

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

September 28, 2015

FOI Administrator

Mr. Josh Margolin
ABC News
47 West 66th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10023

Re: Appeal of Freedom of Information No. 15645

Dear Mr. Margolin:

This is in furtherance of our April 27, 2015 letter transmitting the decision of the Port Authority Freedom of Information Review Board (the "FIRB") in connection with the February 26, 2015 appeal of your January 7, 2015 Freedom of Information request.

The FIRB unanimously determined the matter required further development and remanded the request to the Secretary of the Port Authority for reprocessing, including setting forth particularized and specific justifications for non-disclosure following review of any responsive documents.

Material responsive to your request and available under the Code is attached. Certain portions of the material are exempt from disclosure as, among other classifications, privacy and security as well as information which is non-responsive to the request.

Nothing contained in this letter or the provision of the attached records by the Port Authority or any other communications of the Port Authority shall be or constitute a waiver or modification of any rights of any individual or entity with respect to the release of communications or correspondence with the offices of the Governors of the States of New York and New Jersey under the New York Freedom of Information Law or the New Jersey Open Public Records Act.

Please refer to the above FOI reference number in any future correspondence relating to your request.

Very truly yours,



Danny Ng
FOI Administrator

Enclosure

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From: Rechler, Scott [mailto:SRechler@RXRRealty.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2014 8:33 AM
To: Joe Percoco
Cc: Ma, John; Foye, Patrick
Subject: Fwd: museum opening

Joe - As per our discussion yesterday, below is more information about the Museum opening on the May 15th. It looks like it makes sense to get someone from the Guv's office directly involved in the planning process. Let me know if I can be of help. Thanks. Scott

Scott Rechler
CEO and Chairman
RXR Realty

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joe Daniels <JDaniels@911memorial.org>
Date: March 21, 2014 at 4:49:22 PM EDT
To: Scott Rechler <SRechler@RXRRealty.com>
Subject: museum opening

Scott—

I had my team send the attached summary of the ceremony to the Governor's office (they've been talking to Melissa DeRosa, Matt Wing, and Dani Lever). They've gathered a quote from the Governor for Monday's announcement, and they've been asked to hold the date for the Gov/are in the loop with what we know so far. There are not many details set re: the ceremony, but FYI just a few minutes ago we confirmed that the time will be 10a.m. on May 15th. The program itself is still in the works and being discussed at the staff-level event working group meetings. Anthony Hayes has been attending those on the Port's behalf, but it would still be great if we could get a specific representative of Gov. Cuomo confirmed to start attending these (the other members are generally staff who have some event experience—we don't yet have anyone confirmed from Christie's side). Let me know what you think.

Joe

From: "Rechler, Scott" <SRechler@RXRRealty.com>
Date: March 21, 2014 at 4:53:32 PM GMT+1
To: 'Joe Daniels' <JDaniels@911memorial.org>
Subject: museum opening

Joe - I briefed the Guv's office on the date but wanted to confirm that your shop sent them the details. If so, please have them send me a copy. If not, please do. Thanks. Scott

Scott Rechler
Chief Executive Officer, Chairman

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9/11 MEMORIAL

9/11 Memorial Museum Dedication Ceremony

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OVERVIEW

The National September 11 Memorial Museum will be officially dedicated in a ceremony that will be held prior to the general public opening and will kick off a preview period for key 9/11 stakeholders to visit the Museum prior to the public.

LOCATION

The ceremony is expected to take place in the Museum's Foundation Hall. This is the largest space in Museum with 60-foot ceilings and can seat approximately 800 people.

EVENT PROGRAM

The program is expected to run approximately an hour in length. Similar to the 10th anniversary commemoration of 9/11, relevant current elected officials and those who were in office on 9/11 will be invited to participate in the event program. In addition, 9/11 families, survivors, first responders, and others are also expected to be included in the program.

ATTENDEES

Event attendees will include members of the 9/11 community, including family members, select first responders, rescue and recovery workers, and survivors. In addition, the 9/11 Memorial Board of Directors will be expected as well as other invited guests.

THEMES

This Museum is filled with the voices, faces, and tangible artifacts, small and large, that speak to the story of 9/11 and its heroic, heartbreaking and compassion-filled aftermath. This ceremony will dedicate the Museum to all those who are a part of that story—which is the history of our times—and to illuminate the message and contents of the Museum with emotion, care and honor.

