
From: Andrea Bernstein [<mailto:abernstein@wnyc.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 3:05 PM

To: Eastman, Karen

Subject: Freedom of Information Request

Under the Freedom of Information Law of the State of New York and the Port Authority Freedom of Information code I hereby request.

1. All emails between Scott Rechler and Governor Andrew Cuomo, Lawrence Schwartz, Melissa DeRosa, Josh Vlasto and/or Howard Glaser from the period 9/9/13 and 2/1/14 in any way related to traffic closures on the George Washington Bridge.
2. All emails between David Garten and Governor Andrew Cuomo, Lawrence Schwartz, Melissa DeRosa, Josh Vlasto and/or Howard Glaser from the period 9/9/13 and 2/1/14 in any way related to traffic closures on the George Washington Bridge.
3. All emails between Pat Foye and Governor Andrew Cuomo, Lawrence Schwartz, and/or Howard Glaser from the period 9/9/13 and 1/15/14 in any way related to traffic closures on the George Washington Bridge.
4. All emails between Scott Rechler, Pat Foye and/or David Garten from the period 9/9/13 and 2/1/14 in any way related to communications with anyone from the Governor's office in relation to traffic closures on the George Washington Bridge.
5. All records of meeting or phone calls between Scott Rechler, David Garten, Pat Foye, and/or Governor Andrew Cuomo, Howard Glaser, Larry Schwartz, Melissa DeRosa and/or Josh Vlasto from the period 9/9/13 and 2/1/14.
6. Any memos, letters, or other accountings of the events at the George Washington Bridge prepared by Scott Rechler, Pat Foye, or David Garten for anyone at the Governor's office, including but not limited to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Howard Glaser, Larry Schwartz, Melissa DaRosa, or Josh Vlasto

As I am a journalist working on deadline I appreciate your prompt reply to this request. My contact info is below.

Sincerely,

Andrea Bernstein, Senior Editor, Politics & Policy

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PUBLIC RECORD ACCESS FORM

PRA 16503

Action by (print / type name):

William Shalewitz

, Freedom of Information Administrator

Signature:



Date:

06/02/2016

On behalf of the Secretary of the Port Authority, as Records Access Officer and Custodian of Government Records of the Port Authority.

The requested records are being made available.

Any responsive records that may exist are currently in storage or archived, and a diligent search is being conducted. The Port Authority will respond by:

A diligent search has been conducted, and no records responsive to your request have been located.

The requested records that have been located are not being made available, as they are exempt from disclosure for the following specific reasons:

Some requested records that have been located are being made available. The remainder are exempt from disclosure for the following specific reasons:

Privacy, intra-agency and inter-agency advisory, consultative or deliberative process, and security.

The request does not reasonably describe or identify specific records; therefore, the Port Authority is unable to search for and locate responsive records. Please consider submitting a new request that describes or identifies the specific records requested with particularity and detail.

Other:

Material responsive to your request can be found on the Port Authority's website at <http://corpinfo.panynj.gov/documents/16503-O/>

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From: Howard Glaser
To: Foye, Patrick; Joshua Vlasto; Melissa DeRosa
CC: MacSpadden, Lisa
Sent: 12/17/2013 11:53:05 AM
Subject: Re: Secy Foxx

He is mtg w prendergast

From: Foye, Patrick [mailto:pfoye@panynj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 11:52 AM
To: Howard Glaser; Joshua Vlasto; Melissa DeRosa
Cc: MacSpadden, Lisa
Subject: Secy Foxx

Coming to NYC Friday for non-PA event according to FHWA. FHWA has asked for brief summary of facts of GWB lane closure and for my opening statement to NJ Assembly.

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From: Howard Glaser
To: Foye, Patrick; Matthew Wing
Sent: 11/13/2013 6:03:59 PM
Subject: Re: Question

Not sure why nygov would have a view.

From: Foye, Patrick [mailto:pfoye@panynj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 05:54 PM
To: Howard Glaser; Matthew Wing
Subject: Re: Question

Yes, Fort Lee

From: Howard Glaser [mailto:Howard.Glaser@exec.ny.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 05:49 PM
To: Foye, Patrick; Matthew Wing
Subject: Re: Question

Wasn't this in new jersey?

From: Foye, Patrick [mailto:pfoye@panynj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 05:36 PM
To: Matthew Wing; Howard Glaser
Subject: Re: Question

Let's talk real time.

From: Matthew Wing [mailto:Matthew.Wing@exec.ny.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 05:27 PM
To: Foye, Patrick; Howard Glaser
Subject: FW: Question

What's the deal with this one?

From: Mann, Ted [mailto:Ted.Mann@wsj.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 5:16 PM
To: Melissa DeRosa; Matthew Wing
Subject: Question

Hey guys,

Is there a reason you guys aren't weighing in on this stuff with the George Washington Bridge? I'm curious if the governor or his aides have tried to figure out what exactly was going on over there, and if they're going to weigh in now that Democrats on the Jersey side are saying it looks like the PA is covering up what they were doing on the bridge.

Some background here: <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304448204579184030525950894>

Just wondering how to interpret the radio silence from New York.

Ted

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From: Foye, Patrick
To: 'Howard.Glaser@exec.ny.gov'
Sent: 9/13/2013 12:19:32 PM
Subject: Fw: Fort Lee eastbound access to GWB

From: Rechler, Scott [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 08:28 AM
To: Foye, Patrick
Cc: Fulton, Cedrick; Durando, Robert; Baroni, Bill; Dunne, Joseph P.; Kounoutsos, Louis; Zipf, Peter; Samson, David; Buchbinder, Darrell
Subject: Re: Fort Lee eastbound access to GWB

This is terribly disturbing and incomprehensible to me. How can a decision like this be made without it being discussed and considered at the highest level? I am particularly disturbed that this was occurring without regard to this being the Jewish high holiday weekend.

Pat, please let us know what happened.

Thank you.

Scott

Scott Rechler
CEO and Chairman
RXR Realty
[REDACTED]

On Sep 13, 2013, at 7:44 AM, "Foye, Patrick" <pfoye@panynj.gov> wrote:

After reading last night's media pendings, I made inquiries and received calls on this matter which is very troubling. Here is what I learned: reversing over 25 years of PA GWB operations, the three lanes in Fort Lee eastbound to the GWB were reduced to one lane on Monday of this week without notifying Fort Lee, the commuting public we serve, the ED or Media. A decision of this magnitude should be made only after careful deliberation and upon sign off by the ED. Reports are that Fort Lee has experienced severe traffic delays engulfing the entire Fort Lee area since Monday. I am appalled by the lack of process, failure to inform our customers and Fort Lee and most of all by the dangers created to the public interest, so I am reversing this decision now effective as soon as TBT and PAPD tell me it is safe to do so today.

I am making this decision for the following reasons:

1. This hasty and ill-advised decision has resulted in delays to emergency vehicles. I pray that no life has been lost or trip of a hospital- or hospice-bound patient delayed.
2. This hasty and ill-advised decision has undoubtedly had an adverse effect on economic activity in both states. That is contrary to the directive we have from our Governors to do everything possible to create jobs in both States.
3. I will not allow this hasty and ill-advised decision to delay the travels of those observing Yom Kippur tonight or the holidays to follow.
4. I believe this hasty and ill-advised decision violates Federal Law and the laws of both States.

To be clear, I will get to the bottom of this abusive decision which violates everything this agency stands for; I intend to learn how PA process was wrongfully subverted and the public interest damaged to say nothing of the credibility of this agency.

Finally, I am open to considering changes to each of our facilities if there is a case to be made that change will benefit the public interest. In the case of the Fort Lee eastbound access lanes, approval of this action will require:

1. Written sign off by TBT, Traffic Engineering and PAPD. That sign off was not sought or obtained here.
2. Prior discussion with the local government and a communication plan and plenty of advance notice to the commuting public. That did not occur here.
3. Consideration of the effects on emergency vehicles and sign off by PAPD. That did not occur here.
4. Consideration of the financial impact on the PA in terms of O/T. That too did not occur here.

Cedric and Bob—please let this group know when access to three lanes in Fort Lee can be restored as soon as possible today. This is a matter of public safety and time is of the essence.

Pat

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From: Foye, Patrick
To: 'Howard.Glaser@exec.ny.gov'; Joshua Vlasto; Melissa DeRosa
Sent: 11/27/2013 2:23:21 PM
Subject: Fort Lee lane closures
Attachments: Ft. Lee PA Investigation Request Letter.doc

Letter from NJ Senator Codey to PA OIG.

Pat

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November 27, 2013

Robert E. Van Etten
Inspector General Port Authority of NY & NJ
5 Marine View Plaza – Suite 502
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Dear Mr. Van Etten:

I am writing to you in your capacity as Inspector General of the Port Authority of NY & NJ to formally request that you undertake an investigation into the closure of traffic lanes leading towards the George Washington Bridge in the Borough of Fort Lee New Jersey on September 9, 2013 to September 12, 2013.

The closure of the traffic lanes, that took place without any warning, caused massive delays in the region and posed potential danger as local police were not notified and given the opportunity to prepare for the new traffic flow and backups it caused.

Numerous questions have surfaced surrounding the events leading up to the sudden closure of these lanes ranging from, at worst, political motivations to retaliate against a local mayor, to at best, the desire to undertake a traffic study.

What is certain is that the residents of Fort Lee and surrounding communities were adversely impacted without warning during the time of the closures and law enforcement was not provided any warning or information to prepare which put the safety of commuters at risk.

It is disconcerting that the executive director of the Port Authority did not even know these closures were going to take place which only adds more fuel to the fire that nefarious reasons were behind these closures.

The process that took place for the lane closures and the motivations behind them must be investigated so controls can be created to ensure that the situation that happened on those four days never occurs again.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Codey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Richard J. Codey
Senator District 27

From: Foye, Patrick
To: 'Howard.Glaser@exec.ny.gov'; 'Mylan.Denerstein@exec.ny.gov'; 'joseph.percoco@exec.ny.gov'
Sent: 11/20/2013 9:53:39 PM
Subject: Fw: Invitation-Assembly Transportation Committee 11/25/13
Attachments: Foye Invite.pdf

From: Chance, Melinda [mailto:MChance@njleg.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 04:42 PM
To: Foye, Patrick
Cc: Brennan, Patrick ; Buono, Charles A. ; Dempsey, Jillian ; Guzman-Hall, Diana; Perry, Shalima
Subject: Invitation-Assembly Transportation Committee 11/25/13

Attached please find an invitation to appear before the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 10:00 am in Committee Room 11, 4th Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, New Jersey.

Melinda Chance
Secretary I
Office of Legislative Services
Authorities Section
Phone: (609) 847-3840
Fax: (609) 292-0561
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November 20, 2013

Mr. Patrick J. Foye
Executive Director
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
225 Park Avenue South, 15th Floor
New York, New York 10003

Dear Executive Director Foye:

As you know, on September 9, 2013 the Port Authority inexplicably and without prior public notice reduced the three eastbound lanes to the George Washington Bridge to one lane. These closures resulted in delays to the traveling public and, more importantly, to emergency service vehicles. The community of Fort Lee, New Jersey was engulfed in gridlock during the morning rush hour until the lanes were reopened on September 13th. I respectfully invite you to testify before the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee concerning these issues.

The committee will be meeting on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 10:00 am in Committee Room 11, 4th Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, New Jersey.

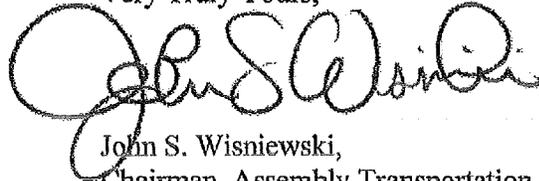
Please be advised that failure to appear before the committee will result in the issuance of subpoenas to require personal appearance to testify before the committee on this matter.

It would be greatly appreciated if you or a staff member would contact Jillian Dempsey at the Assembly Majority Office to discuss your availability to testify before the committee. Ms. Dempsey can be reached at (609) 847-3500 or at jdempsey@njleg.org and would be happy to discuss any questions or other issues you may have.

Mr. Patrick J. Foye
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I look forward to your presence at this meeting.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Wisniewski". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, looping letters.

