

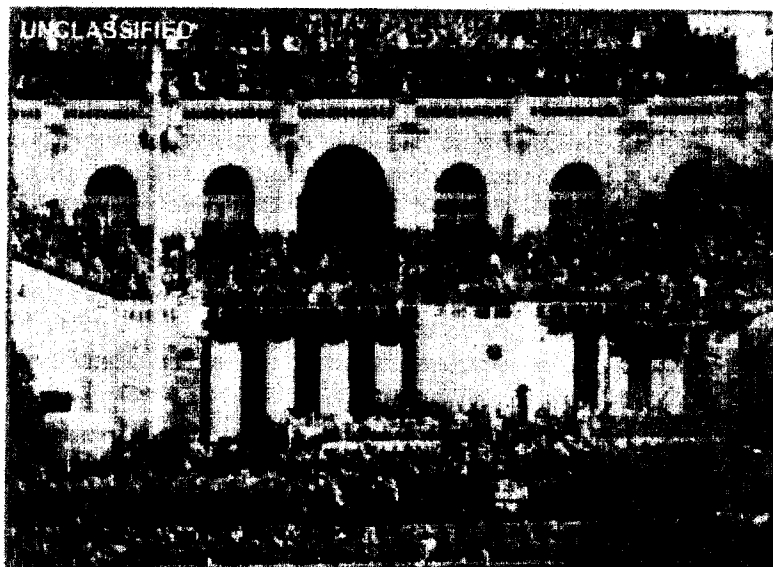
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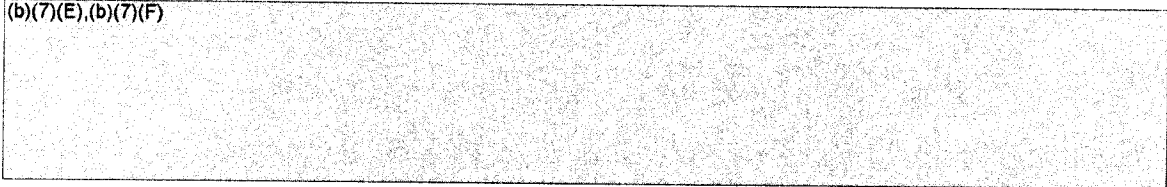
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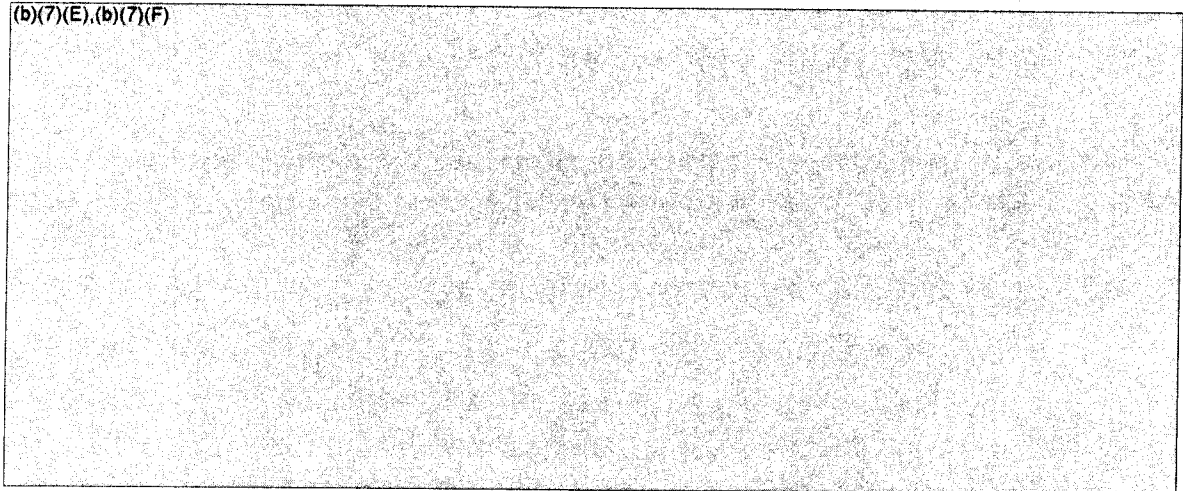
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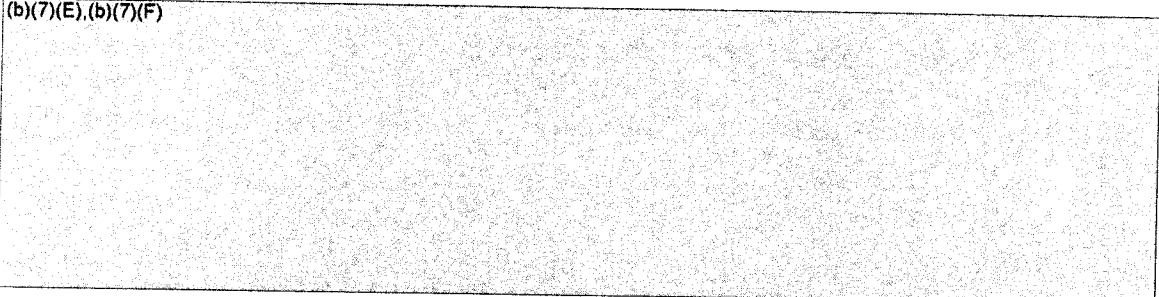
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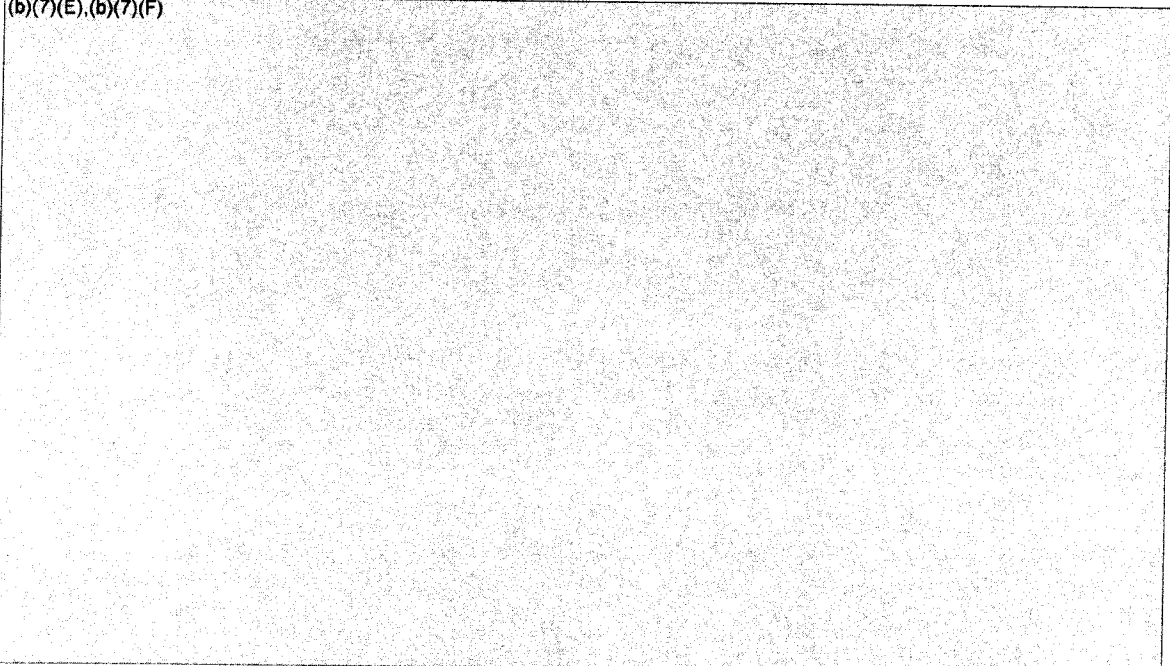
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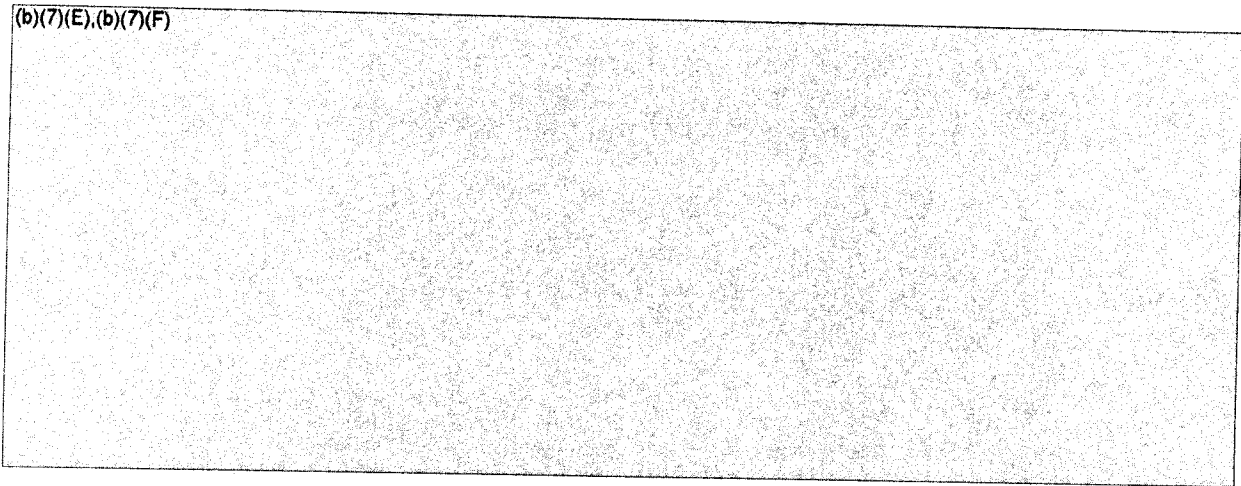
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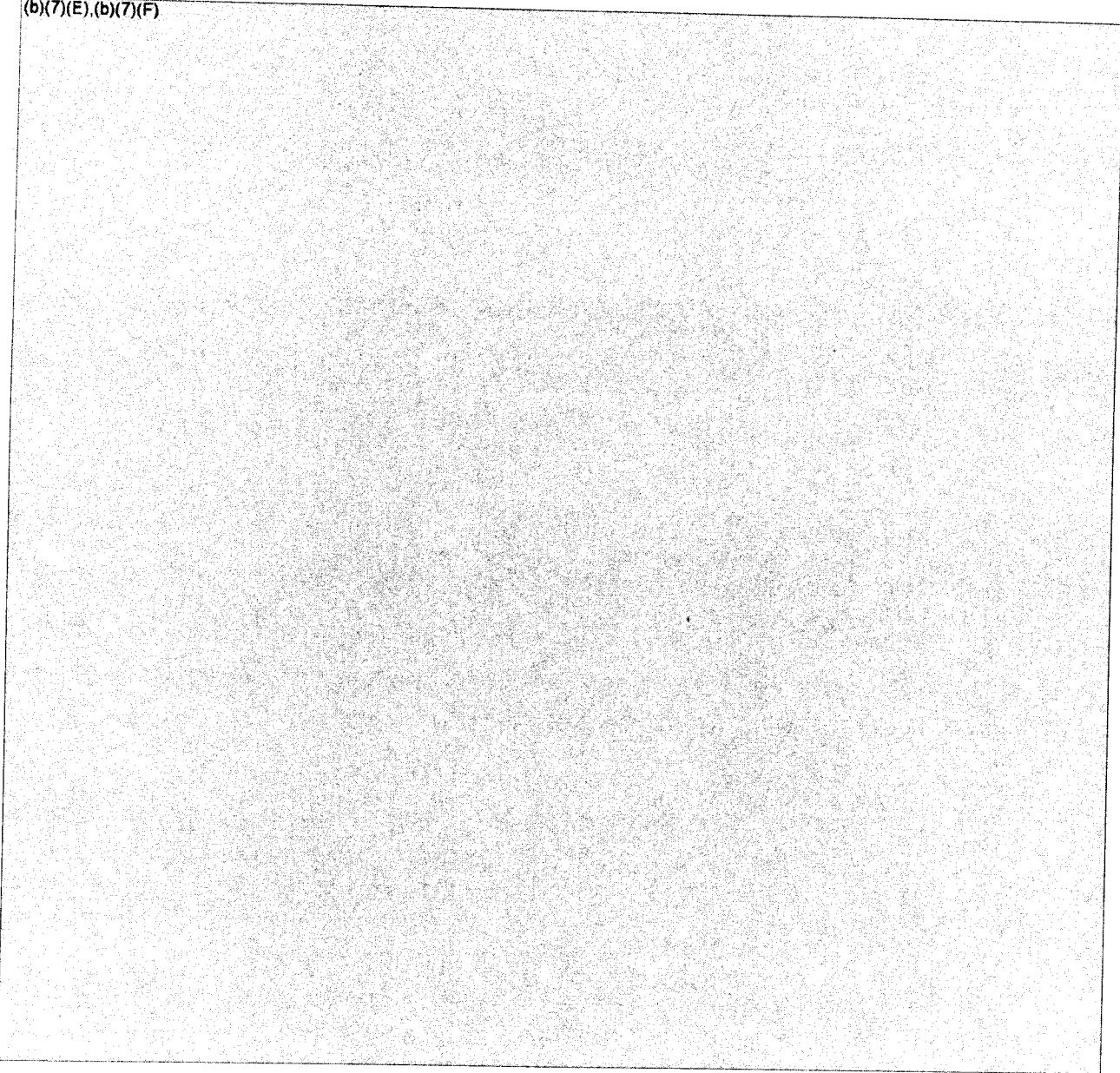


