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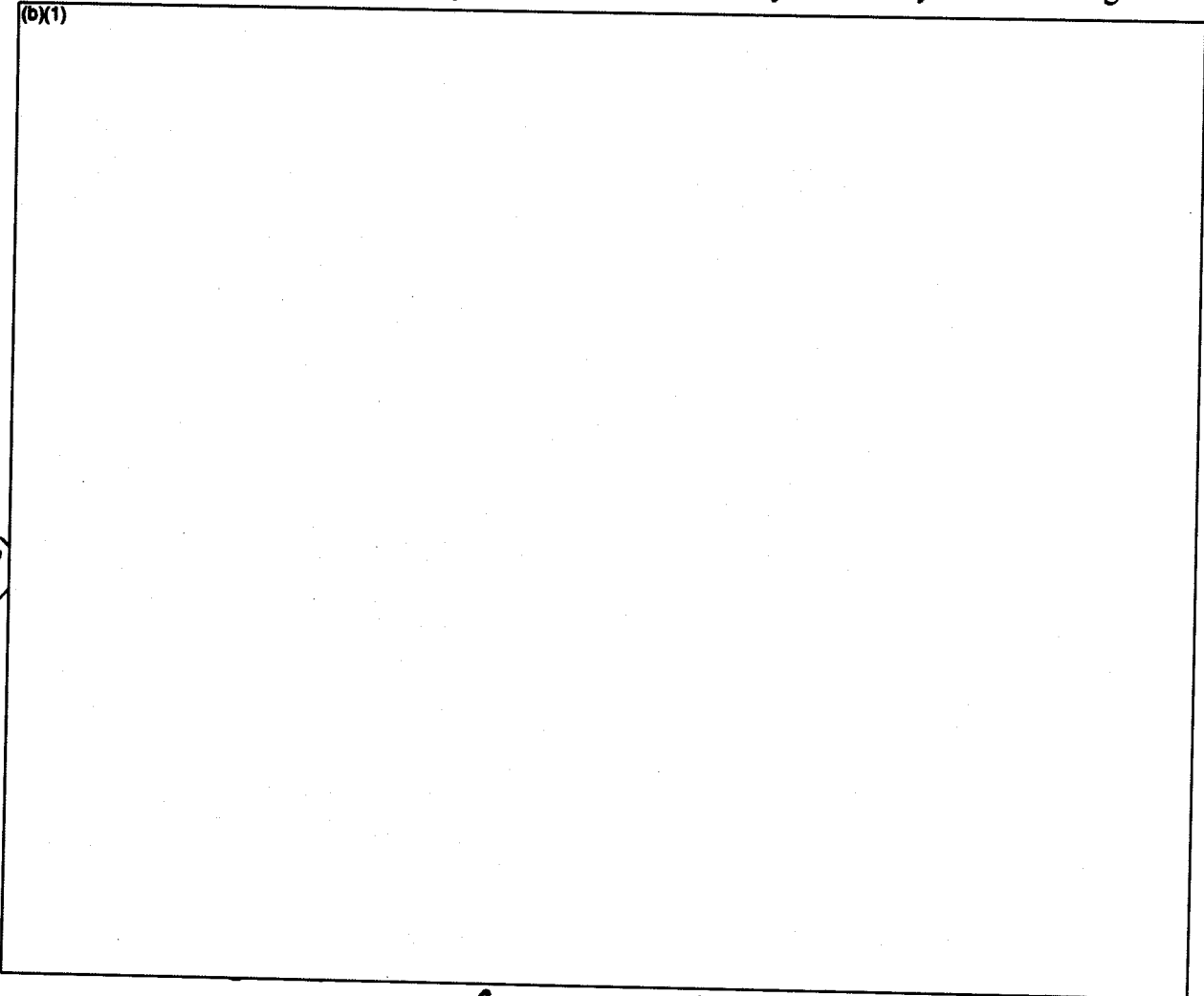
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MEMORANDUM FOR Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Trip to Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Colombia

1. Sir, I recently traveled to Chile, Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia and wanted to give you some impressions. These countries are strategically the most important and influential in the AOR. The crisis in Colombia poses the most significant threat to the security and stability of the entire region.

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