

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re: Karzai/Afghanistan [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, 4 September 2012 10:00:52 PM

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Thanks - will register

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Principal Adviser

Senator The Hon Bob Carr

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Canberra

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Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 09:00 PM

To: s 22(1)(a) <s 22(1)(a)@defence.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: Klugman, Kathy <kathy.Klugman@pmc.gov.au>

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s 22(1)(a)(iii) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Had a quick chat to Paul Foley tonight.

Our points on the Karzai statement have registered firmly and clearly.

s 47C

s 33(a)(iii)

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To: [Watson, Lucinda](#)
Subject: FW: Afghanistan: Media Talking Points: Afghan Government condemnation of Australian operation in Uruzgan [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
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From: Sadleir, Richard
Sent: Monday, 3 September 2012 10:58 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Afghanistan: Media Talking Points: Afghan Government condemnation of Australian operation in Uruzgan [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sent: Monday, 3 September 2012 10:14 AM
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Sent: Monday, 3 September 2012 10:11 AM
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Subject: FW: Afghanistan: Media Talking Points: Afghan Government condemnation of Australian operation in Uruzgan [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 3 September 2012 9:49 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [[dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)]; McIntyre, Sophia; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii); Foley, Paul; Merrill, Jon; s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Afghanistan: Media Talking Points: Afghan Government condemnation of Australian operation in Uruzgan [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Colleagues

TPs s 33(a)(iii) about the Australian partnered operation in Uruzgan

province on 31 Aug.



MEDIA TALKING POINTS

Subject: **Afghan Government condemnation of Australian operation in Uruzgan**

Date/Version: *3 September 2012 / Version 1*


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- s 33(a)(iii)

Background (not for public use)

s33(a)(iii), 47E(d)





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 - at the time of his capture, the insurgent leader was attempting to support and move Sergeant Hekmatullah [*alleged shooter of three ADF soldiers*].

s 33(a)(iii) , s 47E(d)

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Cc: [Klugman, Kathy](#); [Sadleir, Richard](#)
Subject: Re: Karzai Criticism of Australian forces: Talking Points [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, 3 September 2012 1:50:29 PM


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Thanks richard

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Sent: Monday, September 03, 2012 01:38 PM
To: Foley, Paul; s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Klugman, Kathy <kathy.Klugman@pmc.gov.au>; Sadleir, Richard <Richard.Sadleir@pmc.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Karzai Criticism of Australian forces: Talking Points [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]


Paul

s 33(a)(iii)



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keen to get transcripts of middef remarks and anything pm says at press club asap to engage with s 33(a)(iii) as expect media reports will be more lurid

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 47C , s 33(a)(iii)

Paul

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- . COMISAF has also made similar points to the Afghan Government