The Museum's artifacts and the stories they preserve will form the core and theme of the ceremonies. Everything that is said, filmed, or performed will revolve around the artifacts we have chosen to represent the holdings of the Museum, the story each tells, and the people whose lives and acts are embodied in them.

The ceremony's program will underscore the message that the 9/11 Memorial Museum attests to the triumph of human dignity over human depravity and affirms an unwavering commitment to the fundamental value of human life.

From: DiMarco, Gretchen
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 4:17 PM
To: 'kevin.roberts@gov.state.nj.us'; Crifo, Nicole
Subject: 9/11 Museum Opening Status

Kevin,

Following up on the conversation we had this morning: today's coordination meeting was uneventful. The event is set for 5/15 at 10:00 am. Approximately 700 family members, first responders and rescue and recovery workers will be chosen from a lottery to be present for the program which will be held on the floor of the museum. It is likely another 1500-2000 will be allowed to watch a simulcast from the memorial plaza.

Those invited to attend and speak include: POTUS; Govs Christie, Cuomo, Pataki and DiFrancesco; Mayors DeBlasio, Bloomberg and Giuliani; and all living former presidents.

So far the only confirmations are Bloomberg, DeBlasio and Pataki. Pres Carter and Clinton have declined. The rest are still TBD.

Media interest is heavy. As details emerge I will keep you informed. Please let me know what specific questions you have.

Gretchen

Gretchen DiMarco
Office of the Deputy Executive Director
Port Authority and NY & NJ

From: Gramiccioni, Deborah
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 3:46 PM
To: 'maria.comella@gov.state.nj.us'
Subject: INVITATION: 9/11 Museum Opening

Importance: High

Hello! For scheduling purposes, fyi. Thx, Deb

From: Hayes, Anthony
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 3:22 PM
To: Foye, Patrick; Gramiccioni, Deborah
Cc: Crifo, Nicole; Ma, John
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL: 9/11 Museum Opening
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Thanks,
-Anthony

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Date: Thursday, May 15
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Location: 9/11 Museum

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Drop Off Location:

- I can share requested drop off locations with you both over the phone.

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- 700 family members and first responders, along with elected officials (including PA commissioners) will be inside the museum, and there will be roughly 1,000 people on the 9/11 Plaza.

U.S.S Impact to WTC Site and PATH:



Anthony Hayes
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Asst. Director, Media
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From: Maria Comella [Maria.Comella@gov.state.nj.us]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 3:51 PM
To: Gramiccioni, Deborah
Cc: Kyle Maxwell
Subject: Re: INVITATION: 9/11 Museum Opening

Thanks. We indicated the Gov is attending.

Copying Kyle.

From: Gramiccioni, Deborah [mailto:dgramiccioni@panvni.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 03:45 PM
To: Maria Comella
Subject: INVITATION: 9/11 Museum Opening

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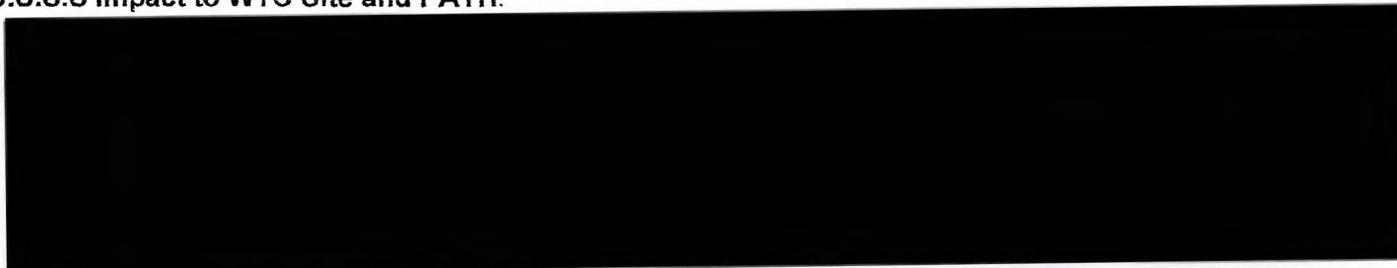
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From: Crifo, Nicole
Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2014 8:07 AM
To: Kerstin Sundstrom
Subject: Fwd: Brief Update
Attachments: MemorialMuseumThankYoutoPA.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Foye, Patrick" <pfoye@panynj.gov>
To: "Scott H. Rechler" <srechler@rxrrealty.com>, "David Steiner" <dssteiner@steinerstudios.com>, "Jeffrey Lynford" <jlynford@wellsford.com>, "Jeffrey Moerdler" <JAMoerdler@mintz.com>, "Kenneth Lipper" <Ken.lipper@lipper.com>, "Raymond Pocino" <[REDACTED]>, "Rich Bagger" <rbagger@celgene.com>, "Pat Schuber" <[REDACTED]>, "Rossana Rosado" <rossana.rosado@eldiarionv.com>
Cc: "Gramiccioni, Deborah" <dgramiccioni@panynj.gov>, "Ma, John" <jhma@panynj.gov>, "Crifo, Nicole" <ncrifo@panynj.gov>
Subject: Brief Update