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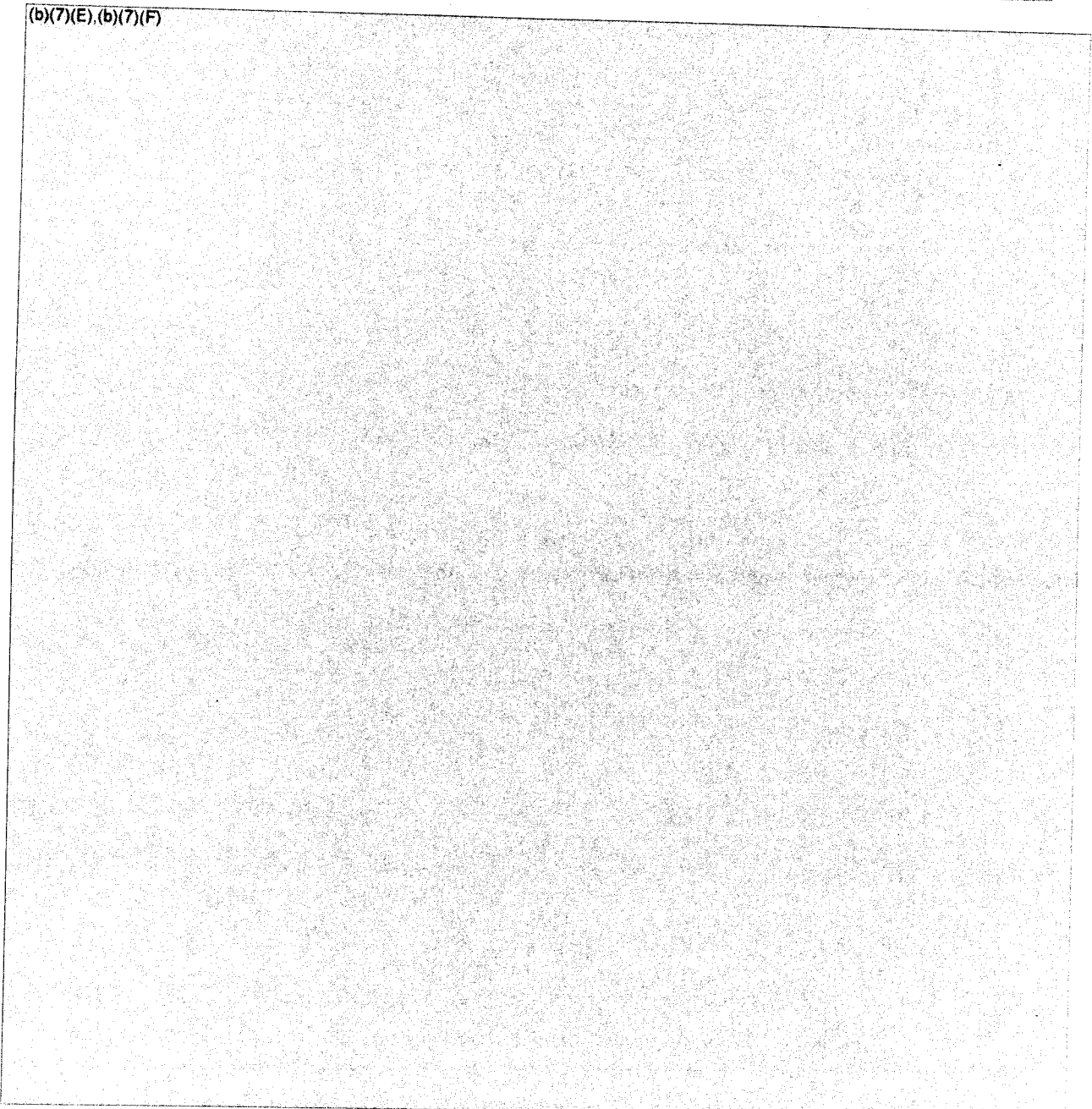
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(U) EVENT OVERVIEW

