



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Washington DC 20420

May 27, 2020

In Reply Refer To: 001B  
FOIA Request: 20-05139-F

Mehreen Rasheed & Austin Evers  
American Oversight  
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[foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

Dear Mehreen Rasheed & Austin Evers,

This is the Initial Agency Decision (IAD) to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (OSVA), dated and received March 5, 2020, and assigned FOIA tracking number **20-05139-F**. You requested, as quoted: "All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) Secretary Robert Wilkie or anyone serving as White House Liaison or agency point of contact for the coronavirus task force, and (b) the Executive Office of the President (EOP) officials listed below:

- i. Vice President Mike Pence
  - ii. National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien
  - iii. Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor Matthew Pottinger
  - iv. Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff Robert Blair
  - v. Assistant to the President and Director of the Domestic Policy Council Joseph Grogan
  - vi. Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Coordination Christopher Liddell
  - vii. Director of the National Economic Council Larry Kudlow
  - viii. White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator Deborah Birx
  - ix. Press Secretary Katie Miller (formerly Katie Waldman)
  - x. Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Kelvin Droegemeier
- Please provide all responsive records from January 30, 2020, through the date of the search."

**Reasonable Search Dated 3/27/20, 4/8/20 & 4/29/20**

On March 27, 2020, an OSVA FOIA Officer requested that the OIT office provide all responsive records in its possession. On April 8, 2020 the OIT office provided responsive records.

On April 29, 2020, an OSVA FOIA Officer conducted secondary searches. An OSVA FOIA Officer conducted the below two (2) searches within the email boxes and calendars of Robert Wilkie and the White House Liaison. These searches, dated March 27, 2020, April 8, 2020, and April 29, 2020, yielded seven (7) emails totaling seventy-one (71) pages.

**Search 1**

From: Wilkie or RLW or Bossie  
To: Pence or O'Brien or Pottinger or Blair or Grogan or Liddell or Kudlow or Birx or Miller or Waldman or Droegemeier  
Date: 1/20/20 to 3/27/20  
Results: two (2) emails

**Search 2**

To: Wilkie or RLW or Bossie

From: Pence or O'Brien or Pottinger or Blair or Grogan or Liddell or Kudlow or Birx or Miller or Waldman or Droegmeier  
Date: 1/20/20 to 3/27/20  
Results: five (5) emails

### **Initial Agency Decision**

After reviewing the seventy-one (71) pages, OSVA redacts some information with FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. The presidential communications privilege protects agency communications to or from the President or his advisers. Redacted information includes communication amongst VA and White House officials on responding to, monitoring, and exploring options to respond to the COVID19 pandemic, including options summarized within the names of email attachments, analyzing public infrastructure and risk criteria and trends, flu surveillance, analyzing reported cases from foreign countries and several U.S. states and counties, and discussing how the New Orleans VAMC is medically treating COVID19 patients. Loving v. DOD, 550 F.3d 32, 37-38 (D.C. Cir. 2008) (Exemption 5 "incorporates" Presidential Communications Privilege, which protects "'communications directly involving and documents actually viewed by the President,' as well as documents 'solicited and received' by the President or his 'immediate White House advisers'" (internal citations omitted)); Berman v. CIA, 378 F. Supp. 2d 1209, 1219-20 (E.D. Cal. 2005) (same), aff'd on other grounds, 501 F.3d 1136 (9th Cir. 2007); Judicial Watch, Inc. v. DOJ, 365 F.3d 1108, 1110 n.1 (D.C. Cir. 2004) ("embrac[ing] the definitional analysis set forth" in In re Sealed Case, 121 F.3d 729, 749-50, 752 (D.C. Cir. 1997), protecting documents covered by Presidential Communications Privilege); Amnesty Int'l USA v. CIA, 728 F. Supp. 2d 479, 522 (S.D.N.Y. 2010) ("all twenty documents reflect or memorialize communications between senior presidential advisers and other United States government officials and are therefore properly withheld").

Exemption 5 protects interagency or intra-agency memorandums or letters that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. Moreover, this exemption permits an agency to withhold material reflecting the thoughts, opinions, and recommendations of federal officials reviewing issues. Under the deliberative process privilege and FOIA Exemption 5, OSVA redacts internal government deliberations on responding to, monitoring, and exploring options to respond to the COVID19 pandemic, including options summarized within the names of email attachments, analyzing public infrastructure and risk criteria and trends, flu surveillance, analyzing reported cases from foreign countries and several U.S. states and counties, and discussing how the New Orleans VAMC is medically treating COVID19 patients. The information contained in the responsive records is both predecisional and deliberative because it reflects preliminary opinions, proposed solutions, proposed options, proposed actions, proposals, and recommendations, which do not reflect VA's final decision. Exposure of premature discussions before a final decision is made could create undue public confusion. The release of the redacted information would negatively impact the ability of federal employees to openly and frankly consider issues amongst themselves when deliberating, discussing, reviewing, proposing changes to, and making recommendations on VA and federal programs. The information reveals the thoughts, deliberations, and opinions that, if released, would have a chilling effect on the ability of federal officials to discuss, opine, recommend or be forthcoming about the agency's issues which require full and frank assessment. Here, the disclosure of the withheld information is likely to compromise the integrity of this deliberative or decision-making process. Moreover, the predecisional character of a document is not altered by the passage of time. Bruscino v. BOP, No. 94-1955, 1995 WL 444406 at \*5 (D.D. C. May 15, 1995), aff'd in part, No. 95-5212, 1996 WL 393101 (D.C. Cir. June 24, 1996).