John S. Wisniewski,
Chairman, Assembly Transportation
Public Works and Independent
Authorities Committee

mc
c Jillian Dempsey, Assembly Majority Office

From: Foye, Patrick
To: 'Howard.Glaser@exec.ny.gov'; 'Mylan.Denerstein@exec.ny.gov'; 'Joshua.Vlasto@exec.ny.gov'
CC: MacSpadden, Lisa
Sent: 11/22/2013 4:14:42 PM
Subject: Fw: New Jersey State Legislature Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee meeting on Monday, November 25th.
Attachments: 11-22-13 Invite Schedule Foye ver2.pdf

Fyi

From: Buono, Charles A. [mailto:CBuono@njleg.org]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 04:09 PM
To: Foye, Patrick
Cc: Guzman-Hall, Diana; Guzman-Hall, Diana; Dempsey, Jillian; Brennan, Patrick
Subject: New Jersey State Legislature Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee meeting on Monday, November 25th.

Executive Director Foye:

Attached please find a letter from Chairman Wisniewski of the New Jersey Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee.

Thank you.

Charlie Buono

Charles A. Buono, Jr.
Senior Counsel
Office of Legislative Services
State House Annex
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From: Guzman-Hall, Diana [mailto:dguzman-hall@panynj.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 9:48 AM
To: Dempsey, Jillian
Subject: New Jersey State Legislature Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee meeting on Monday, November 25th.

Ms. Dempsey, attached is a reply to Chairman Wisniewski's invitation request from Patrick Foye, Executive Director of the Port Authority of NY & NJ.

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November 22, 2013

Mr. Patrick J. Foye
Executive Director
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
225 Park Avenue South, 15th Floor
New York, New York 10003

Dear Executive Director Foye:

I received your response stating that you are unable to accept our invitation to testify before the Assembly Transportation, Public Works, and Independent Authorities Committee on November 25, 2013 concerning the lane closures at the George Washington Bridge between September 9, and September 13, 2013 due to a scheduling conflict.

It is of the utmost importance to the Legislature to understand the circumstances surrounding the lane closures, as the impact on emergency service vehicles from the inexplicable lack of notification could have resulted in the loss of life. The traffic situation at the George Washington Bridge had an adverse financial impact on the private sector due to time unnecessarily spent in traffic, and financially harmed the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey through reduced toll revenues. Further, it is now more than two months after the closure and no clear information has been forthcoming concerning how this decision was made or by whom. The committee has a responsibility to its constituents to obtain answers to these questions and ensure that protections are in place to guarantee that such an event will not happen in the future. A more public discussion of these issues is necessary for us to fulfill this responsibility.

I recognize that the leadership of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is extremely busy with the important task of managing the movement of persons and goods throughout the tri-state region and that availability to discuss matters impacting your neighbors in the region is limited. Regardless, as representatives of the people of New Jersey

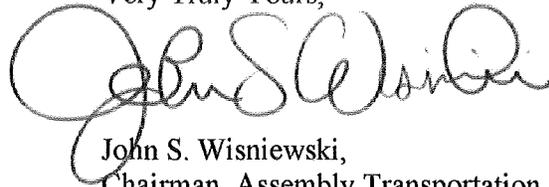
Mr. Patrick J. Foye
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I request that you provide dates and times when you, and other representatives of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey who can speak to this issue, will be available to meet with the committee. The committee will work with you to find a mutually acceptable meeting date and time.

It would be greatly appreciated if you or a staff member would contact Jillian Dempsey at the Assembly Majority Office to discuss your availability to testify before the committee. Ms. Dempsey can be reached at (609) 847-3500 or at jdempsey@njleg.org and would be happy to discuss any questions or other issues you may have.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Wisniewski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent.

John S. Wisniewski,
Chairman, Assembly Transportation
Public Works and Independent
Authorities Committee

mc
c Jillian Dempsey, Assembly Majority Office

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CC: MacSpadden, Lisa
Sent: 12/2/2013 3:16:21 PM
Subject: NJ Assembly Subpoena
Attachments: NJ Assembly TranspCom Subpoena 112713-PJF_GWB Lane Closure.pdf

Fyi

From: Buchbinder, Darrell
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2013 03:13 PM
To: Foye, Patrick; Garten, David; Ma, John
Subject: Wisniewski Subpoena

Attached is a copy of the cover letter and subpoena - - I am not aware of any "official" service/receipt of the subpoena.

Darrell Buchbinder
General Counsel
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
225 Park Avenue South, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10003
(212) 435-3515

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November 27, 2013

Mr. Patrick Foye, Executive Director
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
225 Park Avenue South, 15th Floor
New York, New York 10003

Dear Executive Director Foye:

Please find attached hereto a subpoena concerning your appearance, testimony, and production of relevant records at a meeting of the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee (committee) concerning the committee's investigation of the finances of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The meeting will be held on December 9, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in Committee Room 11, 4th floor, State House Annex, Trenton, New Jersey. This meeting will be recorded by the Hearing Reporter Unit of the Office of Legislative Services. We also enclose herewith a copy of the Code of Fair Procedure.

We look forward to your anticipated cooperation in this matter. If you have questions in this matter, please contact Charles A. Buono, Jr. at 609-847-3840.

Very truly yours,

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS
AND INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

John S. Wisniewski,
Chairman

JW/cab

Enclosures

c Members – Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities
Committee

Jillian Dempsey, Assembly Majority Office

Glen Beebe, Assembly Republican Office

Charles A. Buono, Jr., Office of Legislative Services

**ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND INDEPENDENT
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S U B P O E N A**

TO: Patrick Foye, Executive Director
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
225 Park Avenue South, 15th Floor
New York, New York 10003

WE COMMAND YOU, That, laying aside all and singular business and excuses, you personally attend and appear before the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee, constituted as a special committee of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly Resolution (duly passed by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey on February 14, 2013), on December 9, 2013 at 10 o'clock a.m., in Committee Room 11, 4th floor, State House Annex, Trenton, New Jersey, to testify to certain matters relevant to the committee's inquiry and investigation into the finances of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and any other matters related thereto that the committee determines to be necessary for its purposes, and to produce to the committee at that time all documents, correspondence, books, papers and other writings that you have access to relevant to the committee's inquiry and investigation as more particularly set forth on the attached Schedule A.

Your appearance is governed by the Code of Fair Procedure and Chapter 13 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes. A copy of the Code of Fair Procedure is delivered to you herewith. You shall appear and remain in attendance subject to the direction of the committee.

Failure to comply with this Subpoena shall make you liable for such penalties as are provided by law.

WITNESS, the hand of The Honorable John S. Wisniewski, Chairman of the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee, on this 27th day of November, 2013.



John S. Wisniewski, Chairman
Assembly Transportation, Public Works
and Independent Authorities Committee

SCHEDULE A

(to Subpoena dated November 27, 2013, issued by
the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee.)

For the purposes of this schedule, "employee, officer, or executive" of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ("Port Authority") shall include, but not be limited to: the Executive Director, Patrick Foye; Deputy Executive Director, Bill Baroni; Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, David Samson; Director of Interstate Capital Projects, David Wildstein; any current or former member of the Board of Commissioners; any employee or other staff of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; or any individual acting on behalf of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The terms "document," "documents," and "correspondence" include hard copy documents and correspondence as well as electronic mail transmissions and electronically stored data, documents, correspondence, and other pertinent data compiled or collected. Attachments, exhibits, and enclosures are included as well.

In addition, please produce a log of any documents and/or correspondence withheld from production on the basis of any claimed privilege or protection, and retain such documents and/or correspondence.

Please deliver the following documents and correspondence:

1. All documents and correspondence, produced between January 1, 2013 and the present date between Governor Chris Christie or any member of his administration and/or any employee, officer, or executive of the Port Authority, concerning the decision to reduce from three to one, the eastbound Fort Lee, New Jersey access lanes to the George Washington Bridge from September 9, 2013 through September 13, 2013;
2. All documents and correspondence, produced between January 1, 2013 and the present date, between and among employees, executives, or officers of the Port Authority, including any documents and correspondence sent or received by David Wildstein, Director of Interstate Capital Projects concerning the decision to reduce from three to one, the eastbound Fort Lee, New Jersey access lanes to the George Washington Bridge from September 9, 2013 through September 13, 2013;
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To: 'Howard.Glaser@exec.ny.gov'; Joshua Vlasto; Melissa DeRosa
CC: MacSpadden, Lisa
Sent: 12/17/2013 11:52:07 AM
Subject: Secy Foxx

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From: Foye, Patrick
To: 'Howard Glaser'; Joshua Vlasto; Melissa DeRosa
CC: MacSpadden, Lisa
Sent: 12/17/2013 11:53:59 AM
Subject: RE: Secy Foxx

Ok, there is some press or public event where he may get questions according to FHWA

From: Howard Glaser [mailto:Howard.Glaser@exec.ny.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 11:53 AM
To: Foye, Patrick; Joshua Vlasto; Melissa DeRosa
Cc: MacSpadden, Lisa
Subject: Re: Secy Foxx

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From: Howard Glaser
To: Foye, Patrick
Sent: 9/13/2013 12:33:46 PM
Subject: Re: Fort Lee eastbound access to GWB

Well done

From: Foye, Patrick [mailto:pfoye@panynj.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 12:19 PM
To: Howard Glaser
Subject: Fw: Fort Lee eastbound access to GWB

From: Rechler, Scott [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 08:28 AM
To: Foye, Patrick
Cc: Fulton, Cedrick; Durando, Robert; Baroni, Bill; Dunne, Joseph P.; Koumoutsos, Louis; Zipf, Peter; Samson, David; Buchbinder, Darrell
Subject: Re: Fort Lee eastbound access to GWB

This is terribly disturbing and incomprehensible to me. How can a decision like this be made without it being discussed and considered at the highest level? I am particularly disturbed that this was occurring without regard to this being the Jewish high holiday weekend.

Pat, please let us know what happened.

Thank you.

Scott

Scott Rechler
CEO and Chairman
RXR Realty
[REDACTED]

On Sep 13, 2013, at 7:44 AM, "Foye, Patrick" <pfoye@panynj.gov> wrote:

After reading last night's media pendings, I made inquiries and received calls on this matter which is very troubling. Here is what I learned: reversing over 25 years of PA GWB operations, the three lanes in Fort Lee eastbound to the GWB were reduced to one lane on Monday of this week without notifying Fort Lee, the commuting public we serve, the ED or Media. A decision of this magnitude should be made only after careful deliberation and upon sign off by the ED. Reports are that Fort Lee has experienced severe traffic delays engulfing the entire Fort Lee area since Monday. I am appalled by the lack of process, failure to inform our customers and Fort Lee and most of all by the dangers created to the public interest, so I am reversing this decision now effective as soon as TBT and PAPD tell me it is safe to do so today.

I am making this decision for the following reasons:

1. This hasty and ill-advised decision has resulted in delays to emergency vehicles. I pray that no life has been lost or trip of a hospital- or hospice-bound patient delayed.
2. This hasty and ill-advised decision has undoubtedly had an adverse effect on economic activity in both states. That is contrary to the directive we have from our Governors to do everything possible to create jobs in both States.
3. I will not allow this hasty and ill-advised decision to delay the travels of those observing Yom Kippur tonight

or the holidays to follow.

4. I believe this hasty and ill-advised decision violates Federal Law and the laws of both States.

To be clear, I will get to the bottom of this abusive decision which violates everything this agency stands for; I intend to learn how PA process was wrongfully subverted and the public interest damaged to say nothing of the credibility of this agency.

Finally, I am open to considering changes to each of our facilities if there is a case to be made that change will benefit the public interest. In the case of the Fort Lee eastbound access lanes, approval of this action will require:

1. Written sign off by TBT, Traffic Engineering and PAPD. That sign off was not sought or obtained here.
2. Prior discussion with the local government and a communication plan and plenty of advance notice to the commuting public. That did not occur here.
3. Consideration of the effects on emergency vehicles and sign off by PAPD. That did not occur here.
4. Consideration of the financial impact on the PA in terms of O/T. That too did not occur here.

Cedric and Bob—please let this group know when access to three lanes in Fort Lee can be restored as soon as possible today. This is a matter of public safety and time is of the essence.

Pat

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From: Garten, David
To: 'srechler' [REDACTED]
Sent: 11/21/2013 12:53:43 PM
Subject: FW: Politicker NJ inquiry -- GWB lane closure hearing in Trenton

Give me a call when you have a minute to discuss. I'd like to get your take on our next steps. Pat has a call into the 2nd floor and he's supposed to meet with Bill later this afternoon.