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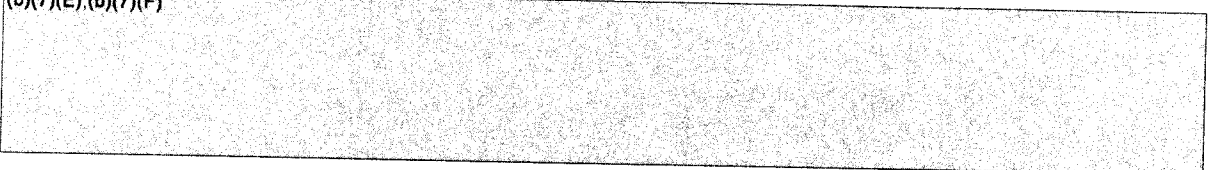
(U) Inauguration Period Event Schedule (15-24 January 2009):

(U) This assessment focuses on the Inauguration ceremony, speech, and parade events of 20 January 2009. However, there are a large number of associated events that while not part of the formal ceremony are considered to be part of the overall event. Over 38 official and

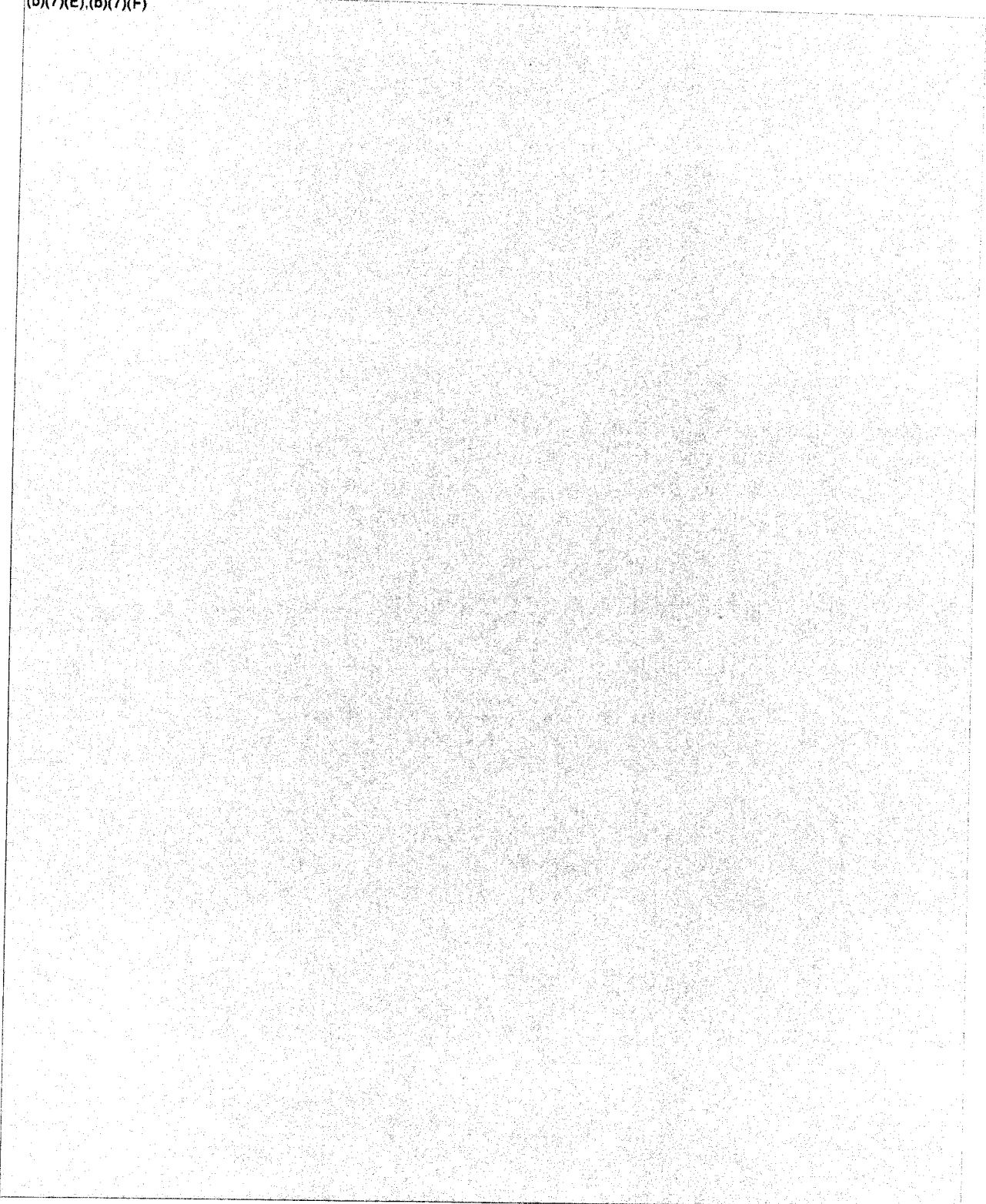
unofficial inaugural balls and galas will take place at venues throughout the Washington, DC area from 15-24 January 2009; most will be attended by members of congress or significant societal figureheads.³ The official balls are planned by the Presidential Inaugural Committee, while the unofficial parties are planned by the State Societies of Washington, DC and a variety of local and national organizations.

(U) In addition to land-based auxiliary events, pre-Inaugural and Inaugural Ball Cruises are scheduled for 16, 17 and 20 January 2009. Two named vessels will provide five cruises on special inaugural themed cruises along the Potomac River.