If asked: Casualties in the operation

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 - of the 12 people detained 11 have now been released.
 - Two insurgents were killed, believed to be in their early 30s and mid 50s respectively.
- . While any loss of life is regrettable, both men were known insurgents taking direct part in hostilities and were engaged by Australian forces in accordance with their rules of engagement.
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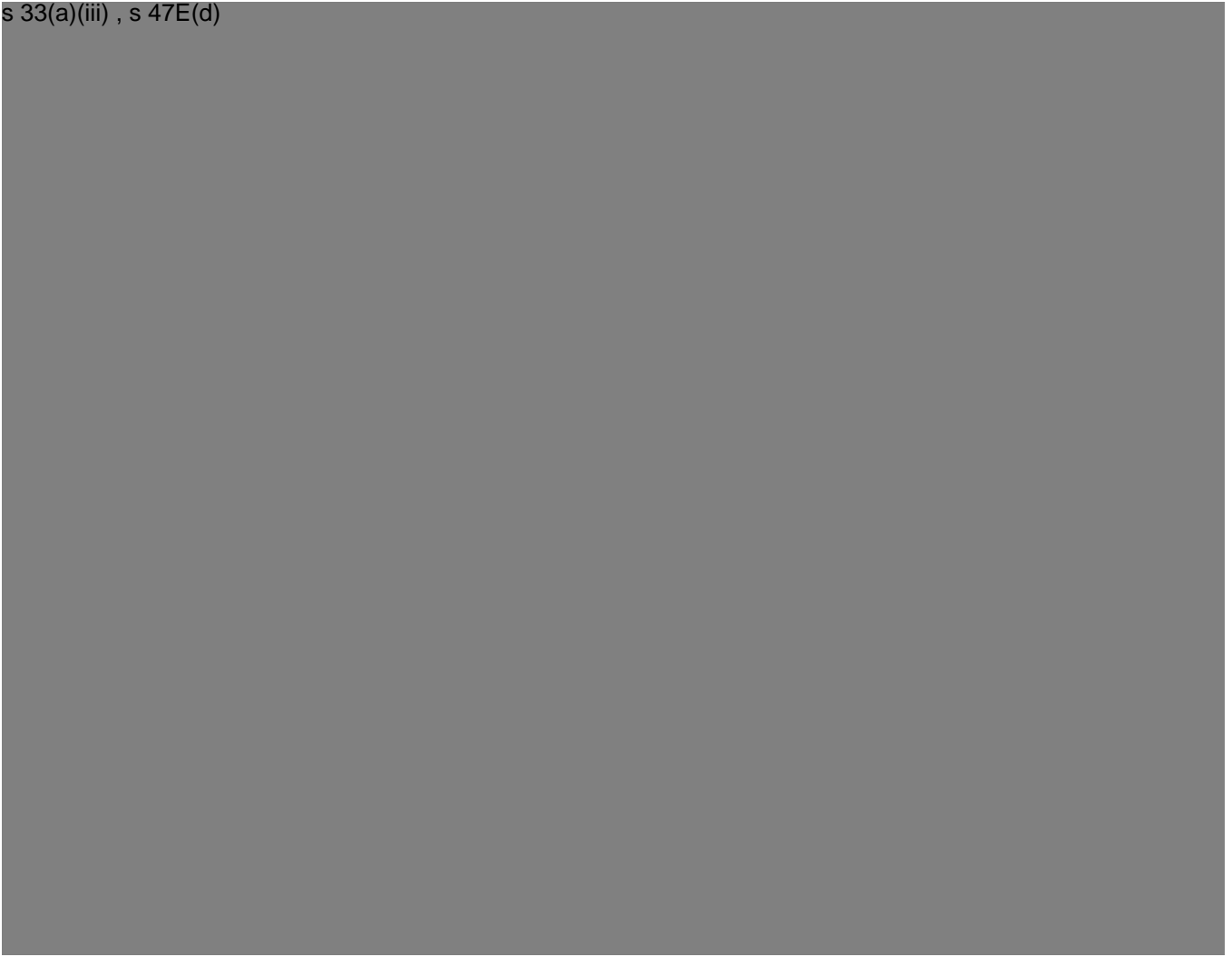
If asked: Why does the Afghan Government deny that it approved the operation?

- - That question should be directed to the Afghan Government.

s 33(a)(iii) , s 47E(d)



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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii) @pm.gov.au]

Sent: Sunday, 2 September 2012 11:54 AM

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Thnks Paul. Can you also send updated talking points at the end of your day.

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Sent: Sunday, September 02, 2012

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Paul

s 33(a)(iii)

The PM is not doing any media today but she has a press club engagement tomorrow (Monday) at lunchtime and has asked to be fully updated in the morning.

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Below are suggested points for the Minister on this for media. We have worked up with the ADF in theatre.

s 47C , s 33(a)(iii)

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Ambassador Kabul

President Karzai's press statement condemning an operation by Australian troops

Talking Points

Australian Special Forces undertook a joint operation with Afghan forces in Uruzgan on the night of 1 September as part of the ongoing hunt for the suspected killer of three Australian soldiers.

In line with the normal arrangements between Afghanistan and ISAF on special operations the operation was approved in advance by Uruzgan's Provincial Governor and Police Chief.

The statement from the Palace is wrong in its claim that the operation was not approved by Afghan provincial authorities, or the implication that it was not partnered with Afghan forces.