From: Ma, John
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 12:47 PM
To: Garten, David
Subject: Fw: Politicker NJ inquiry -- GWB lane closure hearing in Trenton

From: Baroni, Bill
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Coleman, Steve
Cc: Foye, Patrick; Ma, John; Wildstein, David; MacSpadden, Lisa
Subject: Re: Politicker NJ inquiry -- GWB lane closure hearing in Trenton

No response

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2013, at 11:20 AM, "Coleman, Steve" <scoleman@panynj.gov> wrote:

Bill Mooney of Politicker NJ called to inquire about whether anyone from the Port Authority will be attending the GWB lane closure hearing scheduled for Monday in Trenton. I will not respond unless instructed otherwise to do so.

From: Howard Glaser
To: Foye, Patrick; Matthew Wing
Sent: 11/13/2013 5:49:10 PM
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From: Howard Glaser
To: Foye, Patrick; Mylan Denerstein; Joseph Percoco
Sent: 11/20/2013 10:17:31 PM
Subject: Re: Invitation-Assembly Transportation Committee 11/25/13

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Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 09:53 PM
To: Howard Glaser; Mylan Denerstein; Joseph Percoco
Subject: Fw: Invitation-Assembly Transportation Committee 11/25/13

From: Chance, Melinda [mailto:MChance@njleg.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 04:42 PM
To: Foye, Patrick
Cc: Brennan, Patrick ; Buono, Charles A. ; Dempsey, Jillian ; Guzman-Hall, Diana; Perry, Shalina
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From: Howard Glaser
To: Foye, Patrick
Sent: 11/22/2013 5:02:24 PM
Subject: Re: New Jersey State Legislature Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee meeting on Monday, November 25th.

Got it

From: Foye, Patrick [mailto:pfoye@panynj.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 04:23 PM
To: Howard Glaser
Cc: 'Cohen, Steve'
Subject: FW: New Jersey State Legislature Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee meeting on Monday, November 25th.

From: Buono, Charles A. [mailto:CBuono@njleg.org]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 4:10 PM
To: Foye, Patrick
Cc: Guzman-Hall, Diana; Guzman-Hall, Diana; Dempsey, Jillian; Brennan, Patrick
Subject: New Jersey State Legislature Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee meeting on Monday, November 25th.

Executive Director Foye:

Attached please find a letter from Chairman Wisniewski of the New Jersey Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee.

Thank you.

Charlie Buono

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From: Guzman-Hall, Diana [mailto:dguzman-hall@panynj.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 9:48 AM
To: Dempsey, Jillian
Subject: New Jersey State Legislature Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee meeting on Monday, November 25th.

Ms. Dempsey, attached is a reply to Chairman Wisniewski's invitation request from Patrick Foye, Executive Director of the Port Authority of NY & NJ.

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From: Suzanne Brackett
Sent: 11/25/2013 9:32:17 AM
To: Howard Glaser ; Jeremy Creelan ; Foye, Patrick
Subject: Canceled: Tour and Meeting with MSG
Show Time As: Free

Recurrence: (none)
Required Attendees: Howard Glaser; Jeremy Creelan; Foye, Patrick
Optional Attendees: Michael Cassidy; John Regan; Victoria Dolichni; Cheryl Harrington; Guzman-Hall, Diana; Foye, Patrick
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Meeting to follow in Mr. Ratner's office, 2 Penn Plaza, 26th Floor.

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From: MacSpadden, Lisa
To: 'Joshua Vlasto'; 'howard.glaser@exec.ny.gov'; 'melissa.derosa@exec.ny.gov'
CC: Foye, Patrick; Valens, Chris
Sent: 12/18/2013 9:21:08 AM
Subject: Star Ledger Editorial
Attachments: Star Ledger Editorial 12-18-13.pdf

Not sure this made the morning clips but thought you would want to see it.

OPINION

EDITORIALS

CUOMO'S MISFIRE ON BRIDGE-GATE

CHRISTIE'S EXPLANATION IS SIMPLY NOT CREDIBLE

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is in some ways the polar opposite of Gov. Chris Christie. He never leaves New York. He rarely appears on national TV. And he raised taxes on the rich to reduce the burden on the middle class. Imagine that.

But these two are pals who talk all the time. It may not qualify as a bromance, but it is civil behavior across a partisan divide that has devoured other political partnerships. So it's not surprising that Cuomo threw a lifeline to Christie over the simmering Bridge-gate scandal.

"I'm sure it is as Gov. Christie says it is," he told the Daily News on Monday.

Cuomo might want take a second look, starting with a phone call to Patrick Foye, the man he appointed as executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the George Washington Bridge. Foye can explain to him why Christie's account of this is simply not credible.

The official story line is that Christie's lieutenants at the Port Authority, David Wildstein and Bill Baroni, launched this plan as part of a traffic study. What would happen, they wondered, if two of Fort Lee's three access lanes to the bridge were cut off?

That Monday, Sept. 9, we saw the predictable result: a traffic jam from hell that left motorists stuck for up to four hours in Fort Lee. But Wildstein and Baroni were still curious, so they kept the lane restrictions in place on Tuesday, with the same result. And Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Ask yourself this: If you whack yourself over the head with a hammer to find out if it hurts, do you really need to whack yourself again every morning

for a week to confirm it?

Foye found out about this that Friday and his head exploded. He ordered the lanes reopened, and fired off an angry e-mail to Baroni and Wildstein telling them that their little caper was dangerous, probably illegal, and that it would damage the reputation of the Port Authority.

Traffic study? Foye testified that he had never seen one. Traffic experts testified that professionals don't close lanes to study hypothetical impacts like this; they plug traffic data into a computer model that can project the outcome.

Christie's people knew they were up to no good. There is no other reason they would have tried to hide it.

And why did Baroni and Wildstein order employees to keep this secret? Why did they keep Foye out of the loop? And when Foye exploded, why did Baroni double down on his efforts to secrecy by firing off an e-mail telling Foye, "There can be no public discourse."

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So does this mean Democrats are right when they claim the motive was to punish the Fort Lee mayor for refusing to endorse Christie for re-election? No, it does not. So far, there is zero evidence to prove that darker motive. The investigation continues.

But we can reasonably conclude that the story Christie's team is pushing is bogus. Cuomo needs to do some more homework on this one.

Reader Feedback

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Barchi's wrong

Recent news reports ("Report reveals Rutgers Sandy Hook 26, and Rutgers keeping its labs have documented research project were compromised failure to ensure electric power sites.")

Media reports detailed how inadequate communications with parents, many of them at the result of budget cuts.

At a time when President Obama set as a goal making a top research institution incomprehensible experiments could risk by the failure of a robust emergency or that professor treated as second especially when it comes to divert \$2 million from the athletic department.

I strongly urge the university's higher education to conduct Barchi's failure to place athletics.

Robert Checchi

Newark's charter

Newark Superintendent Anderson has a hole and now is a creative way of charter schools: socioeconomic segregation on the expense of traditional schools, has finished with her ("New charters," Tom...

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Sent: 11/20/2013 10:38:18 PM
Subject: Re: Invitation-Assembly Transportation Committee 11/25/13

He got his own invitation. I think I should decline and wait for subpoena.