Commissioners,

[REDACTED]

This sad news follows an emotional day for the Agency with the dedication and opening of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, which many of you attended. Deb and I sent an email to employees yesterday evening to mark the milestone of the Museum opening and note that their hard work and dedication at the WTC site, and at all our facilities across the region, do not go unnoticed. I included a copy of the full-page ad which former Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the 9/11 Memorial Board took out in several major papers yesterday, including the New York Times and Wall Street Journal, to "extend its deepest gratitude to the men and women of the Port Authority of NY & NJ who constructed the 9/11 Memorial Museum." If you missed the ad, a copy is attached.

[REDACTED]



I will keep you updated.

Pat

From: Crifo, Nicole
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 4:03 PM
To: Jim.Gilroy@nj.gov
Cc: Gregory Acquaviva
Subject: Oct 30 - 1 WTC opening event

Jim:

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Thanks.

From: Crifo, Nicole
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 5:10 PM
To: Jim.Gilroy@nj.gov
Cc: Gregory Acquaviva
Subject: Re: Oct 30 - 1 WTC opening event

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From: Gregory Acquaviva [Gregory.Aquaviva@nj.gov] on behalf of Gregory Acquaviva
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 4:26 PM
To: Crifo, Nicole
Subject: RE: Oct 30 - 1 WTC opening event

Any update Nicole?

Greg

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From: Jim Gilroy
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 10:48 AM
To: Crifo, Nicole
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Subject: RE: Oct 30 - 1 WTC opening event

