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Just a follow up regarding our phone conversation s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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users with an increased perception of safety on the public transport system. In addition to this we will be committing police resources to ensure that our external partners are adequately supported so as to enable them to perform their respective function in a safe environment. It is anticipated that the operation will be run between 1700 – 0100 hrs for both nights.

As s22(1)(a)(ii) and myself are still in the planning phase of this operation we are s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(names or contact numbers if possible) of people your will / might supply for the operation and of any particular needs they have.

Please do not hesitate to call me at any time to discuss further.

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Attachments: Operation Fortitude 28 August 2015.docx

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28 August 2015
0600 hours

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MEDIA RELEASE

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

What: Launch of Operation Fortitude

Who: Insert relevant spokespeople from each agency

When: TODAY, Friday 28 August 2015 at 2pm

Where: On the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station

Please note: Audio will be available following the stand-up

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s22(1)(a)(ii) thanks for the summary.

s22(1)(a)(ii) fyi.

– fyi. We have been asked to participate in to joint-agency operations (Operation Fortitude) that we occur over two evenings: Friday 28 August and Saturday 29 August: 17:00hrs – 01:00hrs.

s37(2)(b), s47E(d)

At this stage, I support the operation. We may be asked to contribute to wider media on this. s22(1)(a)(ii) represented us at today's meeting. While they did not have notice of the discussion on wider operations (other sites and the booze bus, etc) prior to today's meeting, s47E(d)

Regards

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Mark s22(1)(a)(ii) – FYI. s22(1)(a)(ii) is discussing the media conference with Don Smith.

s22(1)(a)(ii) – we'll probably need to send you back to Melbourne a bit early for this.

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Senior Managers,

The Victoria Police is coordinating a multi-agency operation across the Public Transport System (PTS) to show a united front and better protect our travelling community. This effort is called Operation Fortitude and includes the following partners: Victoria Police, PTV, Metro, Yarra Trams, Southern Cross RWS, the Taxi Commission, the Sheriffs' Office and the Australian Border Force. It is anticipated that this collegiate approach will be conducted bi-monthly.

The inaugural Operation Fortitude will have a combined resource commitment of 200+ personnel supplied by different partners.

I will be working as the Operations Commander and would like to extend an invitation to any senior manager from your agency that would like to join me on patrol (for a couple of hours) to see how effective this type of approach is when we are working together for the benefit of all of our organisations and the

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community. This collaboration and cooperation also leads to a safer workplace for all our people which is a paramount consideration for all of us.

If your senior managers are interested please have them send me an email and I'll provide further details. It is envisaged that we'd be patrolling the PTS across the Melbourne CBD between **8-10.00 p.m. on Friday 28 August 2015.**

Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2015 8:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] SMITH Don
Subject: OP FORTITUDE - VICTORIA - 28/29AUG2015 [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Please advise ABF Media – Early indication are that a joint Agency media release is likely and as mentioned above there will be an official public launch on Friday.

s37(2)(b), s47E(d)

Regards,

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2015 9:33 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Operation Fortitude: Agency spokesperson opportunity [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: Operation Fortitude 28 August 2015.docx; Operation FORTITUDE - Invitation forwarded on behalf of s22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for agreeing to act as the spokesperson at next Friday's launch.

As mentioned, below is the information I originally sent to Don about the operation which you've probably already seen, as well as the attached invitation and draft VICPol media release.

I'll start drafting some talking points and an ABF release which I'll send through for your review. Thanks again.

Kind regards

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 18 August 2015 5:01 PM
To: Don SMITH
Cc: Peter VAN VLIET
Subject: Operation Fortitude: Agency spokesperson opportunity [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi Don,

You may have heard about the multi-agency operation – Operation Fortitude - taking place next week which includes a good media opportunity for an agency spokesperson.

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All agencies have been requested to attend with a spokesperson, one uniformed officer and a media representative. This will be a photo opportunity for all agencies to show our coordinated response to address safety in the CBD and on public transport.

Will you be available to act as the spokesperson for the launch? If you are, I will develop talking points to support you during the launch.

I've also attached a copy of the draft joint media release prepared by VICPol. ABF-related content will be added to the release prior to publishing, which will be on the morning of Fri 28 Aug.

Invitation

I've also attached a copy of an invitation from VICPol ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} [REDACTED] to any senior manager from our agency to join him on patrol for a couple of hours on the Friday to see how effective this operational approach is.

Please let me know if you have someone in mind who would like to attend.

I need to confirm attendance at the media event to VICPol by this Friday. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss in more detail.

Peter – FYI only

Kind regards

^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} [REDACTED]

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2015 9:43 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Portfolio Media
Subject: RE: Operation Fortitude - 28 & 29 August [SEC=PROTECTED]

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Don Smith will be in Canberra next Friday, so s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii) will attend the launch as spokesperson instead.

I've confirmed with VICPol that their s. 47B(a) will be the speaker at the event, so s22(1)(a)(ii) will only need to answer any questions from journalists if requested. I'll start drafting some 'if asked' talking points.

We'll also have either s22(1)(a)(ii) attending as the uniformed officer and I'll change my flights/accommodation to come back to Melbourne on Thursday evening so I can attend as the media rep.

VICPol have also advised they don't do joint media releases so can't insert any content/quotes from ABF into their release, but we're welcome to develop our own release which I'll also get started on.

I'll send an update to the Strategic Border Command team so they're across what's planned.

Kind regards

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Sent: Monday, 17 August 2015 3:35 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Portfolio Media; JEFFRIES Mark; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Operation Fortitude - 28 & 29 August [SEC=PROTECTED]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Mark s22(1)(a)(ii) – FYI. s22(1)(a)(ii) is discussing the media conference with Don Smith.

s22(1)(a)(ii) – we'll probably need to send you back to Melbourne a bit early for this.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2015 1:58 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Portfolio Media
Subject: Operation Fortitude - 28 & 29 August [SEC=PROTECTED]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Here's a summary of Operation Fortitude—a multi-agency operation which will be taking place in Melbourne next weekend on the evenings of Fri 28 Aug and Sat 29 Aug 2015.

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Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2015 9:54 AM
To: s47E(d)
Cc: Portfolio Media
Subject: RE: OP FORTITUDE - VICTORIA - 28/29AUG2015 [SEC=PROTECTED]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s22(1)(a)(ii) will be attending the launch as our agency spokesperson at Flinders Street station at 2pm on Friday 28 Aug.

VICPol have also advised they do not publish joint media releases, so we will develop our own ABF media release promoting the operation.

I will be the main point of contact for media relating to this operation, so please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Kind regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s47E(d)
Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2015 8:18 AM
To: MURRAY Clive; PRICE Terry; ANTILL Mark; WATSON James; Portfolio Media
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: OP FORTITUDE - VICTORIA - 28/29AUG2015 [SEC=PROTECTED]

Good morning,

Please see below advice relating to Compliance Field Operation scheduled for 28/29AUG in Melbourne.

Of note, joint agency media release is likely.

regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2015 8:11 AM
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To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Portfolio Media
Subject: FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: 150828 TP Operation Fortitude.docx; 150828 MR Operation Fortitude.docx

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Kind regards

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28 August 2015
0600 hours

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Transit and Public Safety Command s. 47B(a)

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Victoria Police Media Unit
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Who: **Insert relevant spokespeople from each agency**

When: TODAY, Friday 28 August 2015 at 2pm

Where: On the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station

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TALKING POINTS

Subject	Operation Fortitude
Date	28 August 2015
	Agency
Media Officer	§22(1)(a)(ii)

ISSUE

Talking points for use by the ABF Spokesperson to launch the multi-agency Operation Fortitude in Melbourne on Friday 28 August.

The launch will be held at 2pm on the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station in the Melbourne CBD and will be attended by a spokesperson, uniformed officer and media representative from each agency participating in the operation.

§ 47B(a) will be the key spokesperson for the launch, with spokespersons from each agency only required to respond to questions directed to their agency if asked by the attending media outlets.

TALKING POINTS

- For the first time Metro Trains, Yarra Trams, Sheriff’s Office, Taxi Services Commission and the Australian Border Force (ABF) are joining Victoria Police with a single mission – to protect city goers.
- Tonight and tomorrow evening (Friday 28 and Saturday 29 August), all of our agencies will be out in force working together in the Melbourne CBD targeting everything from anti-social behaviour to outstanding warrants.

What role will the ABF play in this operation?

- ABF officers will be positioned at various locations within the Melbourne CBD speaking to individuals who we suspect may be in Australia illegally without a current and valid visa.

Why is the ABF participating in this operation?

- The ABF regularly conducts compliance activity to locate and detain individuals who are residing in Australia illegally.
- While we are all from separate organisations, we have a common responsibility to keep people safe and ensure adherence to Australian laws which promote the secure and cohesive society we all strive for.
- Individuals need to be aware of the conditions of their visa; people who commit visa fraud should know it’s only a matter of time before they’re caught out.

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How will ABF decide which individuals to target?

- We will be speaking with any individual we cross paths with.
- Our officers employ a range of techniques to determine if we think someone is demonstrating traits which indicate there is a need to conduct a more in-depth assessment of their current visa status.

Has ABF been involved in any similar operations in the past?

- While the ABF regularly conducts a range of compliance field-work, this is the first time we've been involved in an inter-agency operation of this nature.
- We're very proud to be involved in the operation and to be able to contribute to helping each of our organisations achieve our common mission of promoting a secure and cohesive society here in Melbourne.

What will happen to people found to be in Australia unlawfully?

- Individuals who we suspect are in Australia unlawfully will undergo an interview to verify their current visa status.
- If we determine that an individual is here illegally and is not eligible for an Australian visa, they will be subject to the same legislation as all unlawful non-citizens and will be detained pending their removal from Australia.



BACKGROUND (*not* for public release)

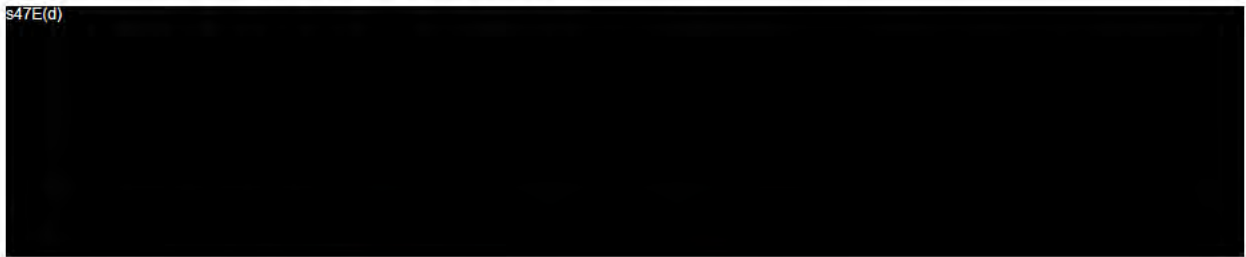
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s47E(d)



POINT OF CONTACT (POC) (*This may be more than one office*)

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Title	s22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED]	
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Australian
BORDER FORCE

Media Release

Friday 28 August 2015

ABF joining inter-agency outfit to target crime in Melbourne CBD

This weekend Australian Border Force (ABF) officers will for the first time join forces with a diverse team of transport and enforcement agencies to target crime in the Melbourne Central Business District (CBD) as part of Operation Fortitude.

Tonight and tomorrow evening (Friday 28 and Saturday 29 August 2015) Metro Trains, Yarra Trams, the Sheriff's Office, Taxi Services Commission and the ABF will join Victoria Police with a single mission to protect city goers.

With a particular focus on people travelling to, from and around the CBD, the group of agencies will work together to support the best interests of Melbournians, targeting everything from anti-social behaviour to outstanding warrants.

ABF ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} is proud the ABF will be participating in the operation.

Comment [SA1]: Can quote Don Smith if preferable

"While the ABF regularly conducts a range of compliance field-work, this is the first time we've been involved in an inter-agency operation of this nature and we're very proud be able to support each of our organisations to achieve our common mission of promoting a secure and cohesive society here in Melbourne."

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The inter-agency outfit will continue to work together on an ongoing basis to target crime in and around the Melbourne CBD to make the city a safer place for everyone.

Media opportunity

Operation Fortitude will be launched by representatives from each participating agency at 2pm today (Friday 28 August 2015) on the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station.

Media enquiries

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Sent: Friday, 21 August 2015 2:52 PM
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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Operation FORTITUDE [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Thanks for your invitation to join you on patrol on Friday 28 August as part of Operation Fortitude. I am keen to accompany you on your patrol between 8 – 10 p.m. I look forward to receiving further details from you.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – some minor suggestions attached.

In terms of the media release, I suggest that the statement be attributed to Don Smith as the RC, s22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Media Officer	§22(1)(a)(ii)

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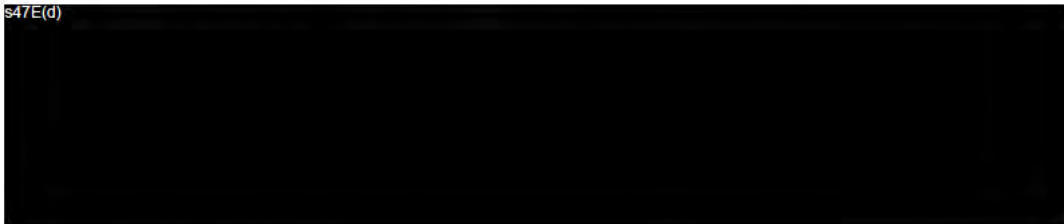
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Media opportunity

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Media Release

Friday 28 August 2015

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Media opportunity

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Cc: Portfolio Media
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: 150828 TP Operation Fortitude RC comments.docx

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Here's my comments re Op Fortitude. Can you incorporate into MR as appropriate also.

I don't need to see it again unless you deem necessary.

Regards,

Don

Don Smith

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Hi Don,

As discussed, re-sending Media Release and Talking Points for Operation Fortitude.

Kind regards

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Hi Don,

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Please find attached the proposed talking points and media release to support the Operation Fortitude launch on Friday 28th for your clearance.

These have been cleared by [redacted] at the launch event at Flinders Street station. The release will be published on the DBIP Newsroom on the morning of the 28th.

Please let me know if you would also like these cleared by any other areas. Thanks.

Kind regards

[redacted]

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Cc: Portfolio Media

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[redacted] – some minor suggestions attached.

In terms of the media release, I suggest that the statement be attributed to Don Smith as the RC, [redacted]

Regards

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, 20 August 2015 4:27 PM

To: [redacted]

Cc: Portfolio Media

Subject: FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]

[redacted],

Thanks for agreeing to be [redacted] at the Operation Fortitude launch next Friday.

I've attached some draft talking points and a media release for your review. Please feel free to make any amendments.

We'll need to clear the final through Don.

I've also included a copy of the VICPol media release below for your reference. VICPol are publishing their release on the morning of the 28th so we will do the same.

Please let me know if you'd like to discuss any of this in more detail. Thanks.

Kind regards

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Victoria Police – Media Release

28 August 2015

0600 hours

AGENCIES JOIN FORCES TO TACKLE CBD CRIME

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Transit and Public Safety Command s. 47B(a)

s. 47B(a) said the group were committed to working together from this point forward in the best interests of Melbournians.

“There is a lot of truth to the saying that there is strength in numbers.

“From a police perspective we will have Protective Services Officers, police, pad dogs, booze buses and automated number plate recognition vehicles this Friday and Saturday night.

“This doesn't include our usual Safe Streets Taskforce police who saturate the CBD every weekend.

Together the team will target everything from anti-social behaviour to outstanding warrants.

“While we are all separate organisations we all have something in common – a responsibility to keep people safe. In order to do that we need to ensure that people are behaving appropriately.

“So, if you are out this weekend and you break the rules expect to be caught by one of the Operation Fortitude team.”

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Victoria Police Media Unit
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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

What: Launch of Operation Fortitude

Who: **Insert relevant spokespeople from each agency**

When: TODAY, Friday 28 August 2015 at 2pm

Where: On the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station

Please note: Audio will be available following the stand-up

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TALKING POINTS

Subject	Operation Fortitude	
Date	28 August 2015	
	Agency	
Media Officer	§22(1)(a)(ii)	§22(1)(a)(ii)

ISSUE

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TALKING POINTS

- For the first time Metro Trains, Yarra Trams, Sheriff's Office, Taxi Services Commission and the Australian Border Force (ABF) are joining Victoria Police with a single mission – to protect city goers.
- Tonight and tomorrow evening (Friday 28 and Saturday 29 August), all of our agencies will be out in force working together in the Melbourne CBD targeting everything from anti-social behaviour to outstanding warrants.

Comment [DS1]: How does our role protect city goers?

What role will the ABF play in this operation?

- ABF officers will be positioned at various locations within the Melbourne CBD speaking to individuals who we suspect may be in Australia illegally without a current and valid visa.

Comment [DS2]: See above comment. How does this important work protect city goers?

Why is the ABF participating in this operation?

- The ABF regularly conducts compliance activity to locate and detain individuals who are residing in Australia illegally.
- While we are all from separate organisations, we have a common responsibility to keep people safe and ensure adherence to Australian laws which promote the secure and cohesive society we all strive for.
- Individuals need to be aware of the conditions of their visa; those people who deliberately commit visa fraud should know it's only a matter of time before they're caught out.

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How will ABF decide which individuals to target?

- We will be speaking with all individuals we come across as part of this operation.
- Our officers employ a range of techniques to determine whether a more in-depth assessment of a person's visa status is required.

Comment [DS3]: Check language – will we speak with EVERYONE we come across?

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Has ABF been involved in any similar operations in the past?

- The ABF regularly participates in inter-agency activity. This is the first time we've been involved in an inter-agency operation of this size and nature.
- We're very proud to be involved in the operation and to be able to contribute to helping each of our organisations achieve our common mission of promoting a secure and cohesive society here in Melbourne.

What will happen to people found to be in Australia unlawfully?

- Individuals who we suspect are in Australia unlawfully will undergo an interview to verify their current visa status.
- If we determine that an individual is here illegally and is not eligible for an Australian visa, they will be subject to the same legislation as all unlawful non-citizens and will be detained pending their removal from Australia.

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BACKGROUND (*not* for public release)

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Operation Fortitude is a Victoria Police led multi-agency operation across the Public Transport System (PTS). Other agencies include Public Transport Victoria, Metro, Yarra Trams, Southern Cross RWS, the Taxi Commission and the Sheriffs' Office.

The Operation Commander is s22(1)(a)(ii), Victoria Police Transit Safety Division – City Local Area Commander.

The operation will be launched on Friday 28 August 2015 at 14:00 with a press conference on the steps of Flinders Street Station. An email was sent to s22(1)(a)(ii) on 17 August 2015 to advise.

The operation will run over two nights, Friday 28 August 2015 and Saturday 29 August 2015, commencing 17:00 and finishing around 01:00 the next day.

We will be providing 6 Compliance Field Officers each night to conduct status checks alongside the Victorian Taxation Director and VICPol officers at Southern Cross taxi rank and Flinders Street taxi rank. There will be other sites in the CBD that will be attended by VICPol and PSOs and a booze bus on Wurundjeri Way however Compliance Field officers will only be positioned at the 2 taxi ranks.

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Please advise if you require further information.

Thank you

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Subject: FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
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Hello,

Here's a summary of an upcoming event in Melbourne.

Operation Fortitude

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Media

VICPol will be launching the operation on Friday 28th August at 2pm on the steps of Flinders Street train station in the Melbourne CBD.

All agencies have been requested to attend with a spokesperson and 1 uniformed officer and a media representative. s22(1)(a)(ii), will attend the launch as the ABF spokesperson.

The attached talking points and media release have been developed to support the launch and promote the operation.

Kind regards

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TALKING POINTS

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	Agency
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**Australian
BORDER FORCE**

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s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Operation Fortitude launch tomorrow
Attachments: Operation Fortitude 28 August 2015.docx; Operation Fortitude talking points.docx

Hi everyone

Thanks so much for being involved in the launch of Operation Fortitude tomorrow.

I will send out the below media release and media alert from us at 9am.

At the moment the media alert looks like this:

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

What: Launch of Operation Fortitude

Who: s. 47B(a) with Victoria Police dog squad, PSOs and police will be joined by representatives from Metro Trains, Sheriff's Office, Australian Border Force and Taxi Directorate.

When: TODAY, Friday 28 August 2015 at 2pm

Where: On the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station

Please note: Audio will be available following the stand-up

Please let me know if you'd like specific names from your organisations included and I am happy to do so.

It would be great if everyone could arrive 5 to 10 minutes early if possible so that we can all meet and greet.

The idea is there at 2pm our s. 47B(a) will stand on the steps of Flinders Street surrounded by your representatives to announce the operation. Then any media attending will be able to ask your spokespeople questions and we can facilitate relevant vision.

For your information here are some talking points we have developed for our side of the operation (they may be slightly changed but should be fairly close).

I'm out of the office for the day – but if you need to call me call on s22(1)(a)(ii) (I'm in court so just leave a message or send a text if I don't pick up and I'll call back).

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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VICTORIA POLICE

Operation Fortitude Media talking points

s. 47B(a)

2pm Friday 28 August Flinders Street Railway Station

Media opportunity details

1.55pm – Form positions on Flinders Street steps, spokespeople in front surrounding Campbell at centre

2.00pm – Message from s. 47B(a)

2.10pm – Questions from journalists to any spokesperson

2.15pm – Vision opportunities

General talking points

- The Melbourne Central Business District will be at its safest this Friday and Saturday night as a diverse team of transport and enforcement agencies take to the streets as a part of Operation Fortitude.
- I'm proud to say that for the first time Metro Trains, Yarra Trams, Sheriff's Office, Taxi Services Commission and the Department of Immigration are joining Victoria Police with a single mission – to ensure everyone has a safe journey in the city - whether they're travelling by public transport or car.
- There is a lot of truth to the saying that there is strength in numbers and that is why we are joining forces.
- From a police perspective along we will have Protective Services Officers, Transit Police, pad dogs, booze buses and automated number plate recognition vehicles this Friday and Saturday night.
- But as a team we will target everything anti-social behaviour, alcohol and drug related issues, outstanding warrants, drink driving, unregistered vehicles and cab driver behaviour.
- We want the public to know that when they see a uniform, whatever the uniform, there is help available.
- And for those people who are intent on causing trouble – the message from all of us is clear – act responsibly!
- If you break the rules expect to be caught by one of the Operation Fortitude team.

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- Whether they're disqualified or driving an unregistered vehicle, unauthorised drivers create extra risks on our roads.
- The primary focus of Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology is to detect these motorists and get them off the road because if someone has lost their licence, it's for a very good reason.

Drink driving

- Drink-driving remains one of the biggest killers on Victorian roads.
- You don't have to be drunk to be over the limit and you can't judge your blood-alcohol level by how you feel.
- At a blood-alcohol level of 0.05 to 0.08, your ability to judge distances is reduced, reactions are slower and concentration span is shorter.
- At 0.08 drivers are five times more likely to be involved in a collision before they started drinking.
- If you drive and crash, beyond a fine, losing your licence and even serving a jail sentence, the consequences could haunt you for the rest of your life.
- It's not only your life you are putting at risk, but those of other innocent road users.
- The message is simple – if you drink and drive, you're a bloody idiot.

Pad dogs

- Victoria Police Passive Alert Detector (PAD) dogs will be used in key CBD locations to proactively assist in drug enforcement.
- This part of the operation aims to reduce the impact of drugs on the community.
- We want people to enjoy their time in the city on Friday and Saturday night without being interrupted by the behaviour of those who choose to do the wrong thing.
- The focus of these operations is harm minimisation and they allow police to track down and confiscate illicit substances before they make it into venues and into the community.