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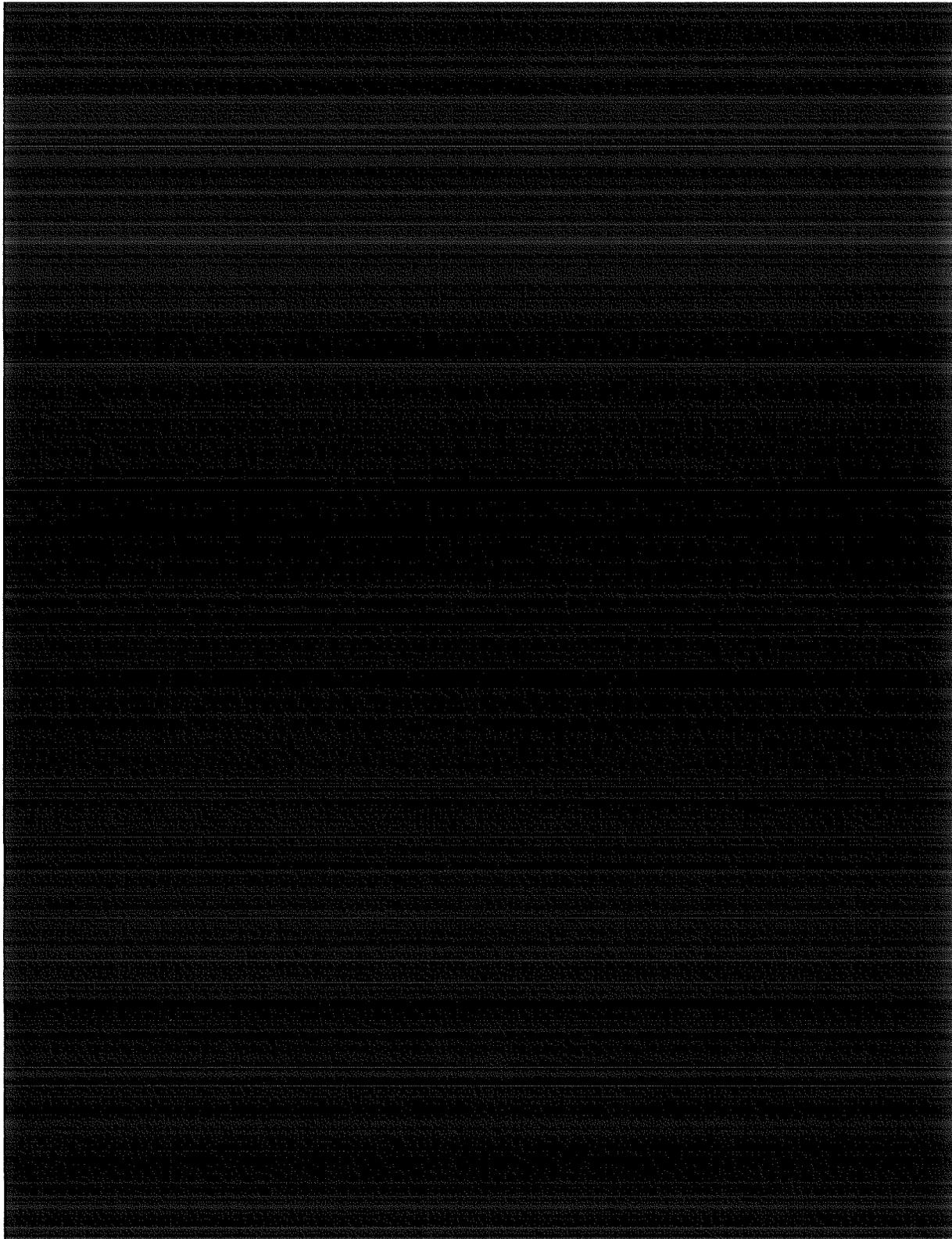
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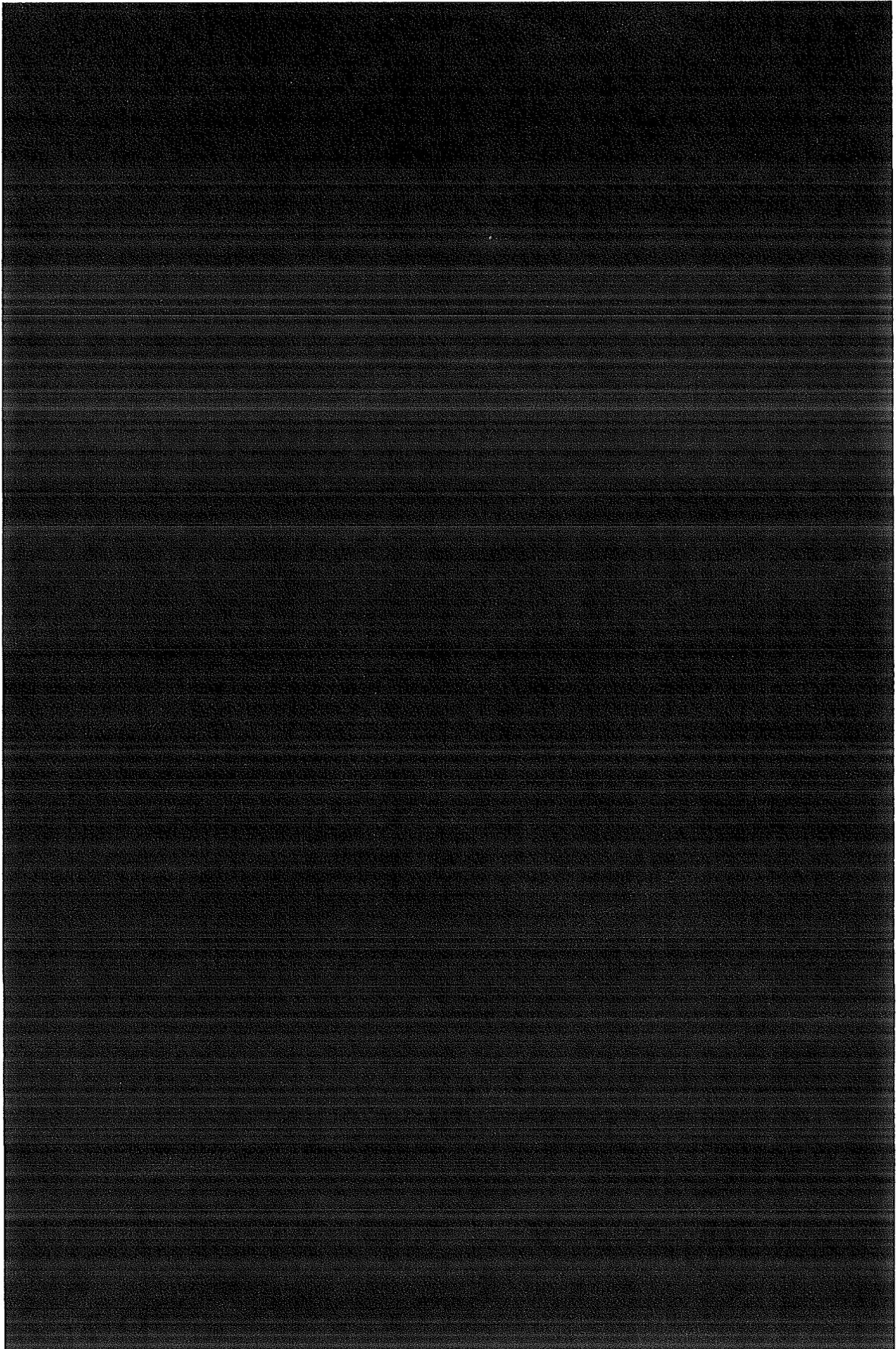
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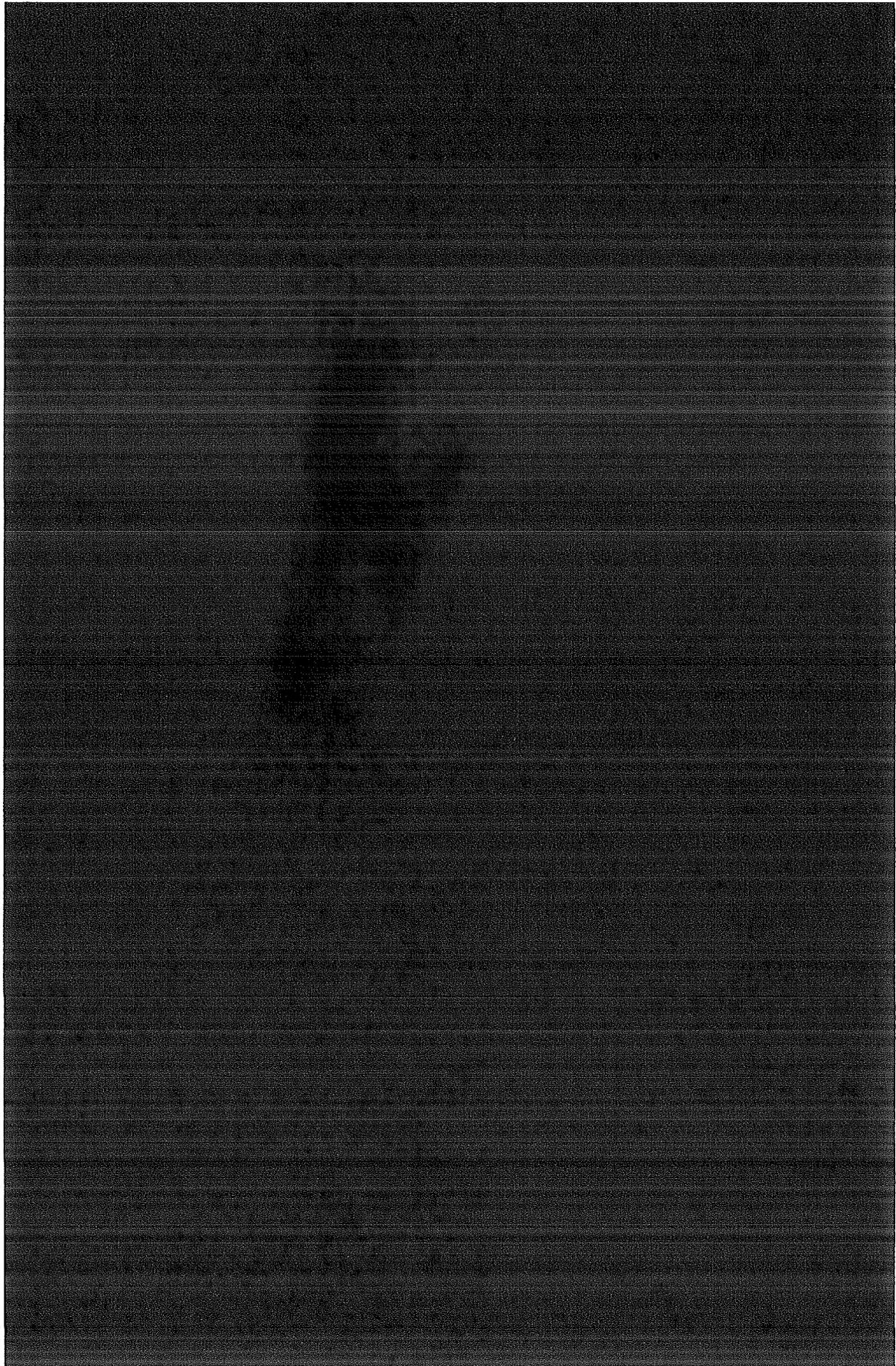
