# PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2007

(CLOSED SESSION)

#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

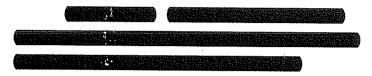
RIGO SANCHEZ, President
ALAN C. LEVINE, Vice-President
SIMON GRUBIN, Treasurer
THOMAS P. DEVITA, Secretary
MARIA MAGDA O'KEEFE (Absent)
GLORIA KOLODZIEJ
IDIDA RODRIGUEZ

#### ALSO PRESENT:

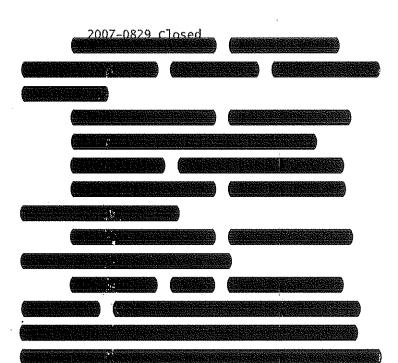
JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director
GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel

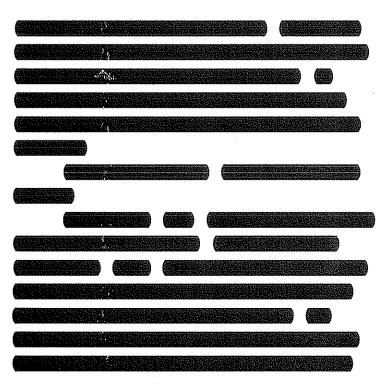
JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering
JAMES J. GALLAGHER, Personnel Director
LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

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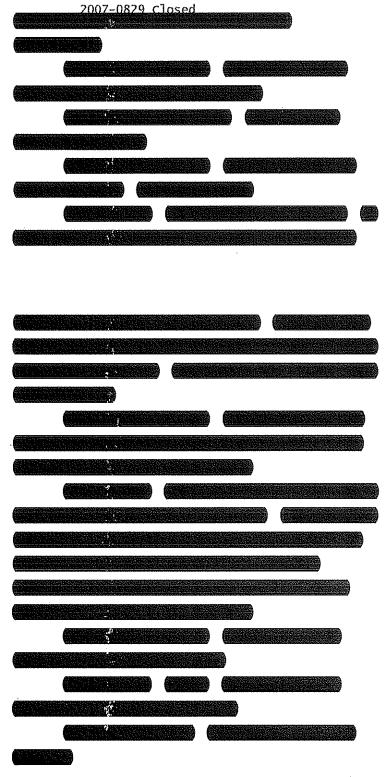


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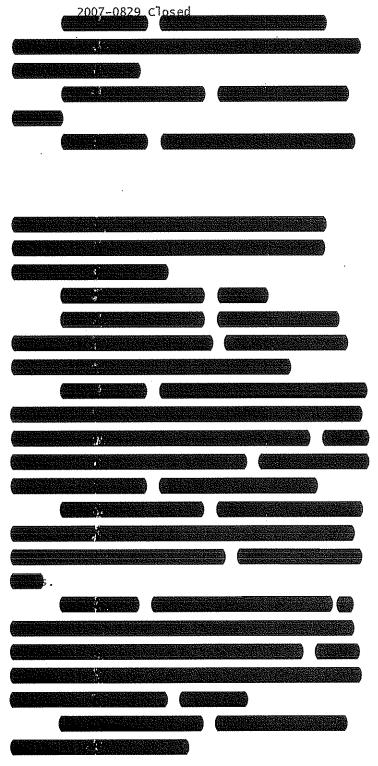




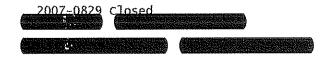
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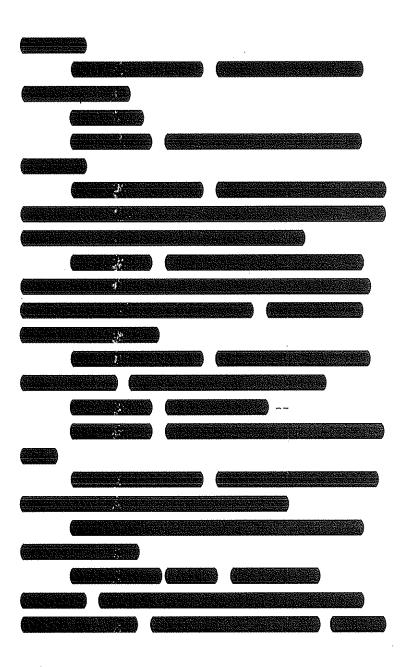