Common penalty notices

- Drinking liquor on any vehicle or premises - \$362
- Possessing open container of liquor - \$217
- Using indecent, obscene, offensive or threatening language - \$289
- Behaving in an obscene, offensive, threatening, disorderly or riotous manner - \$289

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

I've attached a copy of the media release and talking points for tomorrow that have been cleared by Don.

They're with the Ministers Office for final sign-off but I'll let you know if there are any changes. We'll publish the release at 9am tomorrow at the same time the VICPol release will be published.

Do you know which uniformed officer will be attending?

VICPol have asked for us to arrive at Flinders St station 5-10 minutes before 2pm so we can all meet and greet. I'll probably be going straight there from the Docklands office, but let me know if you'd like me to pick you and anyone else up from Casselden Place or if you'd prefer to meet there.

Don't want to overload you with information, but let me know if you'd like a copy of the VICPol media release and talking points if you want to be across what they're saying and I'll send through.

I'll be tied up most of tomorrow morning with another event, but you should be able to reach me on my mobile if needed - note I've recently changed mobiles to the number in my email signature in case you have my old number saved in your phone.

Kind regards

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BACKGROUND (*not* for public release)

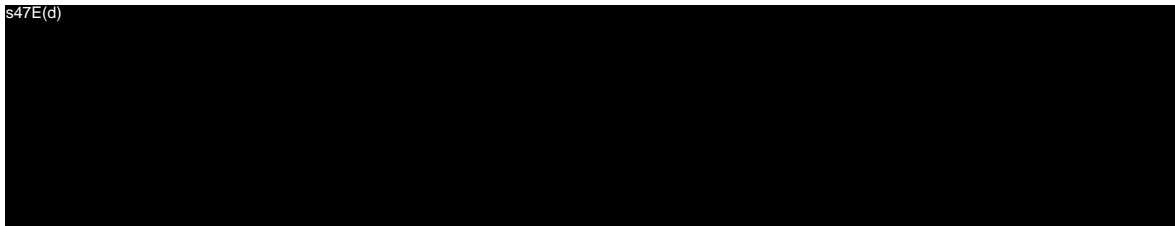
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Media Release

Friday 28 August 2015

ABF joining inter-agency outfit to target crime in Melbourne CBD

This weekend Australian Border Force (ABF) officers will for the first time join forces with a diverse team of transport and enforcement agencies to target crime in the Melbourne Central Business District (CBD) as part of Operation Fortitude.

Tonight and tomorrow evening (Friday 28 and Saturday 29 August 2015) Metro Trains, Yarra Trams, the Sheriff's Office, Taxi Services Commission and the ABF will join Victoria Police as part of the inter-agency operation.

With a particular focus on people travelling to, from and around the CBD, the group of agencies will work together to support the best interests of Melbournians, targeting everything from anti-social behaviour to outstanding warrants.

ABF Regional Commander Victoria and Tasmania, Don Smith, is proud the ABF will be participating in the operation.

"While the ABF regularly conducts a range of compliance field-work, this is the first time we've been involved in an inter-agency operation of this nature and we're very proud be able to support each of our organisations to achieve our common mission of promoting a secure and cohesive society here in Melbourne."

"ABF officers will be positioned at various locations around the CBD speaking with any individual we cross paths with," Mr Smith said.

"You need to be aware of the conditions of your visa; if you commit visa fraud you should know it's only a matter of time before you're caught out."

The inter-agency outfit will continue to work together on an ongoing basis to target crime in and around the Melbourne CBD to make the city a safer place for everyone.

Media opportunity

Operation Fortitude will be launched by representatives from each participating agency at 2pm today (Friday 28 August 2015) on the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station.

Media enquiries

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Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2015 1:10 PM
To: Portfolio Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FOR NOTING: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Ok thanks for letting me know.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi,

Apologies, I should've sent this for noting originally.

We're planning to publish the release at 9am tomorrow at the same time the VICPol release will be published.

Kind regards

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Steve; JEFFRIES Mark; s22(1)(a)(ii); BOEKENSTEIN Guy; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hello,

Here's a summary of an upcoming event in Melbourne.

Operation Fortitude

Operation Fortitude is a multi-agency operation which will combine a diverse team of transport and enforcement agencies with a single mission of protecting city goers.

The operation is being led by Victoria Police (VIC Pol) in collaboration with the Sherriff's department, Victorian Taxi Services Commission, Public Transport Victoria (PTV), Metro Trains, Yarra Trams and the ABF.

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Media

VICPol will be launching the operation on **Friday 28th August at 2pm** on the steps of Flinders Street train station in the Melbourne CBD.

All agencies have been requested to attend with a spokesperson and 1 uniformed officer and a media representative. §22(1)(a)(ii), will attend the launch as the ABF spokesperson.

The attached talking points and media release have been developed to support the launch and promote the operation.

Kind regards

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Subject: Hot issues - Friday, 28 August 2015 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Good morning,

Hot issues today include:

- s22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Operation Fortitude:** A multi-agency operation to target crime in Melbourne's CBD to be launched at 2pm on the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station. Media Release to be published at 9am and s22(1)(a)(ii) will attend s22(1)(a)(ii).
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Kind Regards,

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Subject: FOR NOTING - Various media enquiries on Operation Fortitude [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: s22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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If you are doing a press conference why don't you just direct media to that then?

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Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good morning all,

On behalf of Regional Commander Vic / Tas the line in s22(1)(a)(ii) email of 11:40am is approved.

Regards all,

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We will use this as a holding line (and on social media) while directing all other questions to the 2pm presser.

Could you please provide clearance asap? Thanks in advance

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Date	28 August 2015
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Our Assistant Secretary just added some additional lines to our response, which would be great if you could also please clear.

Apologies for the back and forth.

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Kind regards

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TALKING POINTS

Subject	Operation Fortitude
Date	28 August 2015
	Agency
Media Officer	§22(1)(a)(ii)

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 12:26 PM
To: Portfolio Media
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii); SMITH Don
Subject: RE: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: Additional holding line for Operation Fortitude [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

This is fine can i just suggest double checking of tense in the item that says "this is not new activity"

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From: [Portfolio Media](#)
Sent: 28/08/2015 12:21 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: [Portfolio Media](#); s22(1)(a)(ii); [SMITH Don](#)
Subject: FW: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: Additional holding line for Operation Fortitude [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Our Assistant Secretary just added some additional lines to our response, which would be great if you could also please clear.

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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii); SMITH Don
Subject: FW: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: Additional holding line for Operation Fortitude [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Good morning all,

On behalf of Regional Commander Vic / Tas the line in s22(1)(a)(ii) email of 11:40am is approved.

Regards all,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regional Command Victoria/Tasmania,
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Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 11:57 AM
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For clearance

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To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Portfolio Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: Additional holding line for Operation Fortitude [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, version with previously cleared talking points for s22(1)(a)(ii) to review.

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Mark JEFFRIES; s22(1)(a)(ii); Steve INGRAM; s22(1)(a)(ii)
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We will start using these on social media now and will use them as holding lines shortly.

Regards,
s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 11:43 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) Portfolio Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: BOEKENSTEIN Guy; BRIDGER Maree; s22(1)(a)(ii)
INGRAM Steve; JEFFRIES Mark; s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii)
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Some outlets can't attend the presser and certain allegations are already gathering steam online and on social media.

We're developing a holding line which will hopefully nib these claims in the bud and will send to you once cleared.

Regards,

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To: Portfolio Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: BOEKENSTEIN Guy; BRIDGER Maree; s22(1)(a)(ii)

s22(1)(a)(ii) INGRAM Steve; JEFFRIES Mark; s22(1)(a)(ii) ; s22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

If you are doing a press conference why don't you just direct media to that then?

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 11:08 AM

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Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FW: FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: 150828 TP Operation Fortitude.docx; 150828 MR Operation Fortitude.docx

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Guy/Maree,

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The MO is now getting an onslaught of calls regarding this operation suggesting that the ABF are racially profiling and that we're now a police state!

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TALKING POINTS

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**Australian
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Media Release

Friday 28 August 2015

ABF joining inter-agency outfit to target crime in Melbourne CBD

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Tonight and tomorrow evening (Friday 28 and Saturday 29 August 2015) Metro Trains, Yarra Trams, the Sheriff's Office, Taxi Services Commission and the ABF will join Victoria Police as part of the inter-agency operation.

With a particular focus on people travelling to, from and around the CBD, the group of agencies will work together to support the best interests of Melbournians, targeting everything from anti-social behaviour to outstanding warrants.

ABF Regional Commander Victoria and Tasmania, Don Smith, is proud the ABF will be participating in the operation.

"While the ABF regularly conducts a range of compliance field-work, this is the first time we've been involved in an inter-agency operation of this nature and we're very proud be able to support each of our organisations to achieve our common mission of promoting a secure and cohesive society here in Melbourne."

"ABF officers will be positioned at various locations around the CBD speaking with any individual we cross paths with," Mr Smith said.

"You need to be aware of the conditions of your visa; if you commit visa fraud you should know it's only a matter of time before you're caught out."

The inter-agency outfit will continue to work together on an ongoing basis to target crime in and around the Melbourne CBD to make the city a safer place for everyone.

Media opportunity

Operation Fortitude will be launched by representatives from each participating agency at 2pm today (Friday 28 August 2015) on the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station.

Media enquiries

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FOI

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Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 1:05 PM
To: Don SMITH
Subject: Extract from this morning's DOB [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Forecast Activity VIC / TAS Region

Operational Activity
28 / 29AUGG2015 - Op Fortitude – Melbourne. Compliance Field Operations joint agency operational activity with Victorian Police, Sherriff's Department, Victorian Taxi Directorate, Public Transport Victoria. Six ABF officers will be conducting status checks on both nights alongside Victorian Taxi Directorate and VIC Police officers at Southern Cross and Flinders Street Train station taxi ranks. Media interest is anticipated.

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From: s47E(d)
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 1:08 PM
To: Don SMITH
Cc: James WATSON; Mark ANTILL; Clive MURRAY; Portfolio Media; s47E(d)
Subject: URGENT Notification - Demonstration - Snap Action against Australian Border Force - Flinders Street Station, Melbourne, Vic - 28 August 2015 14:00 [For Official Use Only] [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Good afternoon,

Please see below advice from CCC for a planned demonstration at 1400 this afternoon against Australian Border Force - Flinders Street Station, Melbourne.

Regards,

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From: NGComms [mailto:zeus@id.ngcomms.net] **On Behalf Of** CCC
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 12:58 PM
To: s47E(d)
Subject: Notification - Demonstration - Snap Action against Australian Border Force - Flinders Street Station, Melbourne, Vic - 28 August 2015 14:00 [For Official Use Only]

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Australian Government
Crisis Coordination Centre

Demonstration Notification

Name: Demonstration - Snap Action against Australian Border Force - Flinders Street Station, Melbourne, Vic - 28 August 2015 14:00

Details (all times local unless otherwise specified)

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Date/Time: 28 August 2015 14:00

Location: Flinders Street Station, Melbourne, Vic

Issue: Human rights

Group(s): Refugee Action Collective (Victoria)

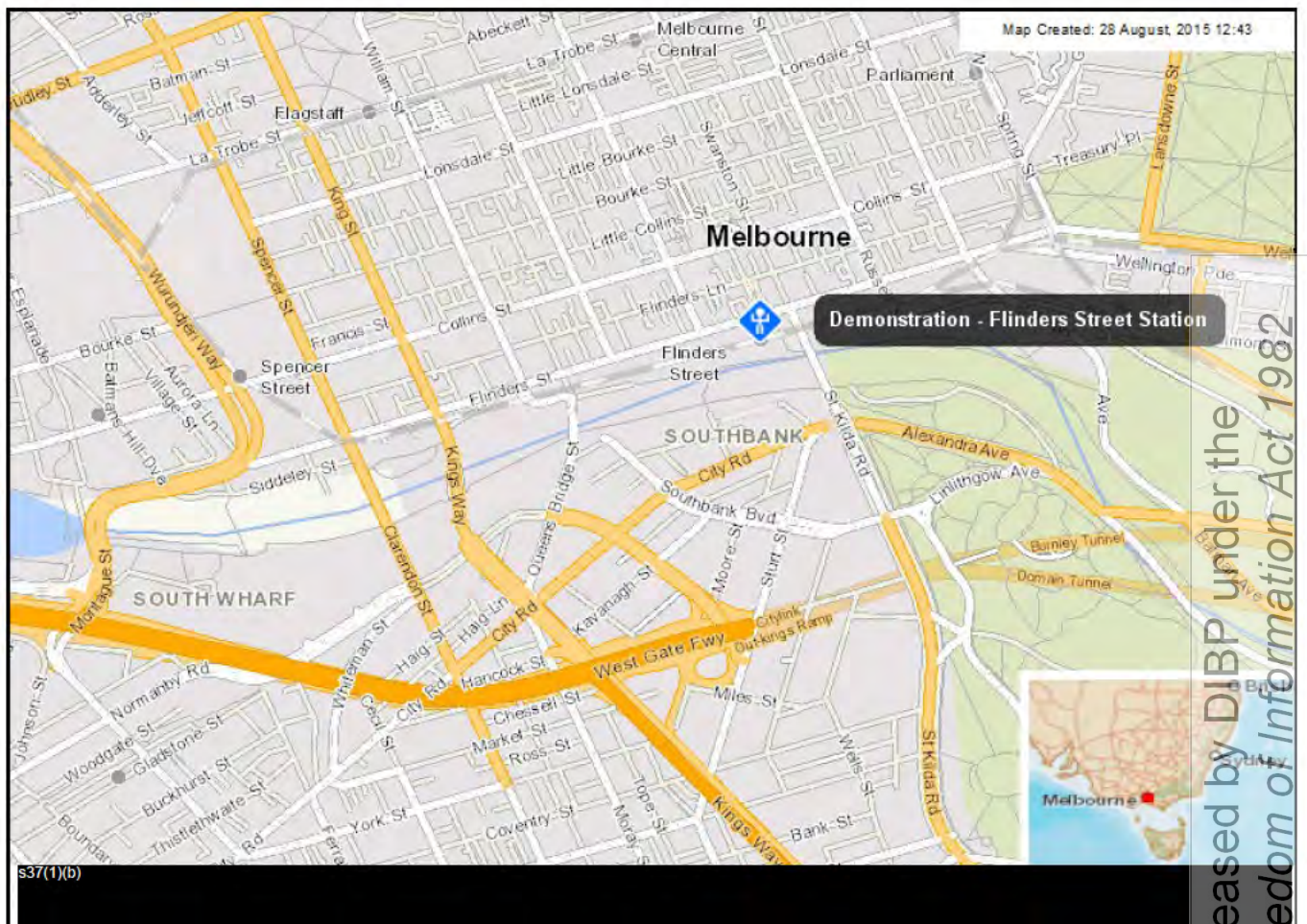
Source: s37(1)(b)

Additional Comments:

Refugee Action Collective (Victoria) (RAC) will be conducting a snap protest at 1400hrs at Flinders St Station, Melbourne, against Australian Border Force's random street stop and question of people suspected to have breached visas this weekend.

RAC have indicated they will also attempt to gate crash the Australian Border Force's press conference launch which will be on the steps of Flinders Street Station at approximately 1400hrs.

Event Map:



Further Information

The CCC will report any information it receives about the outcome of this demonstration in the All Hazards Daily Report.

The CCC may separately advise relevant Australian Government and State/Territory government agencies of the outcome if the situation justifies this.

If you would like to receive or report further information related to this demonstration, please contact the CCC on §47E(d).

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From: Portfolio Media
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 1:12 PM
To: Portfolio Media; [redacted]
Cc: Guy BOEKENSTEIN; [redacted]; [redacted]
Steve INGRAM; [redacted]; [redacted]
[redacted] Mark JEFFRIES
Subject: Afternoon update - 28 August 2015 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[redacted]

Please find below an update on media enquiries on hand and TPs in development:

- **Various:** Asked further questions on Operation Fortitude and any media outlets have put in interviews requests, including Channel 7 *Sunrise* and Channel 10 *The Project*. Media Ops developing a statement to provide to journalist, see below:

*The ABF does not and will not stop people at random in the streets.
This is joint agency operation led Victoria Police. The ABF is but one of eight agencies assisting in the VicPol operation.
Joint operations of this type are common.
In this operation, ABF officers will assist other agencies by conducting background visa checks on individuals who are referred to us by Vic Pol and other agencies at only two of the numerous locations where Operation Fortitude will be carried out in the Melbourne CBD.
Immigration officers regularly conduct compliance activity to locate and detain individuals residing in Australia illegally.
The ABF does not target of the basis of race, religion, or ethnicity.
For all other questions, please refer to the press conference at 2pm today.*

- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

Regards,

[redacted]

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Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 1:47 PM
To: Mark JEFFRIES; Maree BRIDGER; Michael OUTRAM; Don SMITH; s22(1)(a)(ii); Clive MURRAY; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Portfolio Media
Subject: For info: Clarifying statement on Operation Fortitude [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
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Hi everyone

The clarifying statement on Operation Fortitude has been issued on the newsroom.

<http://newsroom.border.gov.au/releases/clarifying-statement-on-operation-fortitude>

The Australian Border Force (ABF) will not be ‘stopping people at random’ in Melbourne to ‘check people’s papers’ as reported in media this morning regarding Operation Fortitude.

As stated in this morning’s press release, the ABF will be assisting in a joint operation led by Victoria Police in Melbourne this weekend.

To be clear:

- **This is a joint agency operation led by Victoria Police.**
- **The ABF will assist other agencies in this operation by conducting background visa checks on individuals who are referred to us by Victoria Police and other agencies.**
- **The ABF is but one of eight agencies assisting in this operation.**
- **The ABF does not and will not stop people at random in the streets and does not target on the basis of race, religion, or ethnicity.**
- **Joint operations of this type are common and were previously conducted by Departmental immigration officers.**

ABF activity will occur at only two of the numerous locations where Operation Fortitude will be carried out in the Melbourne CBD this weekend.

Kind regards,

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From: James WATSON
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 5:04 PM
To: Don SMITH
Subject: FW: Op Fortitude TPs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Here tis

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 5:04 PM
To: WATSON James
Subject: Op Fortitude TPs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Afternoon James,

In response to Ministerial Correspondence, I have started to draft some points and wanted to see if you can suggest areas I should expand on or add?

Operation Fortitude was a Victoria Police led multi-agency operation across the Public Transport System. Other agencies include Public Transport Victoria, Metro, Yarra Trams, Southern Cross RWS, the Taxi Commission and the Sheriffs' Office. The Operation Commander was s22(1)(a)(ii), Victoria Police Transit Safety Division – City Local Area Commander.

The operation was to be launched on Friday 28 August 2015 at 14:00 with a press conference on the steps of Flinders Street Station. The operation was to run over two nights, Friday 28 August 2015 and Saturday 29 August 2015, commencing 17:00 and finishing around 01:00 the next day.

ABF was to provide six Compliance Field Officers each night to conduct status checks alongside the Victorian Taxi Directorate and VICPol officers at Southern Cross taxi rank and Flinders Street taxi rank. There were to be other sites in the CBD that was to be attended by VICPol, including a random breath testing vehicle on Wurundjeri Way, however Compliance Field officers were to only be positioned at the two taxi ranks.

The ABF was to assist other agencies in this operation by conducting background visa checks on individuals who were referred by Victoria Police and other agencies. Through past experiences, it was anticipated that not more than two people would have been detained per night.

The ABF does not and will not stop people at random in the streets and does not target on the basis of race, religion or ethnicity. Joint operations of this type are common and have been conducted previous to the formation of the ABF by Departmental Immigration officers. Those same officers are now part of the ABF and continue to provide assistance to other agencies through conducting background visa checks.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 5:29 PM
To: SMITH Don
Subject: FW: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]

Importance: High

Don as requested – Portfolio Media have cleared the points I will send through confirmation....

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 5:20 PM
To: Portfolio Media
Subject: RE: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]
Importance: High

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – can you please have a look at these amendments and clear.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: Portfolio Media
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 5:07 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) Portfolio Media
Subject: RE: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Updated points.

Kind regards,
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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 4:58 PM

To: Portfolio Media

Subject: FW: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]

Importance: High

Can you please re-visit the talking points.

The Operation has been cancelled so that should be reflected.

Can we also please exclude the word "common"

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Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 4:38 PM

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Subject: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF

Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude **Update**

Information current as at: 1720AEST – 28 August 2015

NATURE OF ISSUE:

- Regional Command Vic/Tas Compliance Field Operations planned joint agency Operational activity led by Victorian Police, and also involving the Sherriff's Department, Victorian Taxi Directorate, Public Transport Victoria on 28 and 29 August 2015.

- Six ABF officers were to conduct status checks on both nights in support of the Victoria Police and Victorian Taxi Directorate at Southern Cross and Flinders Street Train station taxi ranks. The operation was to target a number of other sites through the Melbourne CBD, but ABF officers were not to be deployed at those locations.
- A media release was disseminated in the morning of 28 August 2015 and has attracted considerable media attention on most major news sites questioning the nature of the Operation.
- The planned activity also gained widespread attention on social media, most of which was aimed negatively at the ABF.
- The media release advised that a media event involving participating agencies would take place at Flinders Street Railway Station at 1400hrs AEST on 28 August 2015.
- Supplementary talking points were issued to the media in the lead up to the planned media event to provide context and clarification on ABF involvement in the Operation.
- The Crisis Coordination Centre reported that a snap protest organised by the Refugee Action Collective would occur at 1400hrs AEST at Flinders Street Railway Station.
- The protest action subsequently occurred, blocking the CBD intersection of Flinders Street and Swanston Street.
- s. 47E(d)
- A decision was taken by the lead agency in the Operation, Victoria Police, to cancel the Operation and the media event.

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

- Friday 28 August 2015 at approximately 1300hrs AEST

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- ABF Officers have returned to their offices at Casselden Place, Melbourne as of 1530 hrs AEST, without incident.
- A debrief is now underway.

MEDIA TALKING POINTS (UNCLASSIFIED)

- The Australian Border Force (ABF) did not intend to 'stop people at random' in Melbourne to 'check people's papers' as reported in the media today regarding Operation Fortitude.
- As stated in this morning's press release, the ABF would have been assisting in a joint operation led by Victoria Police in Melbourne this weekend. This operation has since been cancelled by Victorian Police. To be clear:
 - This was to be a joint agency operation led by Victoria Police.
 - The ABF was to assist other agencies in the operation by conducting background visa checks on individuals who are referred to us by Victoria Police and other agencies.
 - The ABF was one of eight agencies assisting in the operation.
 - The ABF did not and was not going to stop people at random in the streets and does not target on the basis of race, religion, or ethnicity.
 - ABF officers regularly conduct compliance activity to locate and detain individuals residing in Australia illegally.
- ABF activity was to occur at only two of the numerous locations where Operation Fortitude was to be carried out in the Melbourne CBD.

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 5:36 PM
To: Portfolio Media
Cc: SMITH Don; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For clearance, s22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

s22(1)(a)(ii) - Confirmed.

The Operation was scheduled to commence tonight but was cancelled by Victoria Police earlier today – so no, we didn't have officers in the streets of Melbourne this afternoon questioning people or undertaking any such activities.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 6:09 PM
To: Portfolio Media
Subject: TPs - Op Fortitude [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hiteam,

I have slightly modified the TPs that you saw earlier for Op Fortitude – would you mind looking at these again please.

Regards,

Don

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Fine by media.

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Subject: Hot Issues Brief - Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]


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HOT ISSUES BRIEF

Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude Update

Information current as at: 1720AEST – 28 August 2015

NATURE OF ISSUE:

- Regional Command Vic/Tas Compliance Field Operations was to have participated in a joint agency operational activity – Operation Fortitude – led by Victorian Police on 28 and 29 August 2015. The Sherriff's Department, Victorian Taxi Directorate, Public Transport Victoria were also to have participated. The operation was cancelled by Victoria Police at approximately 1420hrs AEST today.
- Six ABF officers were to conduct status checks on both nights in support of the Victoria Police and Victorian Taxi Directorate at Southern Cross and Flinders Street Train station taxi ranks. The operation was to target a number of other sites through the Melbourne CBD, but ABF officers were not to be deployed at those locations.
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- s. 47E(d)

- At this point the decision was taken Victoria Police to cancel the operation and the media event.