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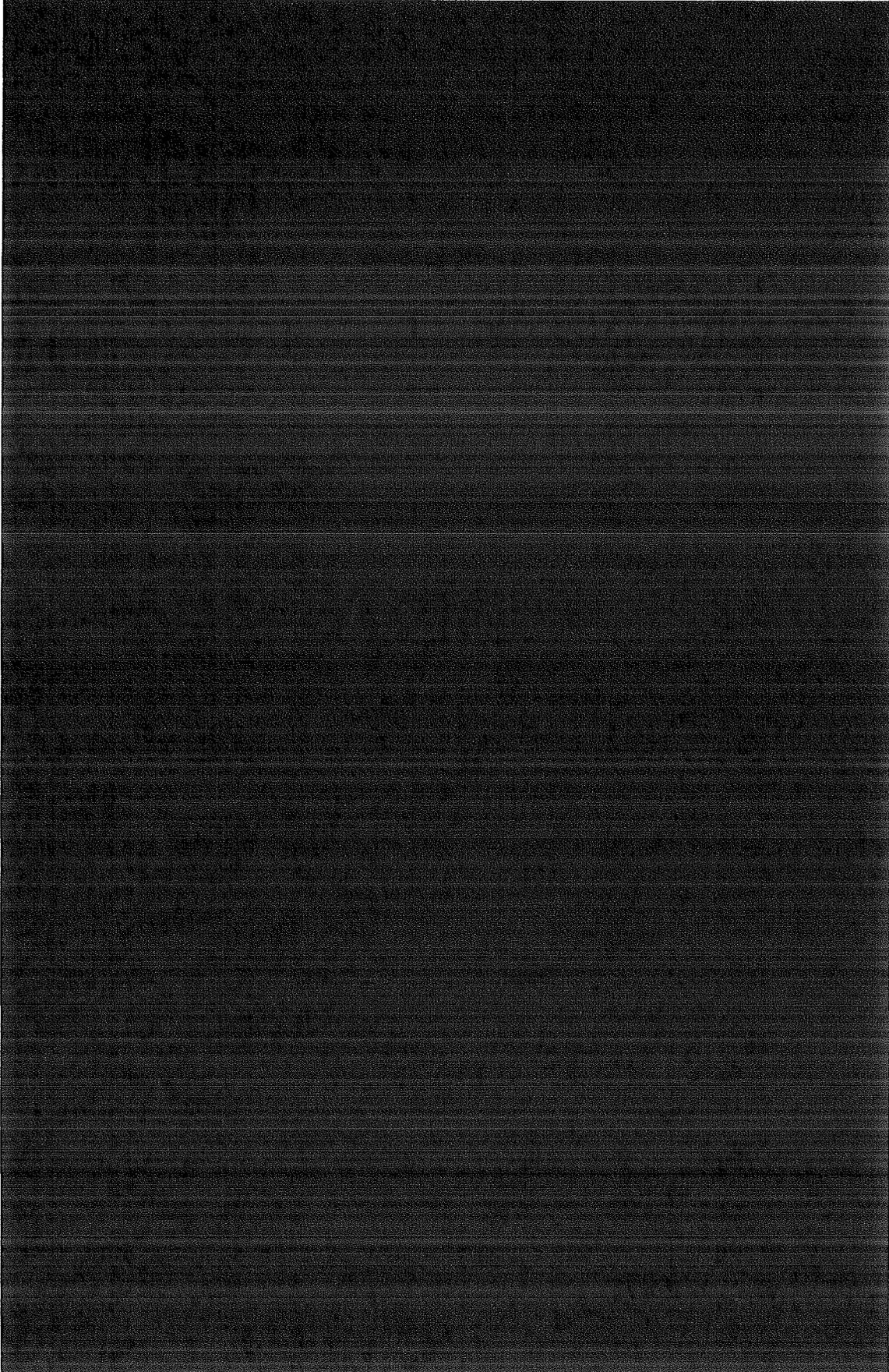
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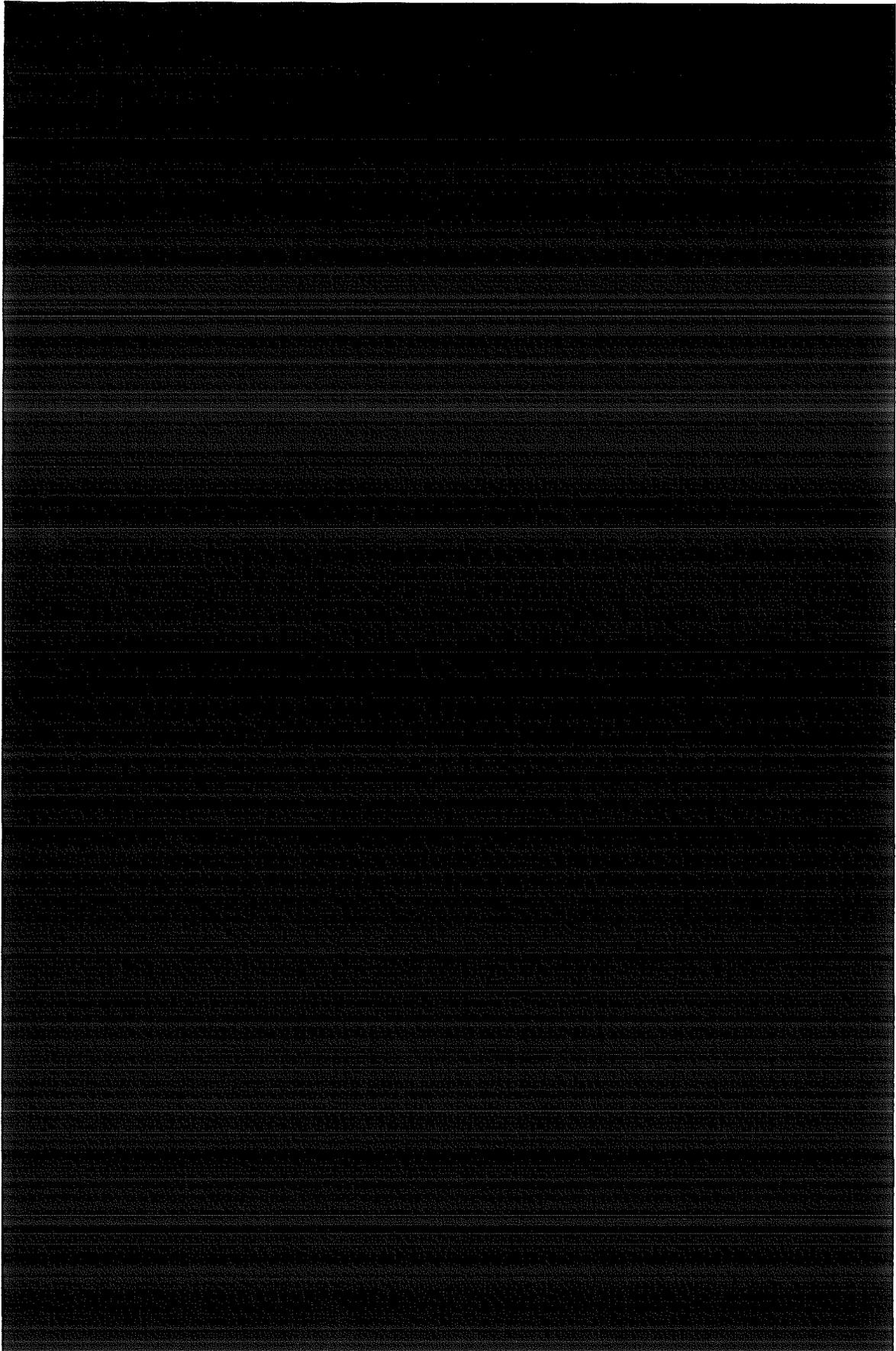
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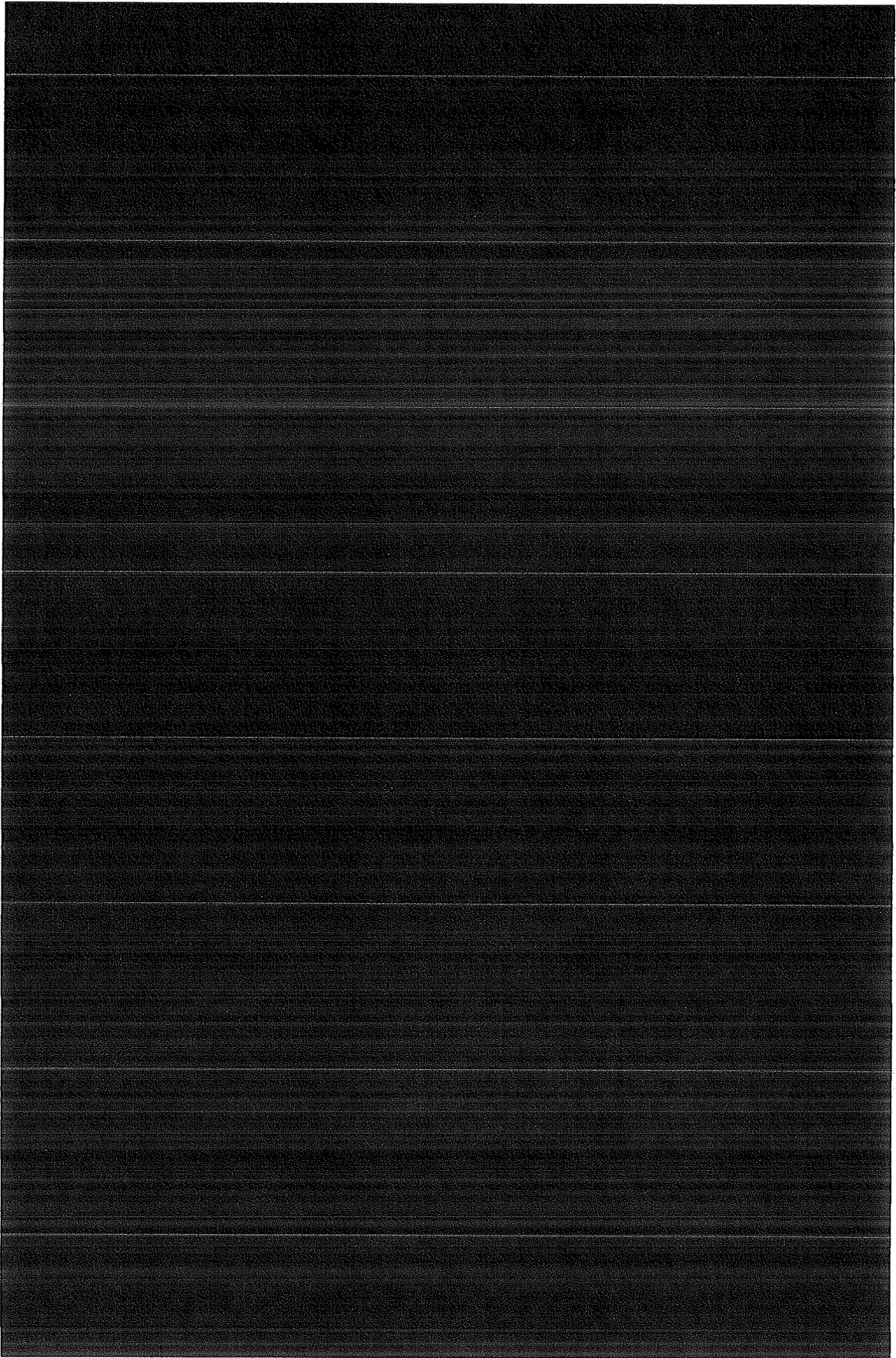


