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## VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST

### RECOMMENDED TASKS

- ~~(S/NF)~~ ALL STOPS

- Show U.S. appreciation for support for war on terrorism.
- Emphasize war against terrorism a global effort.
- Express U.S. commitment to regional security and stability in Middle East, and emphasize our desire to consult with friends and allies on regional issues.
- Reiterate President's focus on "axis of evil."

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- Emphasize importance of reducing India-Pakistan tensions.

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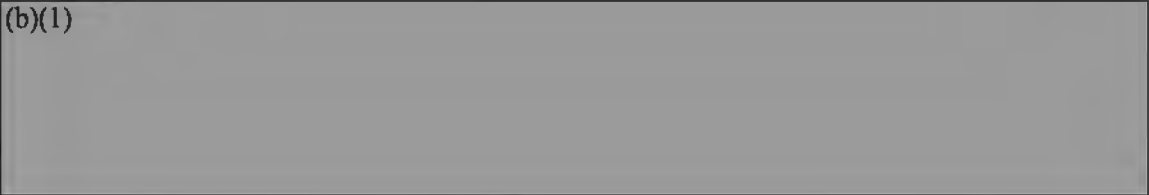


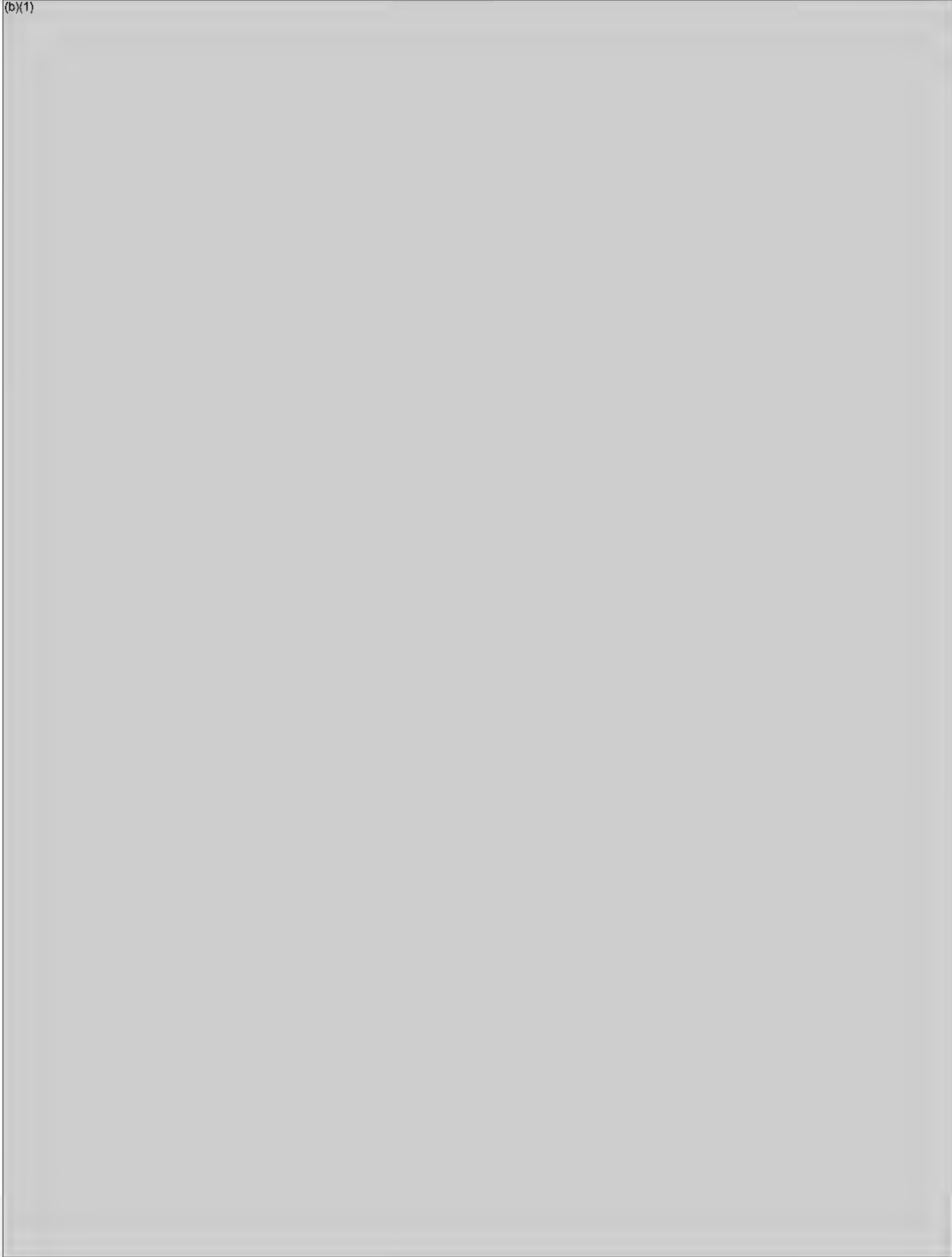
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**TAB A**

**VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST**  
**RECOMMENDED TASKS AND TALKING POINTS**

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- Task: Show U.S. appreciation for support for war on terrorism.
- Points:
  - Appreciate public statements supporting U.S. efforts to eradicate terrorism.
  - U.S. has led the fight to help Muslim people six times in last ten years – a fact that needs to be emphasized in the region.

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- Task: Emphasize war against terrorism a global effort.
- Points:
  - Still much work that needs to be done in Afghanistan, we must all remember that this is a global war on terrorism.

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- Task: Express U.S. commitment to regional security and stability in Middle East, and emphasize our desire to consult with friends and allies on regional issues.

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- Points:

- U.S. committed to a strong and long-lasting relationship with countries in region.

- War on terrorism will strengthen security and stability of entire region.

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- Task: Reiterate President's focus on "axis of evil."

- Points:

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- Must prevent regimes that sponsor terror from threatening America or our friends and allies with weapons of mass destruction.

- No distinction between terrorists and states that give sanctuary and support.

- Must prevent terrorists and states that sponsor terror from getting and using WMD to threaten friends and allies.

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- Task: Emphasize importance of reducing India-Pakistan tensions.

- Points:

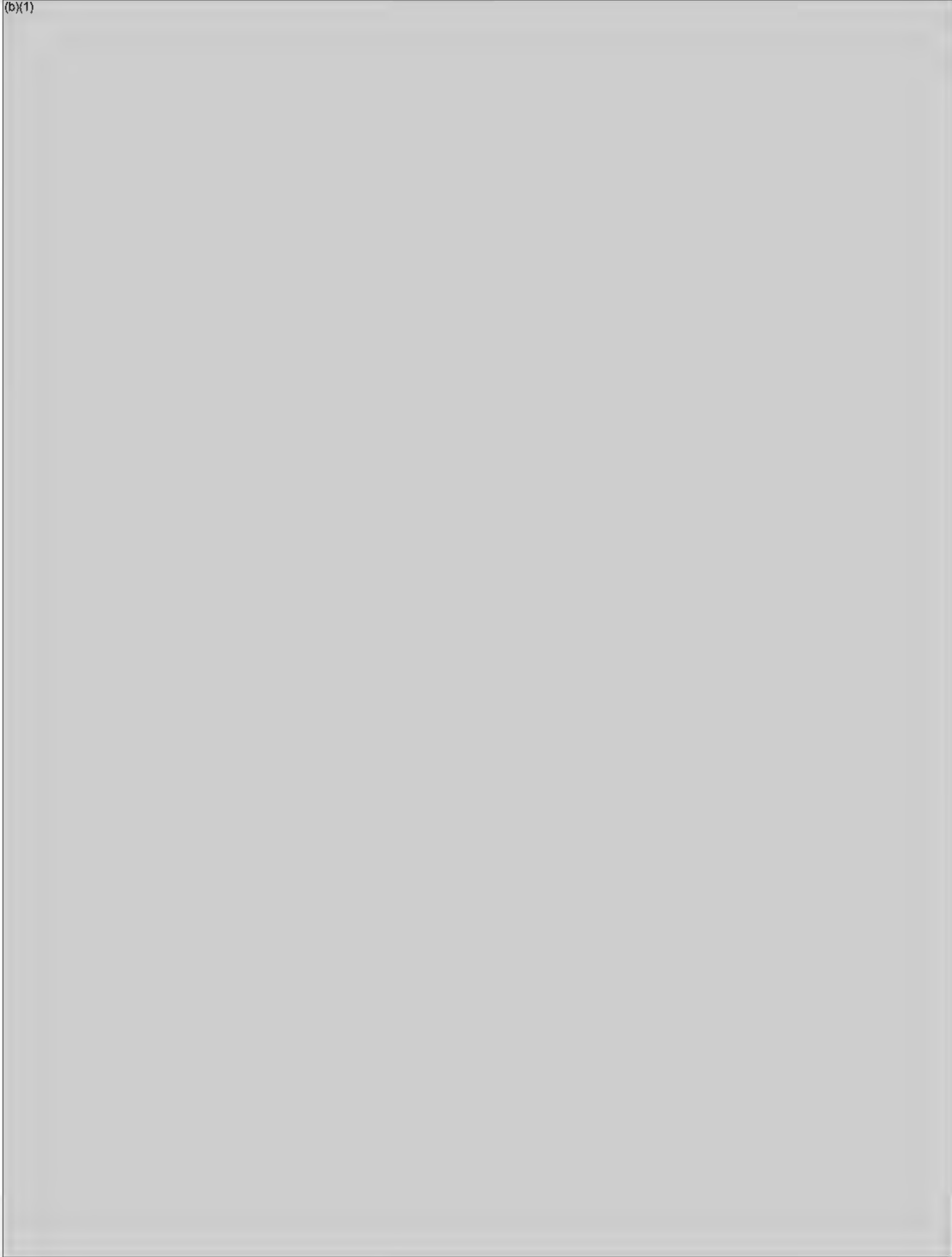
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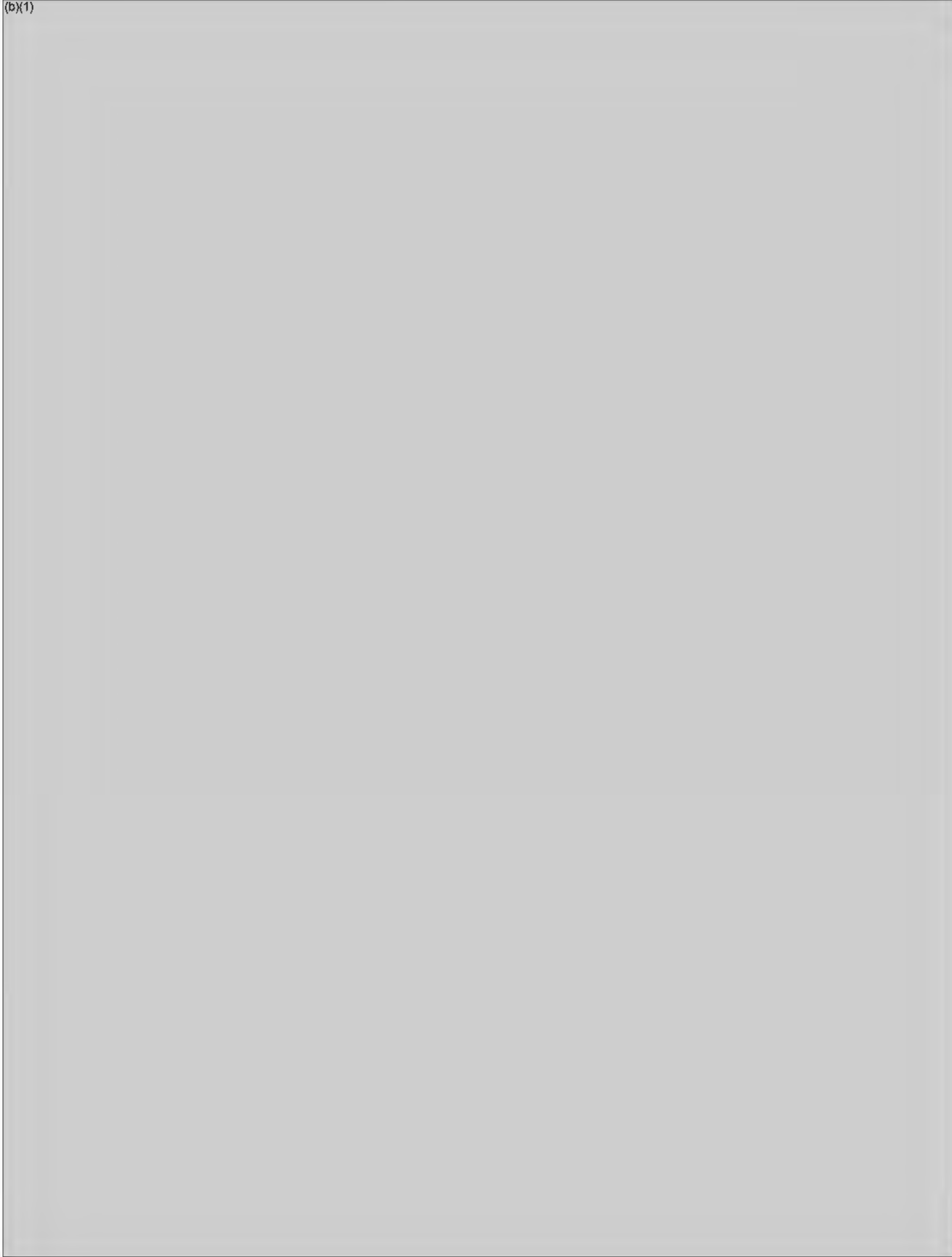
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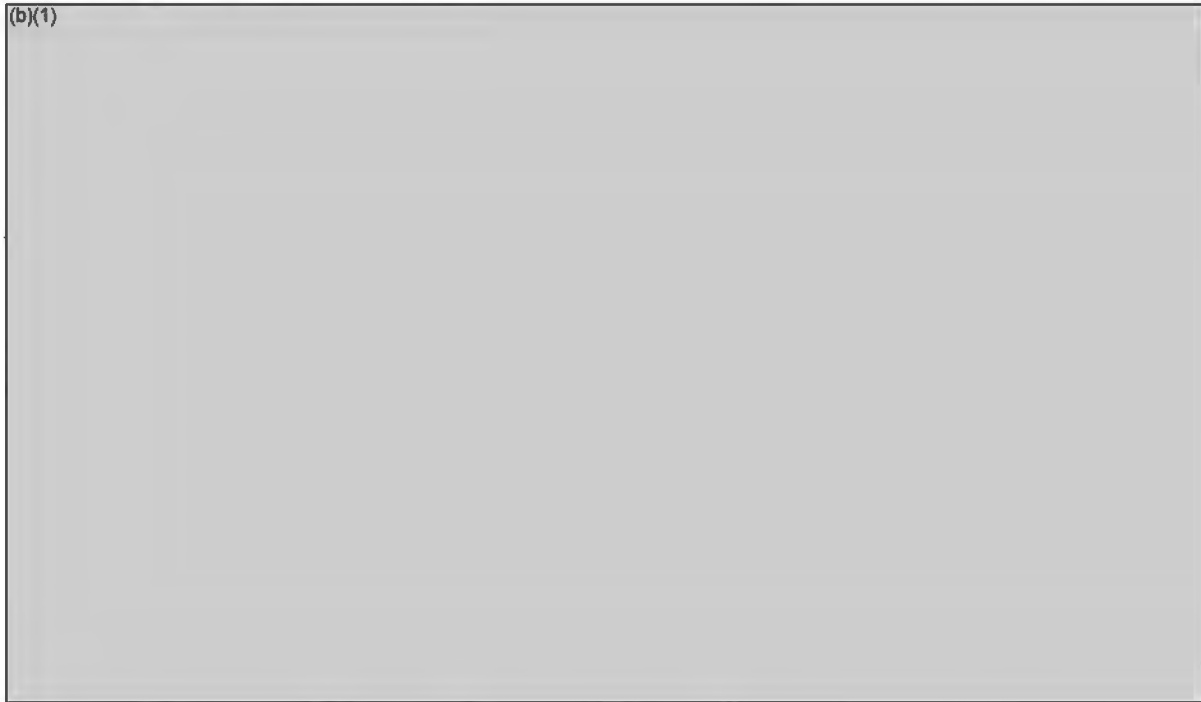