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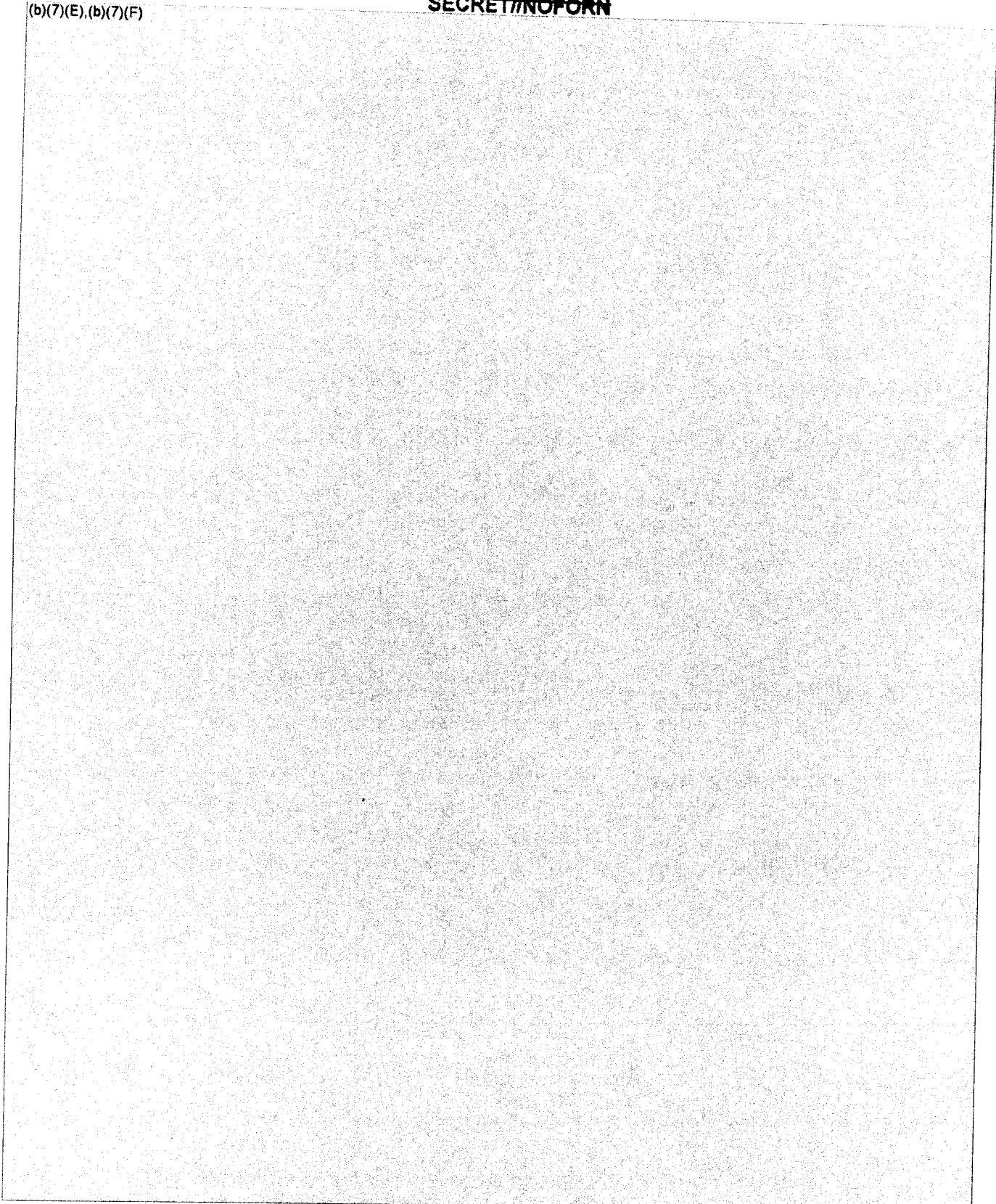
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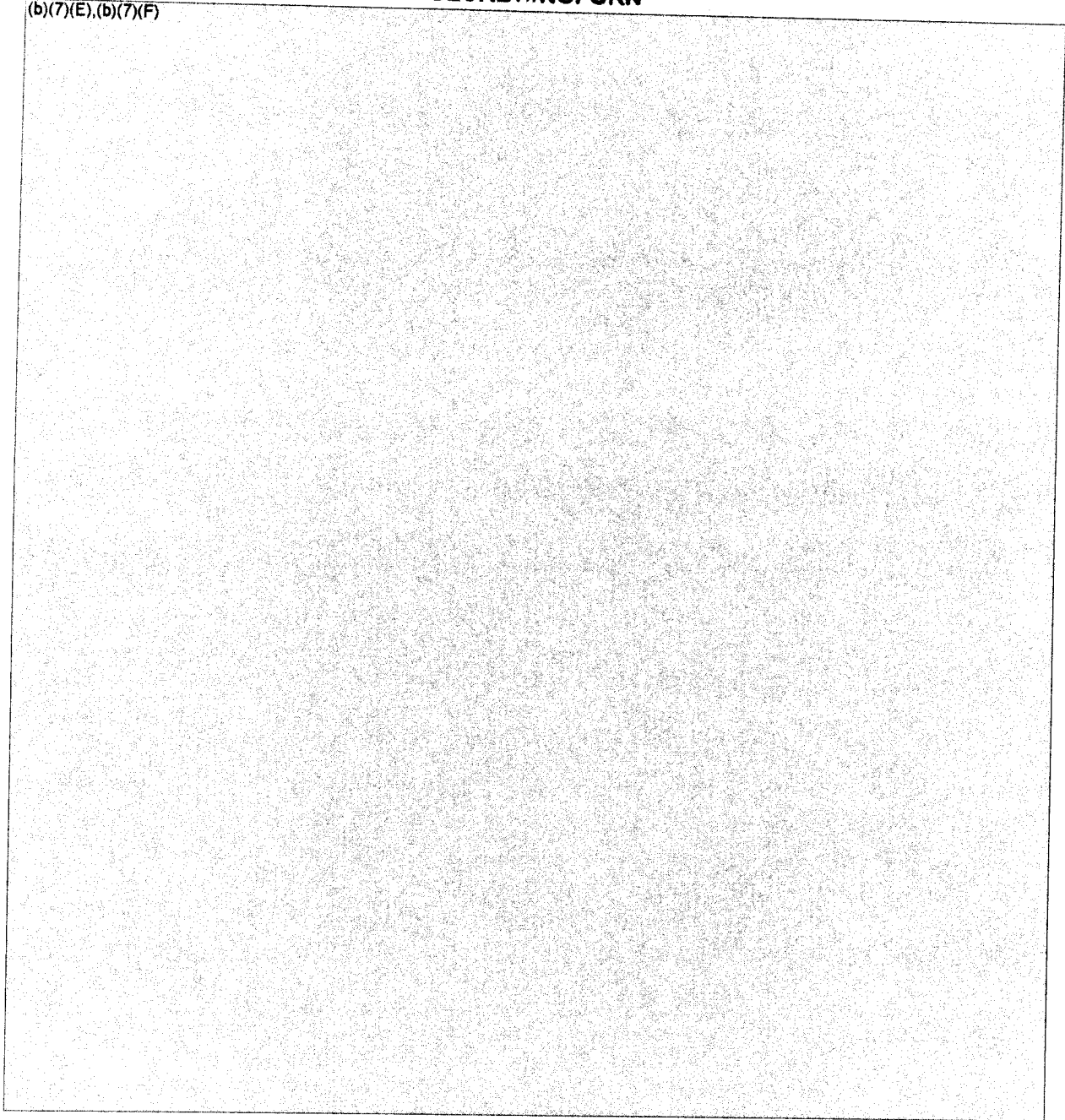
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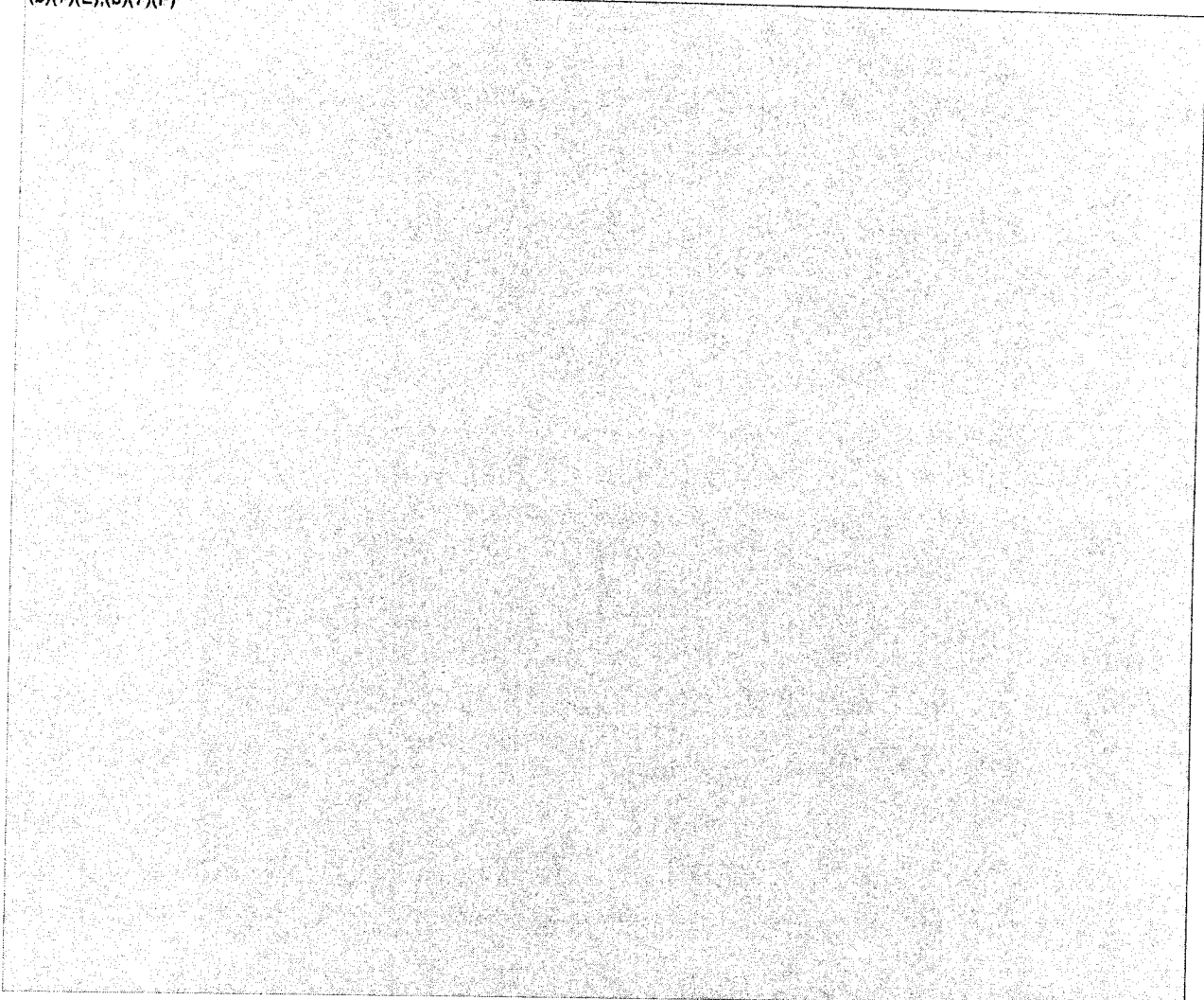