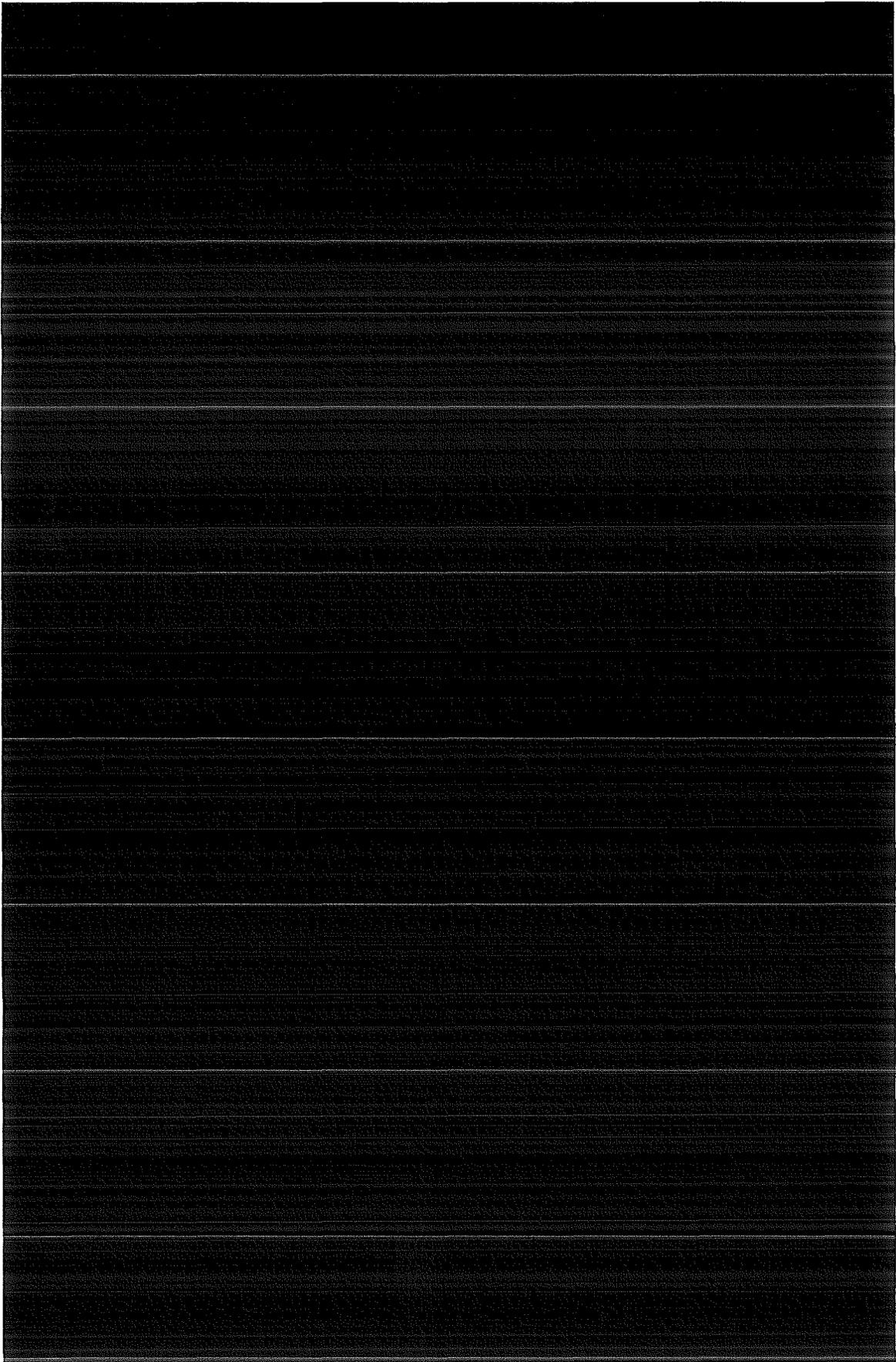


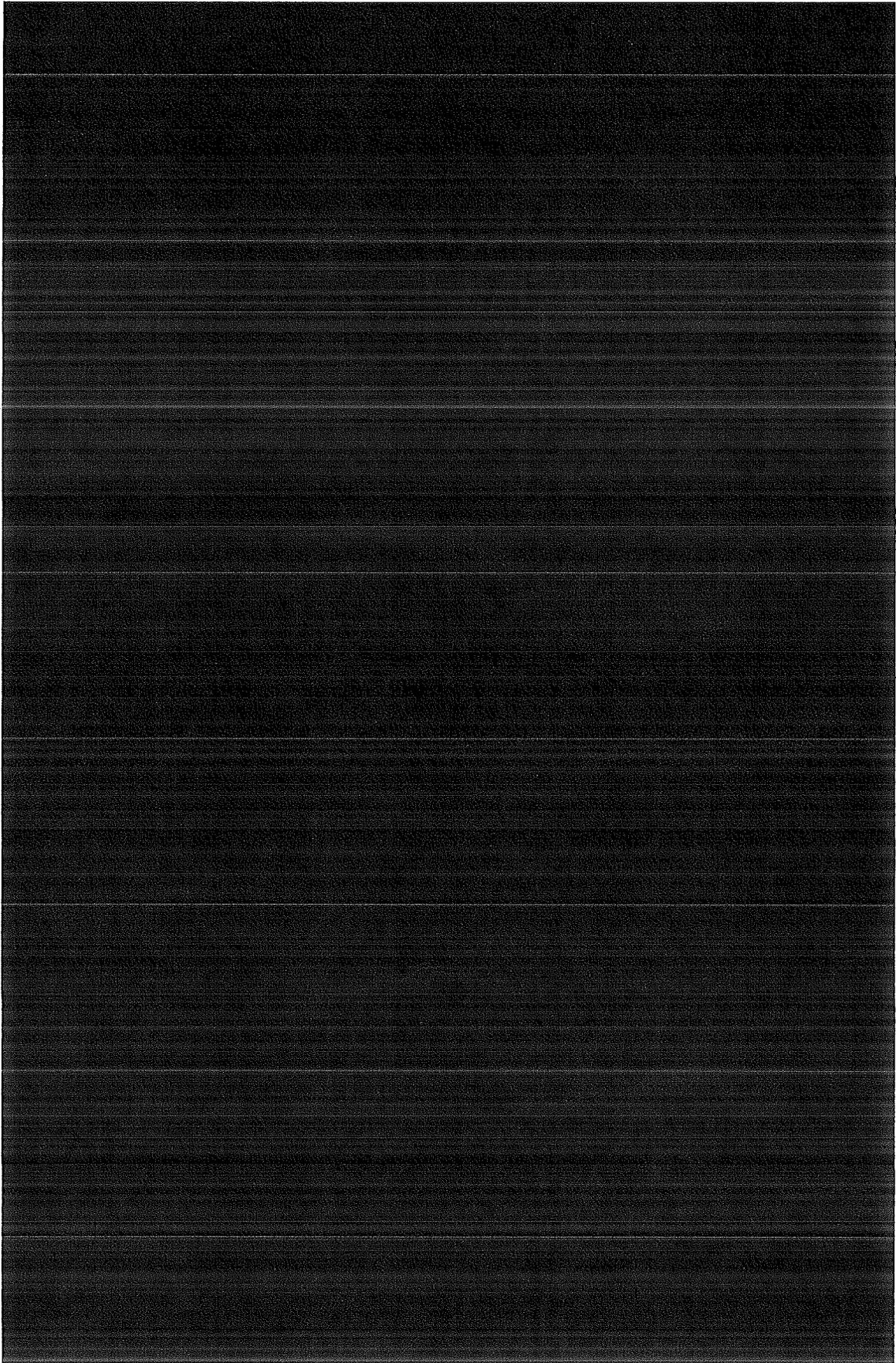


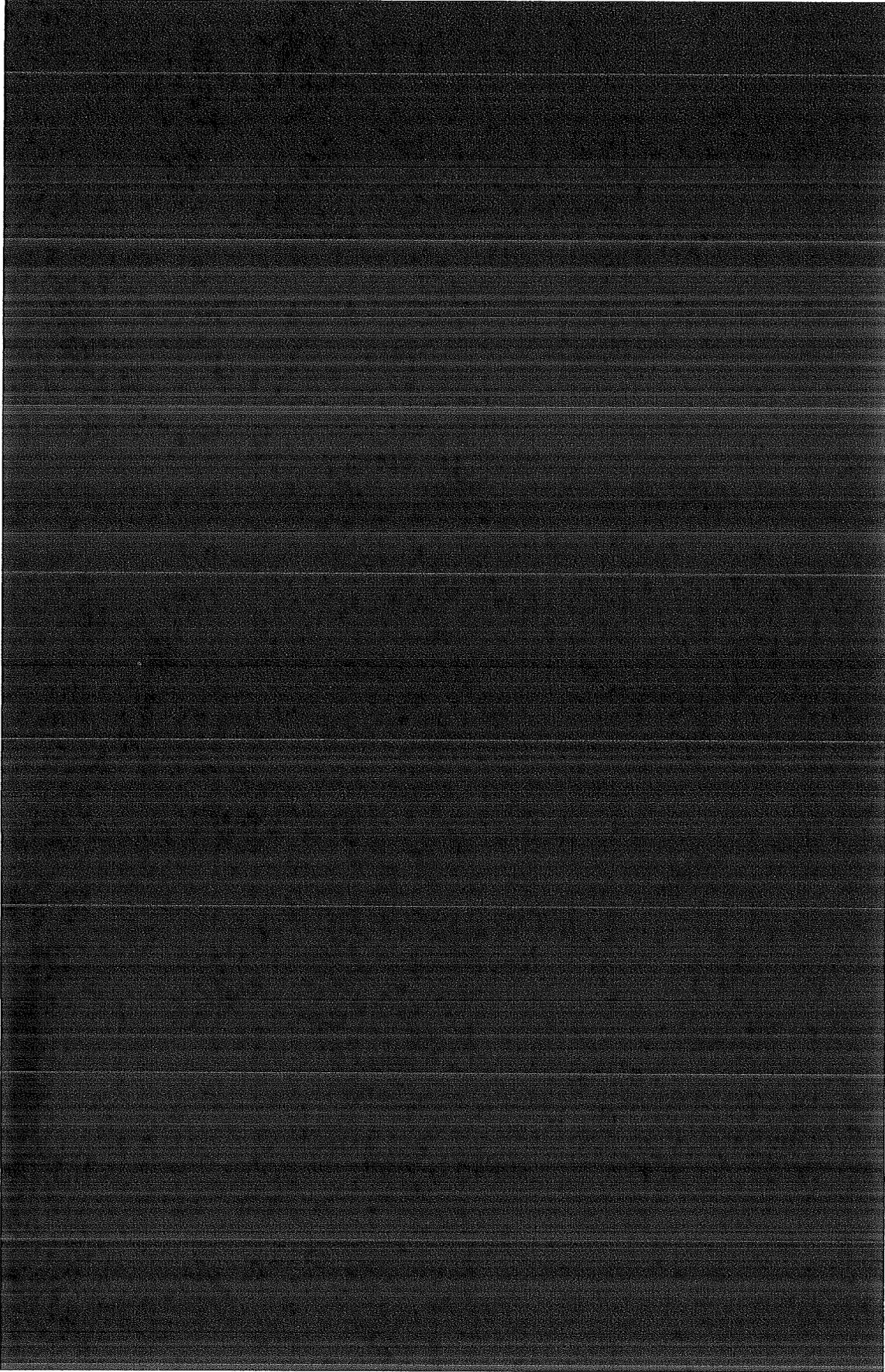


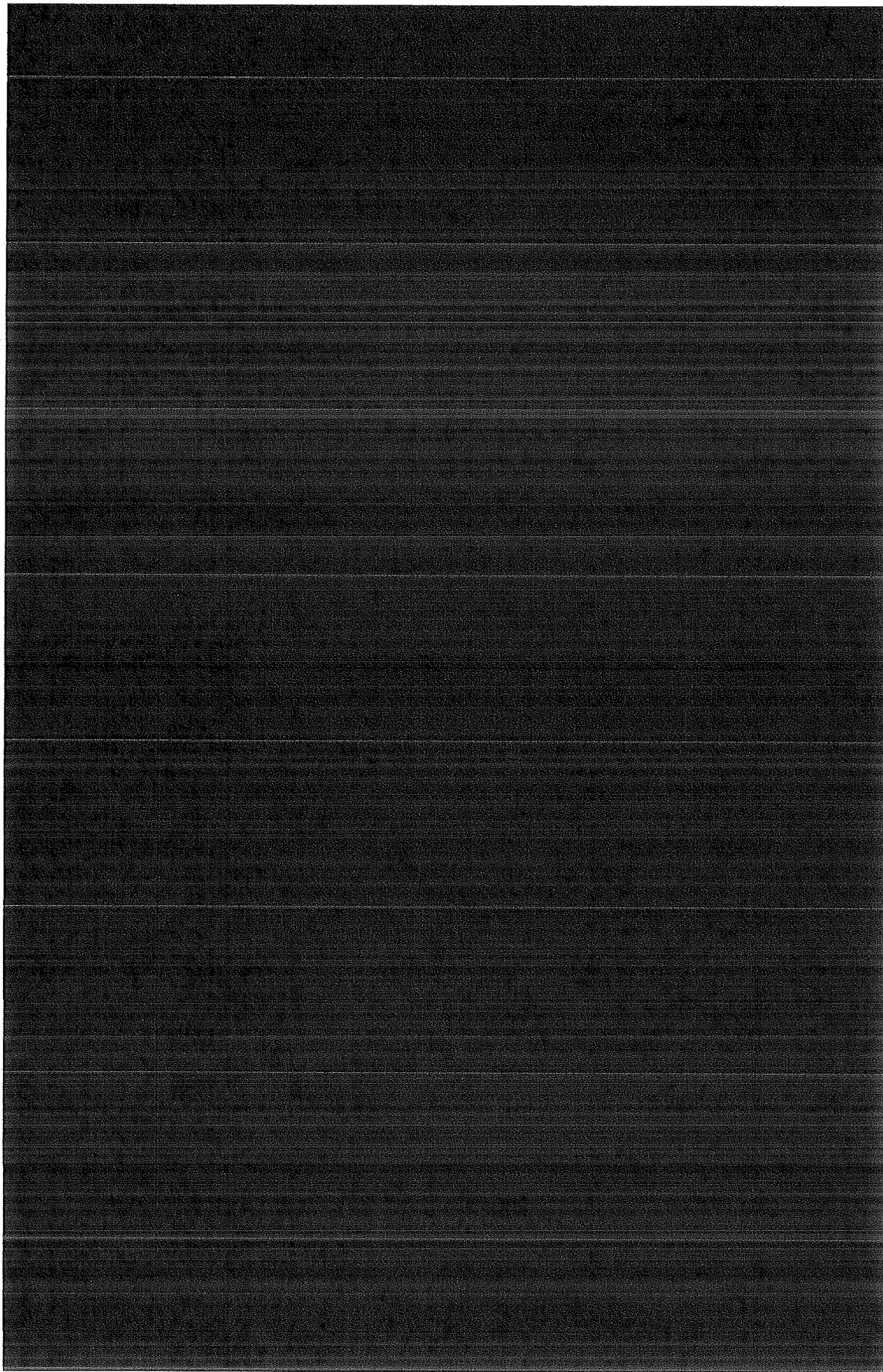


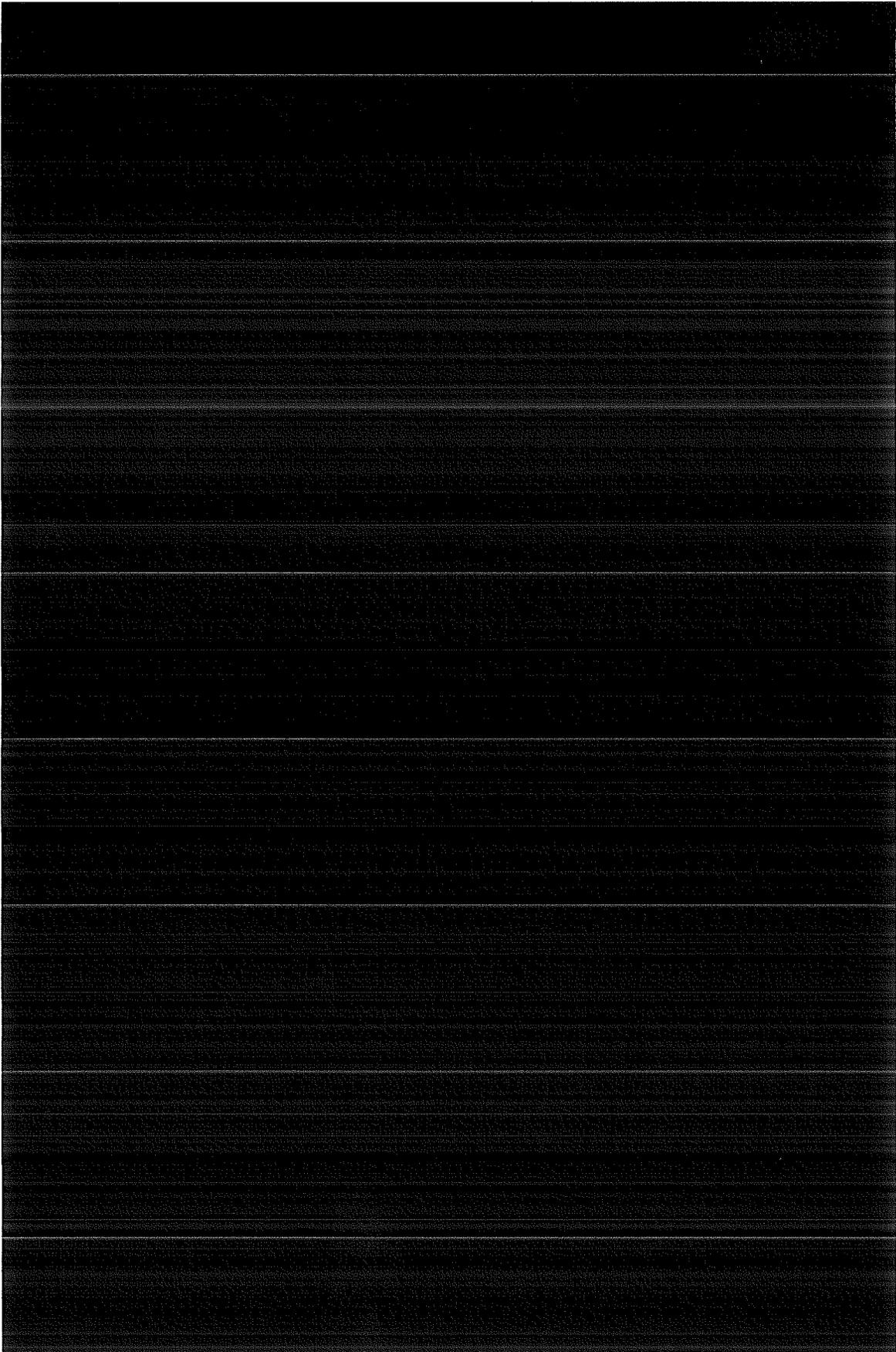


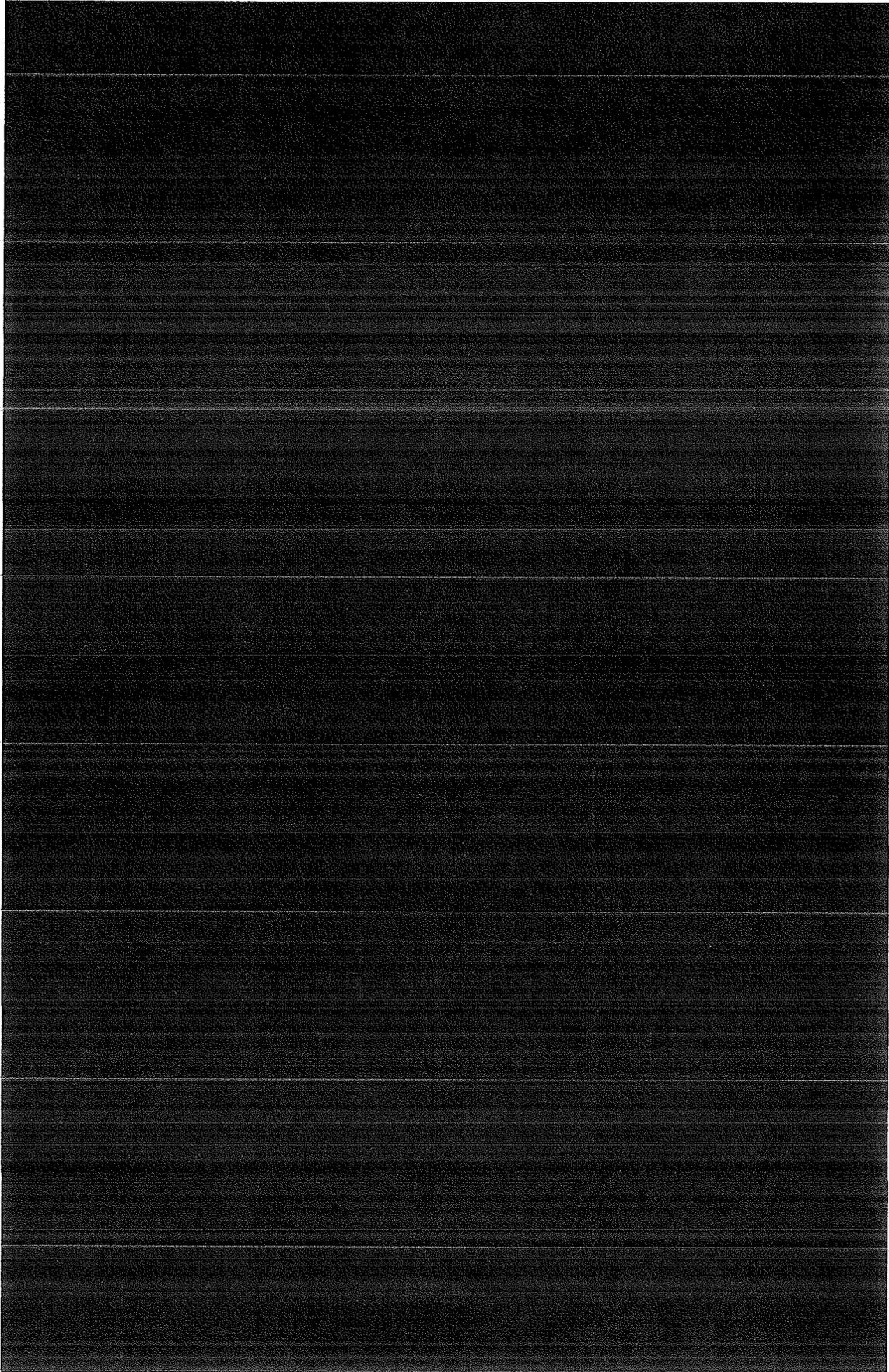












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Sent: 12/2/2013 4:57:33 PM
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Subject: Copy: Tour and Meeting with MSG
Location: Meet Joel Fischer outside at 8 Penn Plaza (employee entrance at 33rd & 8th)
Start: Wed 12/4/2013 10:00:00 AM
End: Wed 12/4/2013 12:00:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Not yet responded

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To: 'Joshua Vlasto' ; MacSpadden, Lisa
Subject: Call w/Josh Vlasto/Lisa MacSpadden & Pat Foye
Location: dial in details below
Start: Thu 11/14/2013 3:15:00 PM
End: Thu 11/14/2013 3:45:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted

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Participant: [REDACTED]

Rechler, Scott

From: Rechler, Scott
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 5:47 AM
To: David Garten
Subject: Re: disturbing

David -

I read this last evening and wanted to sleep on it before I responded to same. It is definitely disturbing. I think I need to have another conversation with him as well as with Joe or Larry. He needs to be a team player. If he is having a hard time with Pat, he should be coordinating with you. We can't afford to have one of our key team members not being totally in synch with us. It probably would make sense for you and me to sit with him together too.

The DW is getting worse. His power base seems to be expanding and his actions are getting more and more outrageous. We need to move quickly to expose him but we also need to make sure that our first shot is powerful because he is not going to go down easily. The last thing we want is for him to survive as a wounded / angry DW will be a disaster to the PA.

As an aside, why would DW plant the story in the WSJ?

Crazy world we live in.

Scott

Scott Rechler
CEO and Chairman
RXR Realty
[REDACTED]

On Sep 18, 2013, at 6:54 PM, "David Garten" [REDACTED] wrote:

> Hey -

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> I thought today was a good day overall - we got what we wanted (Red Hook and Recusal/Disclosure) and we didn't cause ourselves any harm. Moerdler was asleep, but we still have a bomb to use in the future (as well as another opportunity to bring it up in next week's Governance and Security meetings in NJ).

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> I wanted to follow up on my conversation with you about Brian. Brian emailed me this afternoon asking if I was free to catch up. So he and I met around 4:45 (we didn't have long to talk because I had to catch a train to DC). He told me that DW called him last night about Fort Lee. DW told him that we planted the story in the WSJ and that all they (NJ) were doing was conducting their own independent study. DW told him that you told Baroni that the study can continue, but that Pat said the study and toll lane closures had to come to an end per Howard Glaser. Brian then started to tell me that he doesn't see Howard doing something like that, that we have to insulate the 2nd floor and that we can't name drop the 2nd floor like that. DW then asked Brian if the 2nd floor was getting involved in New Jersey politics 43 days before his governor's election. Brian said that he told DW that he didn't know anything about the Fort Lee incident, that he doesn't get involved in NJ politics and is only concerned about NY, but that he would look into it.

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> First, I told Brian that as soon as he heard from DW about this, he should have informed me because you and I were dealing it last night and this morning. It's clear that Brian hadn't read any of the clips on the issue so I then told him the background of the Fort Lee incident - someone from the NJ side called up TB&T and told them to shut down 2 of the 3 toll lanes and not tell the ED, Media, the Mayor, the Fort Lee PD, etc. So for four days, the toll lanes were closed causing two - three hour traffic jams. I said Pat learned about it in the media preview on Thursday night, asked TB&T about it and had the lanes restored Friday morning. I told Brian that there is no study. Brian appeared taken back and he repeated that he didn't know any of this. I told him to continue to act like he doesn't know anything with NJ, but to keep me informed ASAP the next time something like this happens - regardless of the time of day.

