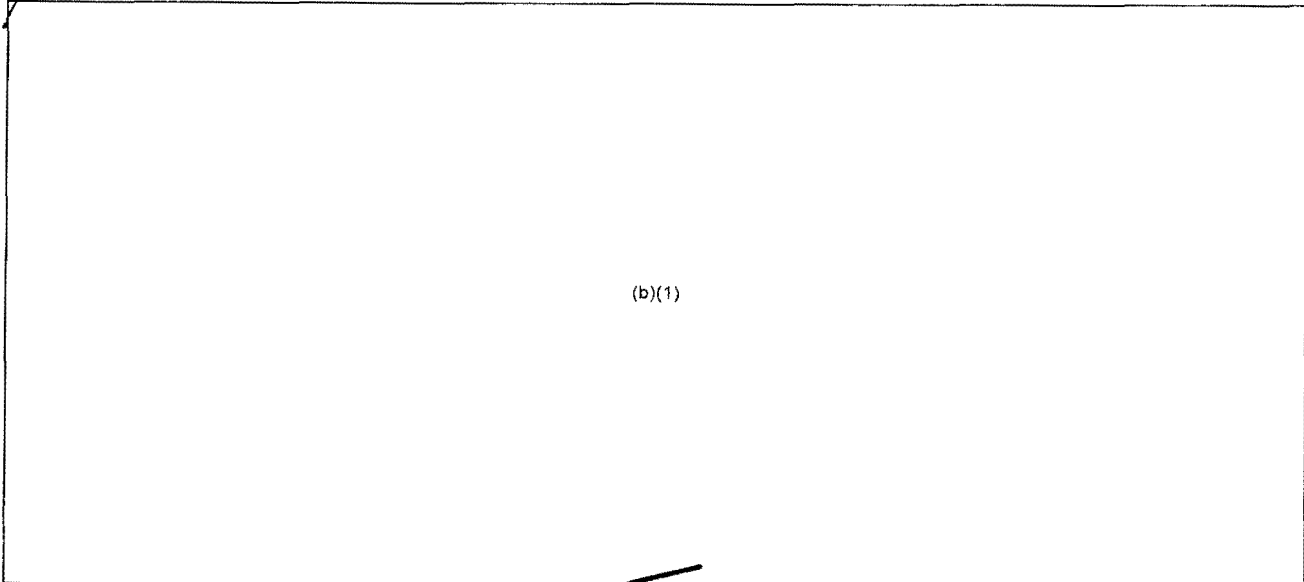
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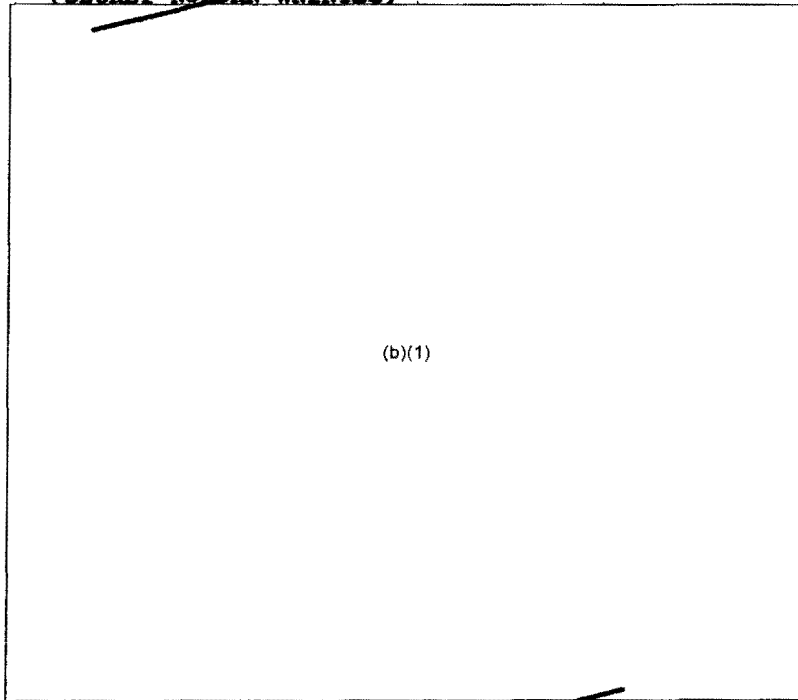
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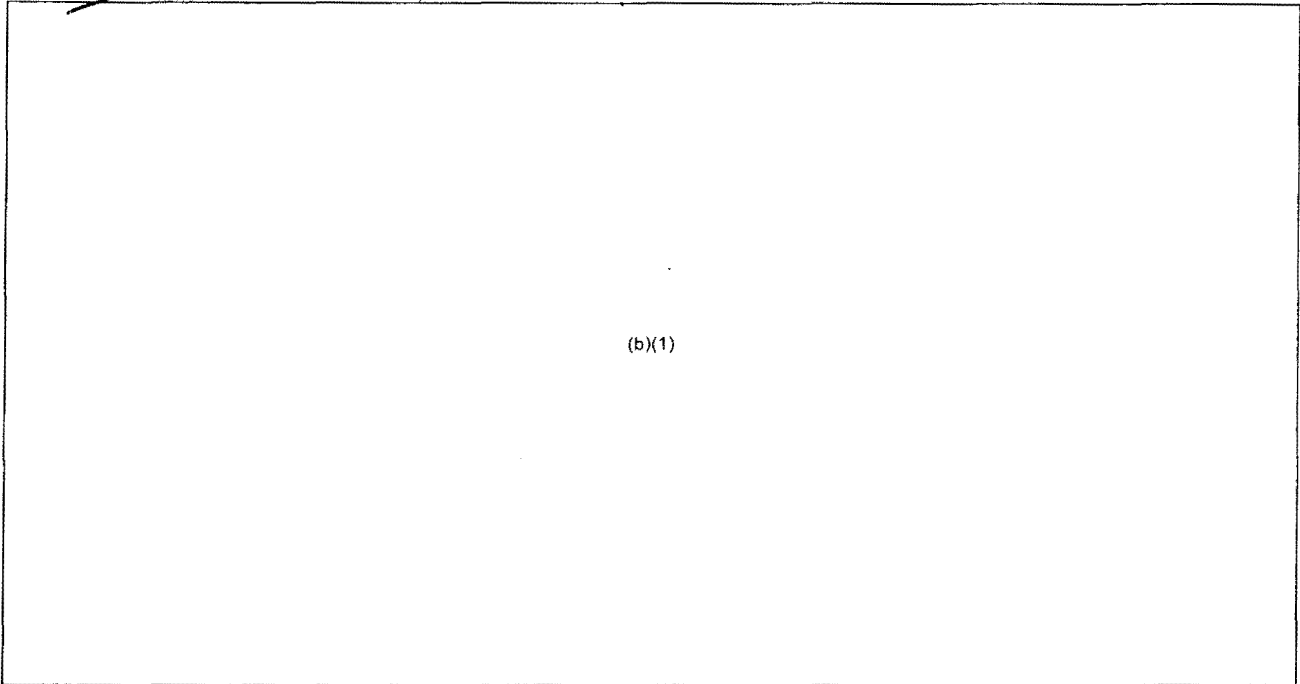
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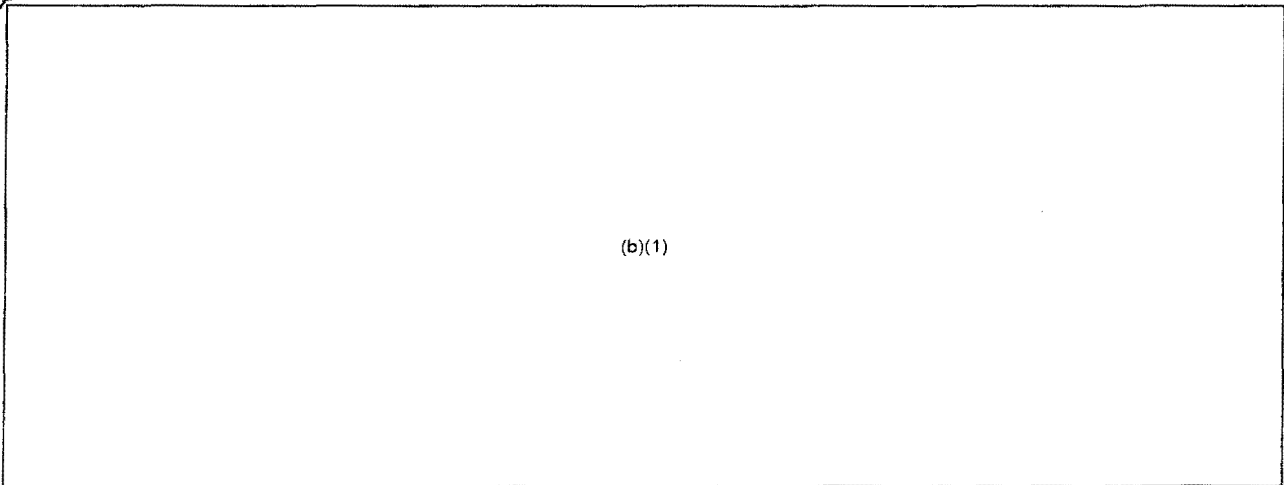