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

- Friday 28 August 2015 at approximately 1300hrs AEST

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- ABF Officers have returned to their offices at Casselden Place, Melbourne as of 1530 hrs AEST, without incident.
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FOI

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 6:47 PM
To: Don SMITH
Subject: Initial follow-up - today's event [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Don - I wanted to let you know that I had a de brief with staff involved in this afternoon's event (three accompanied me to Flinders St). The speed with which protesters emerged was a shock to staff, but we felt safe at all times. I'll follow up with any ongoing issues or concerns next week.

Regards

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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii); [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Operation FORTITUDE background [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Don, s22(1)(a)(ii)

Background re yesterday's Op.

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2015 3:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Operation FORTITUDE background [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Operation Fortitude is a Victoria Police led multi-agency operation across the Public Transport System (PTS). Other agencies include Public Transport Victoria, Metro, Yarra Trams, Southern Cross RWS, the Taxi Commission and the Sheriffs' Office.

The Operation Commander is s22(1)(a)(ii), Victoria Police Transit Safety Division – City Local Area Commander.

The operation will be launched on Friday 28 August 2015 at 14:00 with a press conference on the steps of Flinders Street Station. An email was sent to s22(1)(a)(ii) on 17 August 2015 to advise.

The operation will run over two nights, Friday 28 August 2015 and Saturday 29 August 2015, commencing 17:00 and finishing around 01:00 the next day.

We will be providing 6 Compliance Field Officers each night to conduct status checks alongside the Victorian Taxi Directorate and VICPol officers at Southern Cross taxi rank and Flinders Street taxi rank. There will be other sites in the CBD that will be attended by VICPol and PSOs and a booze bus on Wurundjeri Way however Compliance Field officers will only be positioned at the 2 taxi ranks.

s47E(d)

Please advise if you require further information.

Thank you

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Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 9:07 AM
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Operation Fortitude 28th and 29th August [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Further background

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From: §22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2015 7:34 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Operation Fortitude 28th and 29th August [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

From: §22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 August 2015 11:57 AM
To: §22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
Subject: FW: Operation Fortitude 28th and 29th August [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Not sure if you are aware, but for planning and reporting.

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From: §22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] [@border.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@border.gov.au)
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2015 2:12 PM
To: §22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
Cc: §22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Operation Fortitude 28th and 29th August [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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§22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] – thanks for the summary.

§22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] – fyi.

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Sent: Monday, 17 August 2015 1:35 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Operation Fortitude 28th and 29th August [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Kind regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 9:54 AM
To: QUAEDVLIEG Roman
Subject: FW: Operation FORTITUDE background [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Roman

Below is the first of two emails containing information re Op Fortitude.

Regards

Don

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Sent: 29/08/2015 9:05 AM
To: SMITH Don
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii); [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Operation FORTITUDE background [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Don, s22(1)(a)(ii)

Background re yesterday's Op.

Regards,

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) [@border.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@border.gov.au)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2015 3:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Operation FORTITUDE background [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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The Operation Commander is ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} [REDACTED], Victoria Police Transit Safety Division – City Local Area Commander.

The operation will be launched on Friday 28 August 2015 at 14:00 with a press conference on the steps of Flinders Street Station. An email was sent to ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} [REDACTED] on 17 August 2015 to advise.

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^{s47E(d)} [REDACTED]

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Thank you

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Further background

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Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2015 7:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]
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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 18 August 2015 11:57 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Operation Fortitude 28th and 29th August [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Not sure if you are aware, but for planning and reporting.

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(ii)

From: s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] @border.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2015 2:12 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
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Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 10:36 AM
To: QUAEDVLIEG Roman; OUTRAM Michael; MURRAY Clive; PEZZULLO Michael; NOBLE Rachel; SMITH Don; BRISCOE Cindy
Subject: RE: Field Compliance ConOps [SEC=PROTECTED]

Commissioner

Will do

Steve

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-----Original Message-----

From: Roman QUAEDVLIEG
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 10:33 AM AUS Eastern Standard Time
To: Stephen ALLEN; Michael OUTRAM; Clive MURRAY; Michael PEZZULLO; Rachel NOBLE; Don SMITH; Cindy BRISCOE
Subject: [SEC=PROTECTED]Field Compliance ConOps

A/DCO,

I've had a quick look at the operational planning & directions for ABF officers in support of VICPOL in the now deferred Operation Fortitude. The basis of our involvement and our support to the activity was limited to the conduct of immigration status checks on referral from Vic agencies only at two CBD taxi ranks. This role is legitimate, lawful, and appropriate. However, I would like you to commission a refreshment of our s47E(d) for field compliance. I'm aware that we are already investing heavily in reorganizing and professionalising the way in which we undertake these activities through our s47E(d) however we need to provide more detailed prescription and guidance to our field deployments to clarify issues such as our role (when do we lead, when do we support, what are the parameters of our powers and role), our expectation of formal operational orders for certain activities, our presentation (uniform, non-uniform, overt, covert), our media tactic (joint, separate, none), our internal collaborations, our briefing protocol, our contingency actions etc.

Please come back to me with advice on ToRs and a lead by the end of this week.

Thanks

RQ

Roman Quaedvlieg
Commissioner
Australian Border Force
s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: NOBLE Rachel
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 11:34 AM
To: PEZZULLO Michael; QUAEDVLIEG Roman
Subject: FW: FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: 150828 TP Operation Fortitude.docx; 150828 MR Operation Fortitude.docx

Sec, C'ser,
As per our discussion just now.
Rachel

Rachel Noble PSM
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From: [BRIDGER Maree](#)
Sent: 29/08/2015 10:53 AM
To: [NOBLE Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Rachel,

Looks like a few of us were cc'ed in on Wednesday, refer below. Re any further advice you may provide.

M

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 12:41 PM AUS Eastern Standard Time
To: Guy BOEKENSTEIN; Maree BRIDGER
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Guy/Maree,

I've brought to the advisors' attention the fact that the Media Release on Operation Fortitude was provided to the MO (See below and second attachment).

The MO is now getting an onslaught of calls regarding this operation suggesting that the ABF are racially profiling and that we're now a police state!

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Ladies

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Here's a summary of an upcoming event in Melbourne.

Operation Fortitude

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Media

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The attached talking points and media release have been developed to support the launch and promote the operation.

Kind regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: Portfolio Media
Subject: FOR INPUT / CLEARANCE: Questions - Border Force [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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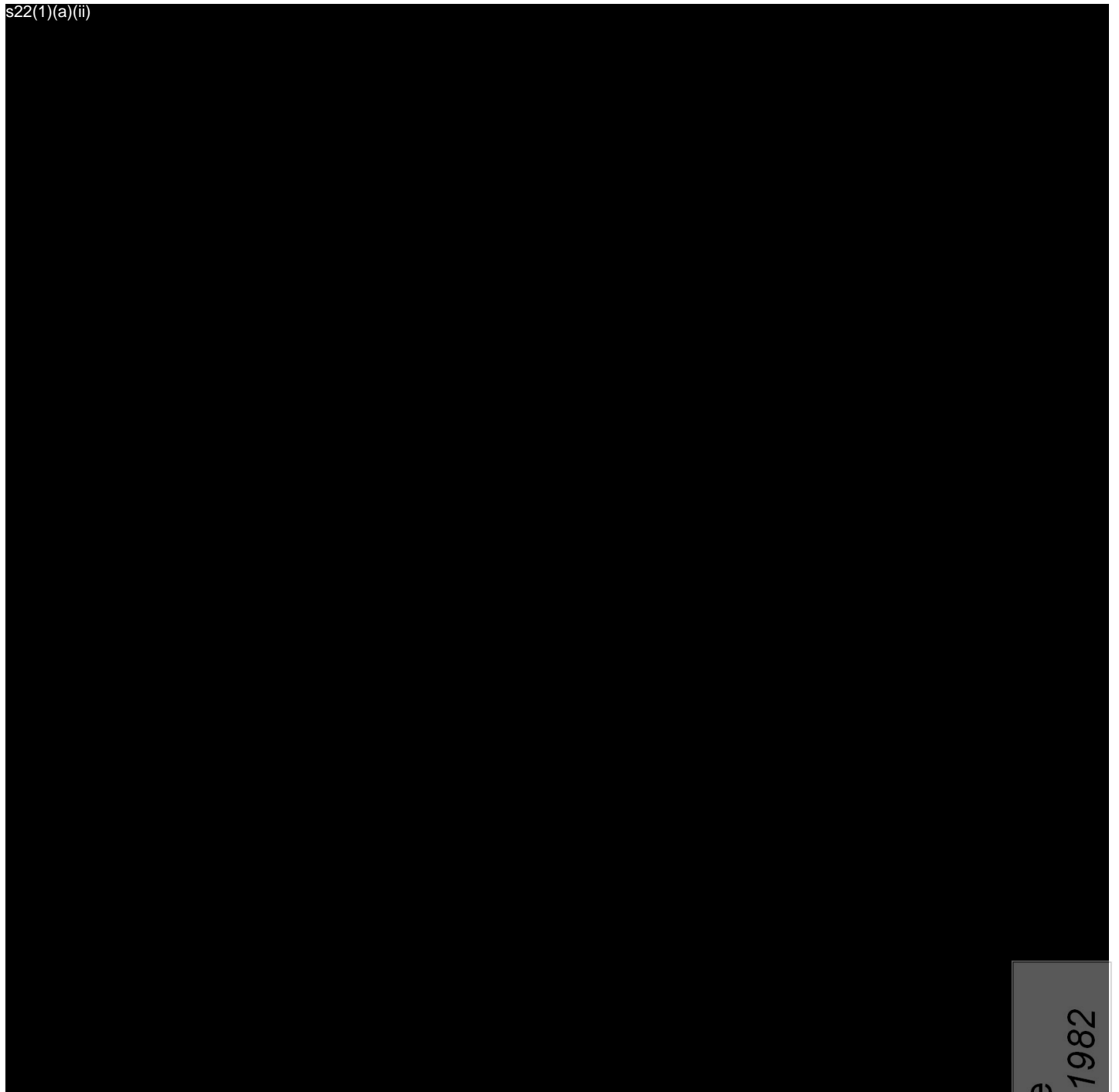
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Agreed.

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To: [Portfolio Media](#); [SMITH Don](#); [MURRAY Clive](#); §22(1)(a)(ii)
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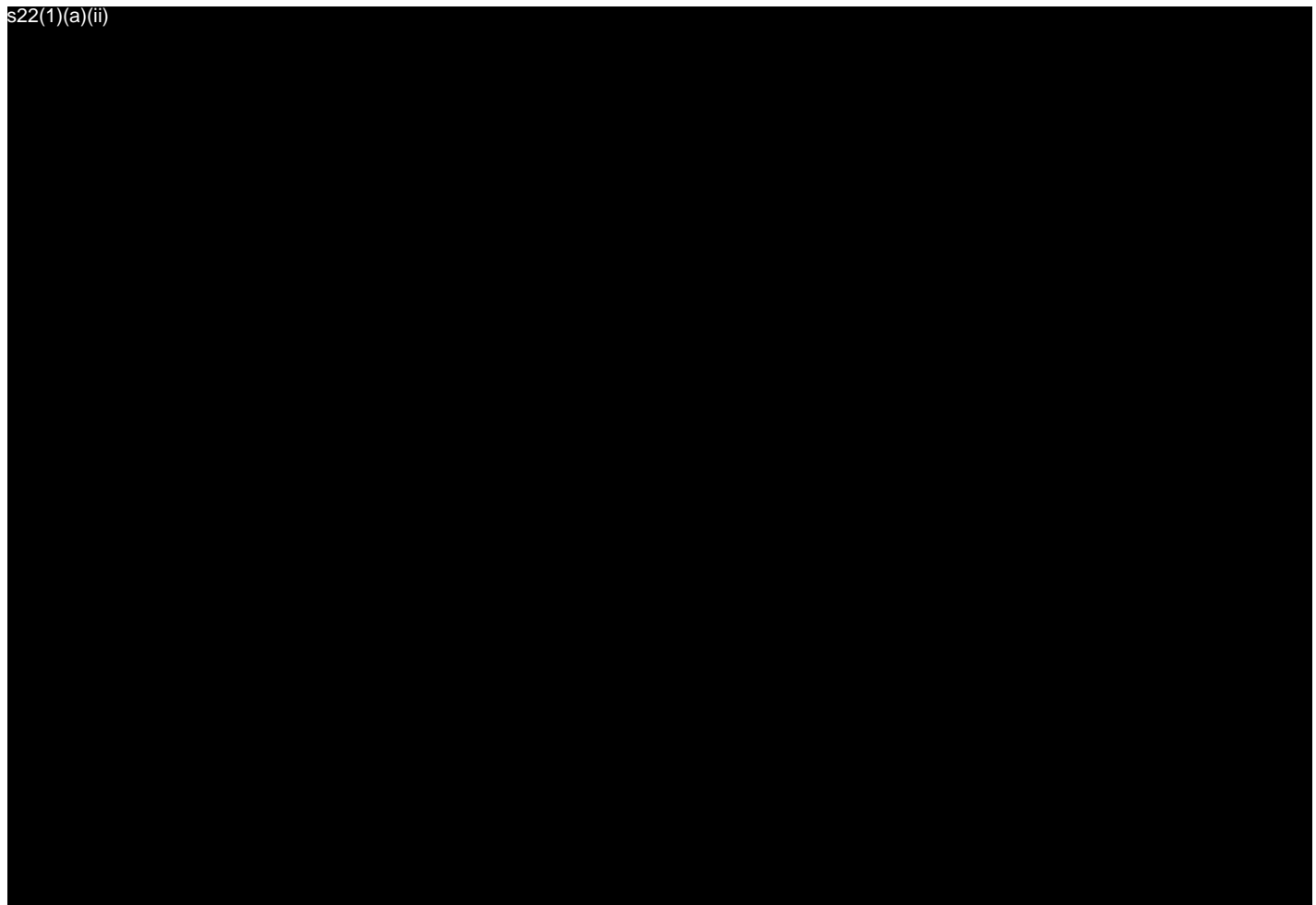
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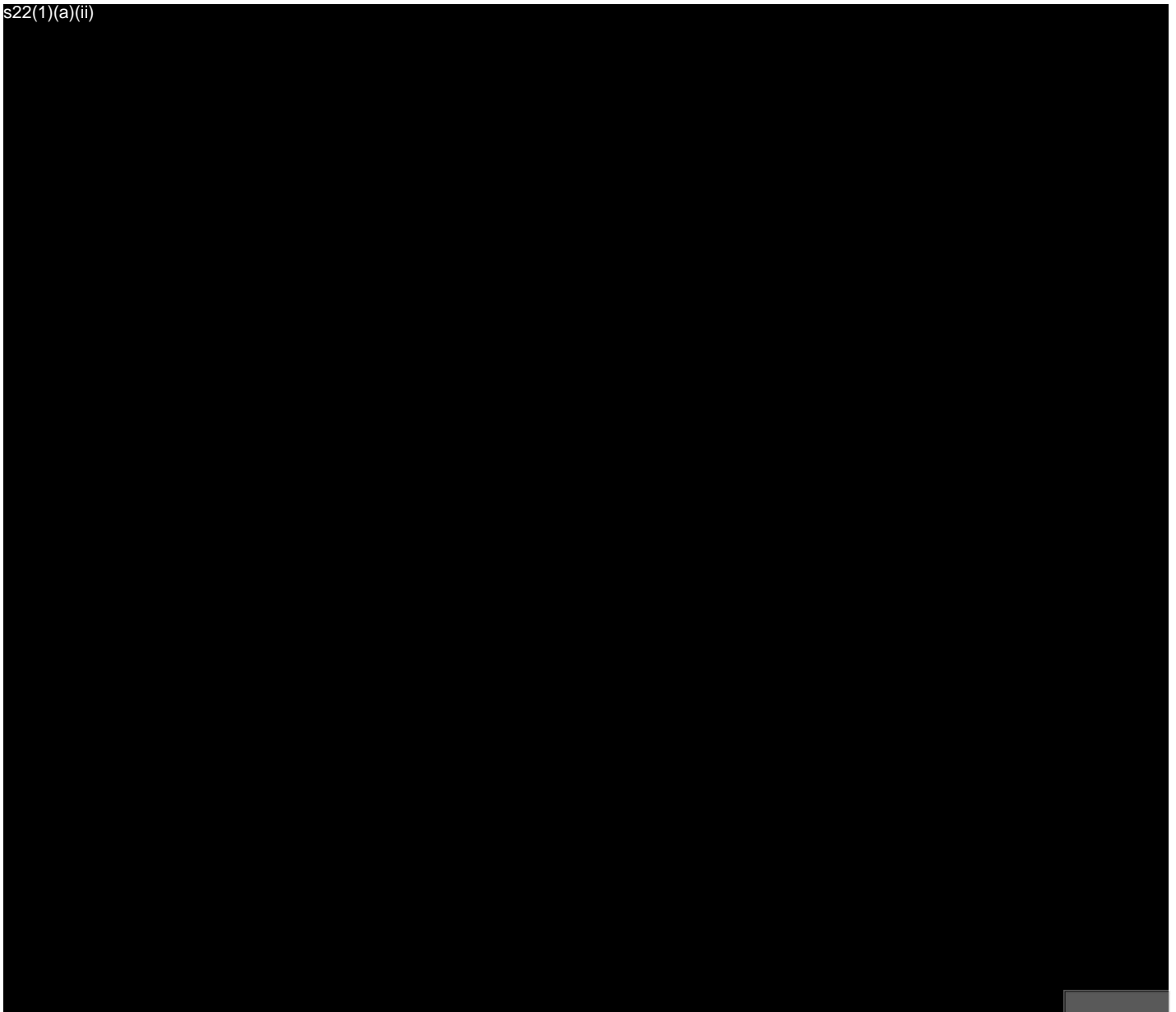
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Roman

Had a follow up discussion with Steve Ingram (he had rung Michael Outram so I returned the call) and SBC have been tasked re the historical information on field compliance ops as discussed.

Steve

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Sent: 29/08/2015 10:36
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Subject: RE: Field Compliance ConOps [SEC=PROTECTED]

Commissioner

Will do

Steve

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From: Roman QUAEDVLIEG
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 10:33 AM AUS Eastern Standard Time
To: Stephen ALLEN; Michael OUTRAM; Clive MURRAY; Michael PEZZULLO; Rachel NOBLE; Don SMITH; Cindy BRISCOE

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Subject: [SEC=PROTECTED]Field Compliance ConOps

A/DCO,

I've had a quick look at the operational planning & directions for ABF officers in support of VICPOL in the now deferred Operation Fortitude. The basis of our involvement and our support to the activity was limited to the conduct of immigration status checks on referral from Vic agencies only at two CBD taxi ranks. This role is legitimate, lawful, and appropriate. However, I would like you to commission a refreshment of our ^{s47E(d)} for field compliance. I'm aware that we are already investing heavily in reorganizing and professionalising the way in which we undertake these activities through our ^{s47E(d)} ^{s47E(d)} however we need to provide more detailed prescription and guidance to our field deployments to clarify issues such as our role (when do we lead, when do we support, what are the parameters of our powers and role), our expectation of formal operational orders for certain activities, our presentation (uniform, non-uniform, overt, covert), our media tactic (joint, separate, none), our internal collaborations, our briefing protocol, our contingency actions etc.

Please come back to me with advice on ToRs and a lead by the end of this week.

Thanks

RQ

Roman Quaadvlieg
Commissioner
Australian Border Force
^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

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FOI

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 1:13 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Initial invitation from Vicpol [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 08:56 AM AUS Eastern Standard Time
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Operation FORTITUDE [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

UNCLASSIFIED

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Still a month away...

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
[redacted] | Compliance Field Operations
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UNCLASSIFIED

From: s22(1)(a)(ii) [[mailto:s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@police.vic.gov.au)]
Sent: Thursday, 23 July 2015 2:16 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Operation FORTITUDE

s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Just a follow up regarding our phone conversation today.

s22(1)(a)(ii) and myself (Transit Safety Division) are planning a multi-modal / multi agency operation to be conducted **28 & 29 August, 2015 - Operation FORTITUDE.**

The aim of the operation is to provide public transport users with an increased perception of safety on the public transport system. In addition to this we will be committing police resources to ensure that our external partners are

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adequately supported so as to enable them to perform their respective function in a safe environment. It is anticipated that the operation will be run between 1700 – 0100 hrs for both nights.

As s22(1)(a)(ii) and myself are still in the planning phase of this operation we are seeking to hold further meetings with relevant partners so as to gain an understanding of all of our needs, expectations and interests.

I have included you in our “contacts” list for future meetings.

I ask that by the way of return e-mail you could provide me with an indication of the number (names or contact numbers if possible) of people your will / might supply for the operation and of any particular needs they have.

Please do not hesitate to call me at any time to discuss further.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 1:55 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: OP FORTITUDE - VICTORIA - 28/29AUG2015 [SEC=PROTECTED]

s22(1)(a)(ii)
This may assist.

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) [@border.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@border.gov.au)>
Sent: 29/08/2015 1:42 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) [@border.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@border.gov.au)>
Subject: FW: OP FORTITUDE - VICTORIA - 28/29AUG2015 [SEC=PROTECTED]

Found it

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2015 8:10:40 AM (UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
To: s47E(d)
Cc: SMITH Don
Subject: OP FORTITUDE - VICTORIA - 28/29AUG2015 [SEC=PROTECTED] Good morning SBCC,

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SBCC

Please advise ABF Media – Early indication are that a joint Agency media release is likely and as mentioned above there will be an official public launch on Friday.

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s. 37(2)(b), s. 47E(d)

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 2:13 PM
To: Mark JEFFRIES
Subject: Operation Fortitude Timeline of Events [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: Operation Fortitude - 28 & 29 August [SEC=PROTECTED]; RE: Operation Fortitude - 28 & 29 August [SEC=PROTECTED]; Operation Fortitude: Agency spokesperson opportunity [SEC=PROTECTED]; FW: Operation Fortitude: Agency spokesperson opportunity [SEC=PROTECTED]; RE: Operation Fortitude - 28 & 29 August [SEC=PROTECTED]; RE: OP FORTITUDE - VICTORIA - 28/29AUG2015 [SEC=PROTECTED]; FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]; RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]; FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]; RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]; FW: FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]; RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]; FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]; Operation Fortitude launch tomorrow; Operation Fortitude - Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]; RE: FOR NOTING: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]; Hot issues - Friday, 28 August 2015 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Mark,

Here's a summary of the timeline of events relating to Operation Fortitude with copies of each of the emails attached.

Please let me know if you require further information.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Operation Fortitude

Mon 17/8 (1.58pm) – s22(1)(a)(ii) advised s22(1)(a)(ii) of the multi-agency operation which was taking place in Melbourne on the weekend of 28/29 August 2015. She provided a brief summary and attached the draft media release from Victoria Police (attached) and said ABF content would be added prior to publishing. The press release headline states 'AGENCIES JOIN FORCES TO TACKLE CBD CRIME'.

Mon 17/8 (3.35pm) – s22(1)(a)(ii) forwards to s22(1)(a)(ii) Mark for information.

Tues 18/8 (5.04pm) – s22(1)(a)(ii) emails Don with a summary of the operation asking him to act as the spokesperson. Received reply email from s22(1)(a)(ii) saying Don will call me that day. When I spoke to Don he advised we would be travelling interstate and one of his Superintendents would need to act in his place – nominated s22(1)(a)(ii) in the first instance or s22(1)(a)(ii) if s22(1)(a)(ii) was unavailable.