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> Brian then brought up his relationship with Pat. He said that Pat treats him differently than everyone else on the NY side and he wanted to know if I knew why. I let him know that for some reason Pat just clashes with Brian, but we have to figure out a way to work around it to get things done and that he should continue working with me and Lisa. However, Brian said that he should not be expected to change the way he is for Pat and that he gets along great with the 2nd floor and that has open access to everyone over there (he mentioned Larry, Howard, and Joe). I told him that I will think about it some more, but we need to figure out a way to make it work.

>

> Brian and Pat are meeting tomorrow at 1pm. Brian requested the meeting. We have to make sure Pat doesn't blow up or make things worse so I can call Pat tomorrow morning, but it would be a good idea for you to also to urge Pat to proceed with caution (on a side note - Pat is on a mission to tell Joe about Brian). More importantly, we have to figure how to deal with this situation - you've talked to him, Lisa has talked to him, and I've talked to him. I'm pretty sure that Brian has more conversations with DW than he does with me or Pat. The NJ side knows he's weak and he's not in the loop and they use him to plant seeds against us. The fact that Brian's reaction in response to DW's telling of Fort Lee was that Pat was hurting the 2nd floor is case in point. And unfortunately this is just a common theme - Brian recently told me that DW came to him about the social media habits of [REDACTED] and that it was a problem for our Governor - Brian took the bait. While Brian said that he would talk with Lisa, he sided with DW that what [REDACTED] was doing could be harmful to the Governor.

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> I don't know what we gain by having Brian talk to DW - he doesn't tell us when he does talk to him and DW just plants seeds with Brian that work against us. The NJ side knows that he doesn't share info with us so they tell him things in order to say that they "informed" the NY side. Brian takes the info that the NJ side gives him and unwittingly runs with it.

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> I'm at a loss on how to handle. It would be one thing if these were small, insignificant items, but they're not. And he's the Director of Government Affairs for the NY side so he has a big job. I hate to add this to this on things we have to deal with, but what he told me today regarding his conversation with DW makes me think we have to act on this somehow soon.

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> Will get you the other things you're looking for and I'm sure we'll be talking more later.

>

> David

Rechler, Scott

From: Rechler, Scott
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2013 8:17 PM
To: David Garten
Subject: Re: Upcoming this week

Hi David

Glad that you had a good weekend. Beautiful weather but it definitely went to quickly!

The call tomorrow is to discuss the DW matters and strategize about same. We should also discuss Fort Lee to make sure we keep out of harms way there.

I spoke to Pat today about the Crains article and HG. He said he spoke to him on Friday about it. I am going to call Howard tomorrow to make sure we are all aligned on our press communications ... nervous that he might get aggressive with the Fort Lee email or something else.

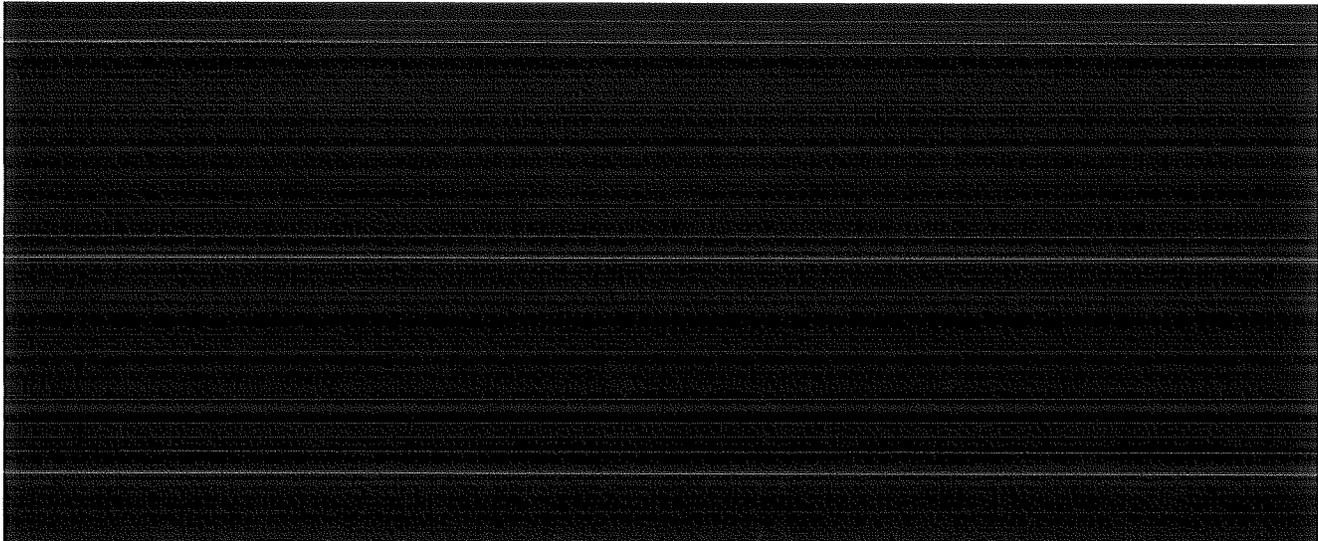
Let's regroup after Brian's conversation with Pat. It probably makes sense for me (or the both of us) to have another conversation with him afterwards.