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- ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Trains will not make stops at Franconia/Springfield, Alexandria or Crystal City. Special tickets must be bought in advance.

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• ~~(U//FOUO)~~ **Aviation.** The air space over Washington, DC is restricted, which limits the quantity and routes of aircraft able to fly into the Capital Region.


(U) Temporary Aviation Flight Restrictions

(U) The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will request of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that airspace security measures be enforced over Washington, DC. The current restrictions are depicted below.

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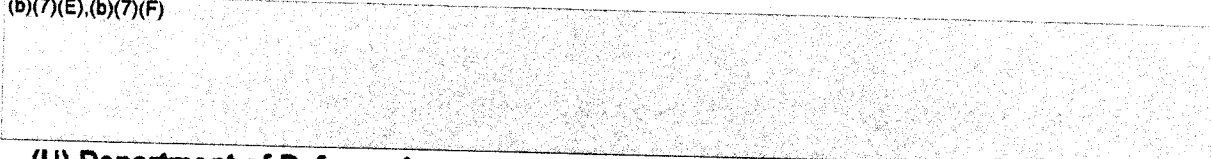


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- ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Flooding is not anticipated for Washington, DC in January; the last significant flood occurred in June 2006 and freezing temperatures normally mitigate this vulnerability. Significant water control measures are in place to control seasonal river and basin flooding, and above ground water storage is insufficient to cause flooding.⁶ If the area were to be flooded, however, it would not affect the Capitol building ceremony, other than to cause attendee delays. A high water incident would subject the parade route to flooding, and below ground Metrorail tubes would be inoperable.

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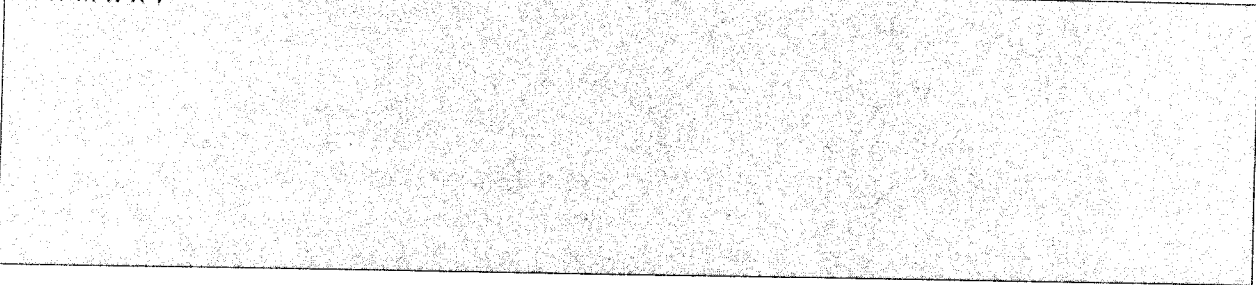
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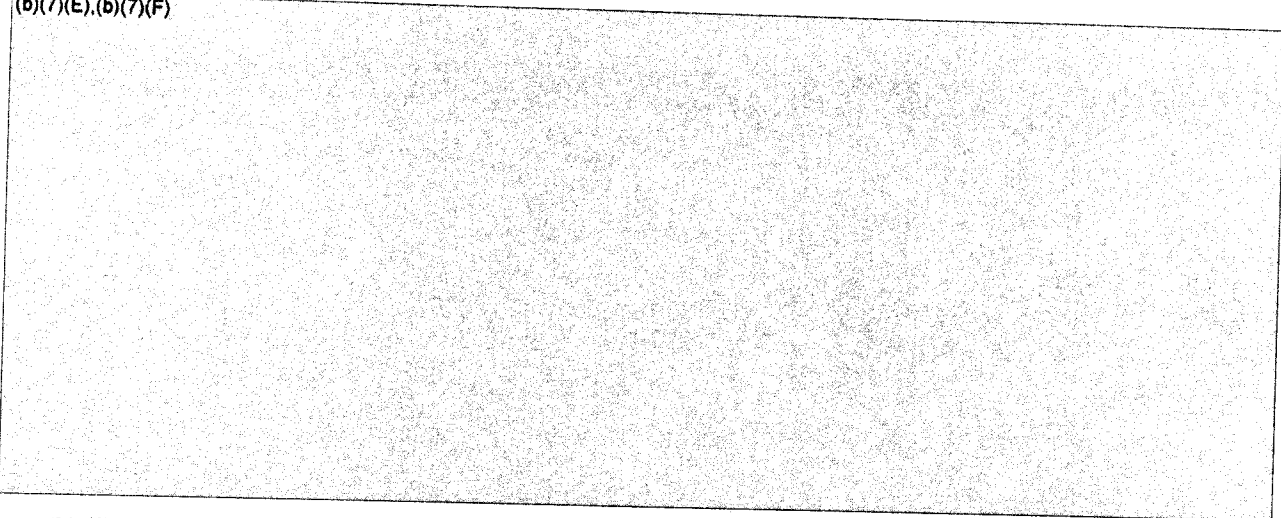
(U) Department of Defense Assets

~~(U//FOUO)~~ DOD forces in support of this event are subordinate to the civilian federal agency in charge. Joint Force Headquarters – National Capitol Region (JFHQ-NCR) will be the Title 10 Commander for all active duty forces for the period 1 January – 7 February 2009, and may be designated Dual Status Commander for Title 32 forces (TBD).