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) exempts from required disclosure "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." FOIA Exemption 6 permits VA to withhold a document or information within a document if disclosure of the information, either by itself or in conjunction with other information available to either the public or the FOIA requester, would result in an unwarranted invasion of an individual's personal privacy without contributing significantly to the public's understanding of the activities of the federal government. Specifically, the information being withheld, as indicated on the enclosed documents, under FOIA Exemption 6, consists of names, identities, phone numbers, and email addresses of federal employees. However, we release the names of VA Senior Executives. Federal employees retain a significant privacy interest under certain circumstances, such as in instances where the release of their information could represent a threat to their well-being, harassment, or their ability to function within their sphere of employment. The federal employees whose information is at issue have a substantial privacy interest in their personal information. In weighing the private versus the public interest, we find that there is no public interest in knowing the names, identities, phone numbers, and email addresses of federal employees. The coverage of FOIA Exemption 6 is absolute unless the FOIA requester can demonstrate a countervailing public interest in the requested information by demonstrating that the FOIA requester is in a position to provide the requested information to members of the general public and that the information requested contributes significantly to the public's understanding of the activities of the Federal government. Additionally, the requester must demonstrate how the public's need to understand the information significantly outweighs the privacy interest of the person to whom the information pertains. Upon consideration of the records, I have not been able to identify a countervailing public interest of sufficient magnitude to outweigh the privacy interest of the individuals whose names are redacted. The protected information has been redacted and (b)(6) inserted. "Withholding a telephone number or e-mail address, alone, is not sufficient to protect that [privacy] interest; alternate means of contacting and harassing these employees would be readily discoverable on the Internet if this court ordered their names disclosed." Long v. Immigration & Customs Enf't, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 160719 (D.C. Cir. 2017).

### **FOIA Mediation**

As part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. Under the provisions of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, the following contact information is provided to assist FOIA requesters in resolving disputes:

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Email Address: [vacofoiaservice@va.gov](mailto:vacofoiaservice@va.gov)

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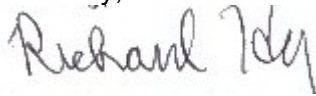
**FOIA Appeal**

This concludes OSVA's IAD to FOIA request **20-05139-F**. Please be advised that should you desire to do so, you may appeal the determination made in this response to:

Office of General Counsel (024)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

If you should choose to file an appeal, please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly indicate the basis for your disagreement with the determination set forth in this response. Please be advised that in accordance with VA's implementing FOIA regulations at 38 C.F.R. § 1.559, your appeal must be postmarked no later than ninety (90) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,



Richard Ha, JD, CIPP/G  
OSVA FOIA Officer

Attachments – seventy-one (71) redacted pages

**From:** (b)(6) EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Wed, 19 Feb 2020 23:53:35 +0000  
**To:** RLW; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) EOP/NSC (b)(6) EOP/NSC  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] White House Coronavirus  
**Attachments:** (b)(5)  
(b)(6)

Secretary Wilkie,

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Respectfully,

(b)(6)  
202-456-(b)(6)

Assistant to the President &  
Deputy National Security Advisor  
The White House

# U.S. Government Response to SARS-CoV2 Decision Tree

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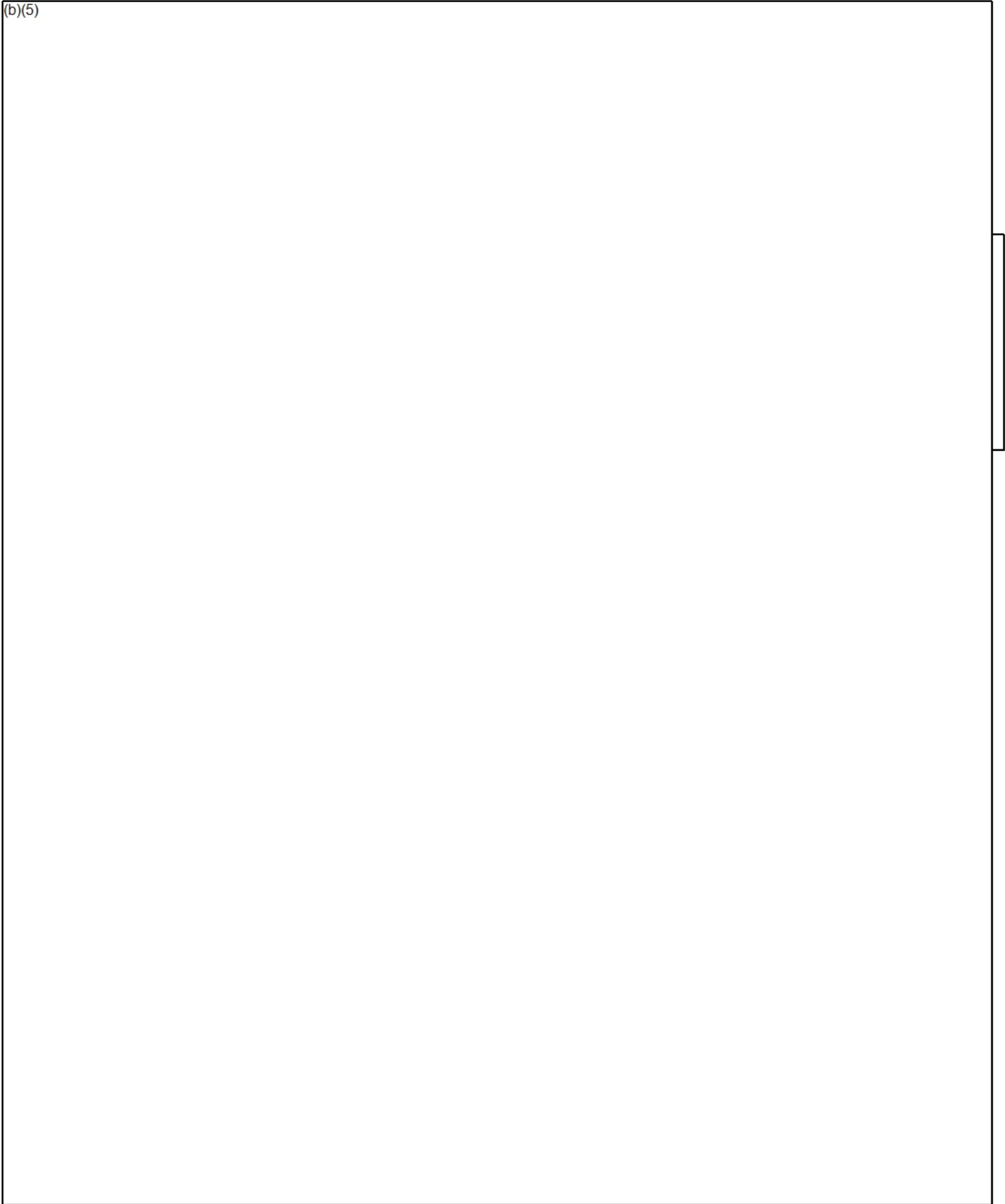
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# Public Health Infrastructure, Press Freedom, and Risk Criteria