Wed 19/8 (approx 9.15am) – s22(1)(a)(ii) spoke to s22(1)(a)(ii) (Senior Media Officer at VICPol) who advised VICPol do not publish joint media releases, however we were welcome to develop our own release.

Wed 19/8 (9.33am) – s22(1)(a)(ii) spoke to s22(1)(a)(ii) who confirmed he would act as spokesperson and sent him an email with a copy of the draft VICPol media release.

Wed 19/8 (9:43am) – s22(1)(a)(ii) provides s22(1)(a)(ii) will more information on the operation include the details of the press conference to be held on the Friday at 2pm, which s22(1)(a)(ii) as spokesperson for the ABF. Also advised that she approached Victorian Police to do a joint press release but they advised that they did not do joint release so she will start work on an ABF release.

Wed 19/08 (9.54am) – §22(1)(a)(ii) emailed SBCC with similar details as above.

Thurs 20/08 (4.27pm) – §22(1)(a)(ii) sent draft media materials (press release/talking points) to §22(1)(a)(ii) for clearance.

Mon 24/08 (11.54am) – §22(1)(a)(ii) cleared release with changes.

Mon 24/08 (4.15pm) – §22(1)(a)(ii) sent media materials to Don Smith for clearance.

Mon 24/08 (5.26pm) – Don emailed back saying “thanks for the TPs. I have a few comments or questions that I would like to discuss – when would you be free to discuss? Asked another way, when do you need to have your comments?”

Wed 26/8 (1.57pm) – §22(1)(a)(ii) sent revised media release to Don Smith for clearance.

Wed 26/8 (2.07pm) – Don cleared stating “Here’s my comments re Op Fortitude. Can you incorporate into MR as appropriate also. I don’t need to see it again unless you deem necessary.”

Wed 26/8 (unsure of time) – §22(1)(a)(ii) possibly asked §22(1)(a)(ii) to run her eyes over the release before sending to the MO, but can’t confirm with certainty so this may have been an oversight.

Wed 26/8 (5.36pm) – §22(1)(a)(ii) sent media materials (and background info) to MO for info including the cc list.

Thurs 27/8 (10.09am) – §22(1)(a)(ii) resent to MO for noting. Cc list was not included.

Thurs 27/8 (11.07am) – Received final version of VICPol media release and talking points from §22(1)(a)(ii) (attached).

Note: actual content published by VICPol did not match draft provided. We did not clear ABF release through VICPol.

Thurs 27/8 (11.10am) – §22(1)(a)(ii) emailed §22(1)(a)(ii) with copy of final media release and talking points and mentioned it was with MO so may be some minor changes to come.

Thurs 27/8 (1.10pm) – §22(1)(a)(ii) responded stating “Ok thanks for letting me know.”

Friday morning 28/8 – Operation was included in Hot Issues stating “A multi-agency operation to target crime in Melbourne’s CBD to be launched at 2pm on the steps of Flinders Street Railway Station. Media Release to be published at 9am and §22(1)(a)(ii) will attend as agency spokesperson.”

Friday 28/8 (9.15am) – Media release was issued on the Newsroom.

Note: Victoria Police also issued media release forced on ‘keeping commuters safe’, however this has now been removed.

Friday 28/8 (10.18am) – First enquiry received §22(1)(a)(ii).

Kind regards

§22(1)(a)(ii)

§22(1)(a)(ii)

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 3:21 PM
To: PEZZULLO Michael; QUAEDVLIEG Roman
Cc: JEFFRIES Mark; BRIDGER Maree
Subject: FW: No Subject [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]
Attachments: Operation Fortitude.docx

Secretary, Commissioner,

Please find attached the draft chronology as so far compiled by Exec Division. This is based on personal searches of people's own in boxes. We have separately asked the CIO to do independent searches of all of our emails, including our office staff, and anyone in the chain of command to ensure we have a complete collection of all correspondence on this issue.

Rachel

Rachel Noble
Deputy Secretary Policy
Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio
Ph: s22(1)(a)(ii) M: s22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Mark JEFFRIES [<mailto:MARK.JEFFRIES@BORDER.GOV.AU>]
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 2:52 PM
To: NOBLE Rachel
Subject: FW: No Subject [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Rachel,

As discussed. Please find attached a draft chronology of the Fortitude media release. Grateful if you could let me know whether this is what the Sec and Comm are seeking.

MJ

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Jeffries [s47F]
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 02:34 PM AUS Eastern Standard Time
To: Mark JEFFRIES
Subject: No Subject

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Operation Fortitude: Chronology

Monday 17 August (1358): Public Affairs Officer (Melbourne) advises Director Media Ops of upcoming multi-agency operation, providing a brief summary of proposed activities and attaching draft VICPOL Media Release for information

Monday 17 August (1535): Director Media Ops provides AS CAM and SCA an initial heads up about upcoming Operation Fortitude.

Tuesday 18 August (1704): PAO emails Regional Commander with summary of operation and asking to be spokesperson. PAO later spoke to RC and was advised that RC was travelling that day: spokesperson would be Superintendent s22(1)(a)(ii)

Tuesday 18 August: Media Ops copied into email traffic from SBCC outlining the operation.

Wednesday 19 August (0915 approx): PAO advised by VICPOL that they do not publish joint media releases but ABF welcome to develop own.

Wednesday 19 August (0933): PAO spoke to s22(1)(a)(ii) who confirmed he would be spokesperson for event. Draft VICPOL release provided.

Wednesday 19 August (0943): PAO provides Director Media Ops with information on the operation and details of press conference scheduled for Friday 21 August at 1400. PAO advised that as VICPOL do not publish joint MR, a separate ABF release would be drafted.

Thursday 20 August (1627): Public Affairs Officer (Melbourne) provides initial draft media release and talking points for clearance at the Superintendent level. Media Ops cc'd on email traffic.

Monday 24 August (1154): minor changes from Superintendent provided (with clearance) to PAO.

Monday 24 August (1615): PAO sends media materials to Regional Commander for clearance

Wednesday 26 August (1726): RC emails PAO "thanks for the TPs. I have a few comments or questions that I would like to discuss – when would you be free to discuss? Asked another way, when do you need to have y comments?"

Wednesday 26 August (1357): PAO sent RC revised MR for clearance.

Wednesday 26 August (1407): RC cleared MR, stating "Here's my comments re Op Fortitude. Can you incorporate into MR as appropriate also. I don't need to see it again unless you deem necessary".

Wednesday 26 August (1735): PAO sent MR and Talking Points to Minister's Office s22(1)(a)(ii), cc'ing s22(1)(a)(ii) Maree Bridger, Media Ops, s22(1)(a)(ii) Steve Ingram, s22(1)(a)(ii) Mark Jeffries, s22(1)(a)(ii) Guy Boekenstein, s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii).

MR does not contain clearance boxes. Talking Points marked as being cleared by Don Smith and s22(1)(a)(ii)

Email details plans for a joint press conference to be held on 28 August, with s22(1)(a)(ii) as spokesperson.

Email was originally sent with the title "FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch – Friday 28 Aug"

Thursday 27 August (1009): PAO emails Minister's Office s22(1)(a)(ii)) and cc's Media Ops with the statement:

"Hi, Apologies, I should've sent this for noting originally. We're planning to publish the release at 9am tomorrow at the same time the VICPol release will be published".

Title now reads "FOR NOTING: Operation Fortitude Launch – Friday 28 Aug"

Thursday 27 August (1310): Minister's Office s22(1)(a)(ii) response with the statement: "OK thanks for letting me know".

Friday 28 August (0915): ABF releases MR

DRAFT

Observations:

- VICPOL were not consulted on the drafting of the MR – this could/should have identified issues with the wording of the release.
- Clearance was provided at the Regional Commander level, and did not progress to Deputy Commissioner level for clearance and/or situational awareness.
- There is no evidence that Director Media Ops cleared the MR (as per routine processes)
- Current SOPs for Media Ops processes specify general AS/ND clearance rather than a specific position (i.e. Assistant Secretary Communications and Media).
- Multiple opportunities were missed to correct the MR:
 - With VICPOL through greater coordination
 - Within ABF through greater oversight, media awareness and training
 - Within Communications and Media Branch
 - Within the Minister's Office
 - At the point of release

FOI

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 4:18 PM
To: Don SMITH: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Chronology - Planning for Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]

Good afternoon everyone. I will go into the office tomorrow morning to type up my notes and send through. Somehow ive developed another head cold and laid up today....

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: [SMITH Don](#)
Sent: 29/08/2015 3:56 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii);
Subject: RE: Chronology - Planning for Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

That is very useful. I have in the last 10 min spoken with Commander SBC Clive Murray who advises we also need media involvement and actions incorporated into this timeline.

s22(1)(a)(ii) are you in a position to coordinate input of this additional material? Clive has indicated he would like to have this consolidated picture by tomorrow 6:00pm.

Grateful for comments from any action addressee on feasibility of this task.

Regards

Don

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Sent: 29/08/2015 2:38 PM
To: [SMITH Don](#)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii);
Subject: Chronology - Planning for Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Don – as requested, here is a chronological outline of our planning for Operation Fortitude.

- **23 July 2015** – Initial invitation from VicPol to participate in the operation. This initial invitation was made to the Supervisor of the Trafficking & Field Team, Compliance Field Operations (her role involves liaison with

VicPol and other police agencies). The email from VicPol stated that the “aim of the operation is to provide public transport users with an increased perception of safety on the public transport system. In addition to this we will be committing police resources to ensure that our external partners are adequately supported so as to enable them to perform their respective function in a safe environment. It is anticipated that the operation will be run between 1700 – 0100 hrs for both nights.”

The invitation indicated that VicPol were seeking “to hold further meetings with relevant partners so as to gain an understanding of all of our needs, expectations and interests”.

- **17 August 2015** – I received an email update from the Compliance officer who attended the second of two briefings held in relation to Operation Fortitude. Extract from this email:

Request

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Both operations will from conducted 17:00hrs – 01:00hrs on 28 & 29 August.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- **17 August 2015** - I forwarded this email to s22(1)(a)(ii) Public Affairs Officer Vic/Tas. I copied [redacted] into this referral. I confirmed in this email that I supported our involvement in this operation, under the terms outlined in request.
- **19 August 2015** – [redacted] emailed s47E(d) [redacted] with details of this operation. Extract from this email:

Compliance field Operations have advised that they will be representing the ABF with joint Agency operational activities scheduled to occur in the Melbourne CBD on the evening of Friday 28AUG2015 and Saturday 29AUG2015 (1700AEST – 0100AEST). The Victorian Police (VicPol), Sherriff’s department, Victorian Taxi Directorate, Public Transport Victoria, Metro Trains and the ABF will all be represented. The lead agency will be the Victorian Police.

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SBCC

Please advise ABF Media – Early indication are that a joint Agency media release is likely and as mentioned above there will be an official public launch on Friday.

[Redacted]

- **26 August 2015** - Inspector Compliance Operations provided an update to [Redacted]. The update confirmed that the key operational focus, and the ABF's involvement in the operation, remained unchanged. Extract:

Operation Fortitude is a Victoria Police led multi-agency operation across the Public Transport System (PTS). Other agencies include Public Transport Victoria, Metro, Yarra Trams, Southern Cross RWS, the Taxi Commission and the Sheriffs' Office.

The Operation Commander is s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted], Victoria Police Transit Safety Division – City Local Area Commander.

The operation will be launched on Friday 28 August 2015 at 14:00 with a press conference on the steps of Flinders Street Station. An email was sent to s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted] on 17 August 2015 to advise.

The operation will run over two nights, Friday 28 August 2015 and Saturday 29 August 2015, commencing 17:00 and finishing around 01:00 the next day.

We will be providing 6 Compliance Field Officers each night to conduct status checks alongside the Victorian Taxi Directorate and VICPol officers at Southern Cross taxi rank and Flinders Street taxi rank. There will be other sites in the CBD that will be attended by VICPol and PSOs and a booze bus on Wurundjeri Way however Compliance Field officers will only be positioned at the 2 taxi ranks.

s47E(d)

[Redacted]

The summary provided above has been obtained through emails that I have been able to access on my work laptop. There may be other email exchanges or updates that I have missed, or into which I was not included – although I think this is very unlikely. I will check this further, but I am confident that the above summary provides a outline of the key operational steps involved in this planning.

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]

s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]

s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]

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From: PEZZULLO Michael
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 4:30 PM
To: QUAEDVLIEG Roman
Cc: JEFFRIES Mark; BRIDGER Maree; NOBLE Rachel; BRISCOE Cindy
Subject: RE: No Subject [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]

Roman

Thanks – and endorsed.

MP

Michael Pezzullo

Secretary
Department of Immigration and Border Protection

p: s22(1)(a)(ii)

E: michael.pezzullo@border.gov.au

From: QUAEDVLIEG Roman
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 16:21
To: NOBLE Rachel; PEZZULLO Michael; BRISCOE Cindy
Cc: JEFFRIES Mark; BRIDGER Maree
Subject: RE: No Subject [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]

DS Policy & DC Support,

It appears that we had sufficient time and adequate filters in place to effectively catch and amend the clumsily worded MR and TPs; and yet the system components, individually or collectively, failed to do so.

Can you pls jointly review the chronological steps, content development, and the decision & clearance points of the media management related to this operational activity? We need to understand this failure to inform the ongoing development of our media operating model.

A verbal brief to Secretary and I at the conclusion of our Daily Coordination Meeting on Tuesday 1 September, followed by an interim report by close of business that day is required.

Thanks

Roman Quaedvlieg
Commissioner
Australian Border Force
s22(1)(a)(ii)

From: [NOBLE Rachel](#)
Sent: 29/08/2015 15:21
To: [PEZZULLO Michael](#); [QUAEDVLIEG Roman](#)
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To: QUAEDVLIEG Roman
Subject: RE: No Subject [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]

Did you discuss handling arrangements with the Minister?

MP

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From: QUAEDVLIEG Roman
Sent: Saturday, 29 August 2015 16:21
To: NOBLE Rachel; PEZZULLO Michael; BRISCOE Cindy
Cc: JEFFRIES Mark; BRIDGER Maree
Subject: RE: No Subject [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]

DS Policy & DC Support,

It appears that we had sufficient time and adequate filters in place to effectively catch and amend the clumsily worded MR and TPs; and yet the system components, individually or collectively, failed to do so.

Can you pls jointly review the chronological steps, content development, and the decision & clearance points of the media management related to this operational activity? We need to understand this failure to inform the ongoing development of our media operating model.

A verbal brief to Secretary and I at the conclusion of our Daily Coordination Meeting on Tuesday 1 September, followed by an interim report by close of business that day is required.

Thanks

Roman Quaedvlieg
Commissioner
Australian Border Force
s22(1)(a)(ii)

From: [NOBLE Rachel](#)
Sent: 29/08/2015 15:21
To: [PEZZULLO Michael](#); [QUAEDVLIEG Roman](#)
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Subject: FW: No Subject [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]

Secretary, Commissioner,

Please find attached the draft chronology as so far compiled by Exec Division. This is based on personal searches of people's own in boxes. We have separately asked the CIO to do independent searches of all of our emails, including

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our office staff, and anyone in the chain of command to ensure we have a complete collection of all correspondence on this issue.

Rachel

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Subject: RE: FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

I agree s22(1)(a)(ii).

Regards,

MP

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Thanks. I repeat my public comments from yesterday - both the MR, and the TPs which I've now seen for the first time, are clumsily drafted. The points about our role, and the trigger points for any investigation of a person's visa status, are not precise and I'm not surprised they were misconstrued.

RQ

Roman Quaedvlieg
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s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sec, C'ser,
As per our discussion just now.
Rachel

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To: [NOBLE Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: FOR INFO: Operation Fortitude Launch - Friday 28 Aug [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Rachel,

Looks like a few of us were cc'ed in on Wednesday, refer below. Re any further advice you may provide.

M

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Guy/Maree,

I've brought to the advisors' attention the fact that the Media Release on Operation Fortitude was provided to the MO (See below and second attachment).

The MO is now getting an onslaught of calls regarding this operation suggesting that the ABF are racially profiling and that we're now a police state!

Kind regards

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Ladies

As per my earlier advice, the draft media release was sent to the MO on Wednesday which included the line in question (see second attachment). s22(1)(a)(ii) and Media Advisors received this.

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Hello,

Here's a summary of an upcoming event in Melbourne.

Operation Fortitude

Operation Fortitude is a multi-agency operation which will combine a diverse team of transport and enforcement agencies with a single mission of protecting city goers.

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Media

VICPol will be launching the operation on **Friday 28th August at 2pm** on the steps of Flinders Street train station in the Melbourne CBD.

All agencies have been requested to attend with a spokesperson and 1 uniformed officer and a media representative. s22(1)(a)(ii), will attend the launch as the ABF spokesperson.

The attached talking points and media release have been developed to support the launch and promote the operation.

Kind regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: Chronology - Planning for Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]

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§22(1)(a)(ii) - thanks very much for this.

§22(1)(a)(ii) - the following is a summary of my involvement in terms of media preparation:

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19 August 2015 - You forwarded me information on Operation Fortitude in my role as the spokesperson at the launch. This information included the draft VicPol media release.

20 August 2015 - You forwarded draft talking points and a media for my review before onward clearance.

24 August 2015 - I emailed suggested changes to the talking points and the media release.

27 August 2015 - you emailed me a copy of the TPs and media release that had been cleared by the Regional Commander. You indicated that you were waiting for final clearance, and that you would advise me if there were any changes made. You indicated that the release would be published at 9 am - the same time as the VicPol release.

28 August 2015 (1140 hrs) - you emailed the Regional Commander with a further line to clear, in response to enquiries received by department since the published media release. These were cleared by the Chief of Staff at 1203 hrs AEST.

28 August 2015 (1221 hrs) - you emailed additional lines to be cleared.

28 August 2015 (1226 hrs) - these additional lines were cleared (subject to a minor revision relating to the tense of one of the items).

Are there any other steps that should be provided in this summary? If so, are you able to forward details?

Regards

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Both operations will from conducted 17:00hrs – 01:00hrs on 28 & 29 August.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

· 17 August 2015 - I forwarded this email to s22(1)(a)(ii), Public Affairs Officer Vic/Tas. I copied into this referral. I confirmed in this email that I supported our involvement in this operation, under the terms outlined in request.

· 19 August 2015 – emailed s47E(d) with details of this operation. Extract from this email:

Compliance field Operations have advised that they will be representing the ABF with joint Agency operational activities scheduled to occur in the Melbourne CBD on the evening of Friday 28AUG2015 and Saturday 29AUG2015 (1700AEST – 0100AEST). The Victorian Police (VicPol), Sherriff’s department, Victorian Taxi Directorate, Public Transport Victoria, Metro Trains and the ABF will all be represented. The lead agency will be the Victorian Police.

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SBCC

Please advise ABF Media – Early indication are that a joint Agency media release is likely and as mentioned above there will be an official public launch on Friday.

s. 37(2)(b), s. 47E(d)

· 26 August 2015 - Inspector Compliance Operations provided an update to [REDACTED]. The update confirmed that the key operational focus, and the ABF's involvement in the operation, remained unchanged. Extract:

Operation Fortitude is a Victoria Police led multi-agency operation across the Public Transport System (PTS). Other agencies include Public Transport Victoria, Metro, Yarra Trams, Southern Cross RWS, the Taxi Commission and the Sheriffs' Office.

The Operation Commander is s22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED], Victoria Police Transit Safety Division – City Local Area Commander.

The operation will be launched on Friday 28 August 2015 at 14:00 with a press conference on the steps of Flinders Street Station. An email was sent to s22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED] on 17 August 2015 to advise.

The operation will run over two nights, Friday 28 August 2015 and Saturday 29 August 2015, commencing 17:00 and finishing around 01:00 the next day.

We will be providing 6 Compliance Field Officers each night to conduct status checks alongside the Victorian Tax Directorate and VICPol officers at Southern Cross taxi rank and Flinders Street taxi rank. There will be other sites in the CBD that will be attended by VICPol and PSOs and a booze bus on Wurundjeri Way however Compliance Field officers will only be positioned at the 2 taxi ranks.

s47E(d)

The summary provided above has been obtained through emails that I have been able to access on my work laptop. There may be other email exchanges or updates that I have missed, or into which I was not included – although I think this is very unlikely. I will check this further, but I am confident that the above summary provides a outline of the key operational steps involved in this planning.

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED]

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Attachments: RE: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: Additional holding line for Operation Fortitude [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]; FW: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]; RE: For clearance, Guardian enquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

Good morning all,

I will provide my chronology via the body of email so it is easily viewed on a range of mobile devices.

All of the actions listed here occur on Friday 28 August 2015. Prior to that date I was aware of Op Fortitude via verbal briefings provided by s22(1)(a)(ii) in ROC meetings etc. Further to that, I was aware of his involvement in media activities – we had a few conversations about the most appropriate uniform components to wear on that occasion.

Friday 28 August 2015.

Midday – EA to RC Vic/Tas provides hard copy of request from s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii) for clearance of an additional line to be used in addition to previously cleared talking points. This additional line appears in keeping with my knowledge of the operation and ABF role in it.

12:03 I approve the additional talking point in the absence of RC Vic/Tas, via return email.

12:21 Updated “additional talking points” provided by email for clearance.

12:26 I approve these whilst requesting checking of fourth dot point (grammar relating to tense). At this time I am out of the office.

12:50 – 13:20 Several calls exchanged:

A/S Portfolio Media Mark Jefferies who makes mention of planned protest activity at the 2pm media event, enquiring as to the make-up of the ABF group at the event – the mood is that ABF appears heavy handed in its approach so to have a diverse group of officers at the event would be helpful. I advise that s22(1)(a)(ii) could not be construed as heavy handed or overbearing.

RC Vic/Tas who provides advice that the Operation is attracting significant interest so is to be sole focus. I advise I am out of the office but giving this matter every attention.

s22(1)(a)(ii) who advises of increasing media attention and call for protest. He advises RC Vic/Tas has received 5 or 6 requests for interview, referred to Portfolio Media..

s22(1)(a)(ii) who advises the make- up of his team includes Inspector s22(1)(a)(ii). He asks whether the media event should be considered for cancellation given the media attention and call for protest. I advise that I would seek advice from A/S Mark Jefferies and make two phone calls to him without success, leaving voicemails to return my calls.

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13:28 Call received from §22(1)(a)(ii) – I advise that I'd been trying to reach A/S Mark Jefferies to get advice on whether media event should proceed. She advises she has been in touch with A/S Mark Jefferies, she is currently with §22(1)(a)(ii) who has his talking points ready, and all is set to go.

13:45 Return to office

14:10 Discussion with RC Vic/Tas and text of "hot issues brief" (HIB) read out over the phone. Agreement reached that it will serve as a good foundation for the HIB to be issued later that day.

14:15 to 14:20 Walk to Command Centre and see live footage of the protest occurring at Flinders Street Railways station, blocking the Flinders Street / Swanston Street intersection. The news reports indicate the media event and possibly the Operation has been cancelled.

14:33 Call from §22(1)(a)(ii) advising Victoria Police want to address the crowd to advise the Operation has been cancelled, and seeking advice as to whether he should clarify ABF position in the same manner. He confirms it is safe to do so and Portfolio Media supportive.

14:34 Call to RC Vic Tas who is supportive of §22(1)(a)(ii) making a statement if we are together with Vicpol and in support and reinforcement of their messaging and their decision to cancel operation..

14:36 Call to §22(1)(a)(ii) who confirms he will read out key points clarifying ABF role.