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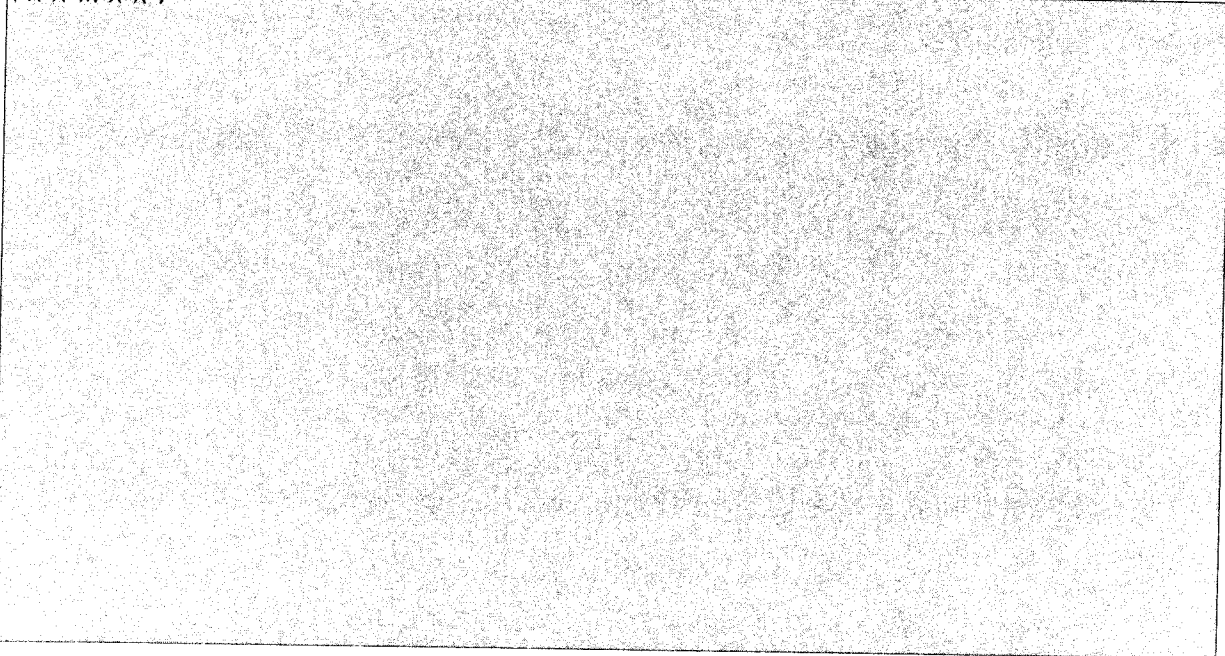


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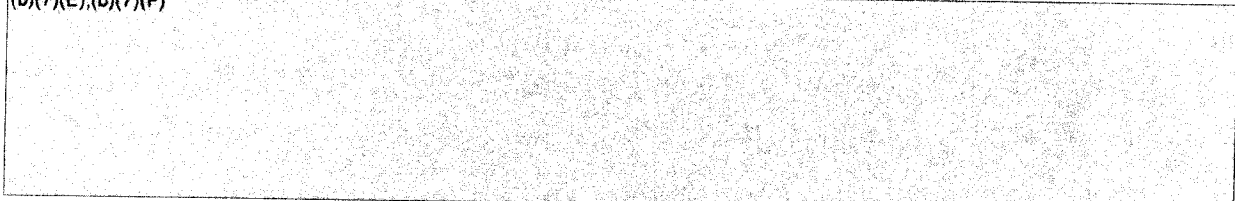
(U) There are no known credible domestic terrorist threats to the 56th Presidential Inauguration, though domestic terrorists have committed the majority of terrorist attacks within the United States.

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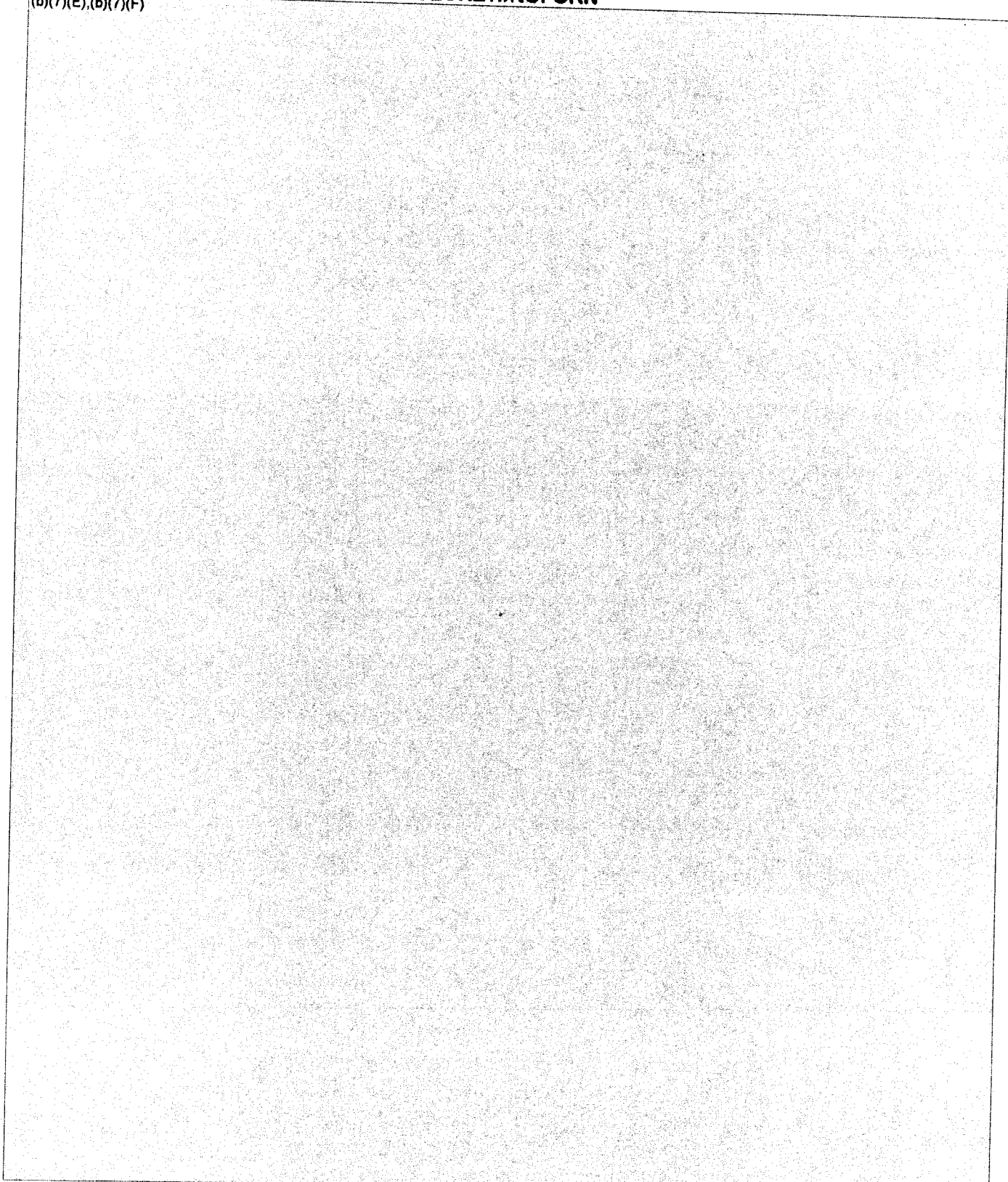


~~(U//FOUO)~~ A hate crimes watch group reported the number of white supremacist groups in recent years increased from 602 in 2000 to 888 last year - a 48% increase.¹³

