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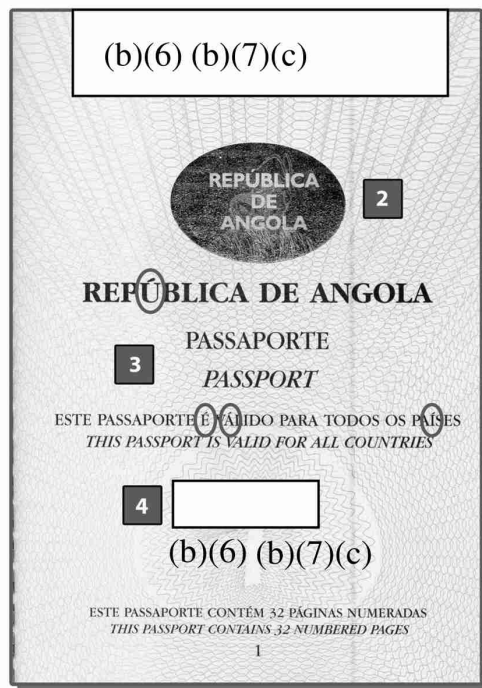
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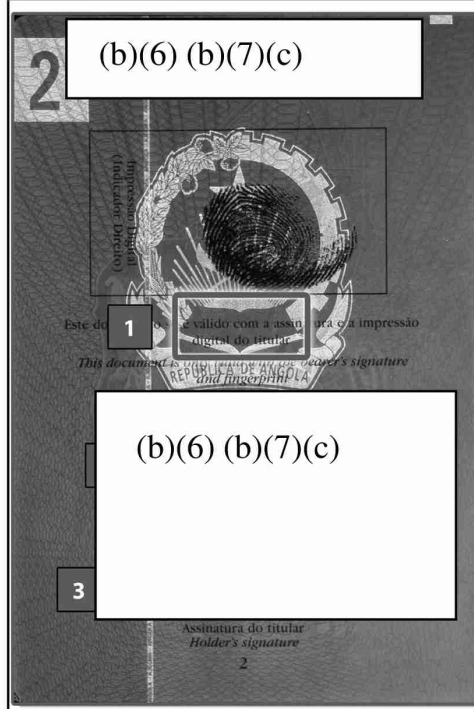
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1) The counterfeit document is missing the perforated passport number that should appear at the top of pages 1 through 32.

2) The foil on the counterfeit is missing recognizable holographic details such as the words "REPÚBLICA DE ANGOLA" and a sable antelope design.

3) The circled letters in this area should all have accent marks that are missing on the counterfeit. Portuguese diacritics were missing throughout the counterfeit passport.

4) Note the difference in font between the counterfeit and genuine for the typed passport number. It should be printed at the top of the number 1 printed as part of the page's background design while it appears at the bottom of the number on the counterfeit.



Page 2 of the passport booklet contains secondary personal information and includes a portrait, fingerprint and signature of the bearer.

1) Looking at the area within the box shaped outline, this portion of the UV insignia should be blank, but is filled on the counterfeit version of the UV feature.

2) There is a UV-reactive vertical security thread embedded into the paper of the genuine page. It is printed on to a counterfeit page and is not UV reactive.

3) The signature line on a genuine document has a UV-reactive box that is missing on the counterfeit.