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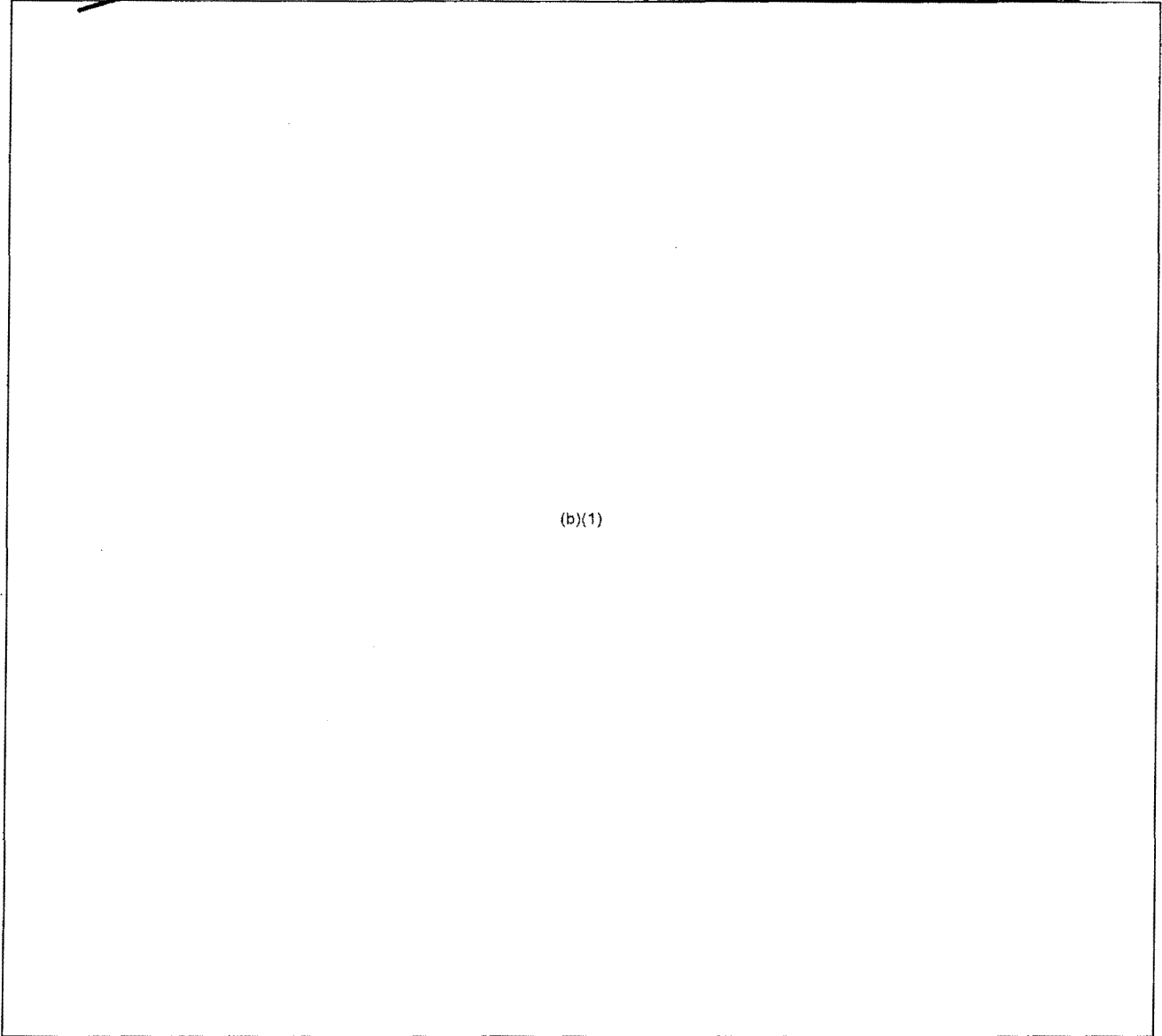
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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (U)

(U) Very little is known about possible CBR research and development activities in Cuba. According to a Cuban open press article, a Central Chemical Troops Laboratory (location unknown) has been in existence for 25 years, and as of 22 June 1980, a new laboratory building was in the planning stages. A Dr. Julio Lopez Rendueles is apparently associated with this facility, but no other information is available on him or his areas of expertise.