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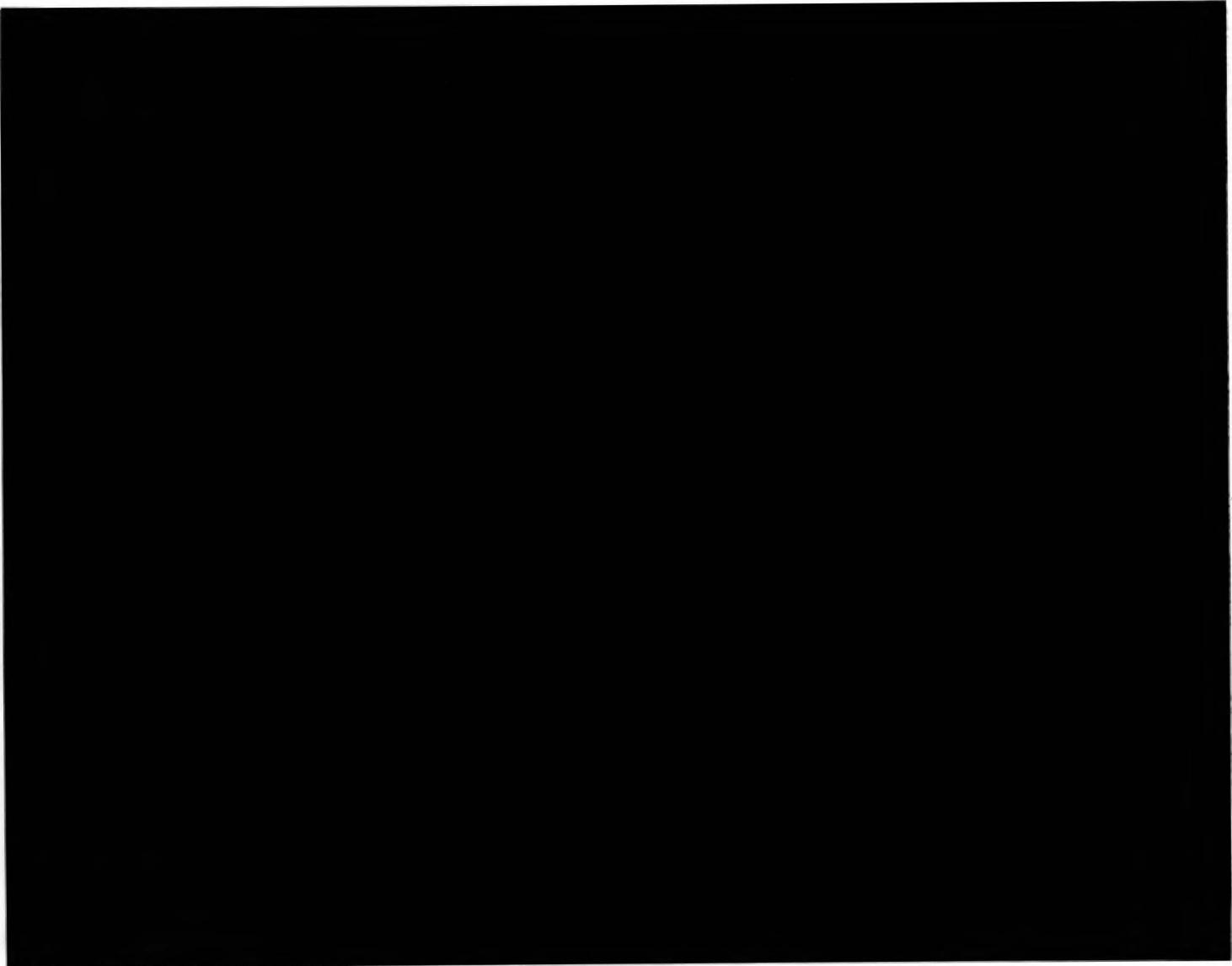
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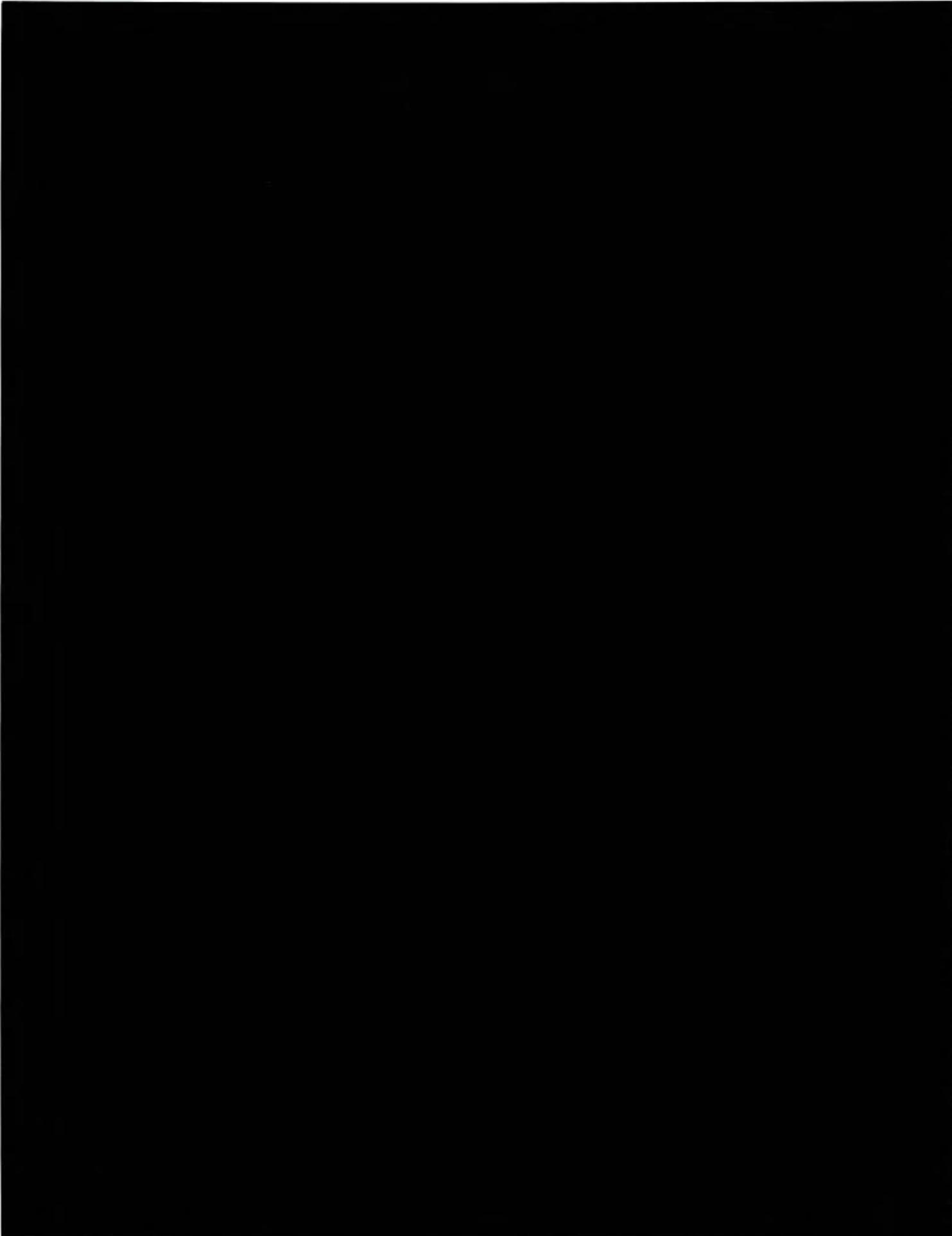
From: PA Board Info
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:44 AM
To: 'Regina.Egea@gov.state.nj.us'; 'kerstin.sundstrom@gov.state.nj.us'
Cc: 'tina.leaver@gov.state.nj.us'; 'lasher.kirk@gov.state.nj.us'; 'aiyson.grouleff@gov.state.nj.us'; Eastman, Karen; Gramiccioni, Deborah
Subject: October 2014 Board Meeting Executive Director Report