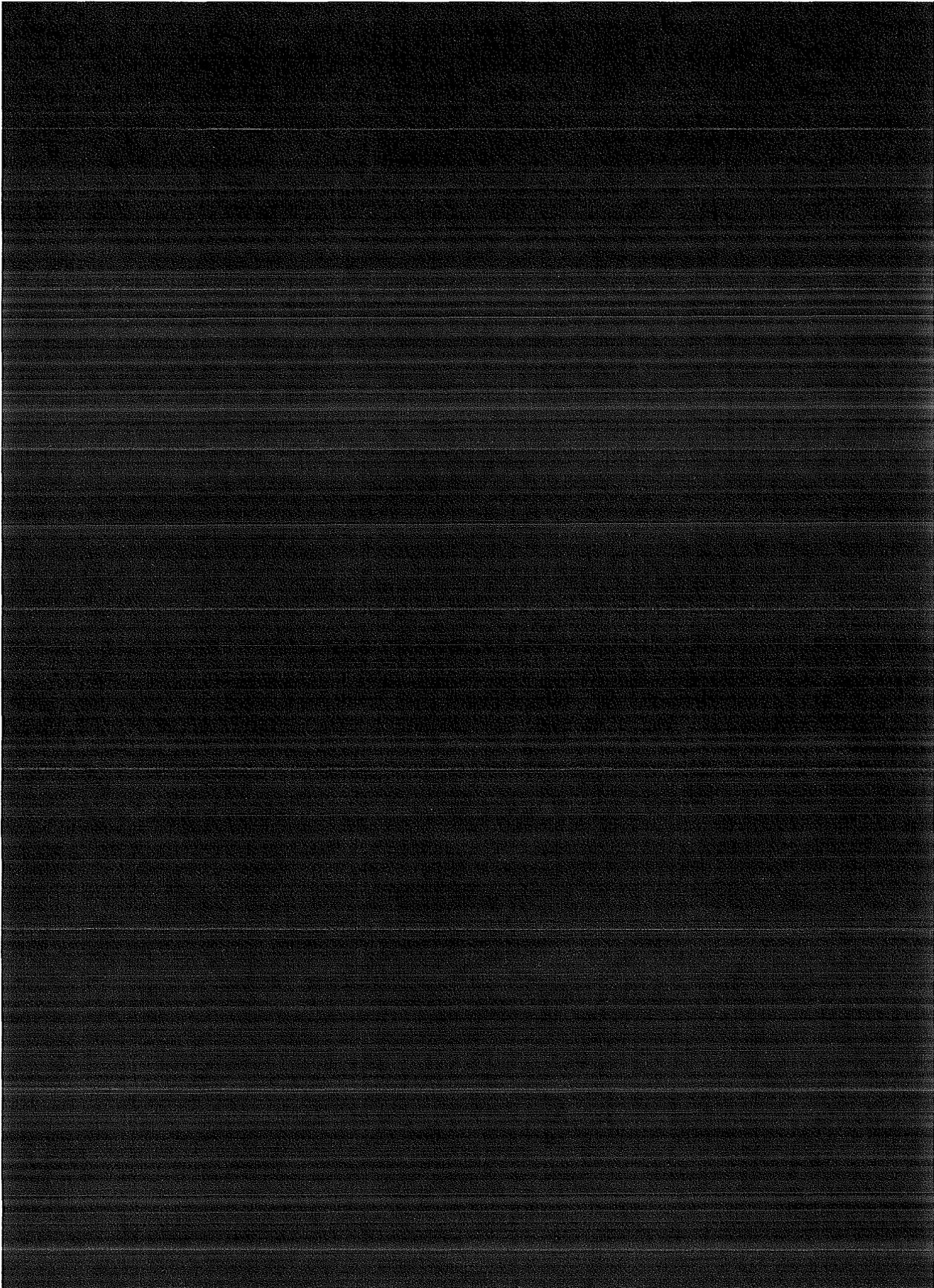
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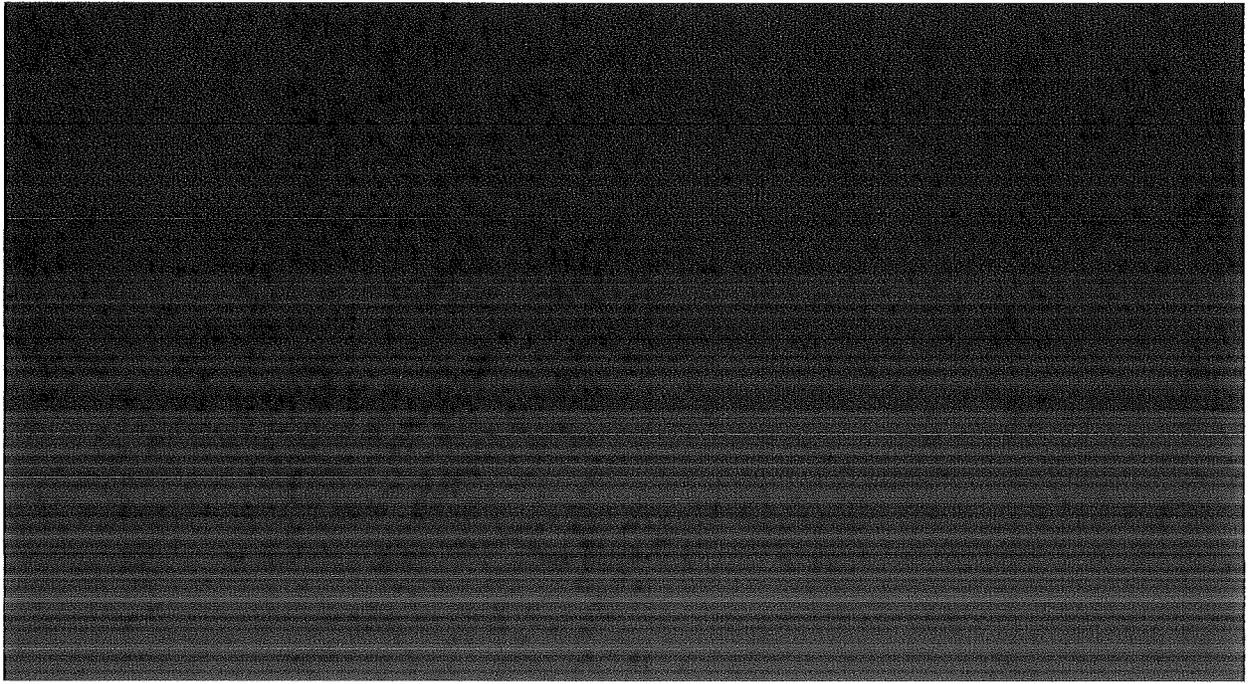
Best,

Scott

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Rechler, Scott

From: Rechler, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 9:52 PM
To: David Garten
Subject: Re: A few follow up items

David - I do think there is value in you having some discussions with Baroni so we can get a feel for what he is thinking.
Thanks. Scott

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- > On Oct 9, 2013, at 7:14 PM, "David Garten" [REDACTED] wrote:
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- > Based on your conversations with HG, what do you think of me following up with Baroni on how they want to get out of Fort Lee and what role we can play?
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- > I was thinking of following up with Baroni on this red hook study to figure out a way where we don't need to pick a fight on this, as well as some Cross Harbor items.
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- > Let me know what you think.
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- > David
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- > Sent from my iPhone

Rechler, Scott

From: Rechler, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 10:16 PM
To: David Garten
Subject: Re: FL update

I spoke to Pat this evening and gave him my thoughts on the memo as we discussed earlier. He seemed to agree with same. I am going to call HG tomorrow to make sure he is on the same page (Pat said he didn't speak to HG about the memo yet).

Speak to you tomorrow.

Scott

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On Oct 22, 2013, at 8:35 PM, "David Garten" [REDACTED] wrote:

Just following up on this. I spoke with John. He said they had their last interview yesterday and that was with Peter Zipf. John said that the plan was to write a memo to file. John gets very quiet when I talk to him about it like he's withholding something.

I also spoke to Pat. My goal with Pat on this has been that we don't have to do anything to fan the flames and tease him with the idea that other people may pick up on it in an effort to keep him from taking any initiative on his own. For example, I mentioned to Pat that the Senate Commerce Committee is aware of FL and they may write a letter or something (they won't). Or that Ted Mann may write another story given that he hasn't written on DW being in Fort Lee yet. But the point is that we need to continue to be smart and let it play it out without fanning the flames.

I don't know if you've had a chance to talk to Pat yet, but if he's so focused on documenting everything then how about the following - he types a detailed memo that he produces on his home computer, gives a hard copy to the 2nd floor to keep and use, and then type up a general memo for his files at the PA. That way we have a thorough documented account, it's in the 2nd floor's hands, which could build good will between Pat and the Governor, and then a general memo at the PA in case we get subpoenaed.

On a side note, Pat said he would look at the 21st Century Airports piece tonight and get me comments.

On Tue, Oct 22, 2013 at 10:44 AM, David Garten [REDACTED] wrote:
Pat said he spoke to HG. The 2nd floor will not be calling Loretta Weinberg back. Pat said the 2nd floor wants sit back, continue to have no rule, and let it play out however it plays out. Pat also said that his review is pretty much done and he isn't conducting anymore staff interviews.

Rechler, Scott

From: Rechler, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 1:14 PM
To: David Garten
Subject: Re: Gaggle

Yes. Gov just called but I figured I will call him after the meeting in case pat does anything different

Sent from my iPhone

- > On Dec 4, 2013, at 1:09 PM, "David Garten" [REDACTED] wrote:
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- > Have you talked to Pat on his statement regarding fort lee at today's gaggle?
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- > Sent from my iPhone

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From: Rechler, Scott
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 9:56 AM
To: 'David Garten'
Subject: RE: just in case you didn't see this in the clips

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Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 9:59 AM
To: 'David Garten'
Subject: RE: just in case you didn't see this in the clips

OK. I have an idea that I am bouncing by Steve Cohen too.

From: David Garten [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Rechler, Scott
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Good.

I have some ideas for TPs for pat that I want to run past you.

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Sent: Sunday, December 08, 2013 4:56 PM
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Subject: Re: Testimony

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Begin forwarded message:

From: <lisamacdc [REDACTED]>
Date: December 8, 2013 at 6:47:42 PM EST
To: <srechler [REDACTED]>
Cc: <pjpfoye [REDACTED]>
Subject: PF remarks

Scott,
Attached are Pat's remarks for tomorrow in Trenton. Howard has reviewed and his edits are incorporated.
Let me know if you have any questions.
Lisa

Rechler, Scott

From: Rechler, Scott
Sent: Sunday, December 08, 2013 7:52 PM
To: David Garten
Subject: Re: Final Remarks

It worries me as Howard may not be in the loop from the source.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2013, at 7:22 PM, "David Garten" [REDACTED] wrote:

I think it's done. I think we were boxed out for a reason and going to the 2nd floor for sign off before we saw it was intentional as well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2013, at 7:20 PM, "Rechler, Scott" [REDACTED] wrote:

How do you think we best deliver this message back to Lisa or do you think it is done.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2013, at 7:18 PM, "David Garten" [REDACTED] wrote:

It refers to Bill as the ED. So that's a typo. I think it should say that DW unilaterally made the decision.

And I think it's too open ended - it says that the review is still ongoing (is more to come?) and it says that procedures weren't followed but I think that instead Pat putting into place checks and balances, it should say that Pat worked with Bill to ensure that it will never happen again.

And yes, I think it should say the governors work productively together. That being said, if tomorrow goes south then the testimony is framed so it's all on Pat. I would have framed this differently to make it more as DW as a rogue employee.

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 8, 2013, at 6:59 PM, "Rechler, Scott" [REDACTED] wrote:

What do you think? Do you think we need to say something that NY and NJ have worked

productively together under the Cuomo and Christie administrations? Scott

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On Dec 8, 2013, at 6:56 PM, "David Garten"
[REDACTED] wrote:

FYI

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Date: December 8,
2013 at 6:51:16 PM
EST
To:
davidgarten [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
johnma93 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
cvalens [REDACTED]
Cc: pipfoye [REDACTED]
Subject: Final
Remarks

Pat's final remarks for tomorrow are attached. This incorporates feedback from the second floor. I have also shared with Scott.

<PF_Remarks_to_the_NJ_State_Assembly_Committee__12-9-13.doc>

Rechler, Scott

From: David Garten [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 9:28 PM
To: Rechler, Scott
Subject: Document review

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