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# Public Health Infrastructure, Flu Reporting, and Risk Criteria

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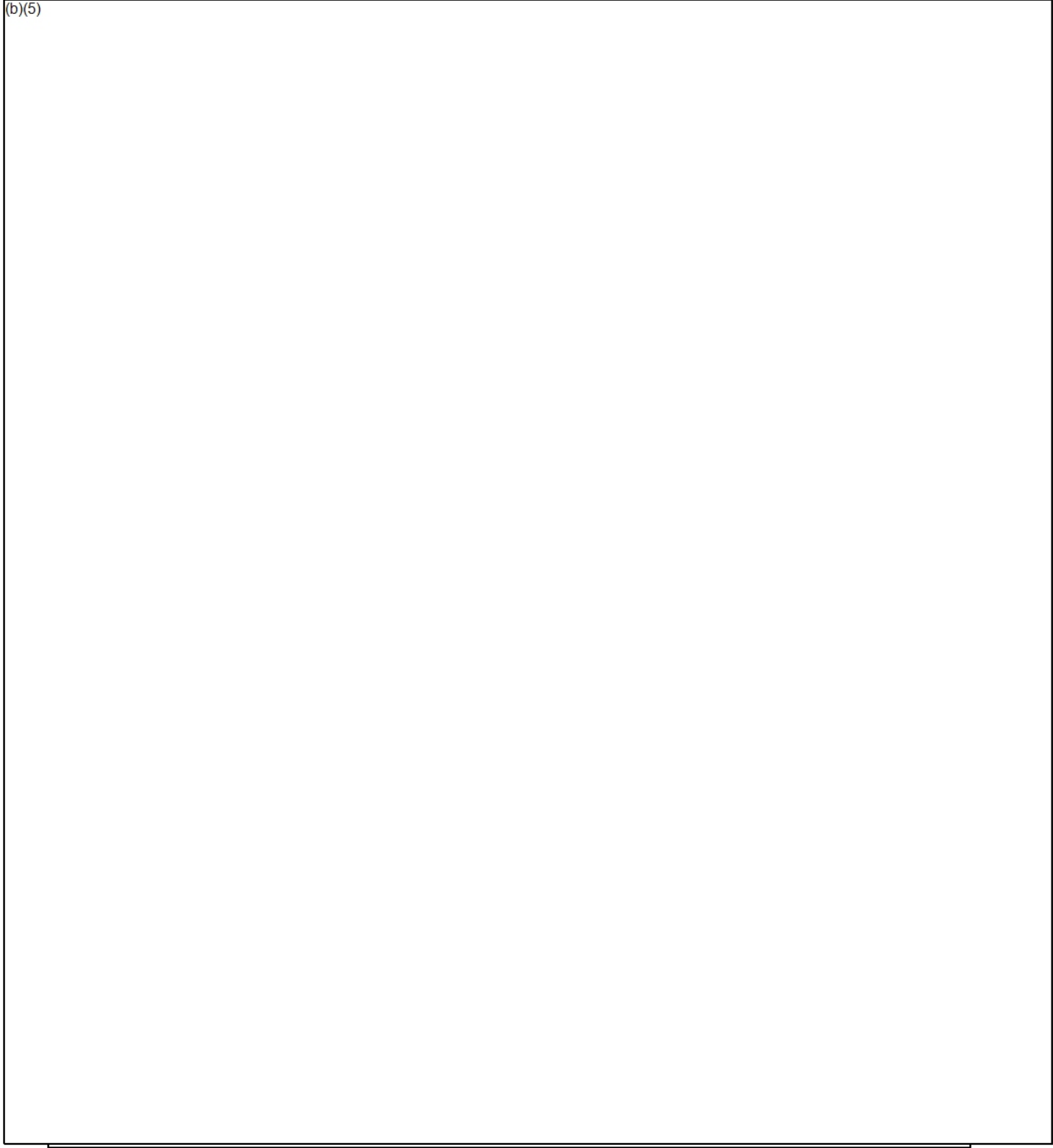
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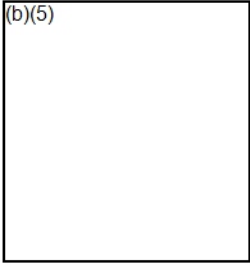
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**February 19 Task Force Decisions for Deliberation**

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**From:** RLW  
**Sent:** Sun, 23 Feb 2020 23:08:18 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) EOP/WHO (b)(6) EOP/NSC  
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(b)(6) EOP/NSC; (b)(6) EOP/OVP; Stone, Richard A., MD; Powers, Pamela  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: ACTION: Please Review by 6:30 P.M.