14:43 §22(1)(a)(ii) returns call and advises the protest has escalated and efforts to speak to the crowd are cancelled. He and his team §22(1)(a)(ii) plus Portfolio Media officer §22(1)(a)(ii) have moved back to a Victoria Police kiosk at Flinders Street Railways Station in the company of Victoria Police colleagues. Protesters have been "banging" on the doors and walls and it is upsetting to staff but they do not feel in danger or threatened.

14:50 §22(1)(a)(ii) calls SBCC watchfloor §22(1)(a)(ii) to seek advice on what type of reporting is required, and is told a Significant Incident Report "SIR" – this is then organised through Command Centre.

14:55 RC Vic/Tas calls and requests name of senior Victoria Police officer and details of NW Metro Victoria Police Commander Victoria Police, and this information is provided at 15:07 once obtained.

15:03 Call to §22(1)(a)(ii) who advises group are still in the Victoria Police kiosk, a lot of noise has gone from the protest, and the numbers are significantly smaller. Discussion around safest way to move from the kiosk at the appropriate time – with Victoria Police escort to parked vehicle. §22(1)(a)(ii) advises some officers upset, they had been photographed on arrival at the media event / protest. §22(1)(a)(ii) urged not to move until deemed safe by Victoria Police and do so accompanied by them.

15:11 – 15:28 Efforts made to contact and brief Regional Director Victoria and People and Support Vic/Tas. Regional Director briefed by phone 15:19, Director People & Support briefed in person 15:28.

15:31 Call to §22(1)(a)(ii) who advised the group are all back at Casselden Place, some protesters had attempted to follow them when accompanied by Police but had lost interest. A de-brief was about to commence.

15:35 Along with Director People & Support, verbal briefing provided to RC Vic/Tas

16:00 Confirmation that SBC requires HIB

16:07 Wording of HIB checked with RC Vic/Tas.

16:20 CoS office advises Ministerial's are beginning to arrive, and will be assigned to individual officers from Monday 31 August 2015.

16:25 In response to email from Minister Cash's DLO (s22(1)(a)(ii)), verbal update provided.

16:38 HIB issued following clearance of media talking points by Portfolio Media.

16:51 Call from RC Vic/Tas who advises media talking points in the HIB do not reflect the fact that the Operation is cancelled.

16:57 Conversation with (s22(1)(a)(ii)) from Portfolio Media asking for media points to be updated as they contradict the body of the HIB.

17:27 Portfolio Media clear updated talking points as drafted by CoS, and HIB sent to RC Vic/Tas for issuing.

17:36 Emails sent confirming officers photographed by Guardian were not ABF questioning people in the streets of Melbourne.

Attachments:

- Clearance of additional wording (email)
- HIB
- Guardian request and response

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SBCC

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s. 37(2)(b), s. 47E(d)

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§47E(d)

The summary provided above has been obtained through emails that I have been able to access on my work laptop. There may be other email exchanges or updates that I have missed, or into which I was not included – although I think this is very unlikely. I will check this further, but I am confident that the above summary provides a outline of the key operational steps involved in this planning.

Regards

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FOI

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Subject: Chronology - Planning for Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: RE: Operation Fortitude 28th and 29th August [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]; FW: Operation Fortitude: Agency spokesperson opportunity [SEC=PROTECTED]; FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]; RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Operation Fortitude Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=PROTECTED]; Operation Fortitude - Media Release and Talking Points [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]; RE: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: Additional holding line for Operation Fortitude [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]; FW: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - Media attention and protest action around Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]; RE: For clearance, Guardian enquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Don

The purpose of this email is to provide a consolidated summary of key steps relating to the preparation of media for this event.

It is presented in two parts: the first outlines my involvement with the preparation of the media talking points and media release (and which I provided yesterday); the second outlines the involvement of the RC Vic Chief of Staff (provided earlier today).

1. Preparation leading up to the launch on Friday 28 August 2015 – written by s22(1)(a)(ii) – Supt Compliance Field and Removals Operations

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Attachments:

- Emails relating to five exchanges listed about

2. Friday 28 August 2015 – written by s22(1)(a)(ii) Chief of Staff RC Vic

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To: s22(1)(a)(ii); SMITH Don; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Chronology - Planning for Operation Fortitude [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: Operation Fortitude Timeline of Events [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good morning all,

Apologies I didn't have access to email yesterday to reply, however I have attached a copy of my chronology of events I put together based on my email records up until we received the first media enquiry. This was put together on Saturday and provided to the AS Media and Communications.

Have also pasted below in case you're on a mobile device.

Mon 17/8 (1.58pm) – s22(1)(a)(ii) advised s22(1)(a)(ii) of the multi-agency operation which was taking place in Melbourne on the weekend of 28/29 August 2015. She provided a brief summary and attached the draft media release from Victoria Police (attached) and said ABF content would be added prior to publishing. The press release headline states 'AGENCIES JOIN FORCES TO TACKLE CBD CRIME'.

Mon 17/8 (3.35pm) – s22(1)(a)(ii) forwards to s22(1)(a)(ii) and Mark for information.

Tues 18/8 (5.04pm) – s22(1)(a)(ii) emails Don with a summary of the operation asking him to act as the spokesperson. Received reply email from s22(1)(a)(ii) (Don's EA) saying Don will call me that day. When I spoke to Don he advised we would be travelling interstate and one of his Superintendents would need to act in his place – nominated s22(1)(a)(ii) in the first instance or s22(1)(a)(ii) if s22(1)(a)(ii) was unavailable.

Wed 19/8 (approx 9.15am) – s22(1)(a)(ii) spoke to s22(1)(a)(ii) (Senior Media Officer at VICPol) who advised VICPol do not publish joint media releases, however we were welcome to develop our own release.

Wed 19/8 (9.33am) – s22(1)(a)(ii) spoke to s22(1)(a)(ii) who confirmed he would act as spokesperson and sent him an email with a copy of the draft VICPol media release.

Wed 19/8 (9:43am) – s22(1)(a)(ii) provides s22(1)(a)(ii) will more information on the operation include the details of the press conference to be held on the Friday at 2pm, which s22(1)(a)(ii) as spokesperson for the ABF. Also advised that she approached Victorian Police to do a joint press release but they advised that they did not do joint release so she will start work on an ABF release.

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Note: actual content published by VICPol did not match draft provided. We did not clear ABF release through VICPol.

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Note: Victoria Police also issued media release forced on ‘keeping commuters safe’, however this has now been removed.

Friday 28/8 (10.18am) – First enquiry received.

Kind regards

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Importance: High

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Good afternoon everyone. I will go into the office tomorrow morning to type up my notes and send through. Somehow ive developed another head cold and laid up today....

Sent from my Windows Phone

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

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s22(1)(a)(ii) are you in a position to coordinate input of this additional material? Clive has indicated he would like to have this consolidated picture by tomorrow 6:00pm.

Grateful for comments from any action addressee on feasibility of this task.

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Don – as requested, here is a chronological outline of our planning for Operation Fortitude.

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- **17 August 2015** - I forwarded this email to §22(1)(a)(ii) Public Affairs Officer Vic/Tas. I copied §22(1)(a)(ii) into this referral. I confirmed in this email that I supported our involvement in this operation, under the terms outlined in request.
- **19 August 2015** – §47E(d) emailed §47E(d) with details of this operation. Extract from this email:

Compliance field Operations have advised that they will be representing the ABF with joint Agency operational activities scheduled to occur in the Melbourne CBD on the evening of Friday 28AUG2015 and Saturday 29AUG2015 (1700AEST – 0100AEST). The Victorian Police (VicPol), Sherriff's department, Victorian Taxi Directorate, Public Transport Victoria, Metro Trains and the ABF will all be represented. The lead agency will be the Victorian Police.

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SBCC

Please advise ABF Media – Early indication are that a joint Agency media release is likely and as mentioned above there will be an official public launch on Friday.

s. 37(2)(b), s. 47E(d)

§22(1)(a)(ii)

- **26 August 2015** - Inspector Compliance Operations provided an update to §22(1)(a)(ii). The update confirmed that the key operational focus, and the ABF's involvement in the operation, remained unchanged. Extract:

Operation Fortitude is a Victoria Police led multi-agency operation across the Public Transport System (PTS). Other agencies include Public Transport Victoria, Metro, Yarra Trams, Southern Cross RWS, the Taxi Commission and the Sheriffs' Office.

The Operation Commander is §22(1)(a)(ii), Victoria Police Transit Safety Division – City Local Area Commander.

The operation will be launched on Friday 28 August 2015 at 14:00 with a press conference on the steps of Flinders Street Station. An email was sent to §22(1)(a)(ii) on 17 August 2015 to advise.

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s47E(d)

The summary provided above has been obtained through emails that I have been able to access on my work laptop. There may be other email exchanges or updates that I have missed, or into which I was not included – although I think this is very unlikely. I will check this further, but I am confident that the above summary provides a outline of the key operational steps involved in this planning.

Regards

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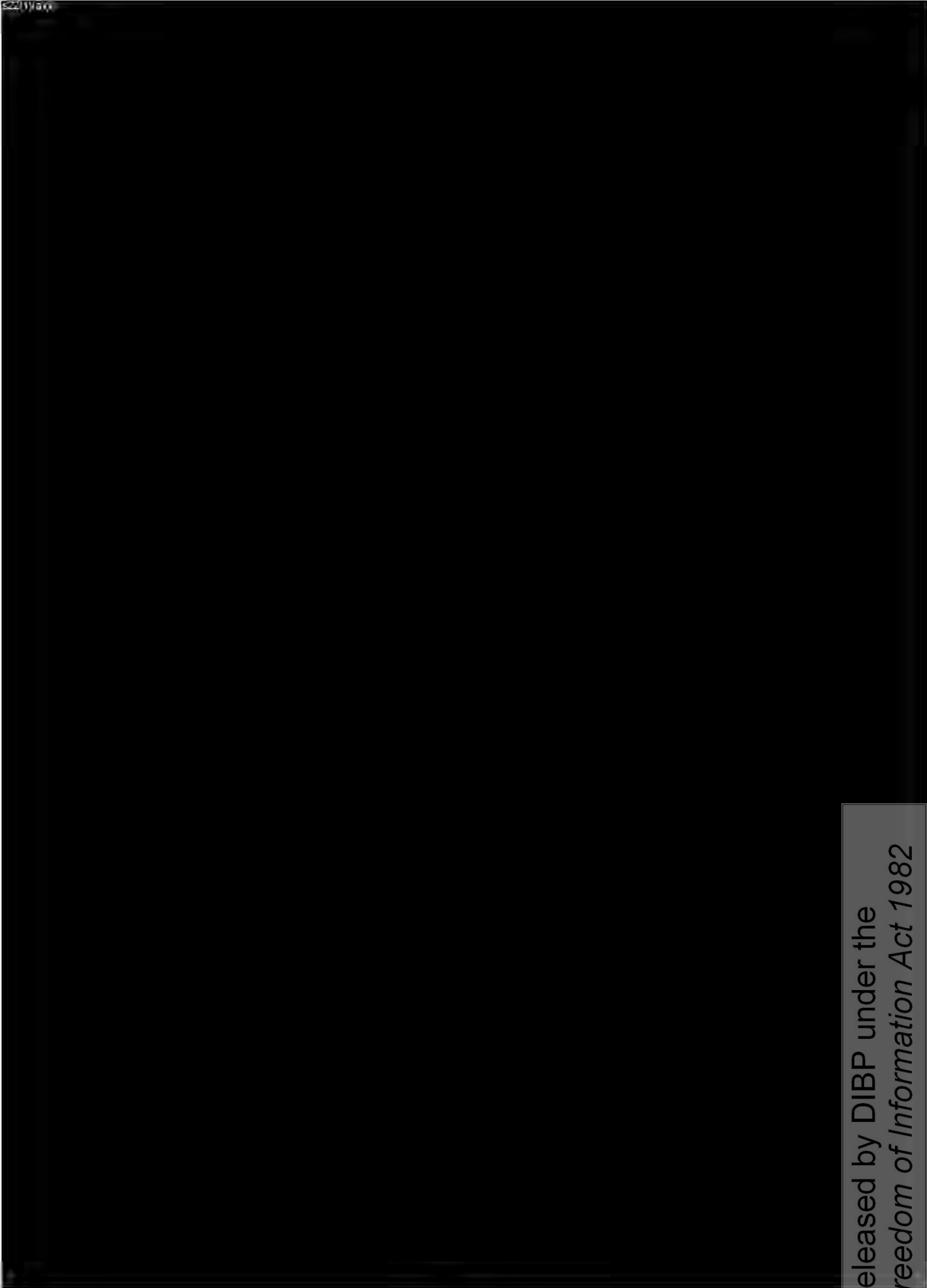
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- Where – exactly – would they be positioned? **Flinders street and Southern Cross station??**

Can you please confirm where/exact location.

Happy to discuss.

Cheers,

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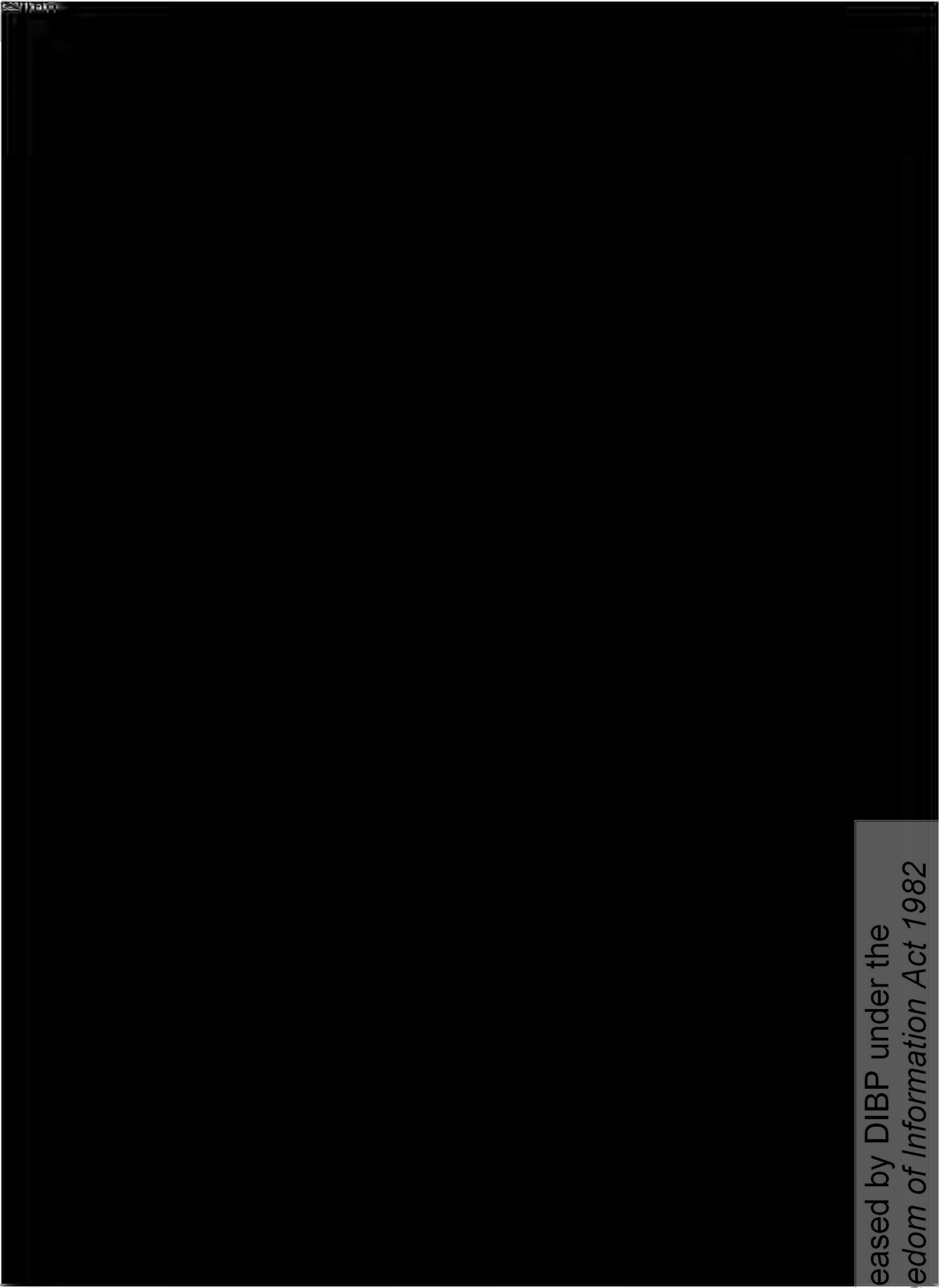
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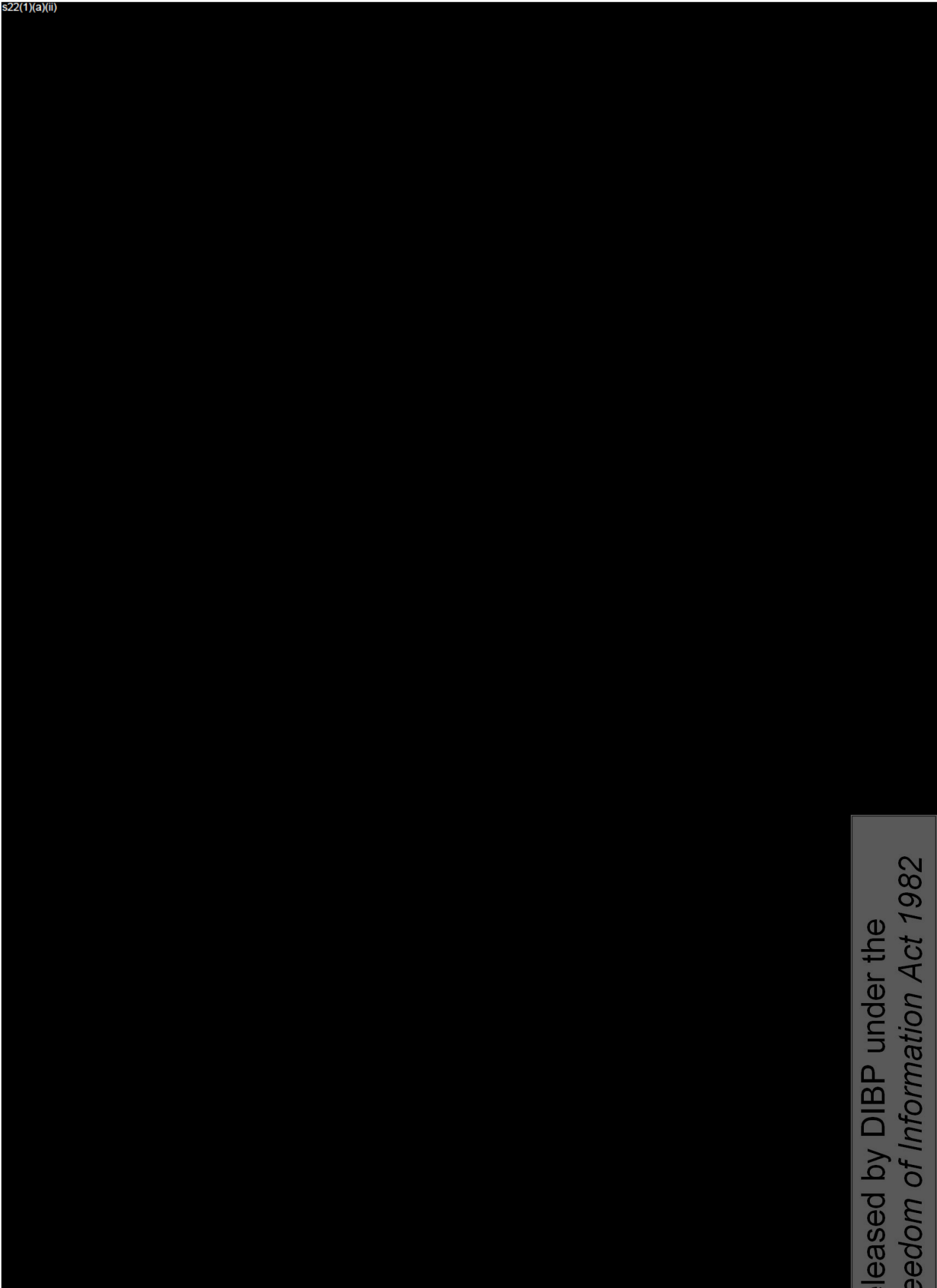
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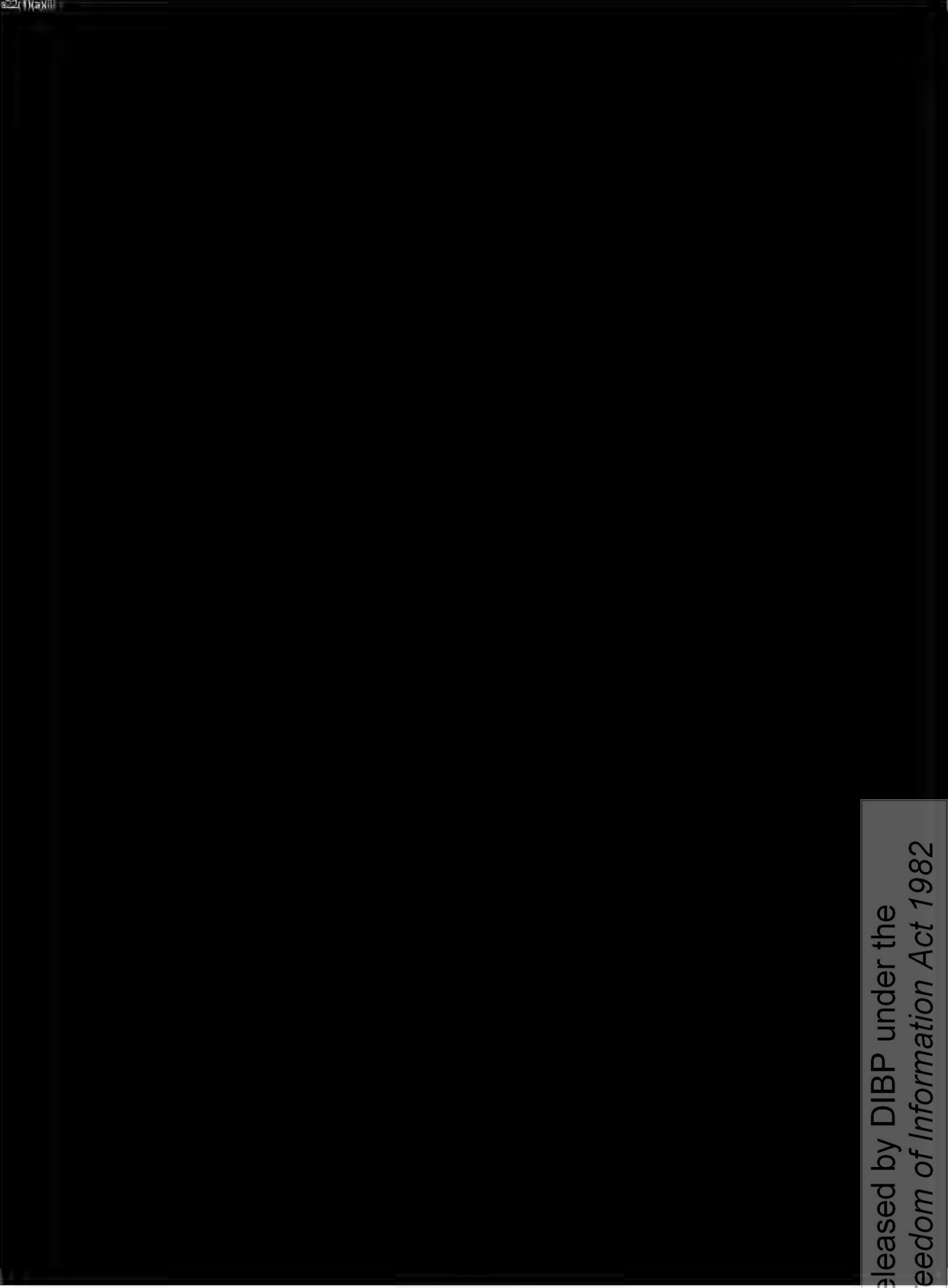