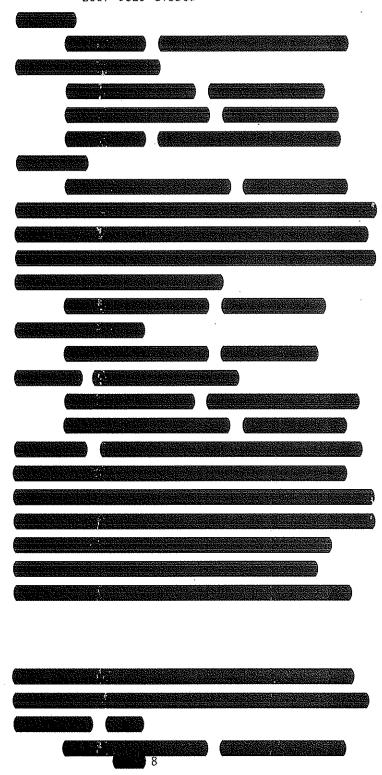
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COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: The reservoir covers.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Right.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: These things initiated with Mr. Hanley. Is Mr. Hanley able to take care of all the projects that were initiated?

MR. HANLEY: No.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: You can't?

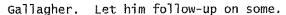
MR. HANLEY: I can help. I'm a lawyer not a grant writer.

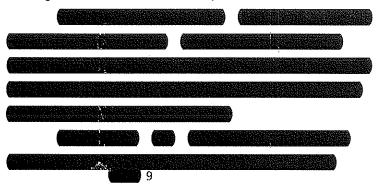
COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'm not opposed to going out to RFP for quotations.

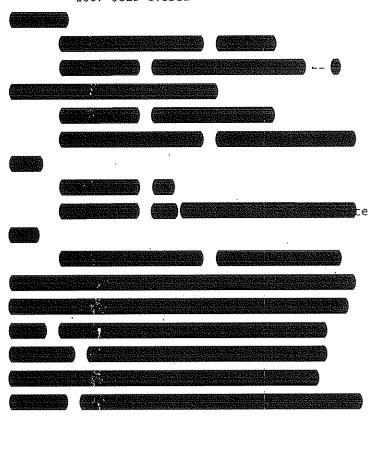
COMMISSIONER DEVITA: Let me try to make things easier. Can we not have some people here attempt to just follow this up and look at it?

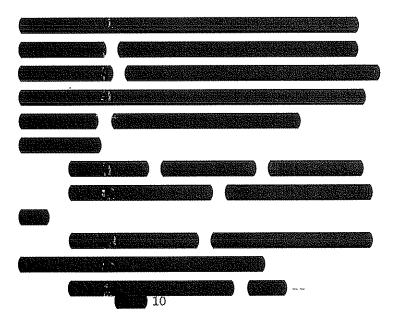
COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Assign someone inhouse.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: I mean, assign