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Robert Wilkie  
Secretary

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On Feb 23, 2020, at 11:47 PM, (b)(6) EOP/NSC  
(b)(6) @nsc.eop.gov> wrote:

Good Evening WHTF,

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Thank you,

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Director for Countering Biological Threats  
National Security Council  
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**From:** (b)(6) EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Thu, 19 Mar 2020 20:19:49 +0000  
**To:** RLW  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: NOLA COVID

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**From:** RLW <(b)(6)@va.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) EOP/WHO (b)(6)@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: NOLA COVID

(b)(6) you see below NOLA (b)(5)

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**From:** Powers, Pamela <(b)(6)s@va.gov>  
**Date:** Thursday, Mar 19, 2020, 4:14 PM  
**To:** RLW (b)(6)@va.gov>  
**Subject:** NOLA COVID

Sir, for your LA call: They have the (b)(5)

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Pamela Powers  
Veterans Affairs Chief of Staff  
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**From:** RLW  
**Sent:** Thu, 19 Mar 2020 20:39:34 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Powers, Pamela  
**Subject:** FW: Private Hospital Cancellations - NOLA

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Major hospital systems in New Orleans still doing elective surgeries. See below—they are all bigger than we are (except Tulane).

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**From:** (b)(6) @va.gov>  
**Date:** Thursday, Mar 19, 2020, 4:26 PM  
**To:** RLW (b)(6) @va.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Private Hospital Cancellations - NOLA

FYI

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**From:** (b)(6) (NOLA) (b)(6) @va.gov>  
**Date:** Thursday, Mar 19, 2020, 3:24 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) @va.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Private Hospital Cancellations - NOLA

Update status:  
Ochsner – case by case, determination on policy change is imminent  
E Jeff – patient/doctor decision, no systemwide changes  
Tulane – (still working on it)  
Children's – no elective surgery

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CEO/Medical Center Director  
Southeast Louisiana Veterans HCS

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**From:** (b)(6) (NOLA)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 12:03 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) @va.gov>  
**Subject:** Private Hospital Cancellations - NOLA

Following up on our conversation from earlier. Below is the latest on 5 large private hospitals in the New Orleans area.

Ochsner leadership is discussing postponing some surgical cases but has made no announcement yet.

Children's – right now at the discretion of surgeon; head of OR was asked to submit a list of cases that could be postponed. Decision on that will probably happen today.

UMC has cancelled elective procedures

Tulane – discussion is ongoing, working out the parameters of “elective.”

E Jeff – no changes yet to OR but have closed their wellness center.

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**CEO/Medical Center Director**  
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There will be a **White House Coronavirus Task Force Meeting** on **Saturday, March 21, 2020** at **10:00am**. Seating chart and agenda attached.

Thank you,

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## March 20 Data

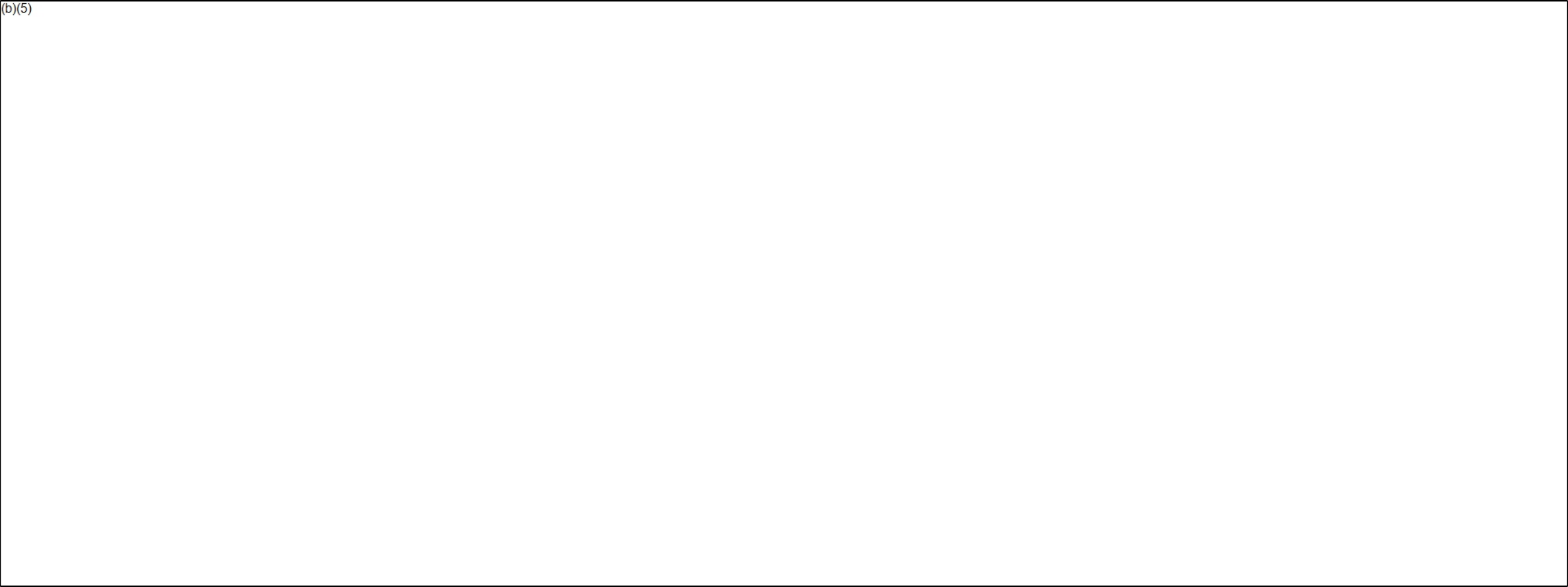
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## March 20 data for Italy

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## March 20 data for Germany