The Australian Ambassador has underlined our strong disappointment on the statement to the Afghan authorities (s 33(a)(iii))

ISAF has refuted the statement in very strong terms in its own release - noting the operation was fully partnered, planned and executed with Afghan partners.

If asked: Casualties in the operations

Confirm that as part of this operation, two people were killed and 12 detained, one of whom is known to be an insurgent facilitator
of the 12 people detained 11 have now been released.

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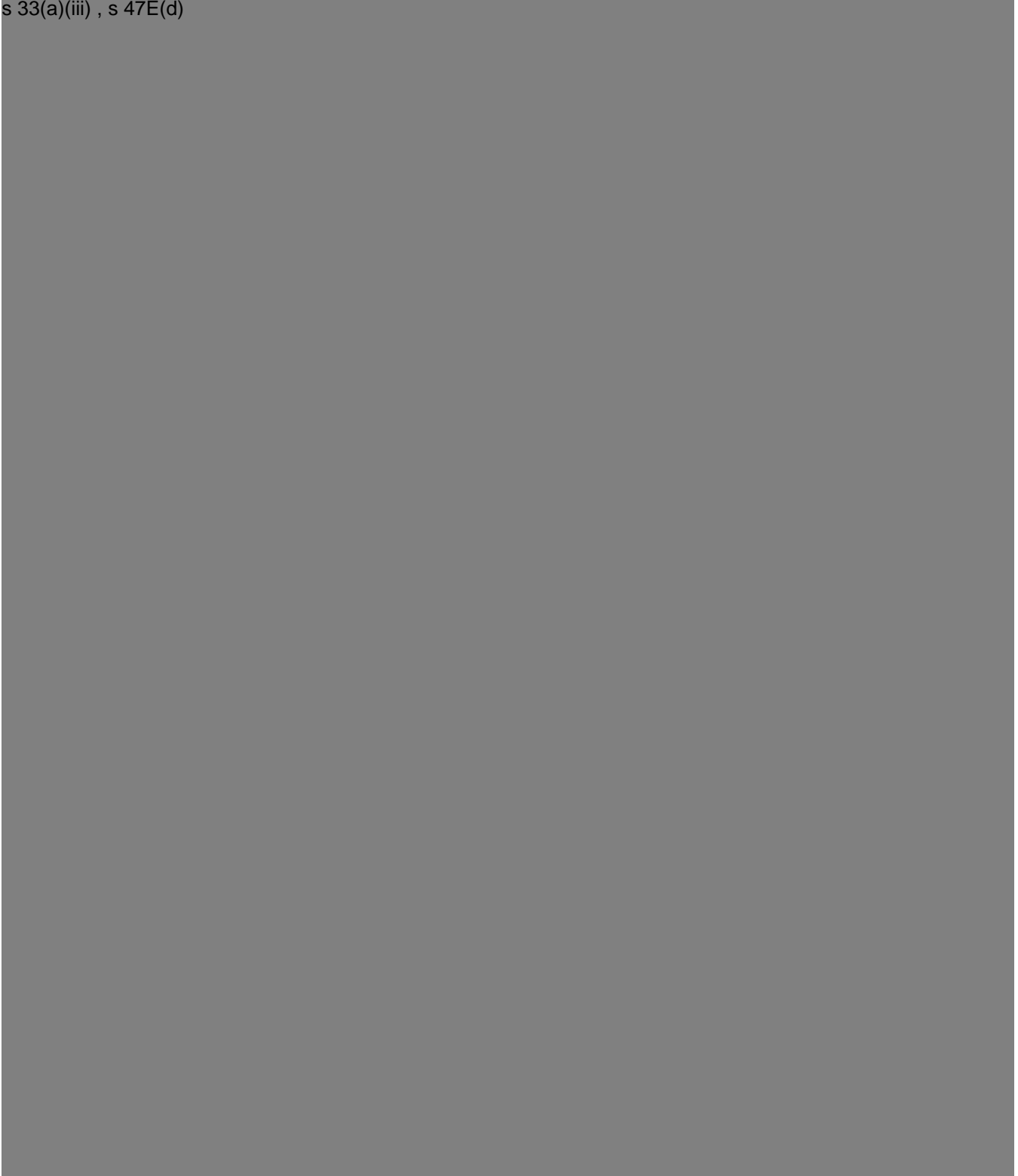
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Date: Monday, 3 September 2012 1:11:45 PM