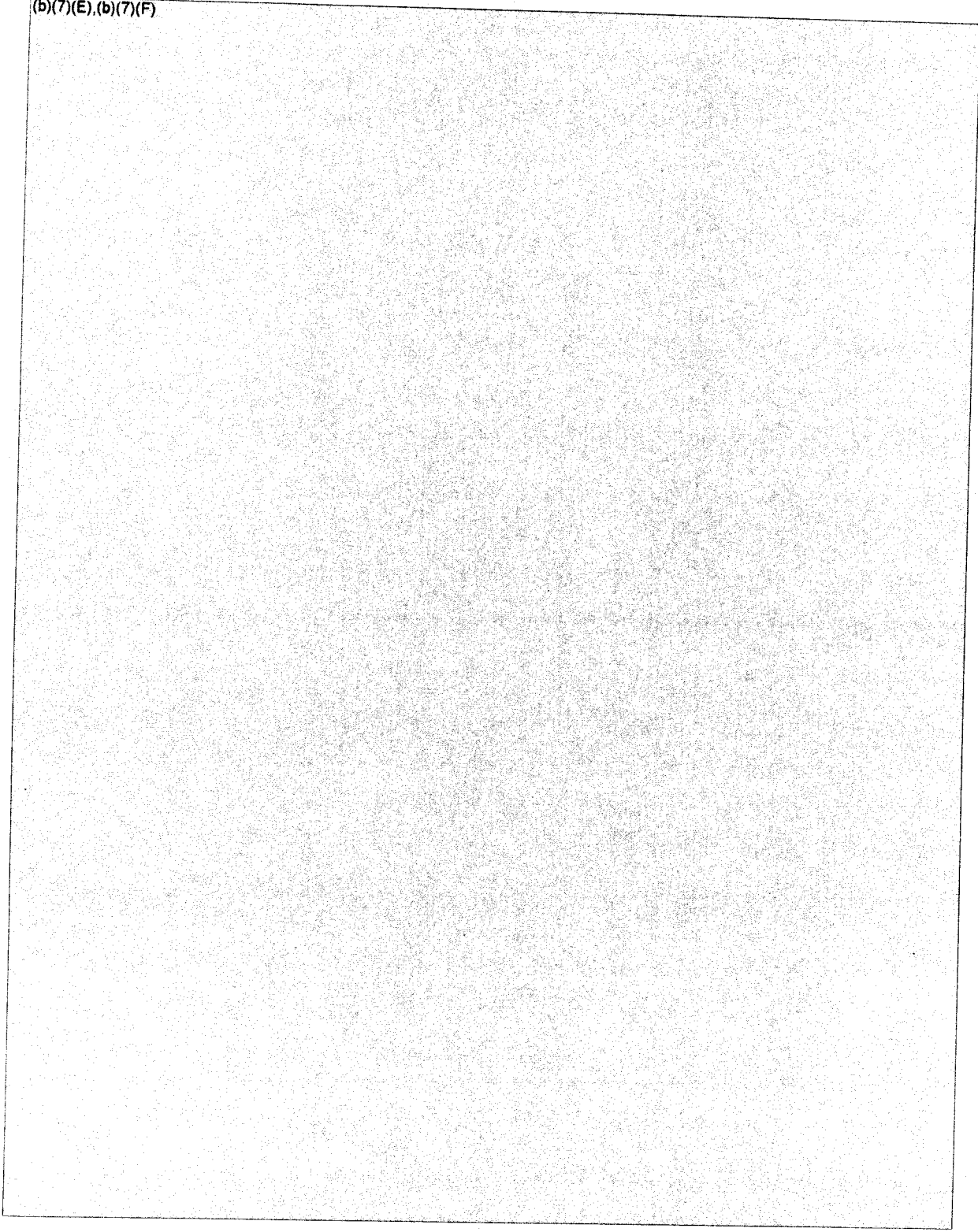
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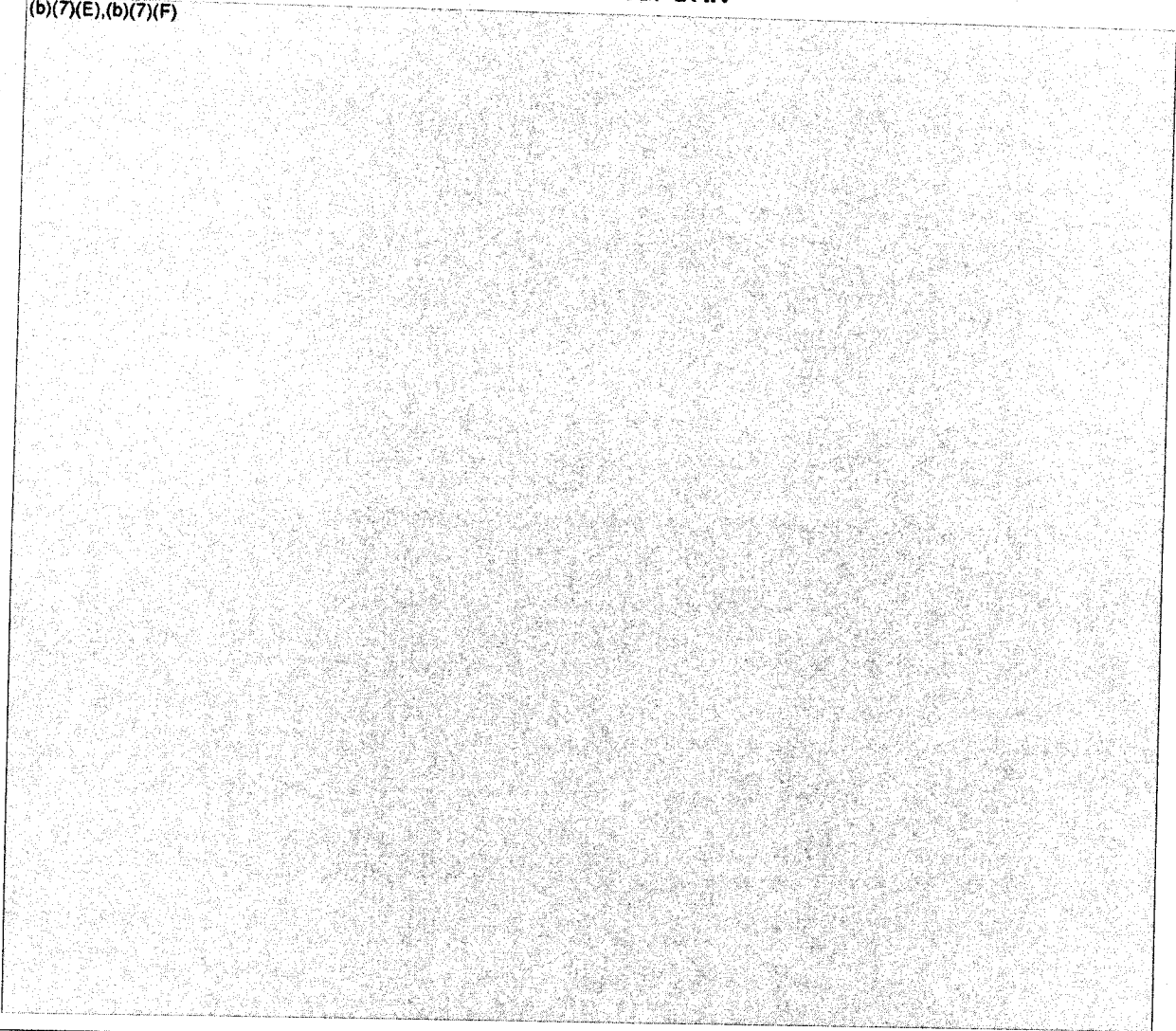
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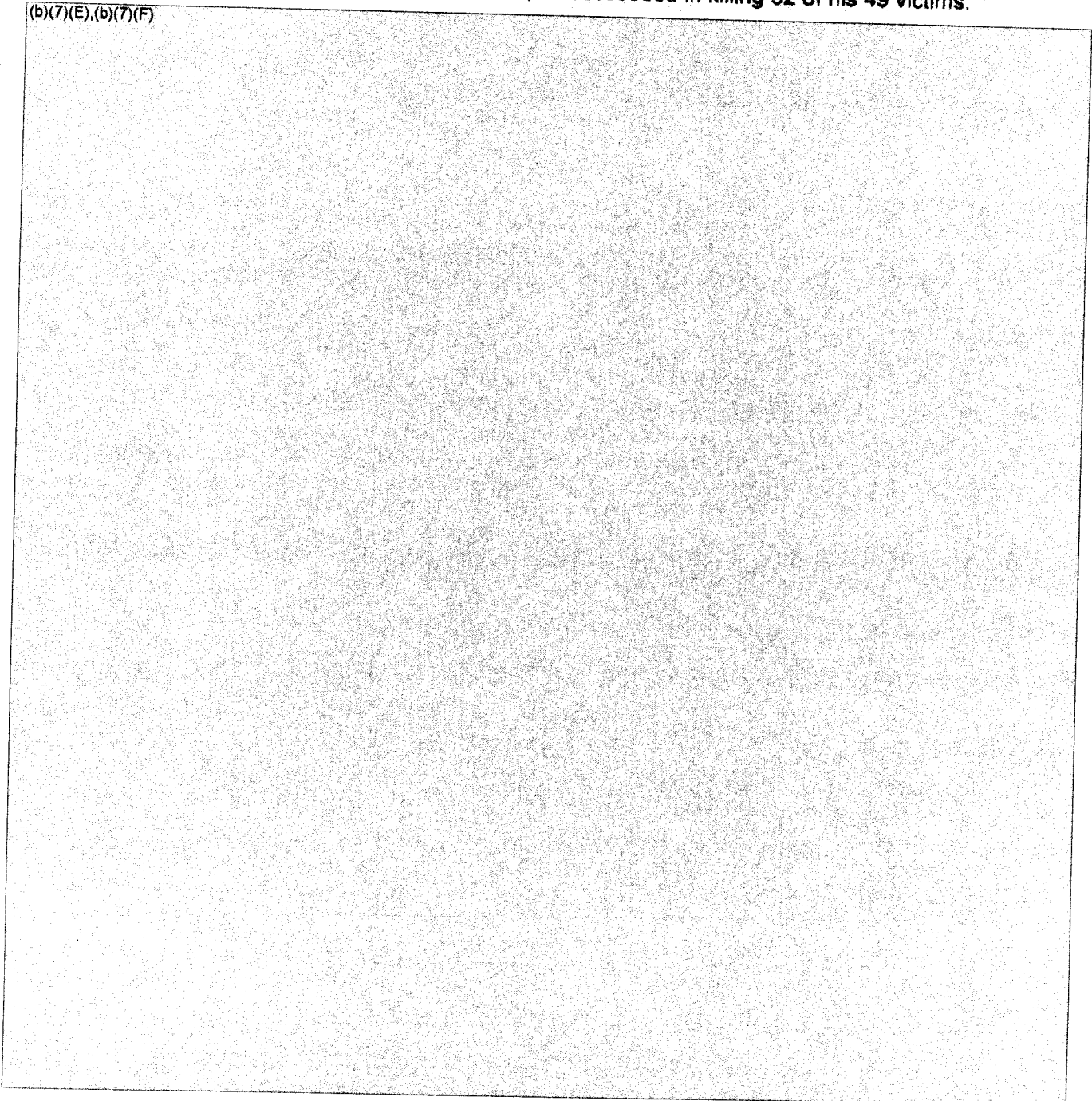