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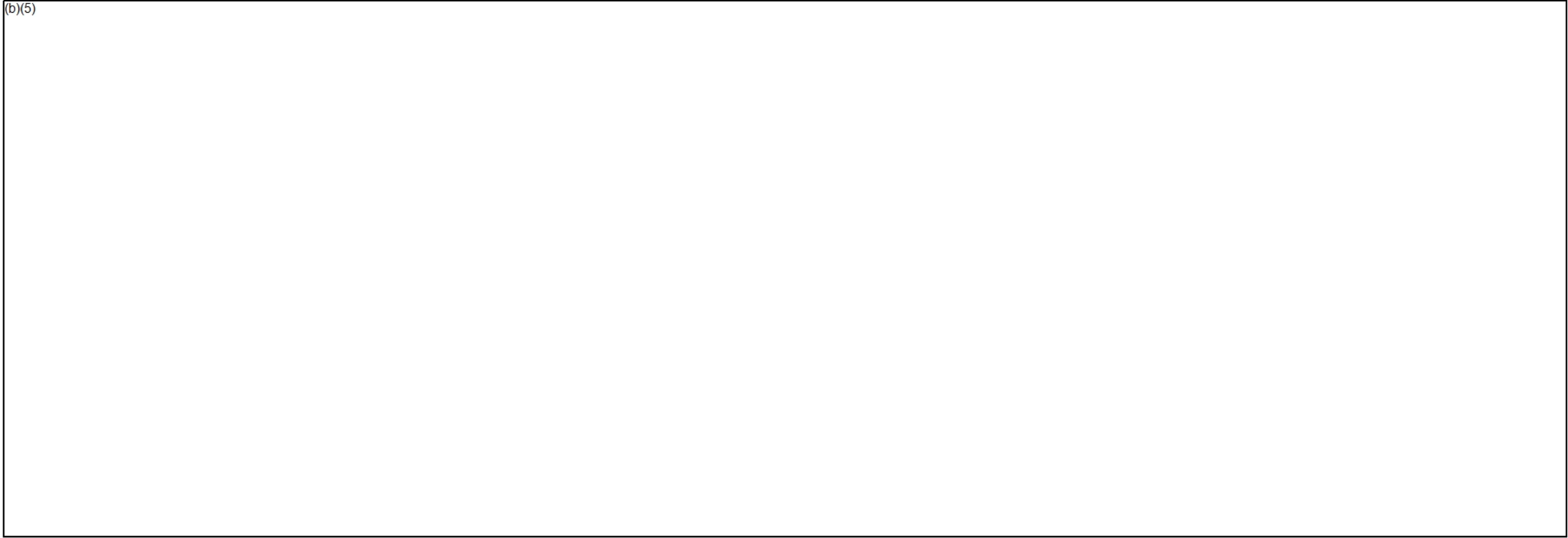


## March 20 data for USA

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## March 20 data for South Korea – note active cases not cumulative

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States with the highest number of

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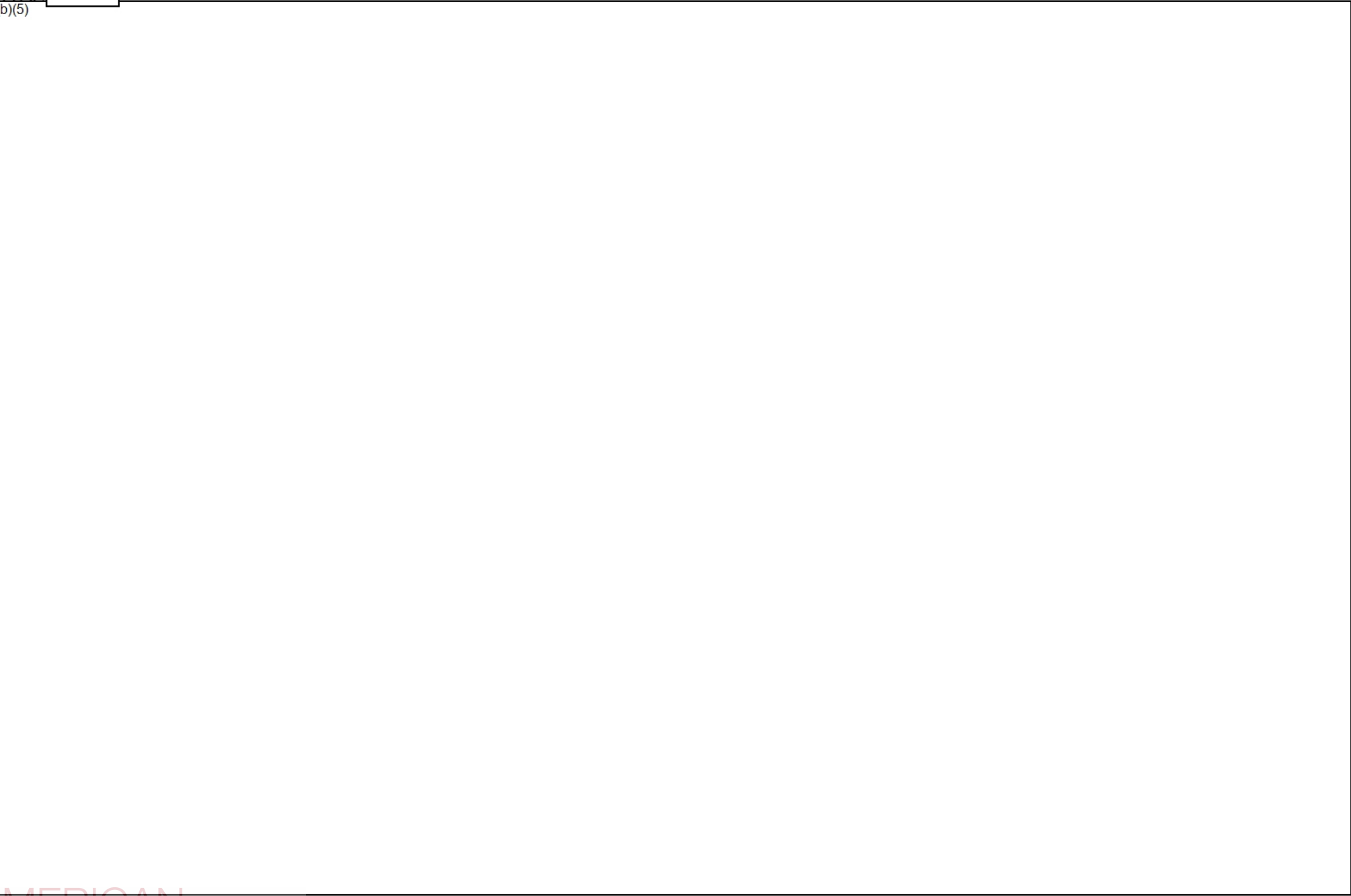
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Counties with the highest number of