The following Executive Director's Report has been provided to the Port Authority's Board in advance of the October 22, 2014 executive session of all Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please call Karen Eastman at 212-435-6528.

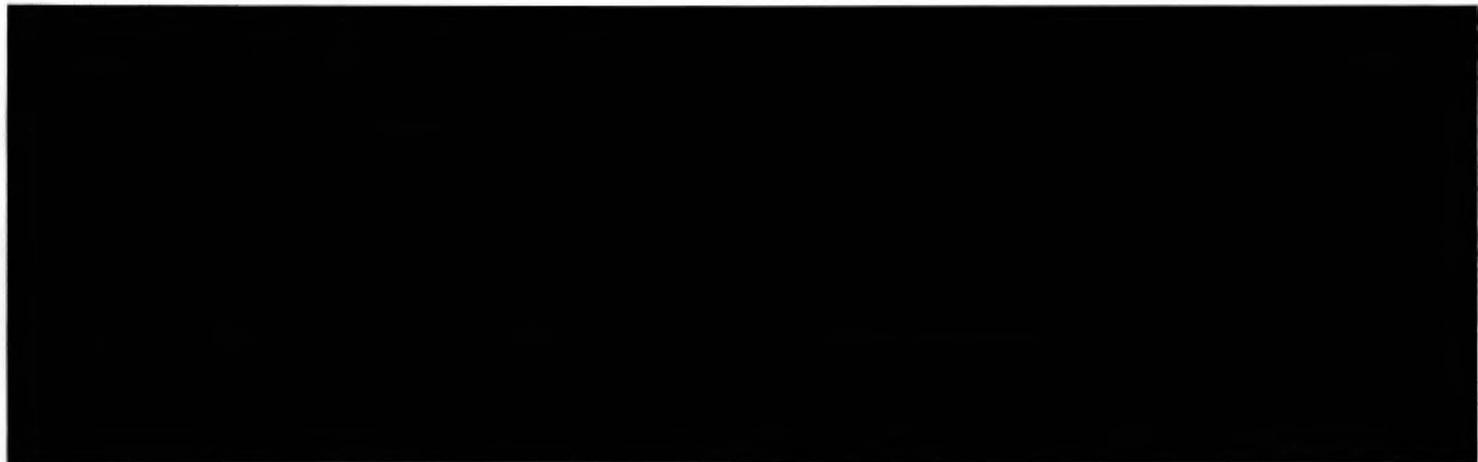
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World Trade Center Update