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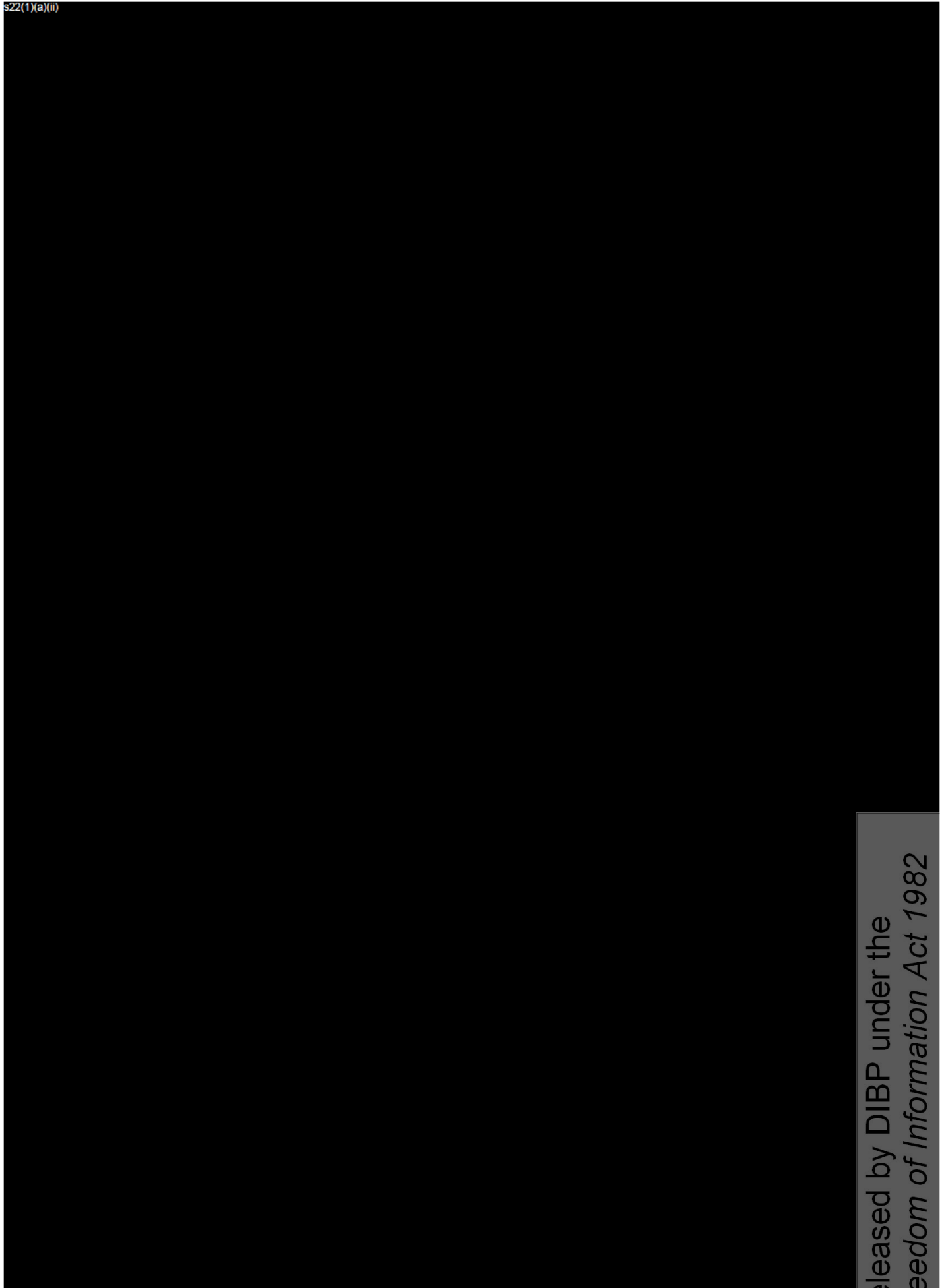
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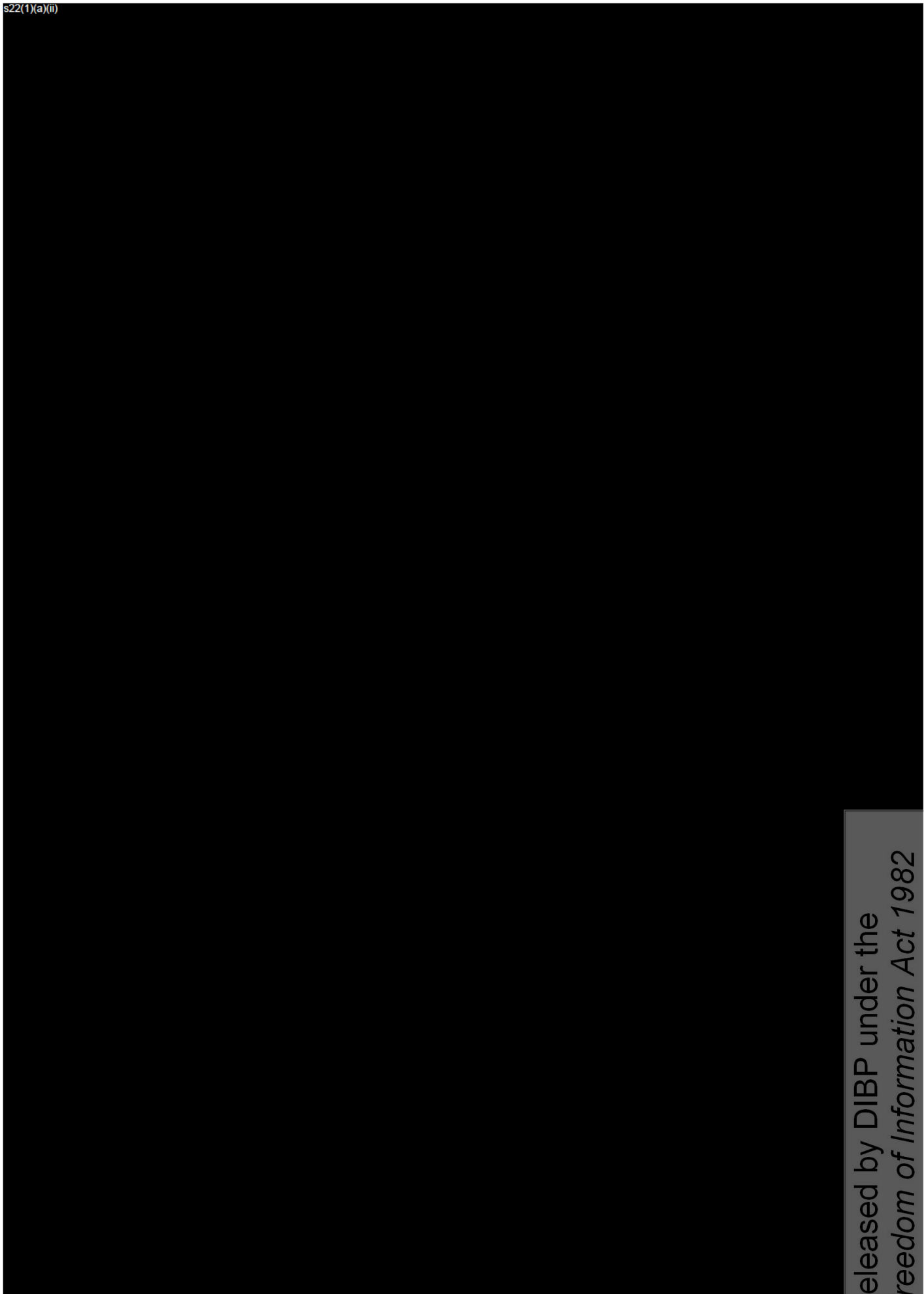
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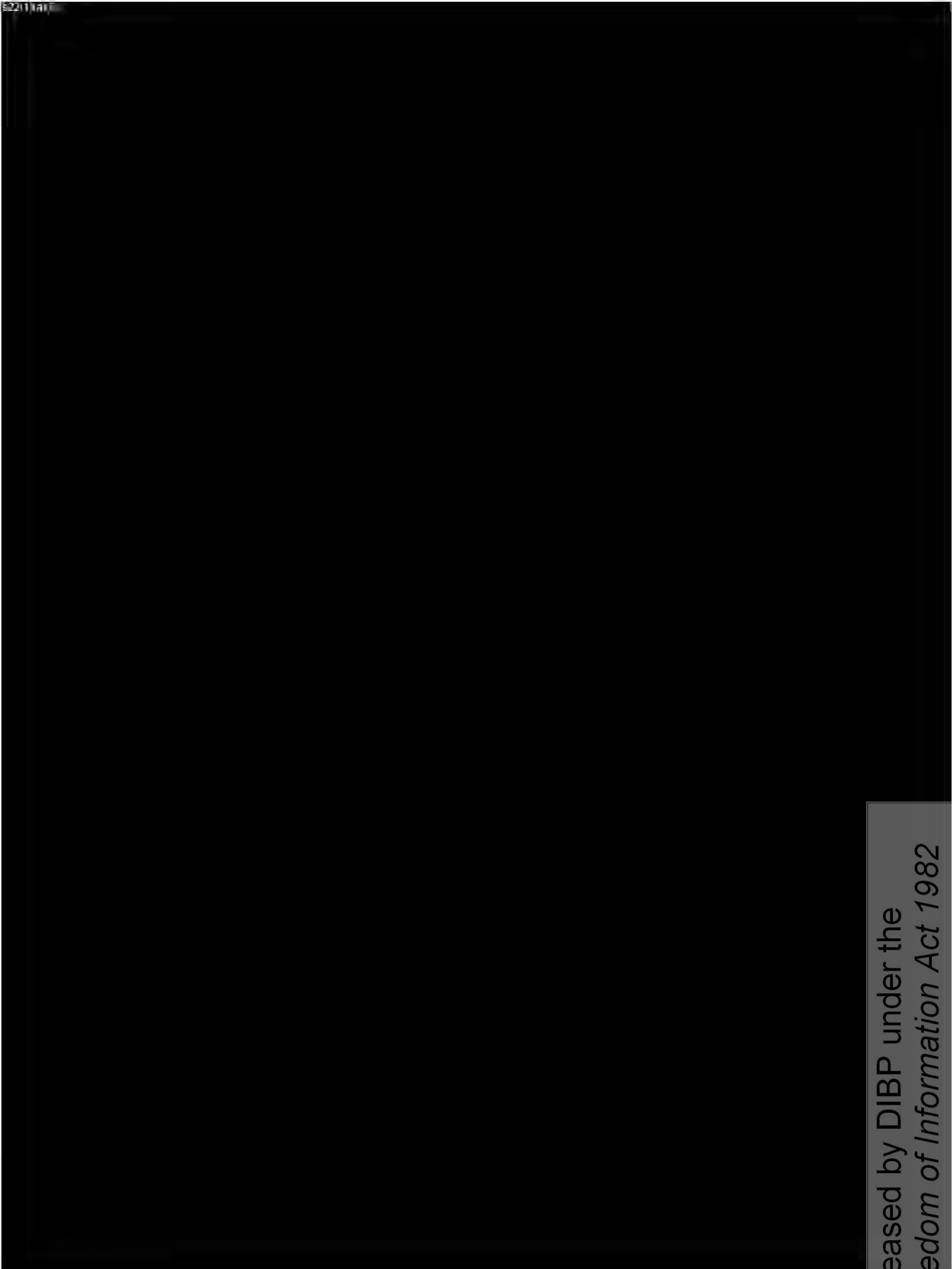
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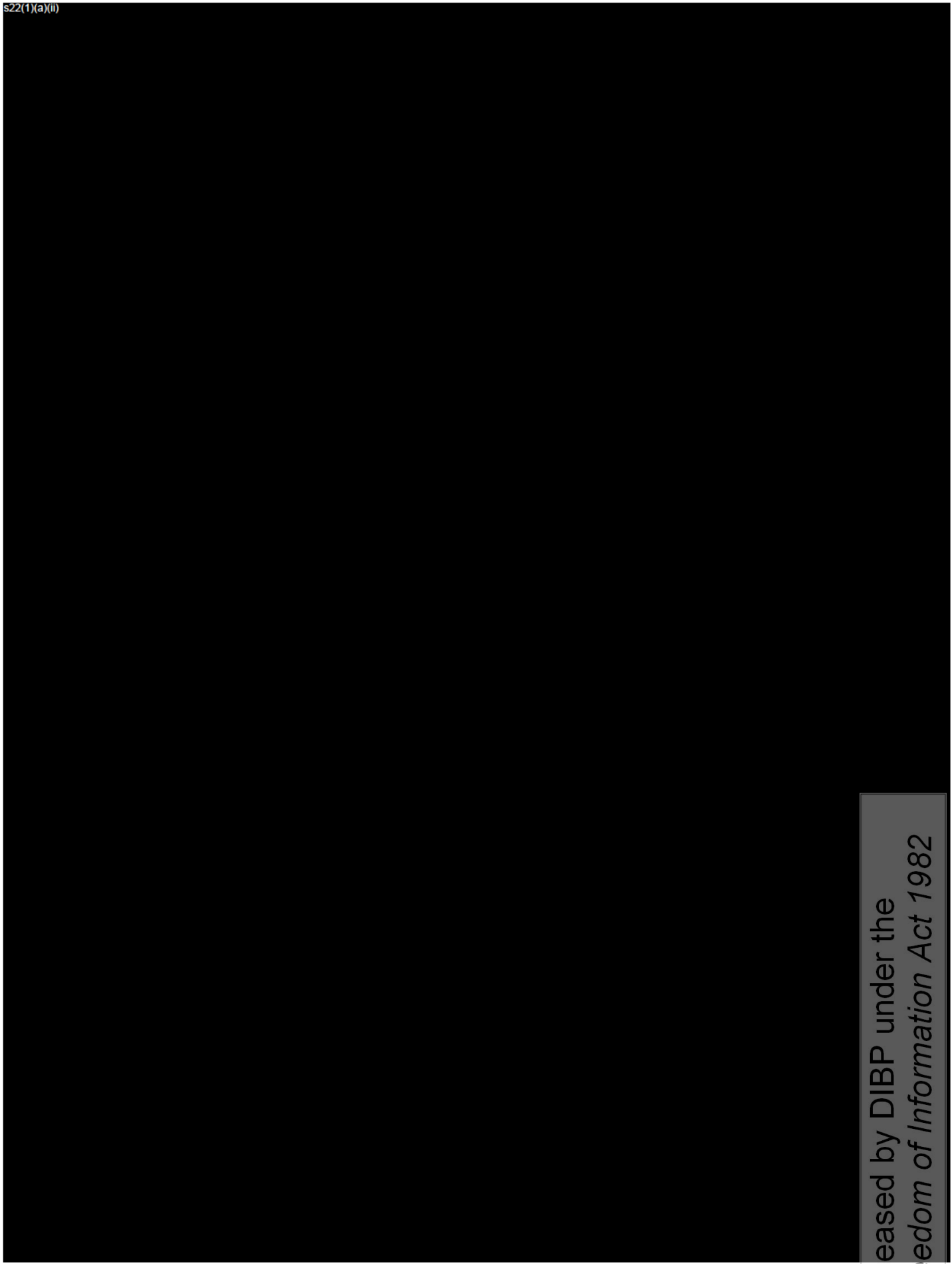
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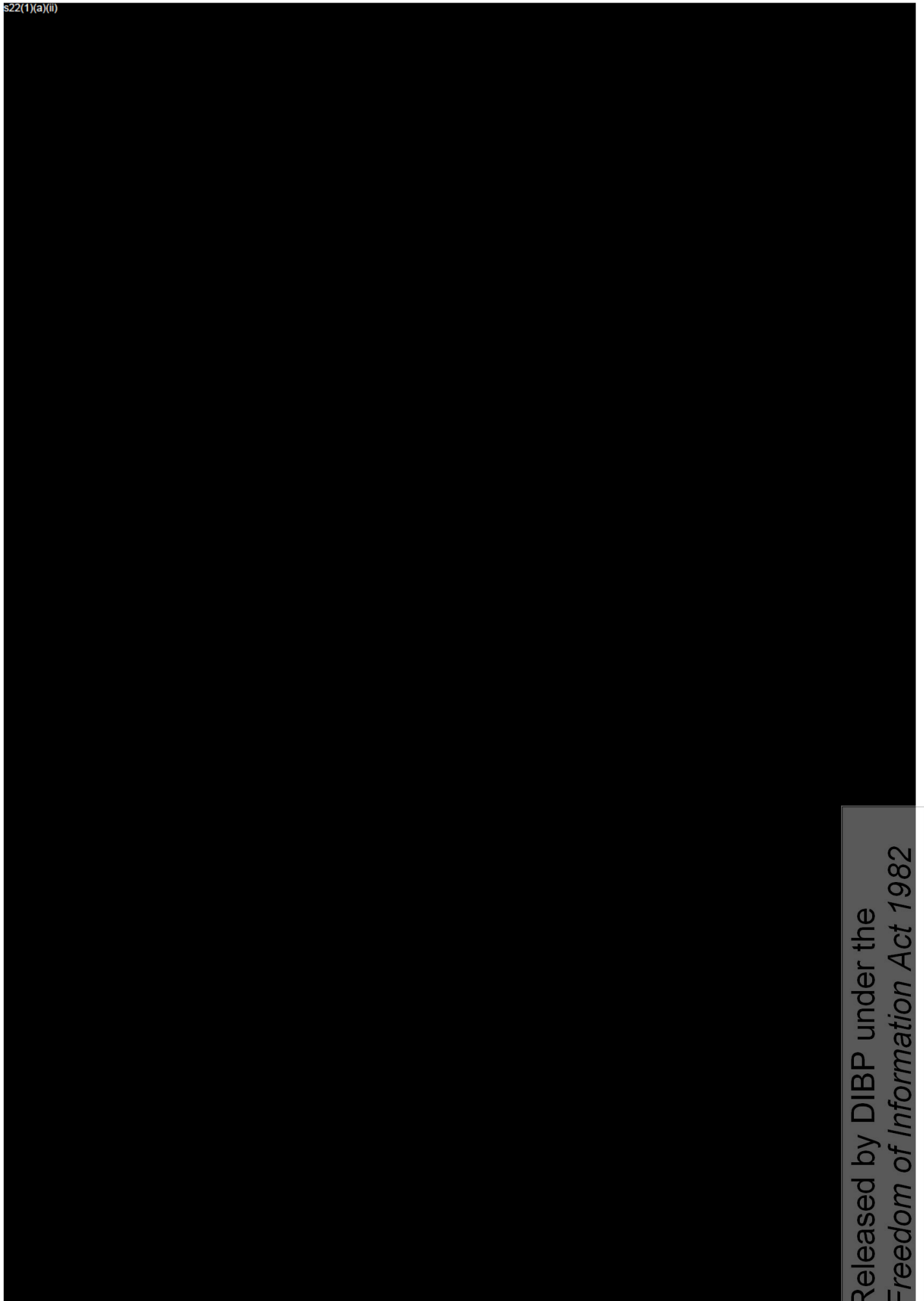
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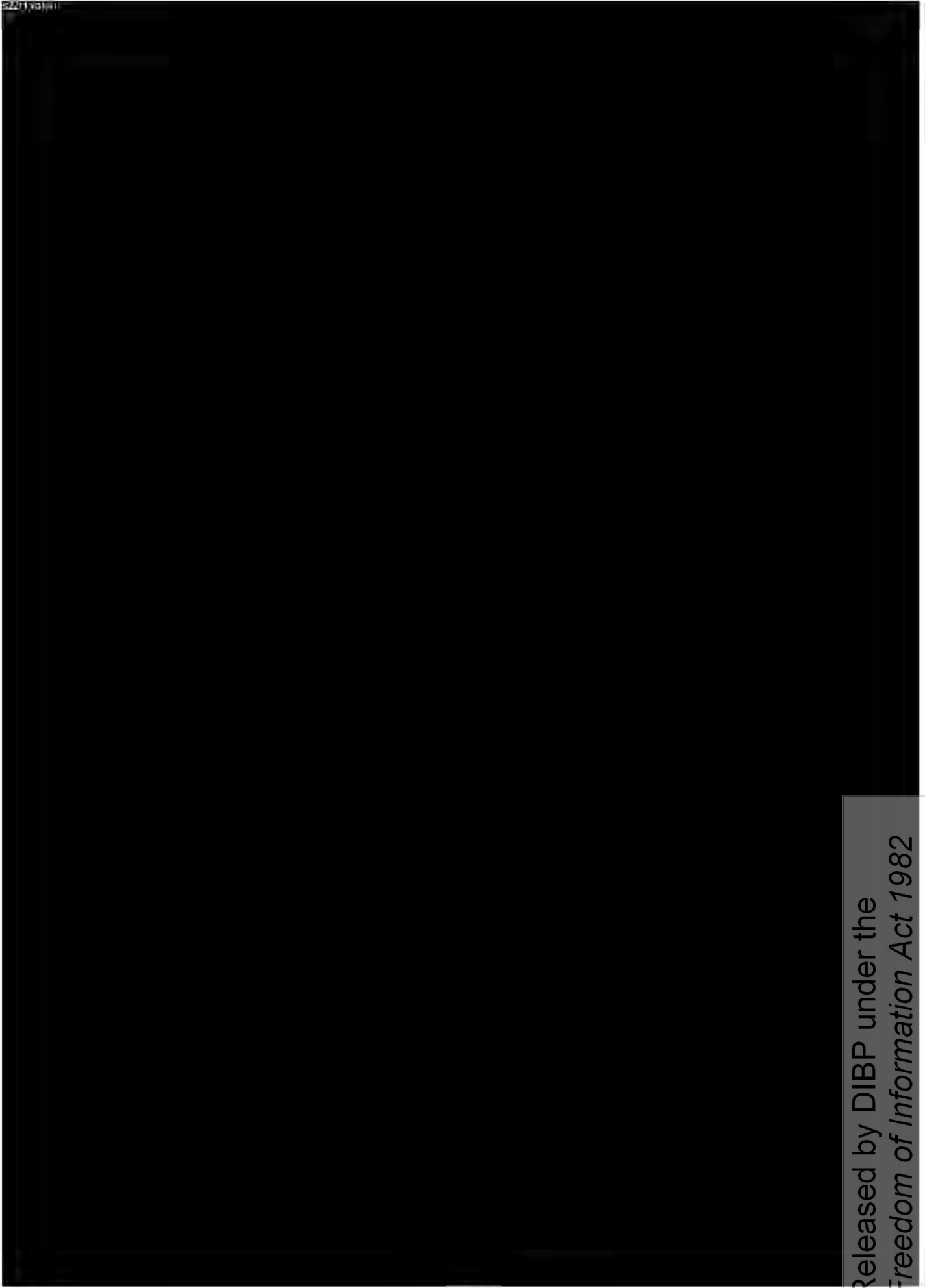
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Many thanks