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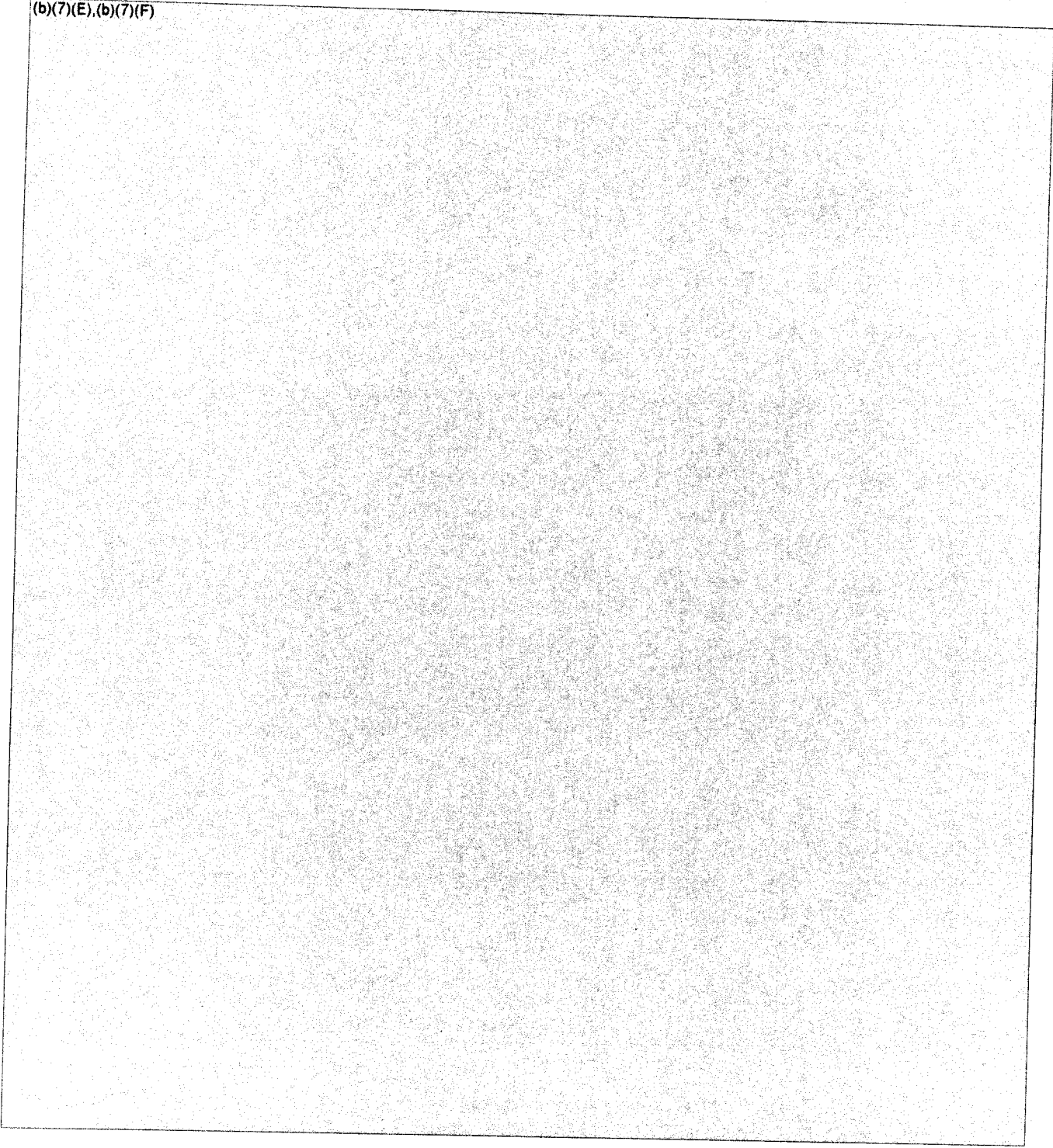


- (U) The student gunman who conducted the April 2007 attack on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, VA was armed with two handguns and at least 400 rounds of ammunition. One of the handguns and much of the ammunition were purchased over the Internet. In the two months before the attack operational training and exercise was negligible. In the space of 10 minutes, he succeeded in killing 32 of his 49 victims.¹⁴

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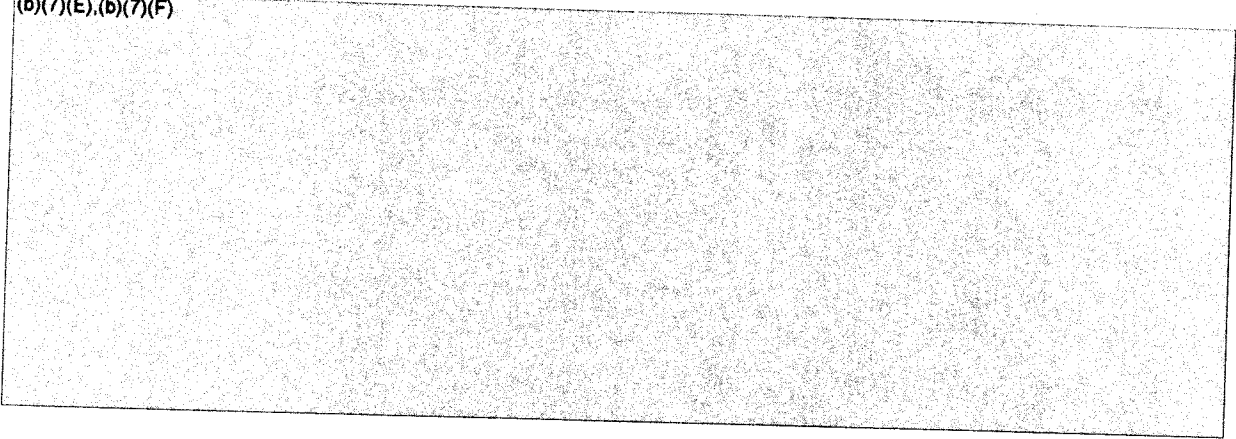


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