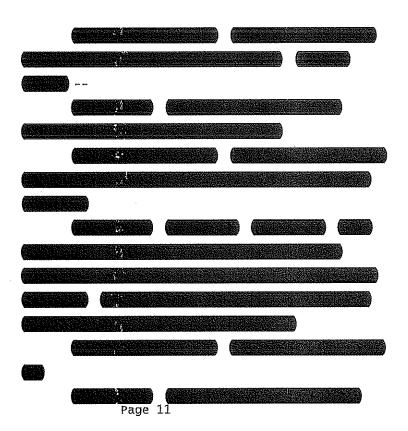


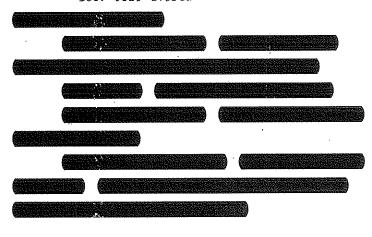


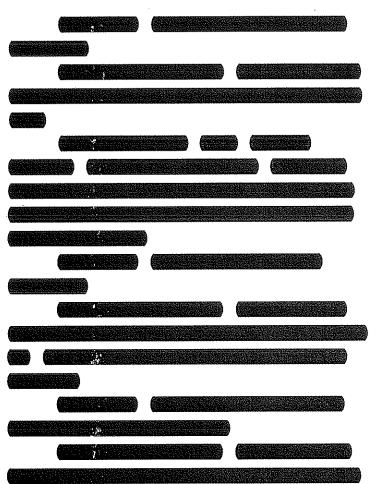




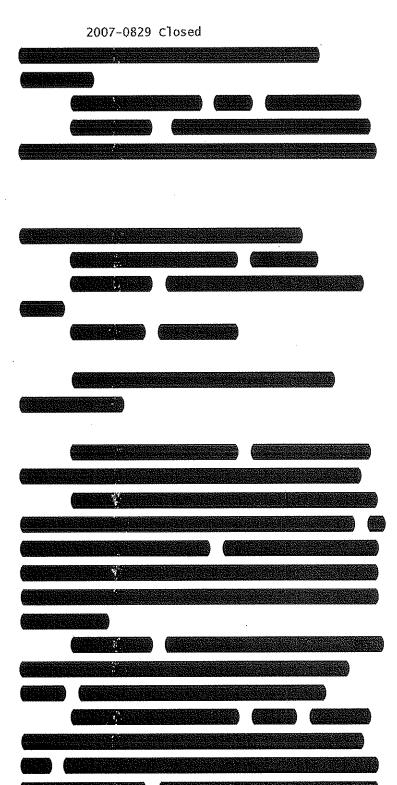








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COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: The lobbying for fund development grant, it would be either — it would mostly be Joe who would make those calls. A firm like this, a good thing they help you navigate the system.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: He made that statement was inappropriate, in my opinion.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I agree with you.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Just for the record, I want to make sure that the momentum that has been in front of you, someone should continue calling the people that we have spent so much money to get and be able to facilitate some of these grants potentially upcoming. So somebody should be assigned to continue the process until a final decision is made.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: This grant was already done. This was done by Kevin Byrne from engineering, okay. I remember when Kevin mentioned he was working on this. I can bring you

2007-0829 Closed the grant application. Okay. And what happens is, I'm not an expert, they are. So it is really, you know, it's on them to follow-up.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: So Kevin should continue the process and as far as the reservoir covers, George can you handle that portion.

MR. HANLEY: You don't have a grant application. We're trying to -- in fact, the next meeting was scheduled, that's in the nature of -- well, in my case, information. Because I don't lobby, but I will say you haven't asked me, but I'll tell you anyway, there's lots of people in Washington and it's my recommendation is that you hire a government relations people and someone who's hooked in in Washington because that's where the money is going to come from. The State doesn't have any money. We know that. And we need help from the key committee chairs of the key committees and the House of Representatives and the Senate. It's that simple.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Can we solicit for -MR. HANLEY: Yes, with your permission, do
it.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I think we should and they are knocking on the doors of every entity

who's looking for money from Washington.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: And there are a lot of people ahead of us.

MR. HANLEY: I'm not saying we've done it, Page 15

okay, effectively. I'm a lawyer, not a lobbyist. But we do have a formal request in for that money to Senator Menendez and Senator Lautenberg work together jointly and we put in a request for an appropriation last year. We knew we weren't getting anything last year, but they said put it in anyway to get into the hopper. But that needs a lot of follow-up.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Who will do that?

MR. HANLEY: The government relations

person and that's what I'm hearing. We should solicit for that, which we'll do.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Let me just, let me just share with you, you know, in terms of, you know, knocking on doors, you know. Mr. Bruno, he's very well known in the industry, but you need somebody that is there in their face all the time and the Washington lobbyist, you know, someone who's connected down there is very -- someone who knows people in EPA, you know. They do is they shoot you around. Someone who is going to walk

along the Congress. It's a different animal. It's a totally different animal, especially if you're looking for the kind of money. And I want to know, this is a Federal request, they're ahead of us. If they're going to do something like this, it's got to be done quickly.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I think that's what Mr. Hanley is asking if he can go out and Page 16

2007-0829 Closed identify the quality firm, who that is and so we can take the next step.

MR. HANLEY: I'm sure Commissioner
Rodriguez probably knows how to get into that
network. But I will also personally. There are
people in Washington that I know. Again, I don't
know who these people are, but I know they're
there. And it changes.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You have New Jersey firms that do both. You do have people in New Jersey that do both. And you don't have to go to Washington. There are people in New Jersey that do a great job lobbying in Washington.