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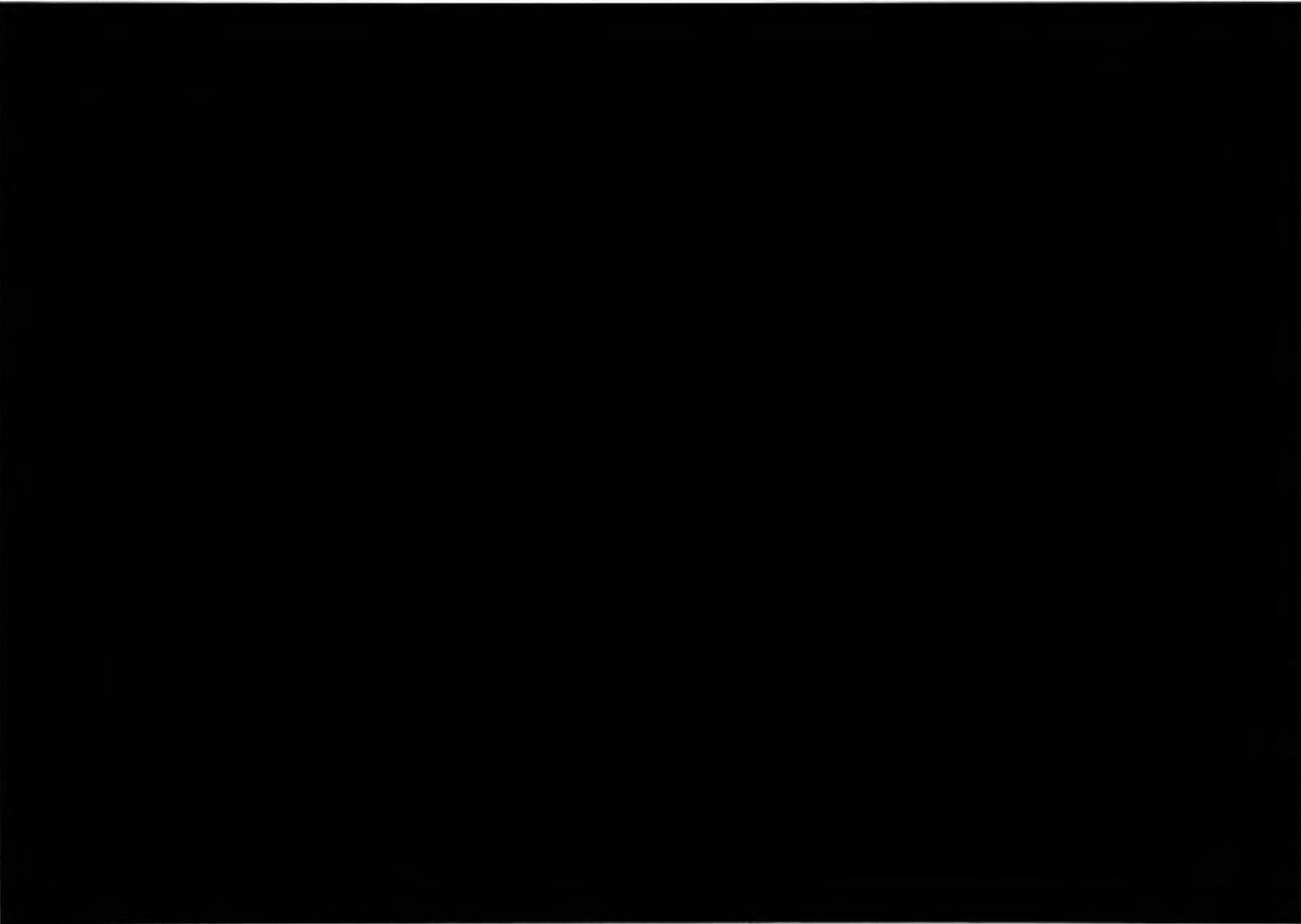
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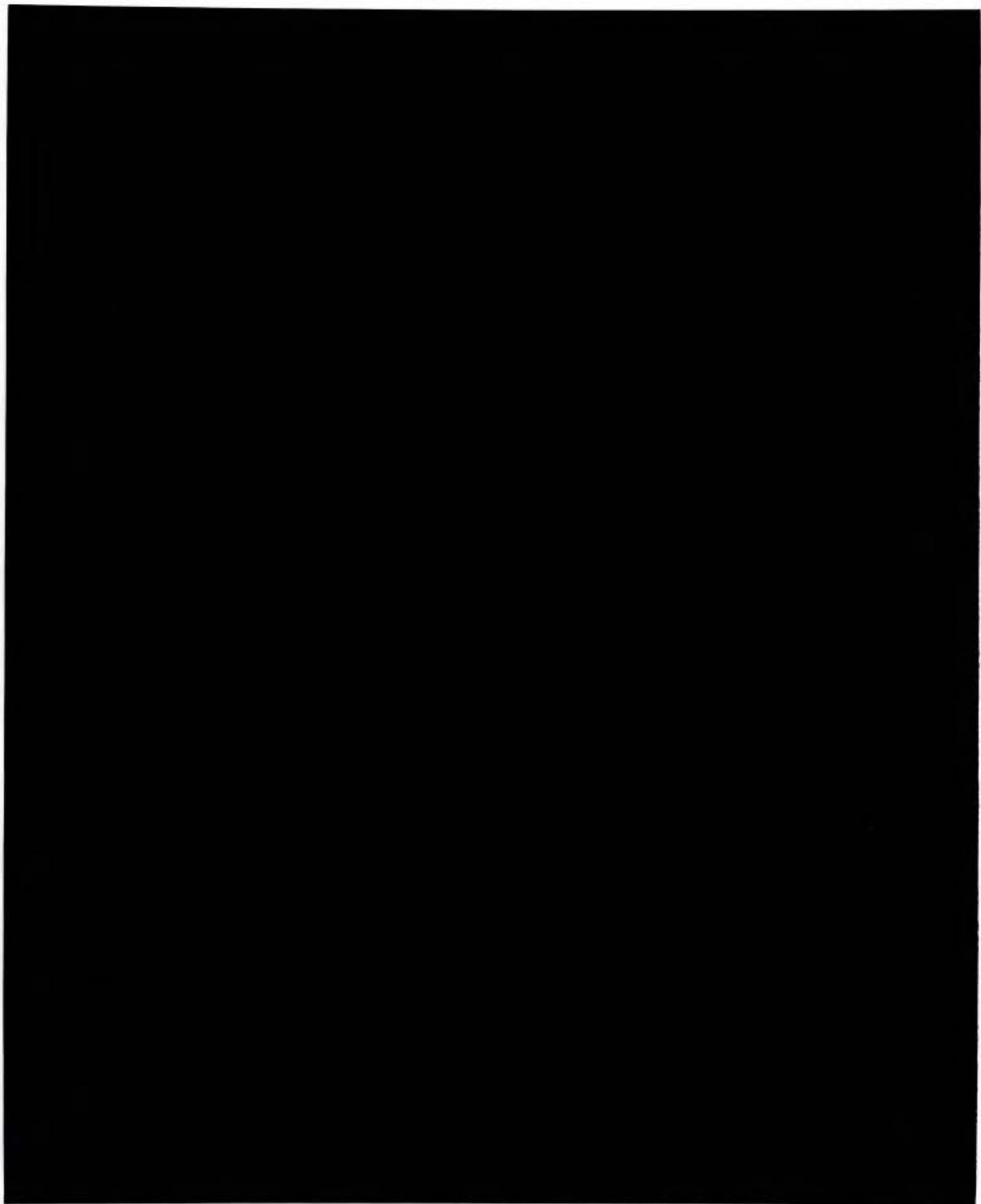