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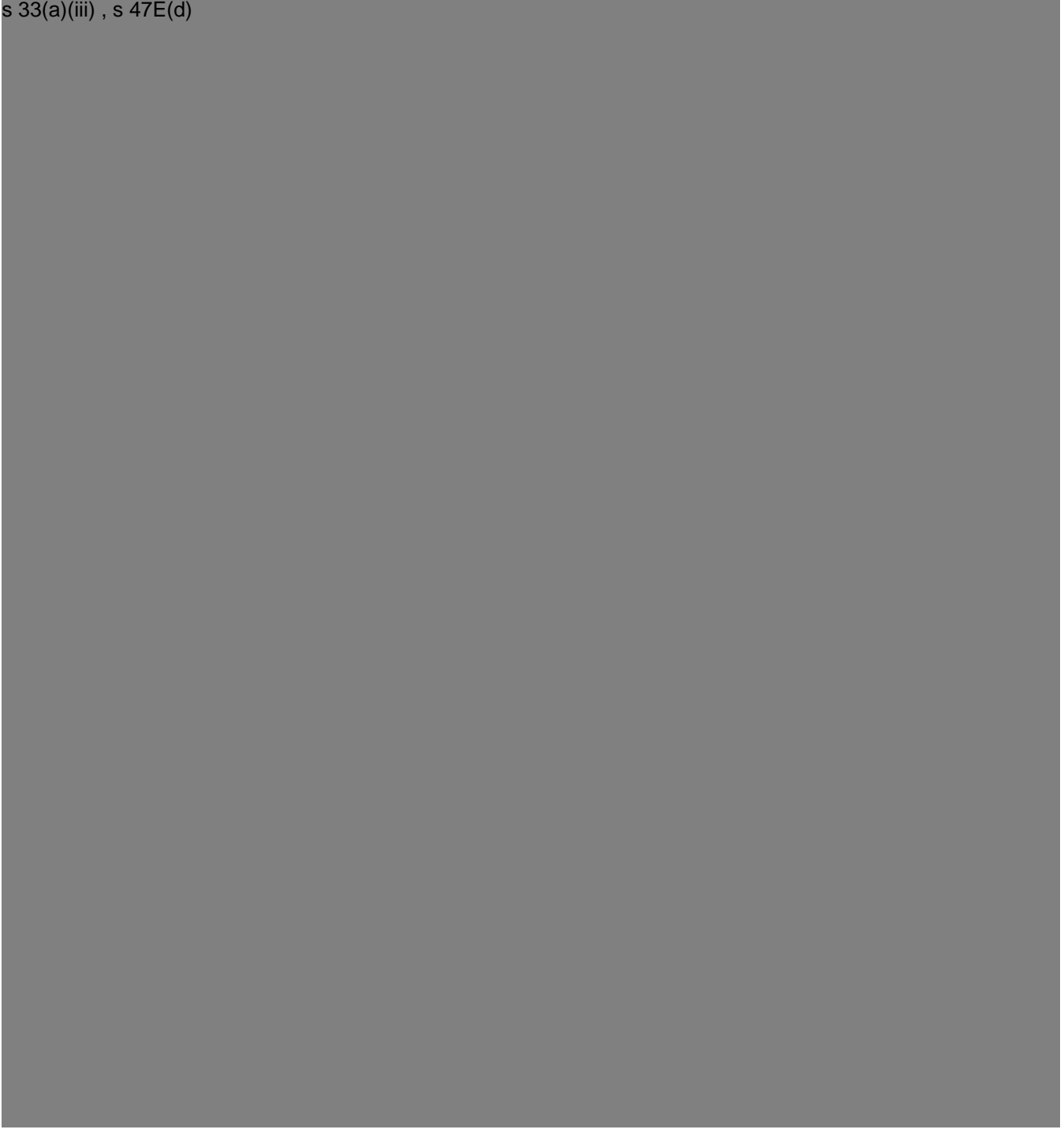
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