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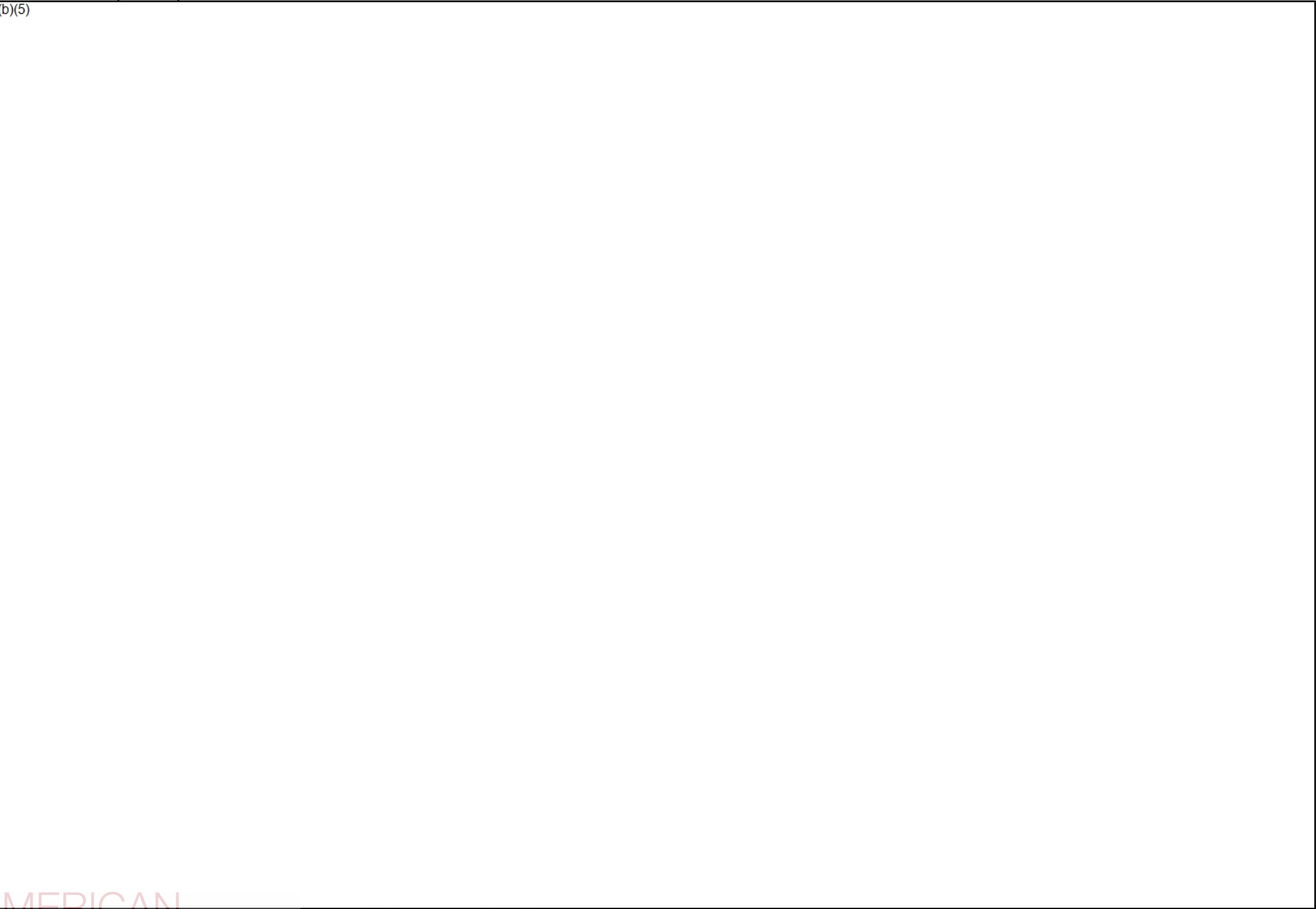
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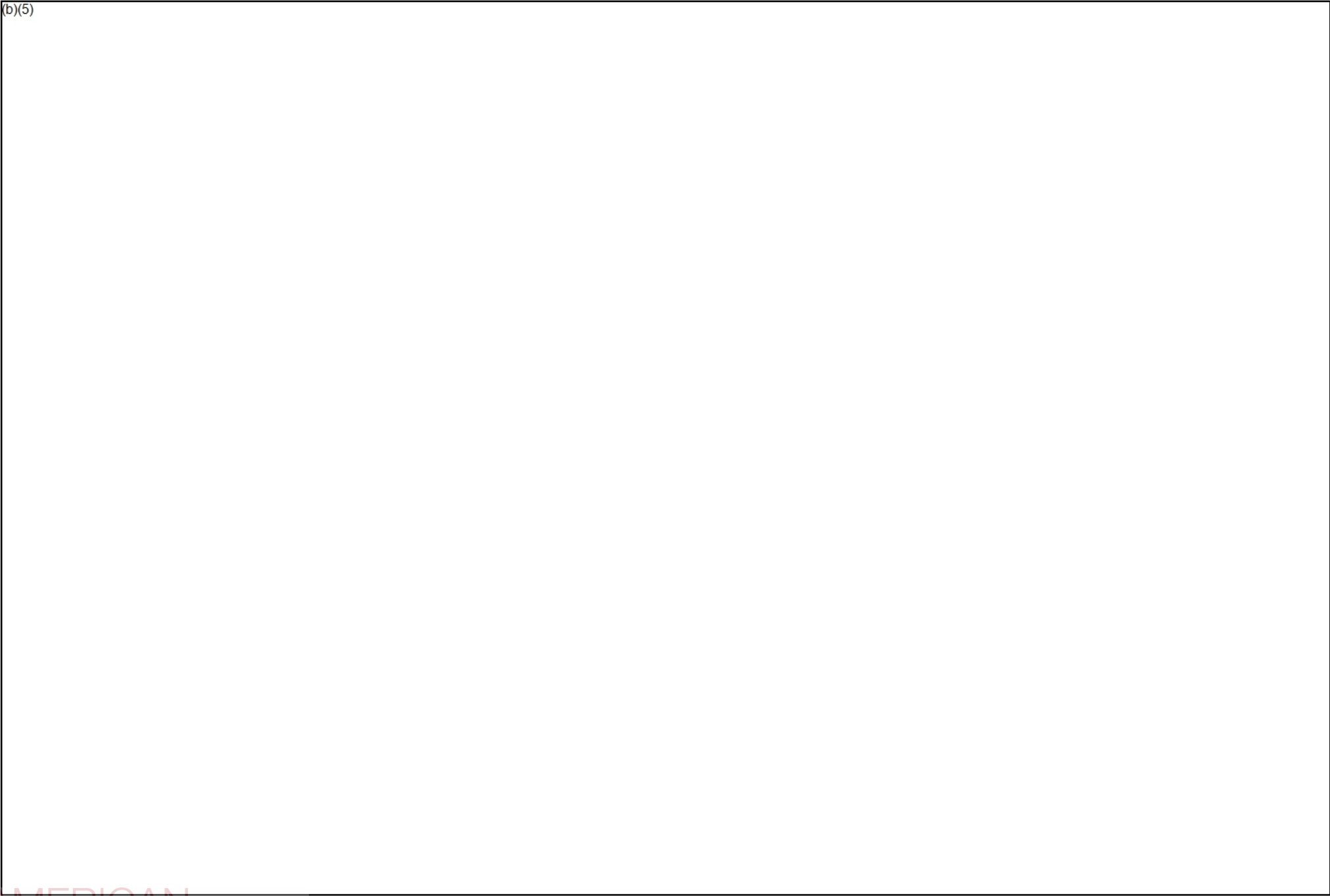
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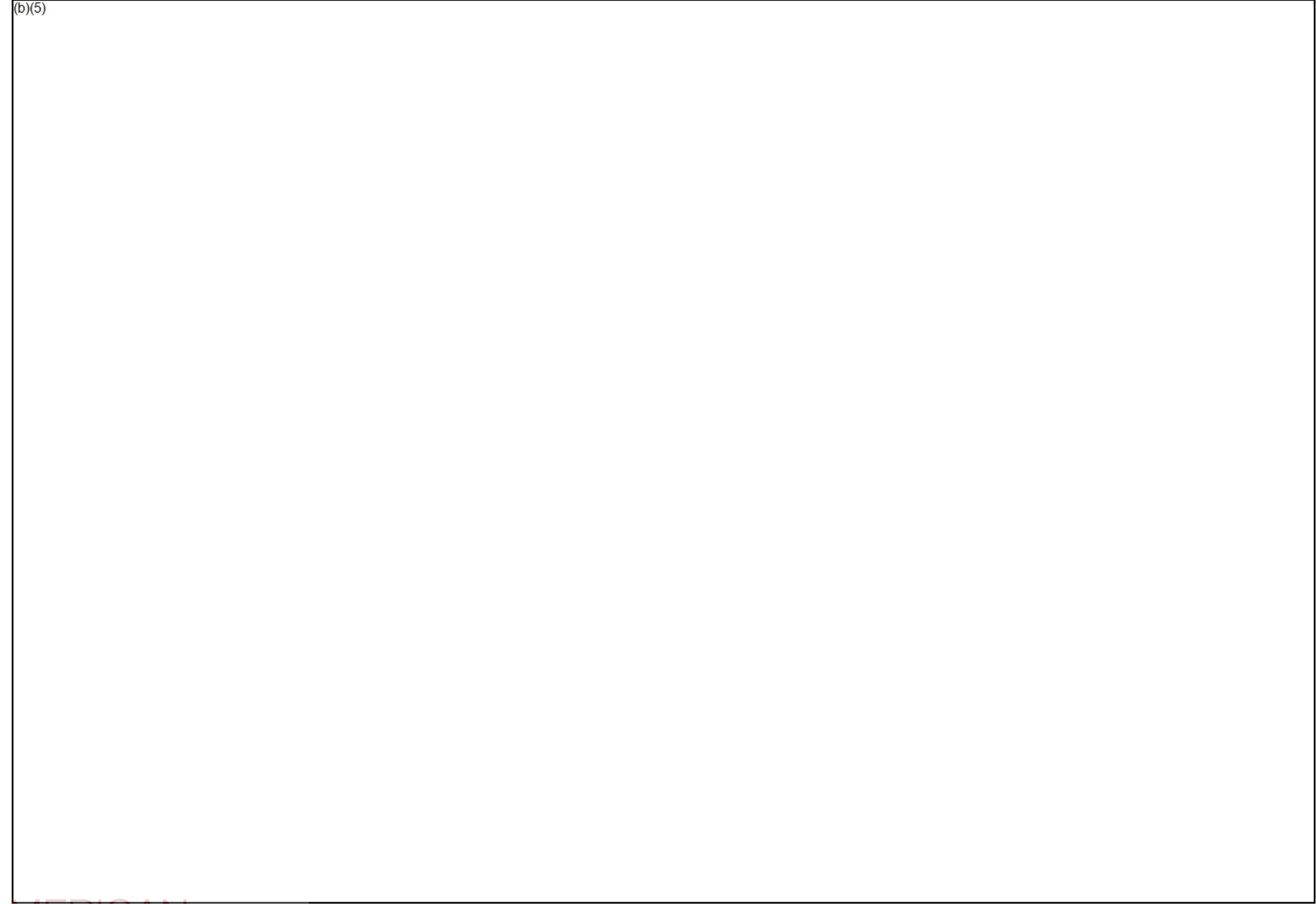
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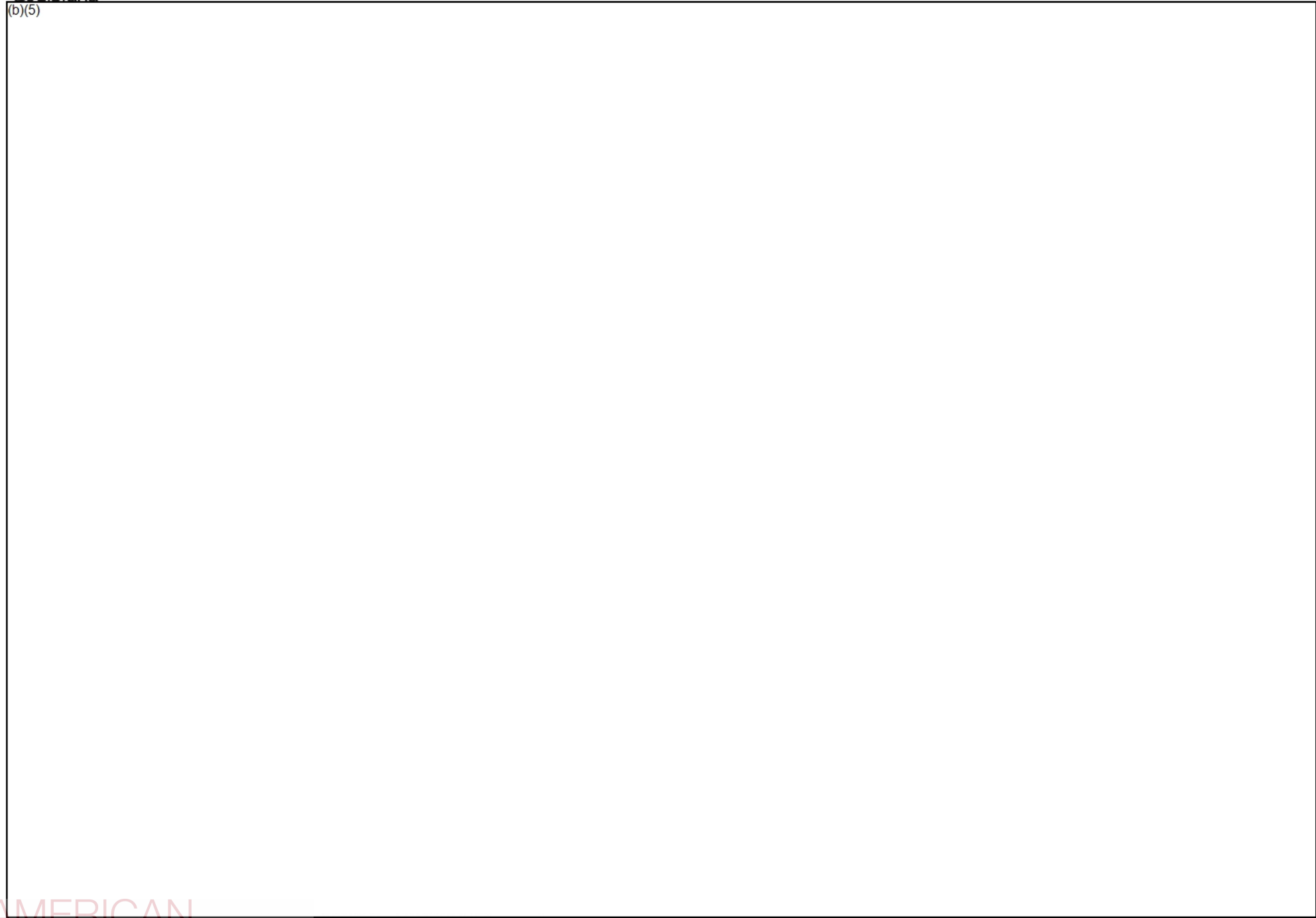
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## Trends in Reported Cases in Counties with 20 or More Cases Since 1/22/2020

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Trends in Reported Cases Since 2/29/2020

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Summary as a read ahead. New Highlights – comparator of the (b)(5)  
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# COVID-19 case data – Task Force

## 22 March

Data as of March 21, 2020

Global data from 21 March and 22 March 0.00 GMT

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# Flu Surveillance

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May 1, 20

Flu activity and COVID19 activity.

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Virgin Islands

# COVID-19 confirmed cases

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Counties with the highest number of

cases (b)(5)

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States with the highest number of cases

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## Trends in Reported Cases in Top 20 Counties Since 1/22/2020

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## Trends in Reported Cases Since 3/1/2020

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