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: And you know who they are.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: There's a lot of them, you know. And in the interim I can --

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It's very competitive.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: -- I can place a call to Ivan Sakem (Phonetic). He worked on Menendez's campaign.

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I think we should do whatever we can.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I can place a call and I will tell you, I concur with Mr. Hanley. You need someone day in and day out on this, because that's going to be --

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: All right. So you go Page 17

2007-0829 Closed ahead and try to give us some names of some people.

MR. HANLEY: We'll do the RFP and any names, we'll send to the whole world.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's the bottom line. The City of Clifton is doing that process so we got some heavy hitters on that list.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: Question. In looking at his report, did we ever get responses? Like there's a letter when you were President in 2006 about this \$45 million Homeland Security. Did we ever get any responses? There was a letter to Homeland Security in New Jersey that you wrote

when you were President encompassing five pages what we need for \$45 million. Did we ever get any responses to anything?

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: We didn't like the response.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You didn't get a response?

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: They said no to us.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We didn't get a response because they respond to everything. If there's not an RFP, believe you me, you can't just put letters together and send letters, "where's the money." You have to identify the money first and then go out.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Exactly.

One quick legal question. You made

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2007-0829 Closed reference to the fact that he has meetings scheduled for next week. So he's just going to -- is that what we were talking, wait to see what he does? Because we're not going to pay him because the contract expires.

MR. HANLEY: Someone made a suggestion that in the interim if there are people that he scheduled a meeting with, I would suggest either Joe or Jim reach out for those people just to let

them know we're here, we're interested.

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Do we know who he has meetings with?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I didn't want to ask him because I didn't want to prolong the conversation. First of all, if he's working with people, he should identify who these people are.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I will come in to help in whatever capacity I can as a Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Please find out who these people are.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: That's the continuation we're talking about.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We have to be careful.

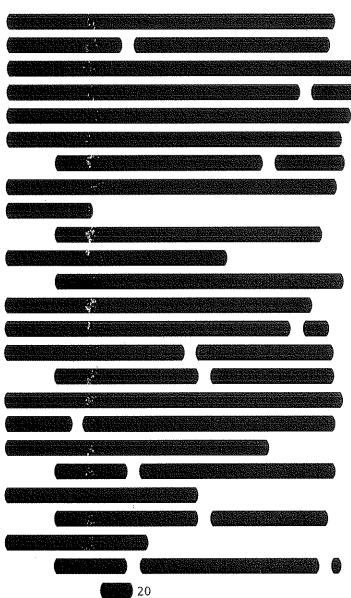
MR. HANLEY: We know one thing we're interested in so we have to find the right agency.

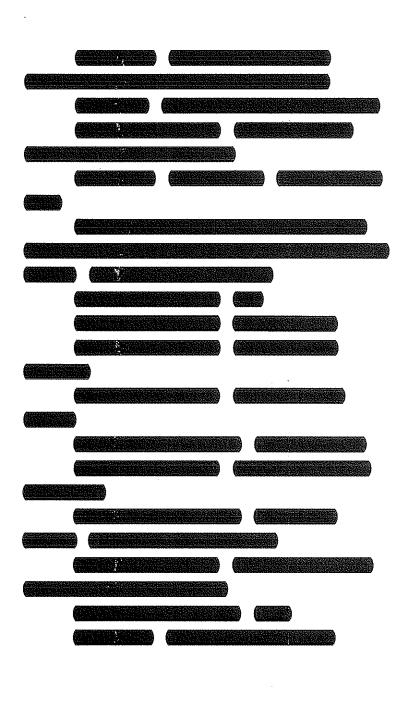


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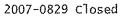
2007-0829 Closed PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Let's move on.

