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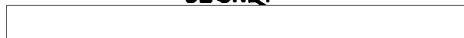
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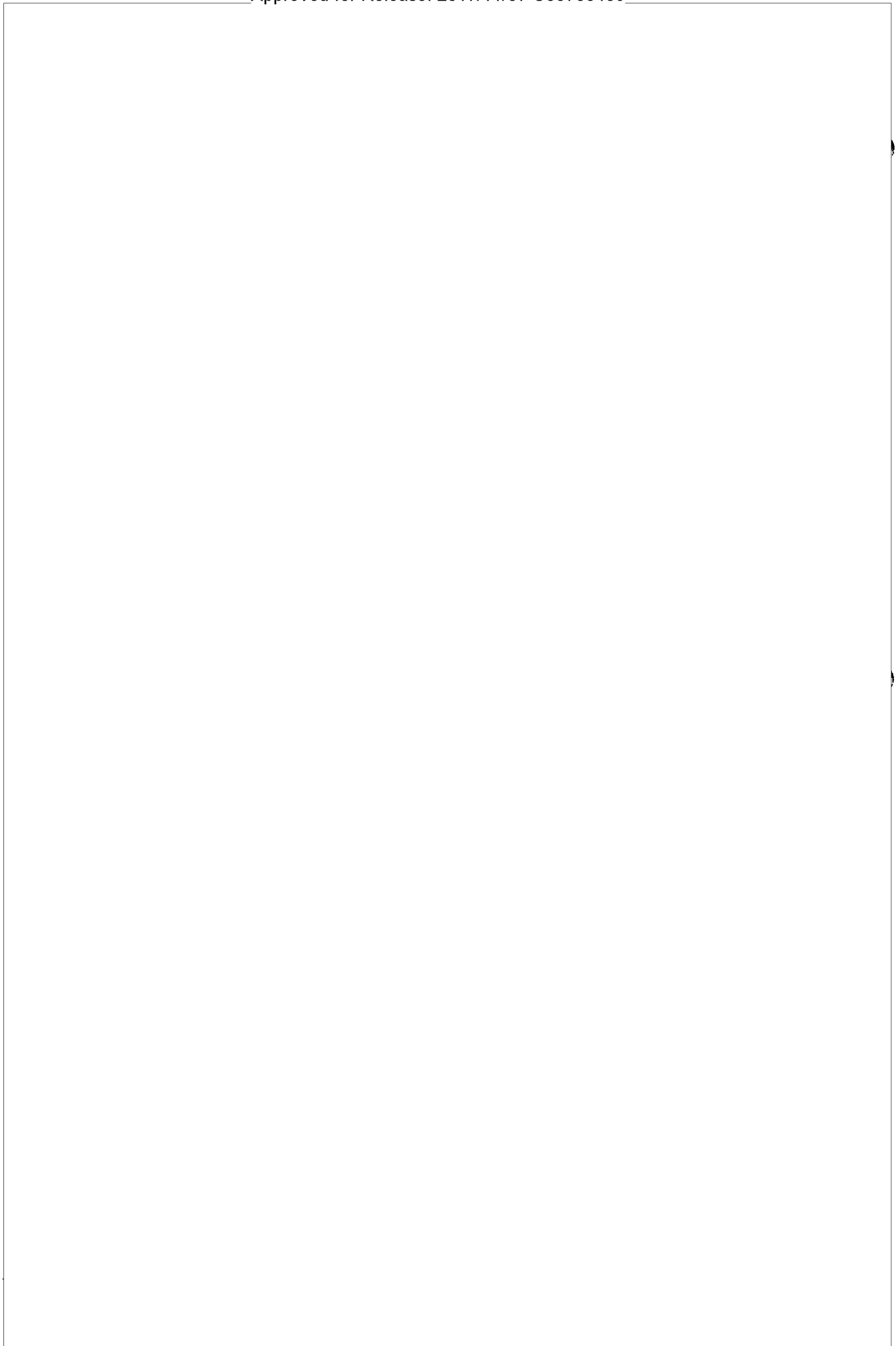


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During a press conference in Caracas on 11 August Mrs. Donna L. Niehous took the latest initiative to break the deadlock in negotiations between the Venezuelan government and the kidnapers of her husband, William Niehous, former manager of the Owens-Illinois complex in Venezuela, who was kidnapped in late February. Mrs. Niehous announced she "feared that the people of Venezuela had forgotten her husband," and consequently she and a group of unidentified friends had collected approximately US \$465,000 which would be awarded to any person providing information concerning her husband's location or leading to his release. Mrs. Niehous said the information could be given directly to her or sent through the office of Cardinal Quintero in Caracas.