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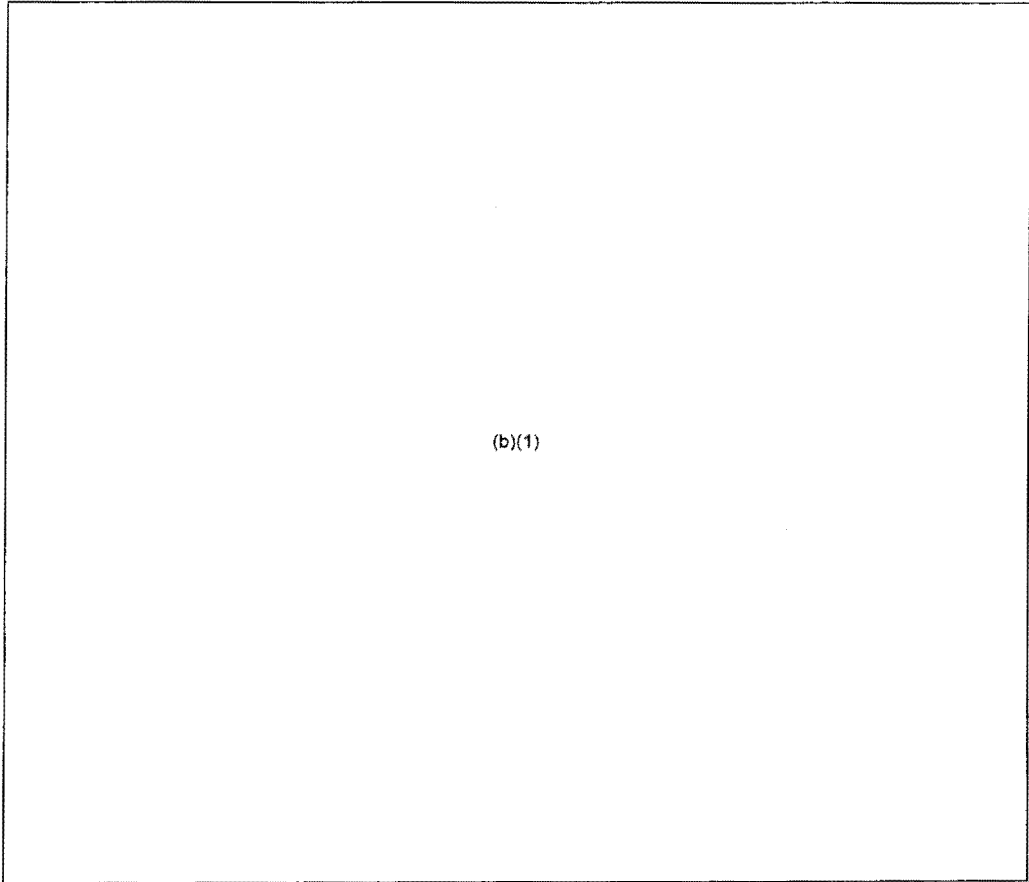
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