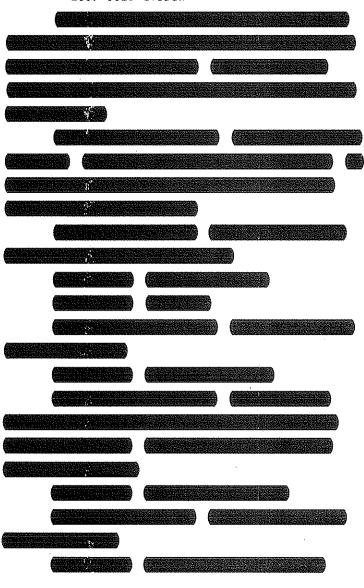






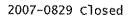
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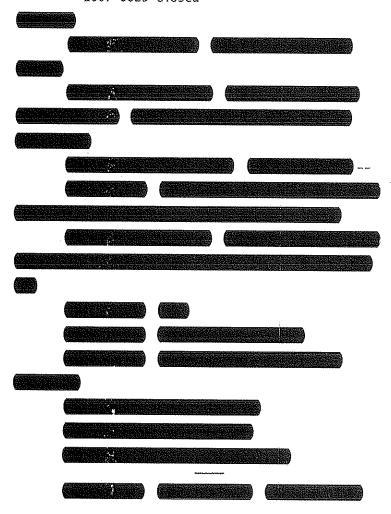


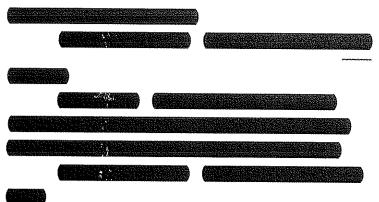




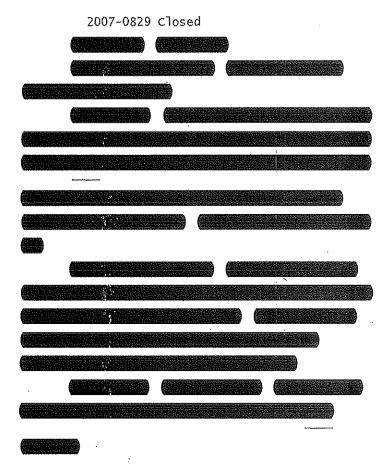
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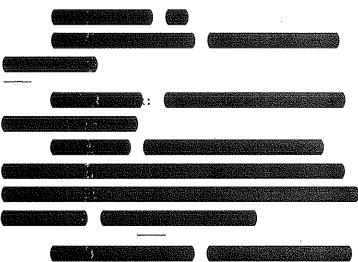




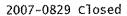


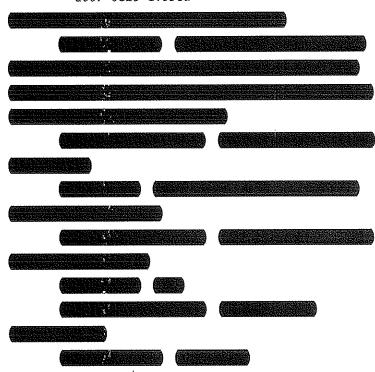
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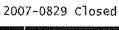


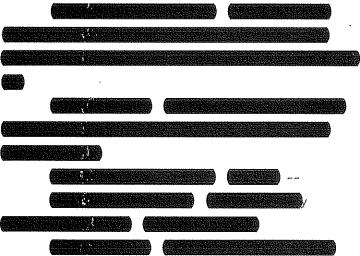
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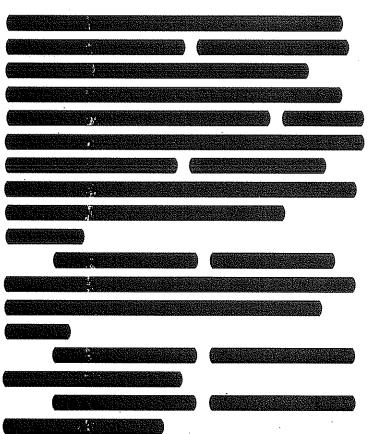