The day before Mrs. Niehous' press conference, a Caracas newspaper reported it had received a message from Niehous' kidnapers saying the prisoner was "not only alive but in perfect physical condition." The message also said none of the persons arrested by the Venezuelan government in connection with the case, including two members of the Venezuelan Chamber of Deputies, are members of the kidnapping gang or connected in any way with the case.

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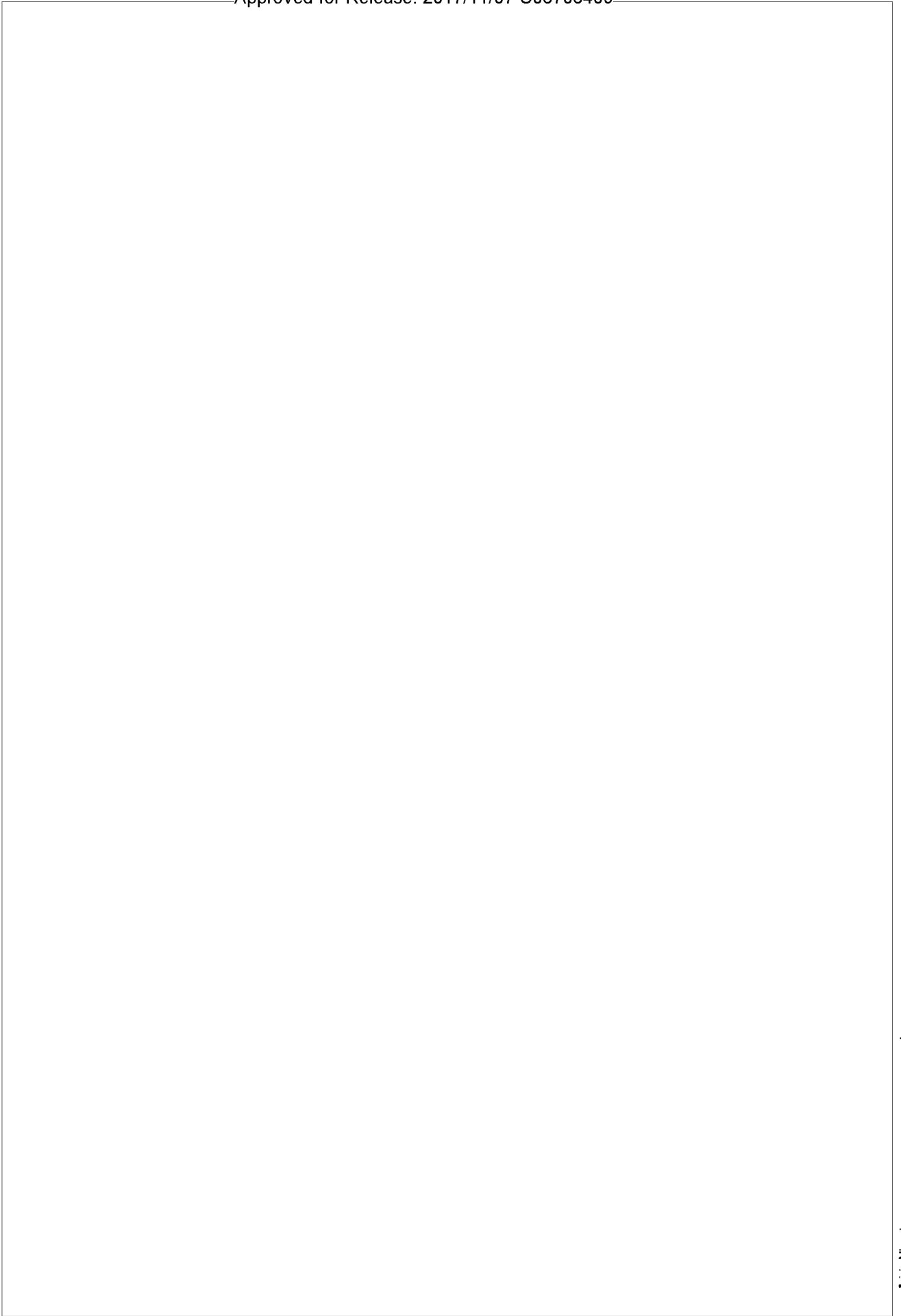
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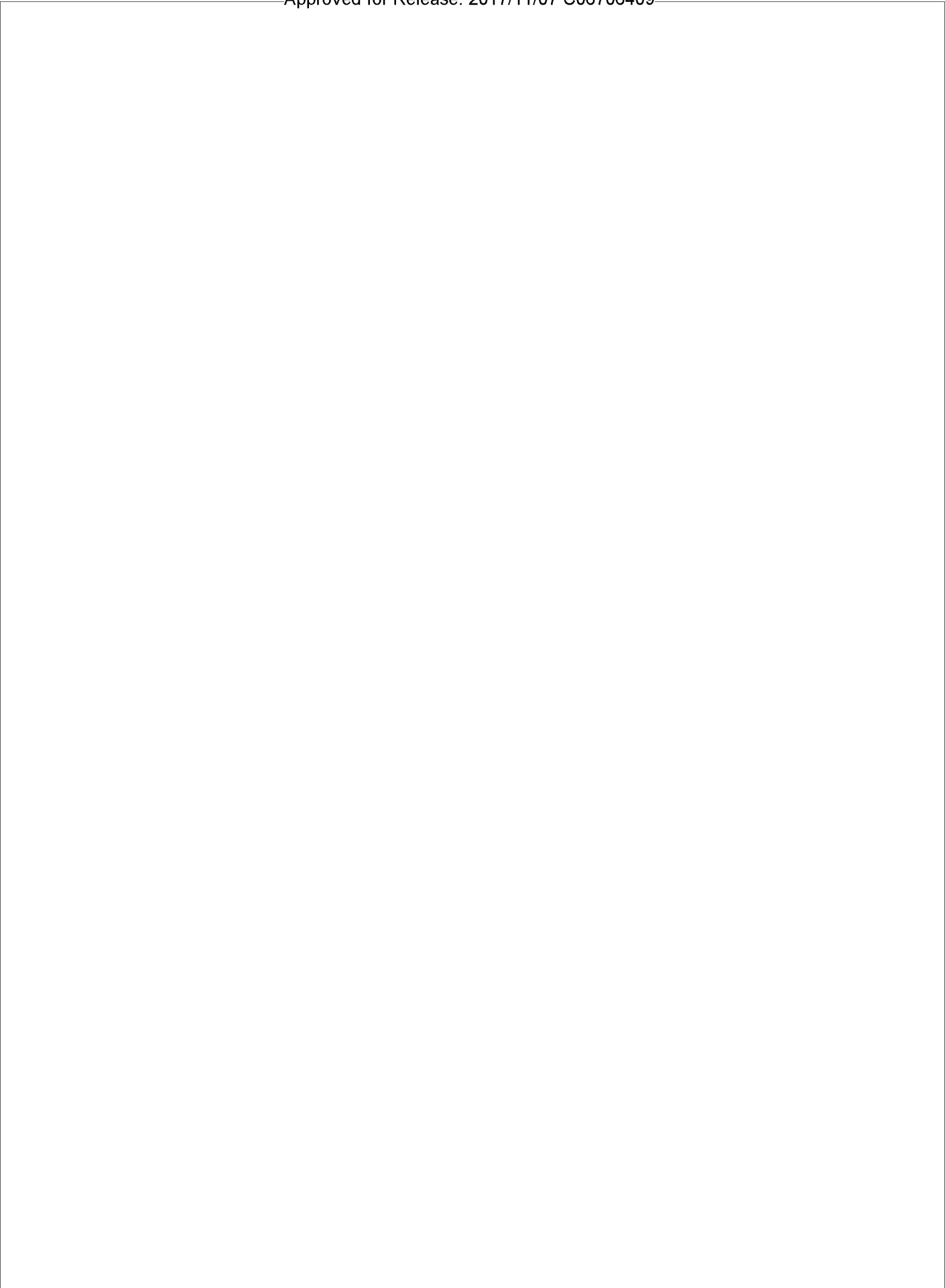
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