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- Turkish state the model for states in region to emulate: stable and secular democracy, open markets, firm foundation in institutions and values of West.

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# **TAB B**

**TALKING POINTS ON NORTH KOREA**

**NOTE:** Unclassified points can be used with all countries;

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- (U) North Korea arming with missiles and weapons of mass destruction, while its citizens starve.
- (U) Ongoing development of weapons of mass destruction and missile-related activities pose a continuing threat to regional security and U.S. forces, friends and interests around globe.
- (U) Regime is world's number one exporter of ballistic missiles and technology. North Korea's missile exports, which arm states in already tense regions, threaten U.S. forces and friends and are irresponsible.

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- (U) We stand by our offer to meet anytime, anywhere, without preconditions for substantive discussions. It is up to North Korea to take advantage of that offer.

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### TALKING POINTS ON IRAQ

- (U) Iraq's inflammatory statements after 11 September attacks, as well as continued rejection of UNSCRs, makes it clear Baghdad will take every opportunity to undermine fight against terrorism.
- (U) Saddam Hussein has barred UN weapons inspectors from searching for weapons of mass destruction since 1998.
- (U) Saddam Hussein's continued threats against Kuwait provide unequivocal proof he remains a threat to peace in region.
- (U) Iraq continues to flaunt hostility toward America and to support terror. Saddam Hussein continues work on anthrax, nerve gas, and nuclear weapons.
- (U) Iraq butchered thousands of own people with poison gas. Saddam murdered Shia clerics, tried to exterminate Marsh Arabs, and is conducting ethnic cleansing against Kurds in areas under his control.
- (U) Iraq accepted United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 as a pre-condition to cease-fire with United States and allies. Promised to disband weapons efforts and allow unconstrained international inspections. Pledged to renounce international terrorism.
- (U) Iraq in violation of cease-fire agreement with United States and in breach of numerous United Nations Security Council Resolutions. For over three years, Saddam Hussein blocked international inspections and rebuilding his deadly programs.

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