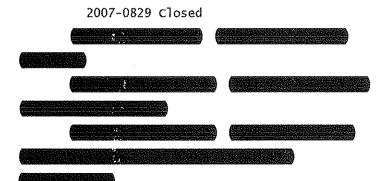


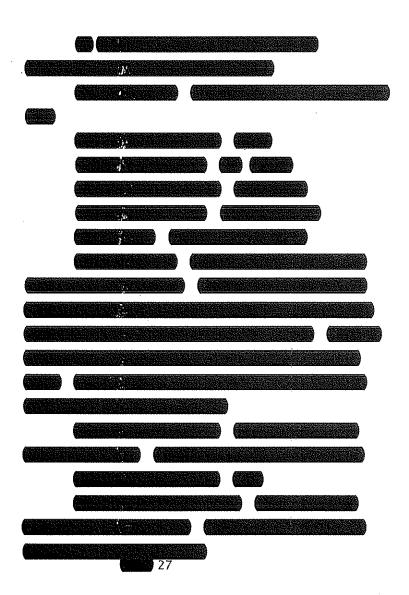


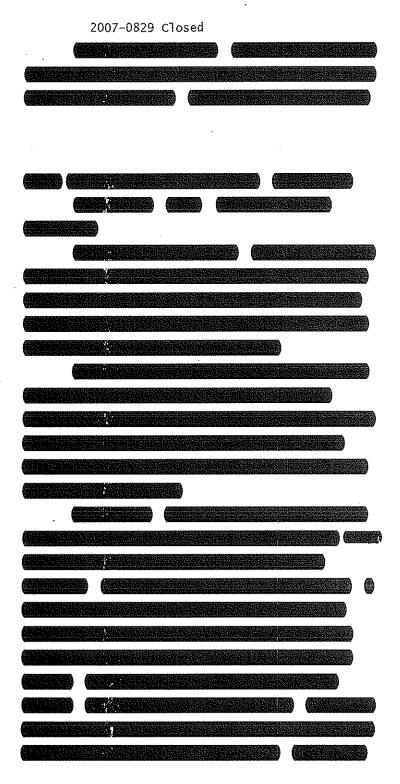




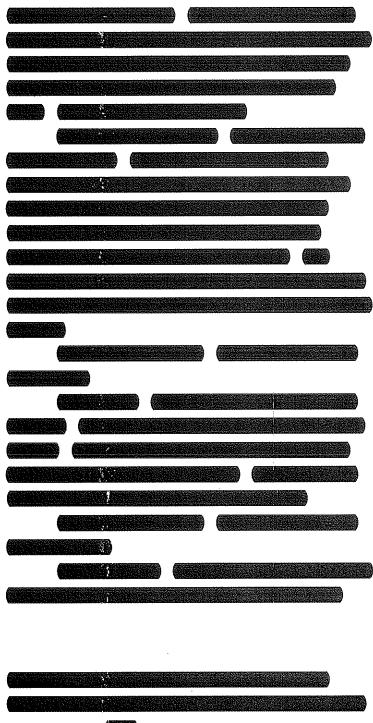
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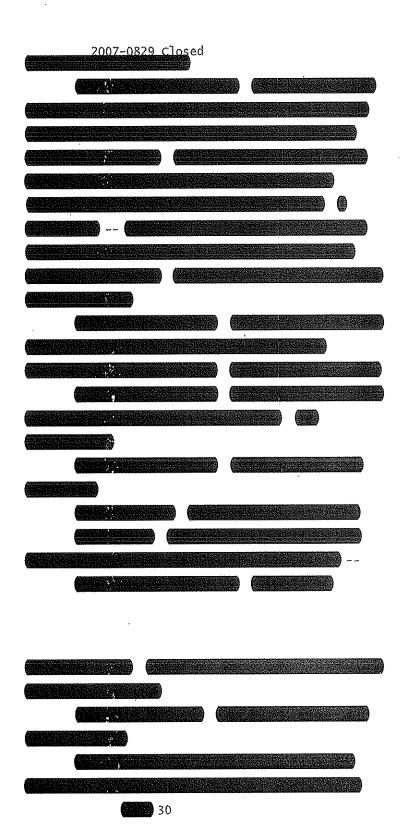