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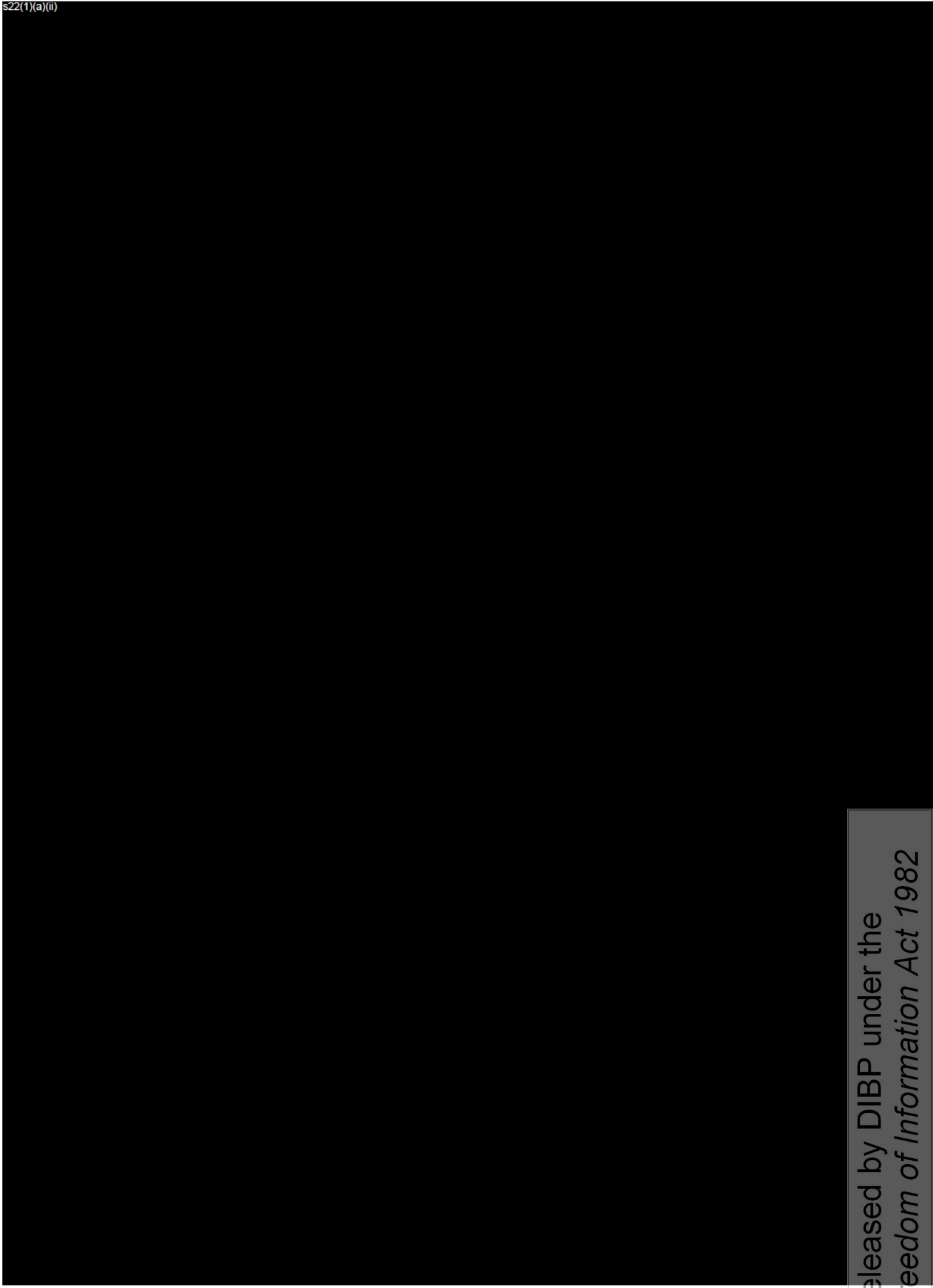
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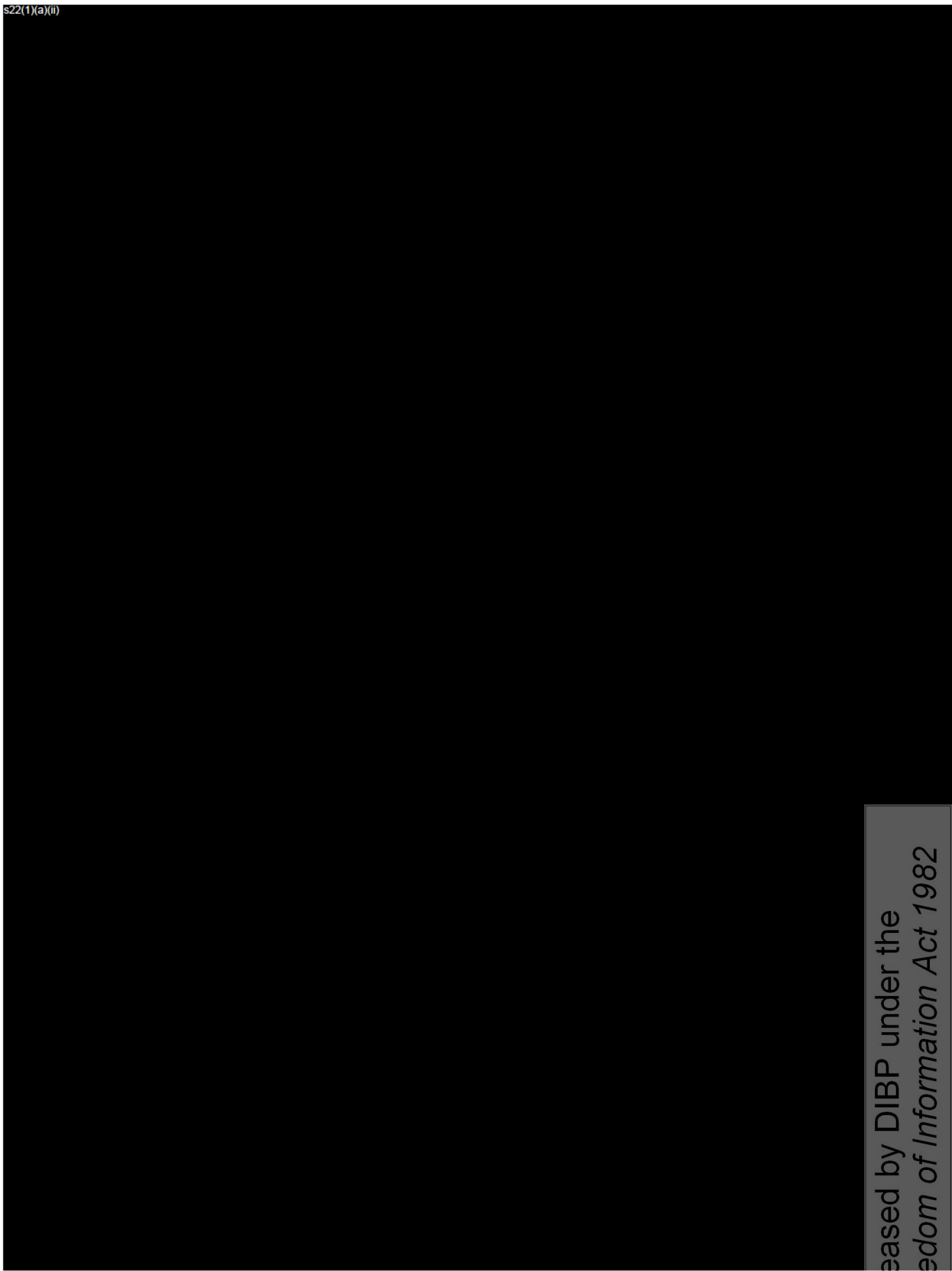
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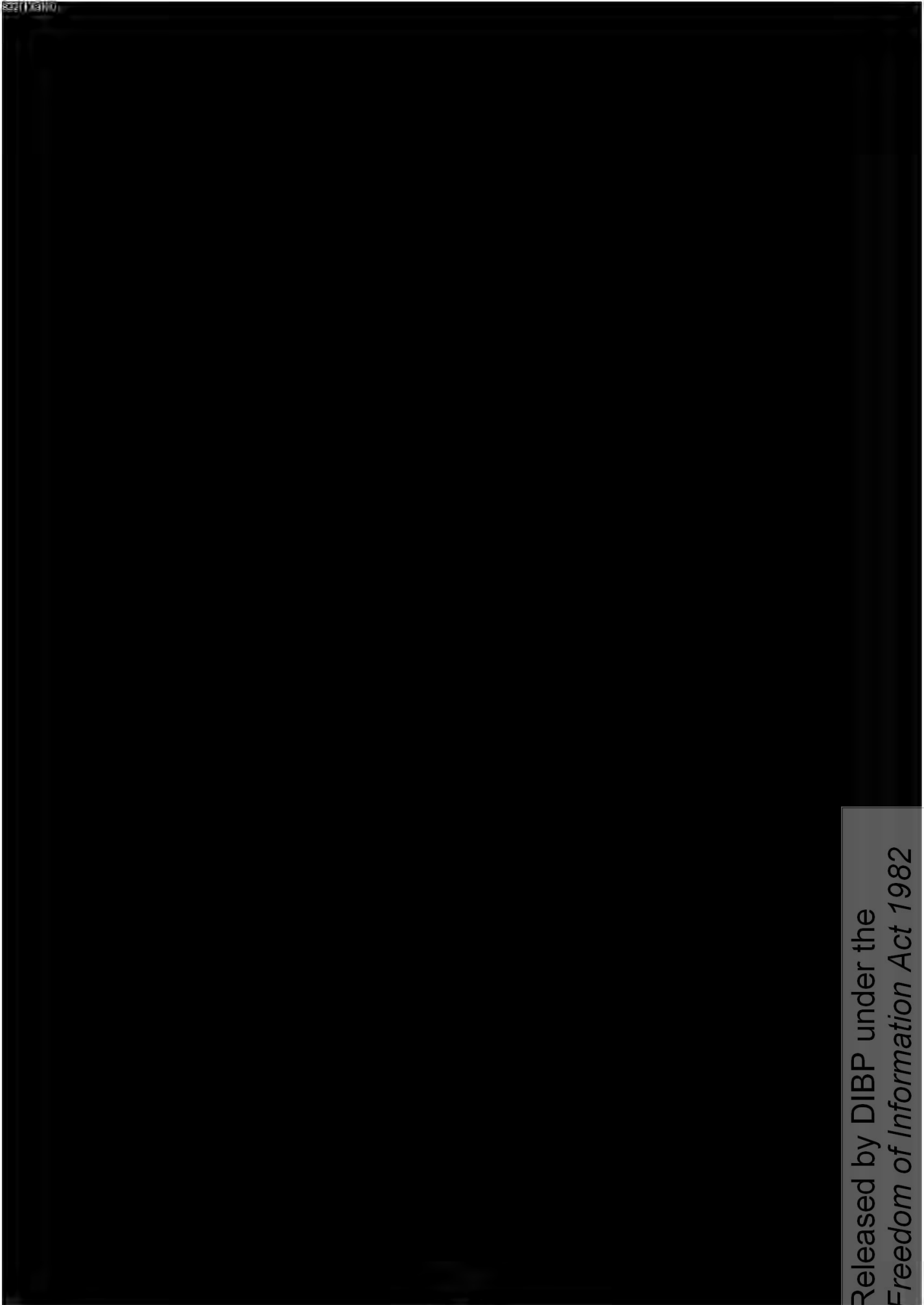
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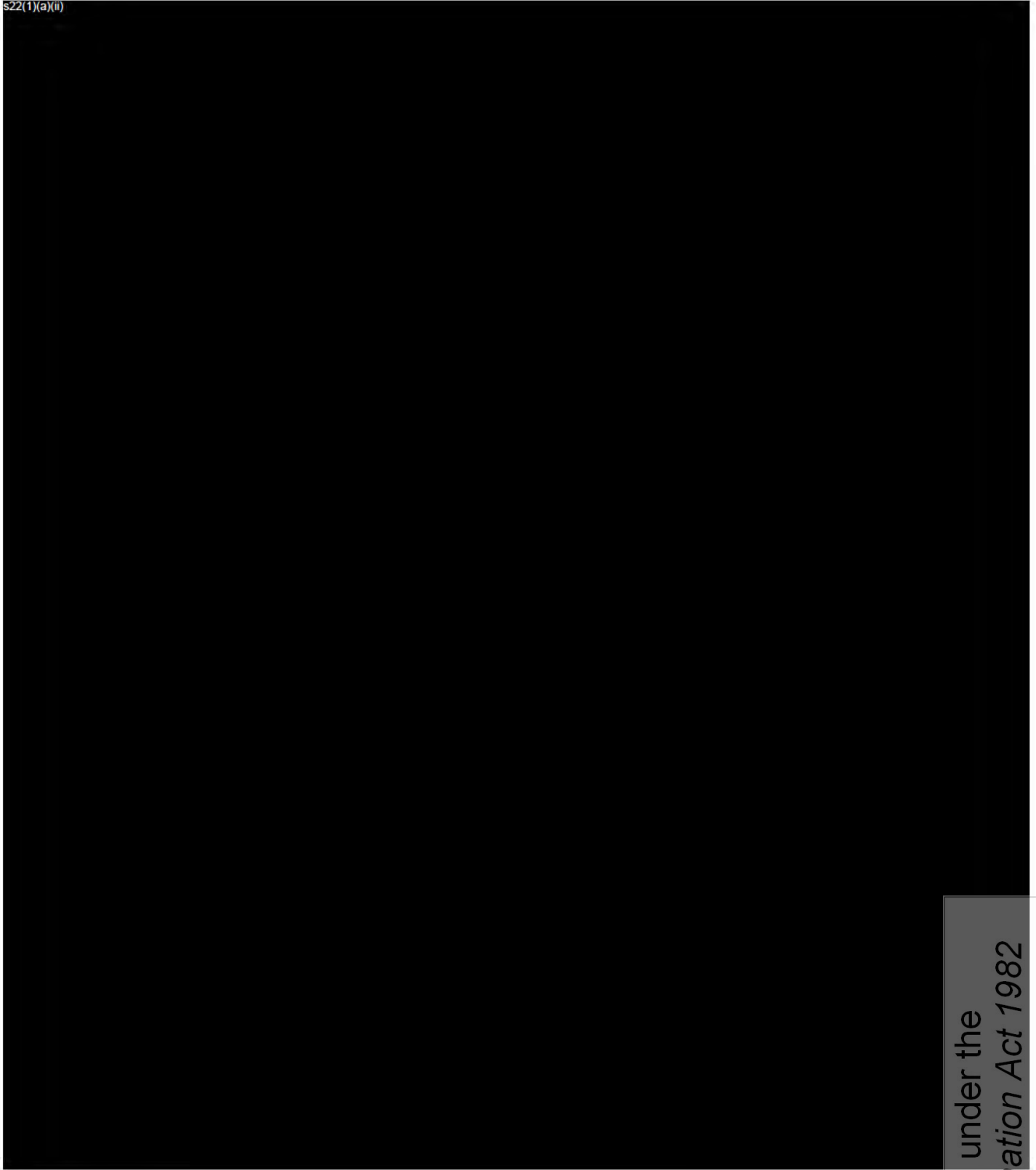
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Subject: RE: Urgent talking points for the Minister's Office: Compliance operations [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive:Personal]

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Hi Clive

Email below refers. Grateful if you could please prepare a minsub as soon as you can as requested by the Commissioner. I've cleared this with acting DCO Stephen Allen.

Many thanks.

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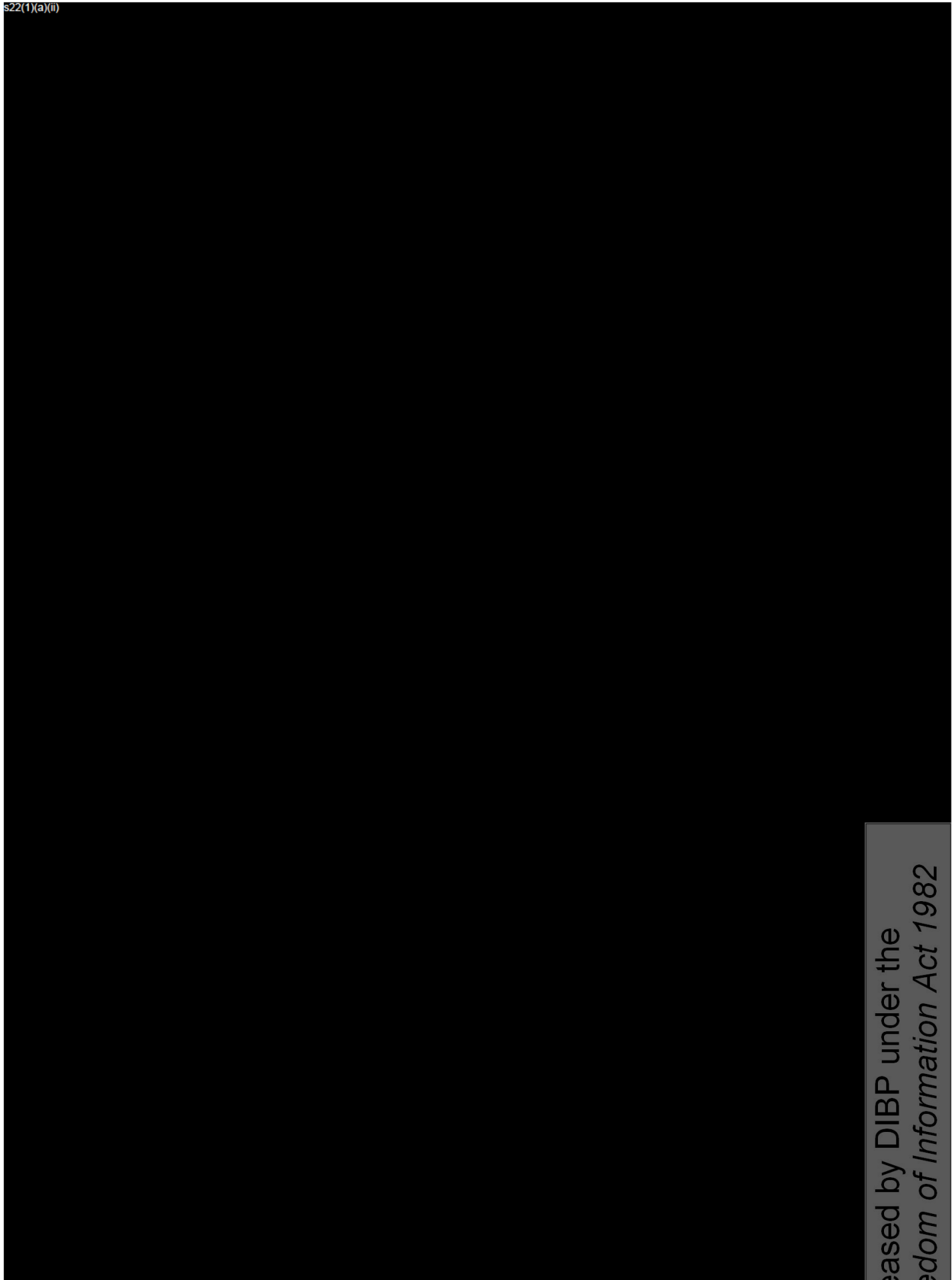
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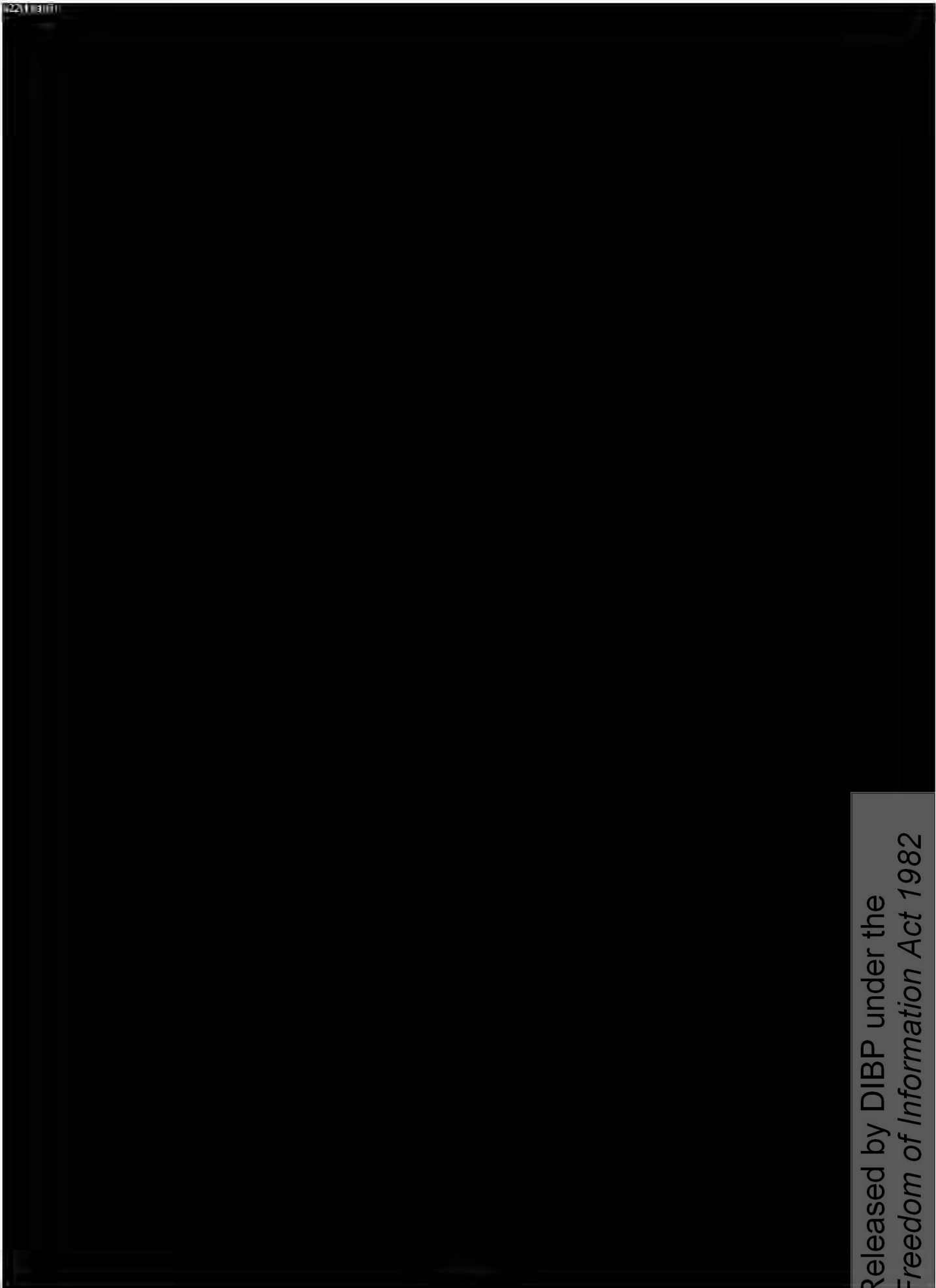
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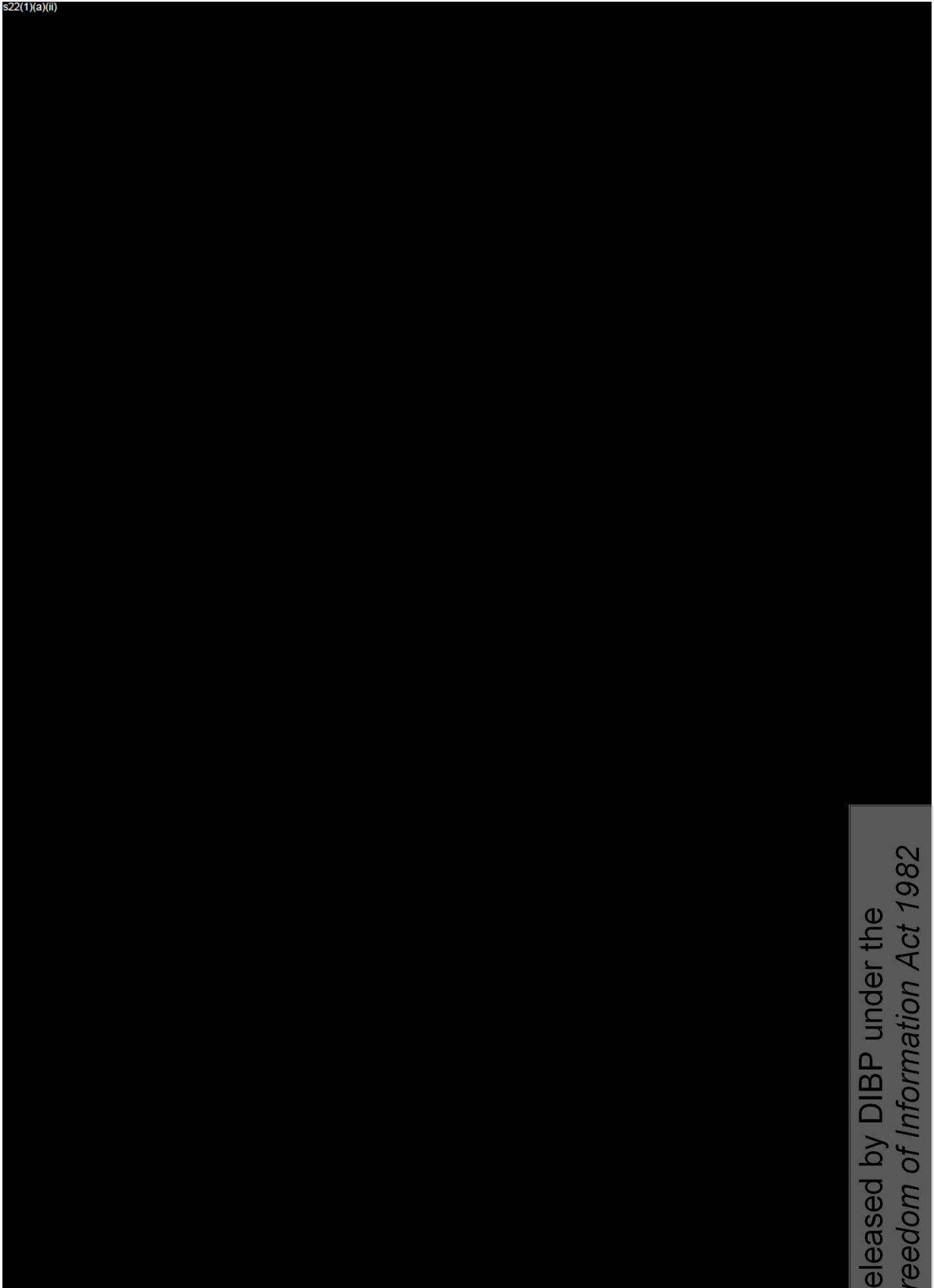


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Importance: High

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Hi Don,

s22(1)(a)(ii) put this together and it was sent to James Watson on Friday, in anticipation of any Ministerial Correspondence needed.