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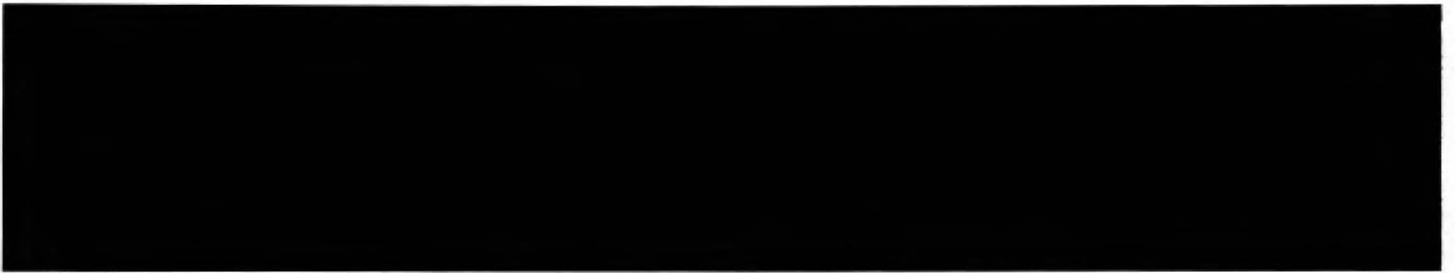




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