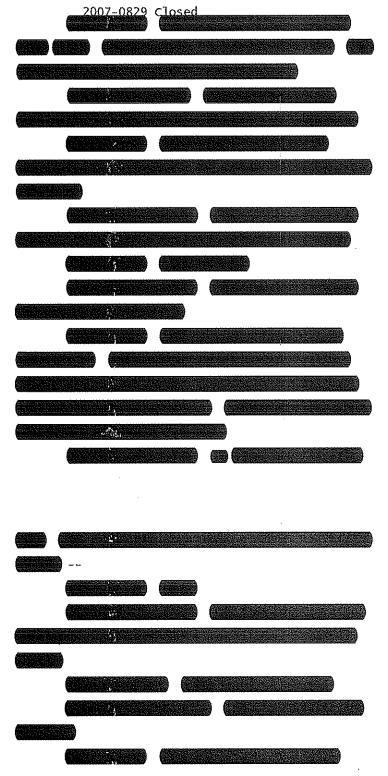




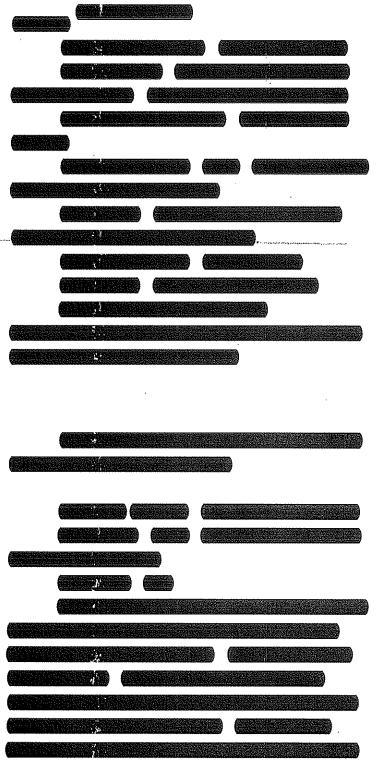
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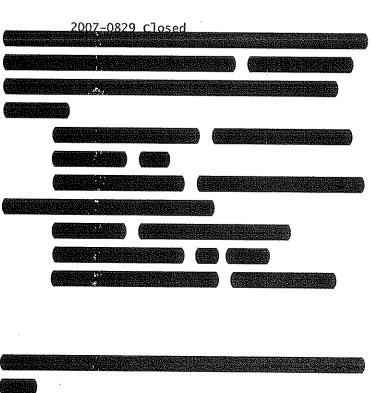


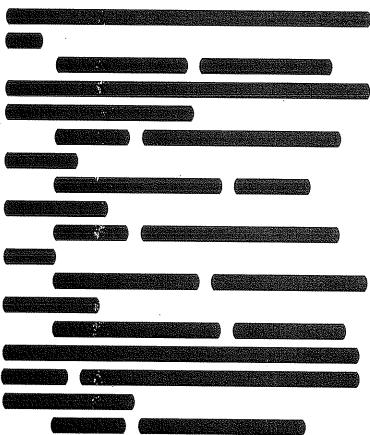


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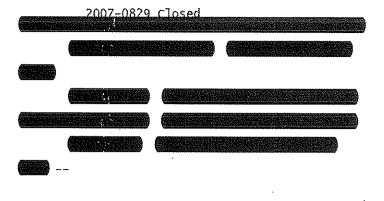


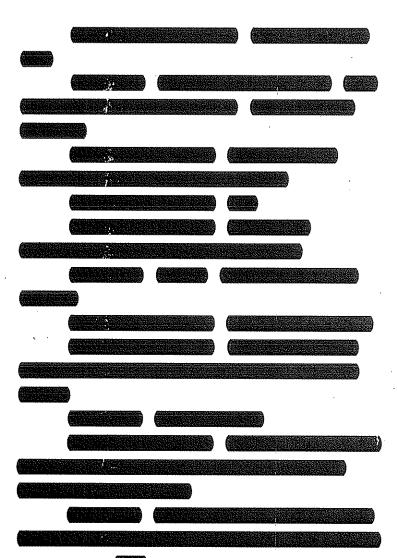
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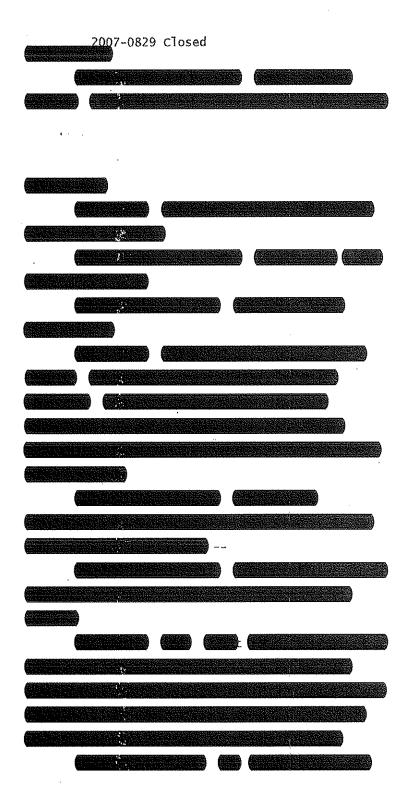




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