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Are you happy with this?

Cheers,

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Subject: RE: Urgent talking points for the Minister's Office: Compliance operations [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive:Personal]

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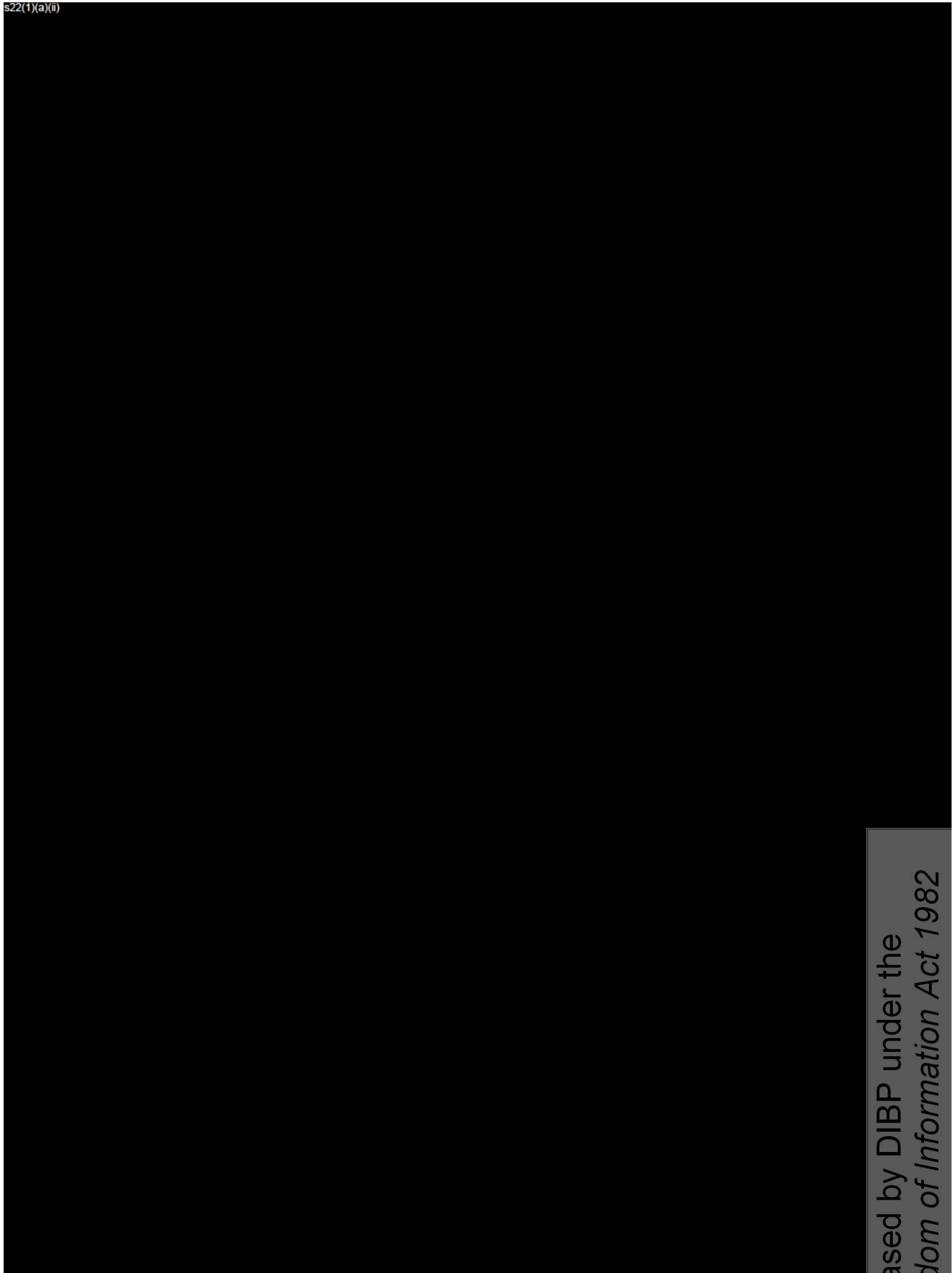
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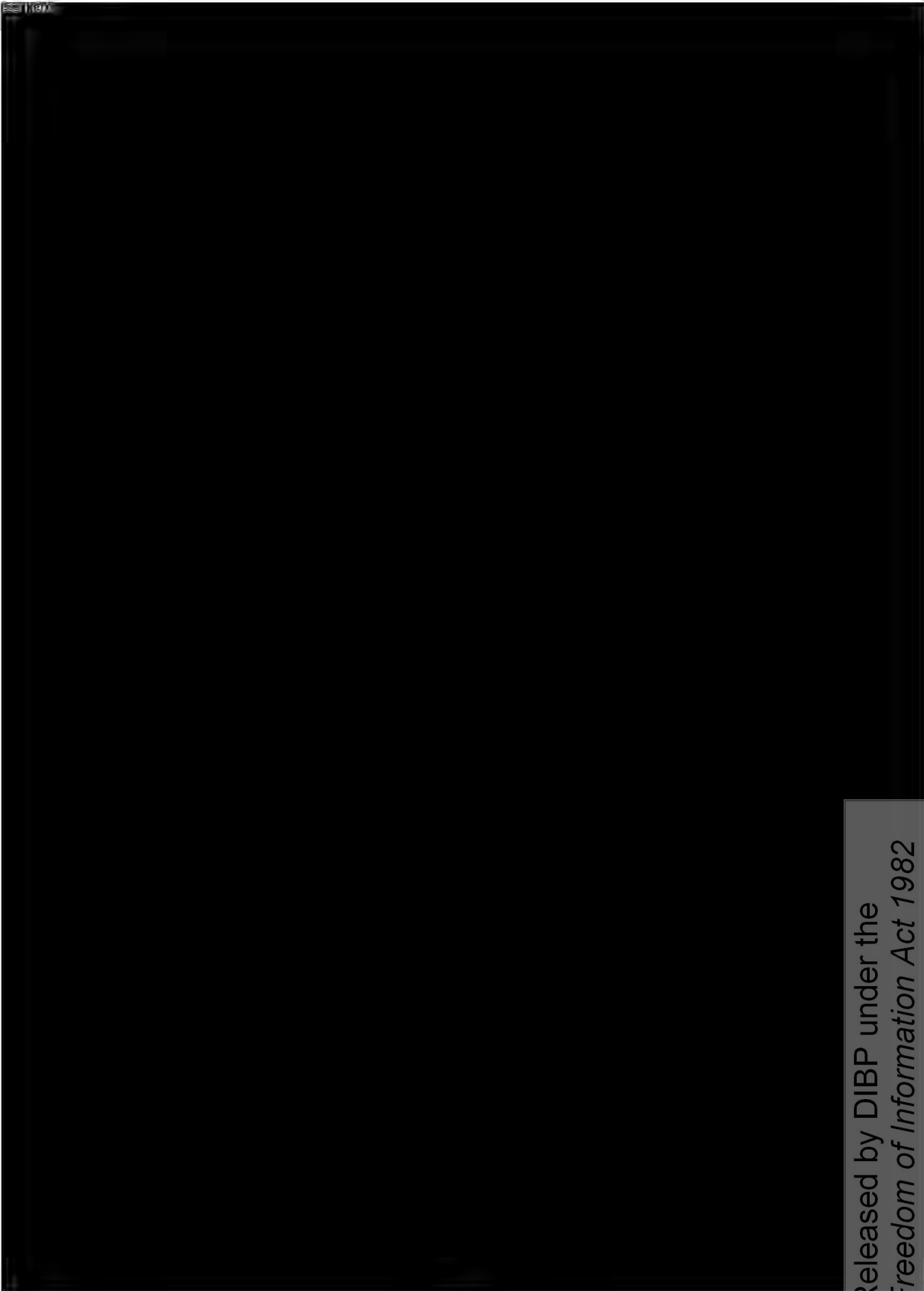
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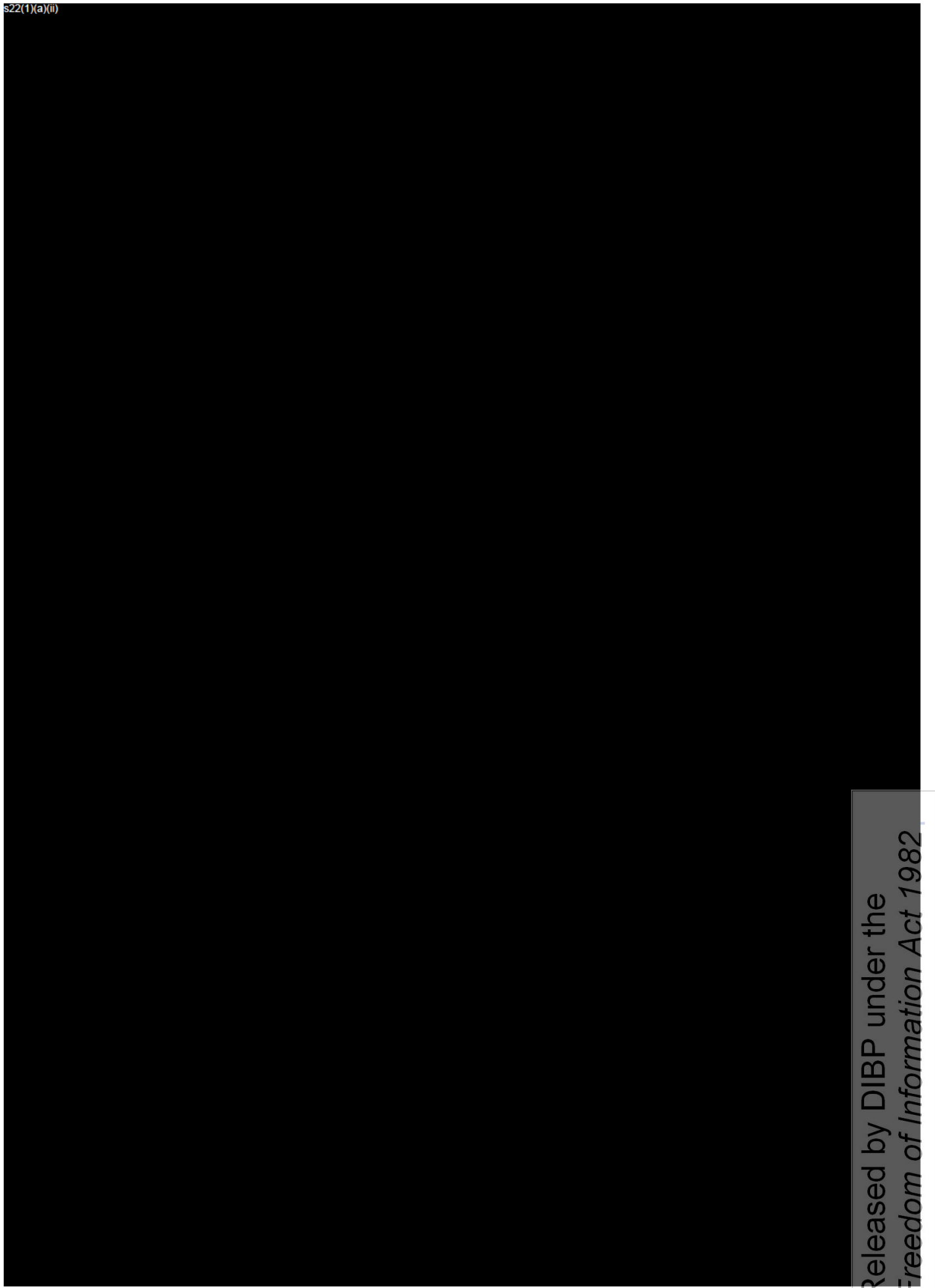
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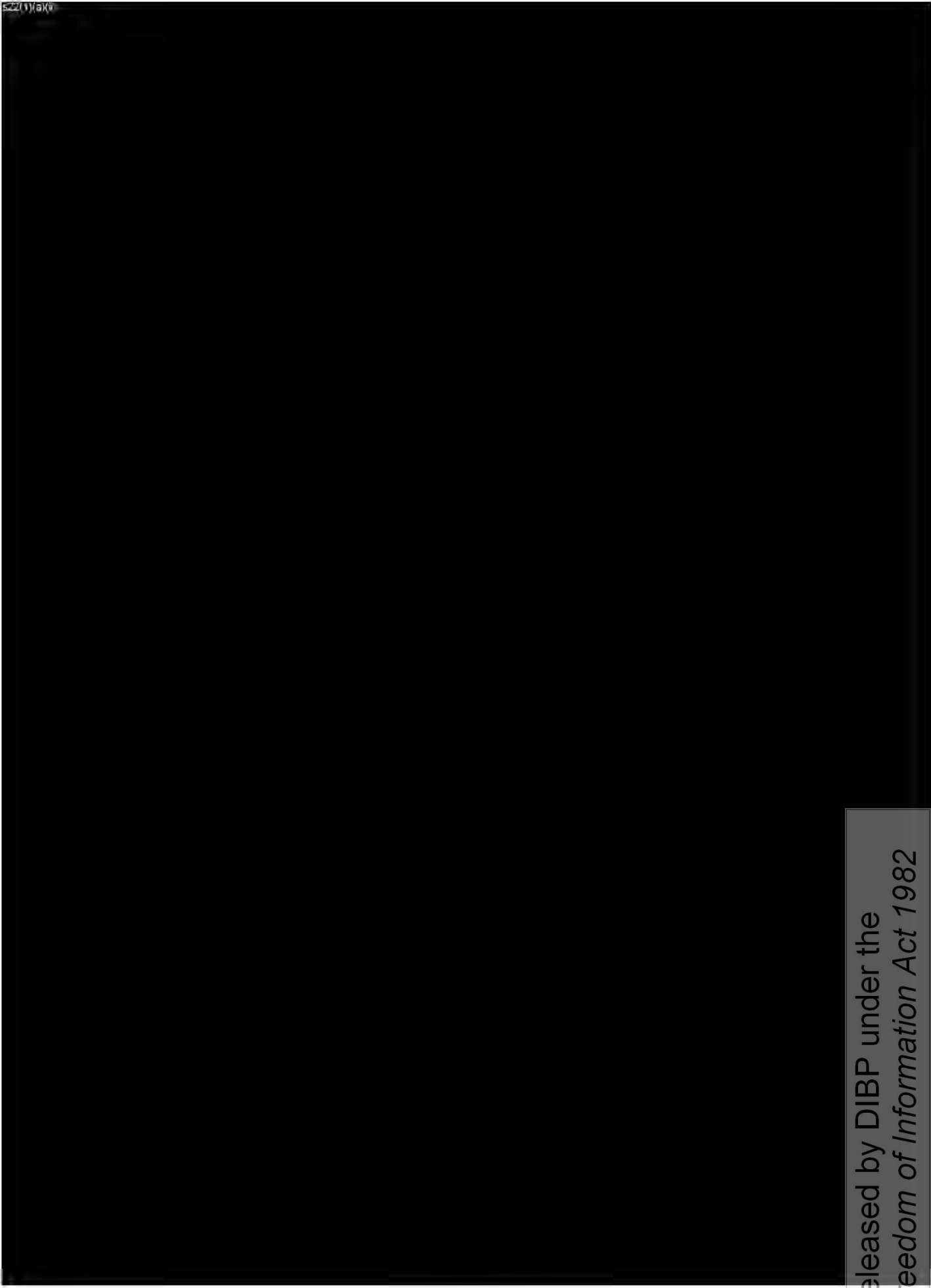
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Cc: [REDACTED]; Portfolio Media; Maree BRIDGER
Subject: RE: Previous MR for Operations [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Correct – 1440.

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From: Stephen ALLEN
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Cc: [REDACTED]; Portfolio Media; Maree BRIDGER
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I assume you mean 1440 as we don't have a time machine.

Don – could I ask for your response on point 2 please.

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From: Mark JEFFRIES
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2015 2:11 PM
To: Roman QUAEDVLIEG; Stephen ALLEN; [REDACTED]
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The MO has requested by 1340 answer to the following question:

- Have we ever issued a MR prior to an operation in the way we did with Fortitude?

We are checking our records.

Separate question, to be answered ASAP:

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Subject: Op Fortitude [DLM=Sensitive]
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed – please find attached the MinSub on Op Fortitude I have put together.

Hope this helps, let me know if you need any further info.

Cheers,
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To **Minister for Immigration and Border Protection/
Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (delete one)**

Subject **Operation Fortitude**

Timing Completed by 31 August 2015.

Recommendations *(Mandatory Field)*

That you:

- 1. Note the contents of this submission which provides details on the proposed ABF involvement in Operation Fortitude. agreed / not agreed

**Minister for Immigration and Border Protection/
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Signature.....

Date:...../...../2015

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Key Issues (Mandatory Field)

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Consultation – internal/external *(Mandatory Field) ?*

Indicate areas/organisations consulted here, along with a brief summary of issues discussed.

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Include advice whether the Secretary/Commissioner was consulted/not consulted on the approach in the submission.

Client service implications *(Mandatory Field)*

Nil

Sensitivities *(Mandatory Field)*

Media interest from Friday 28 August 2015 onwards.

Financial/systems/legislation/deregulation implications *(Mandatory Field)*

Nil

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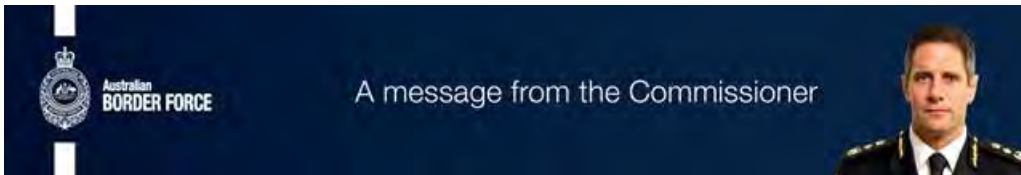
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Media coverage regarding Operation Fortitude

Colleagues,

As you would all be aware, on Friday 28 August there was a high level of media and public attention resulting from the ABF's intended participation in Operation Fortitude.

This operation was to be a Victoria Police-led, multi-agency activity, designed to ensure safety in Melbourne's CBD, particularly within the transport system.

To be clear, we would never randomly check people's visa status – we cannot do so under law, and it is not who we are, or what we do.

Notwithstanding the wide mischaracterisation of the ABF's role in this activity by media outlets and online commentary there appears to be issues within the Department's internal media management and clearance processes which contributed to this mischaracterisation.

As a consequence Deputy Secretary Rachel Noble and Deputy Commissioner Cindy Briscoe will be reviewing our processes and decision points leading up to our Operation Fortitude media release, with a view to providing the Secretary and me with clear recommendations on how and where improvements to our processes should be made.

It is important to keep in mind that in these circumstances we learn and improve.

Roman Quaedvlieg APM
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To: Don SMITH
Subject: Draft Min Sub [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
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Importance: High

Don,

I have made some edits to the Min Sub. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with them.

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From: Don SMITH
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2015 6:06 PM
To: James WATSON
Cc: §22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Draft Min Sub [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: 310815 DIBP - Submission - Op Fortitude.docx

James

I have had the benefit of §22(1)(a)(ii) assistance in making a couple of suggested changes – over to you. Note the sub is not yet classified.

Regards,

Don

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Subject: Draft Min Sub [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Don,

I have made some edits to the Min Sub. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with them.

thanks

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To **Minister for Immigration and Border Protection**

Subject **Operation Fortitude**

Timing Completed by 31 August 2015.

Recommendations *(Mandatory Field)*

That you:

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| 1. Note the contents of this submission on ABF involvement in Operation Fortitude. | Noted / Please discuss |
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**Minister for Immigration and Border Protection/
Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection
(delete one)**

Signature.....

Date:...../...../2015

Minister's/Assistant Minister's Comments				
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Background

4. Operation Fortitude was to commence on Friday, 28 August 2015 at 14:00 with a press conference on the steps of Flinders Street Station. The operation was to run over two nights, Friday 28 August 2015 and Saturday 29 August 2015, commencing both days at 5pm and finishing around 1am the next day.
5. The ABF was to provide six Compliance Field Officers each night to conduct visa status checks should a referral be made to them by members of the multi-agency operation. In particular, ABF officers were on site to provide immediate assistance to officers of the Victorian Taxi Directorate (the Victorian Government agency responsible for regulating the taxi and hire car industry in Victoria). It was agreed that this would be the primary sole focus of the ABF contribution. Victorian Taxi Directorate and ABF officers were to be situated at the Southern Cross taxi rank and the Flinders Street taxi rank.

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6. Joint operations of this type regularly occur and have been conducted by departmental officers prior to the formation of the ABF.

Consultation – internal/external

Consultation has occurred with Regional Command Victoria/Tasmania.

Consultation – Secretary/Commissioner

The Commissioner was consulted on the approach in the submission.

Client service implications

Nil

Sensitivities

Media interest from Friday 28 August 2015 onwards.

Financial/systems/legislation/deregulation implications

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Attachments *(Ensure copies of all submissions, correspondence and any attachments referred to in this submission are attached)*

Attachment A Nil

Attachment B Nil

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