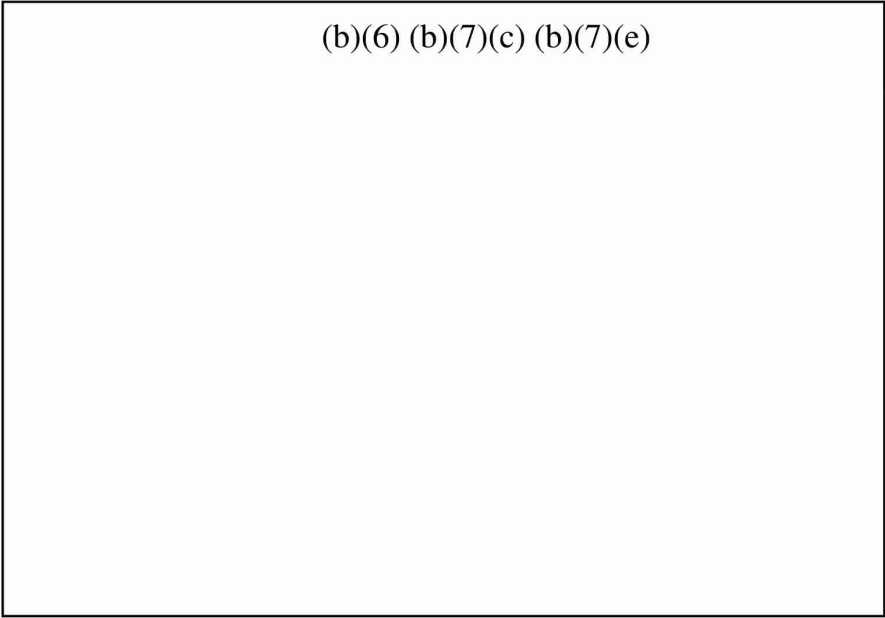
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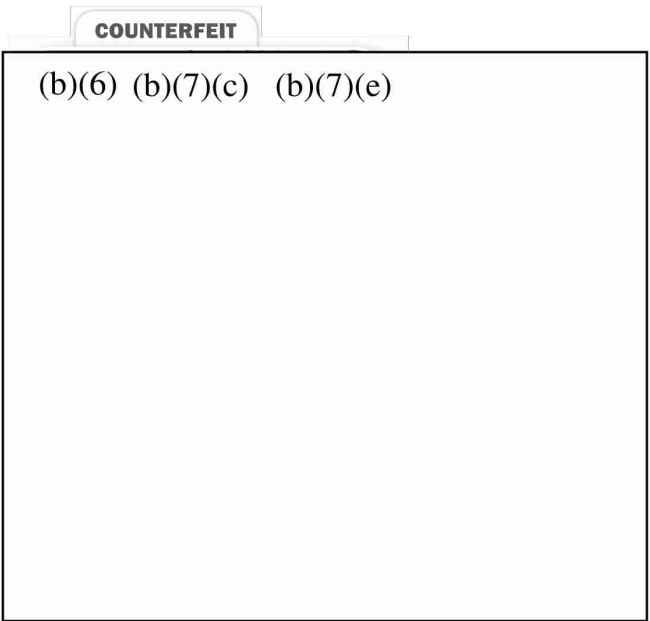
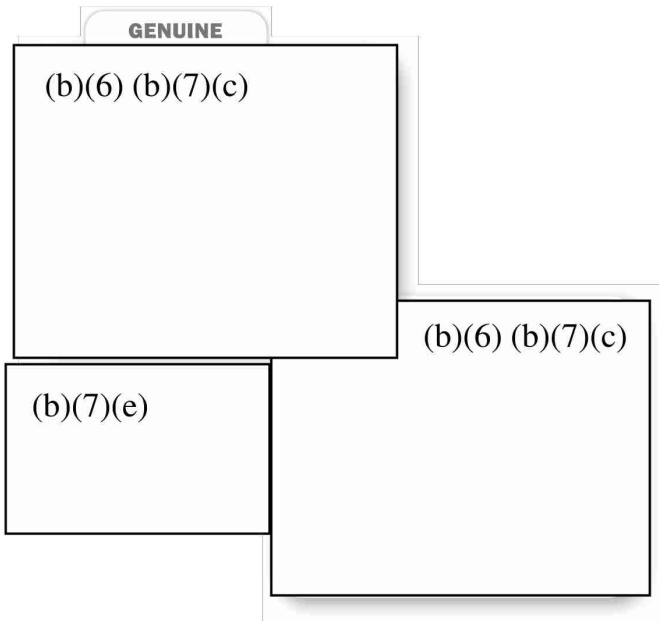
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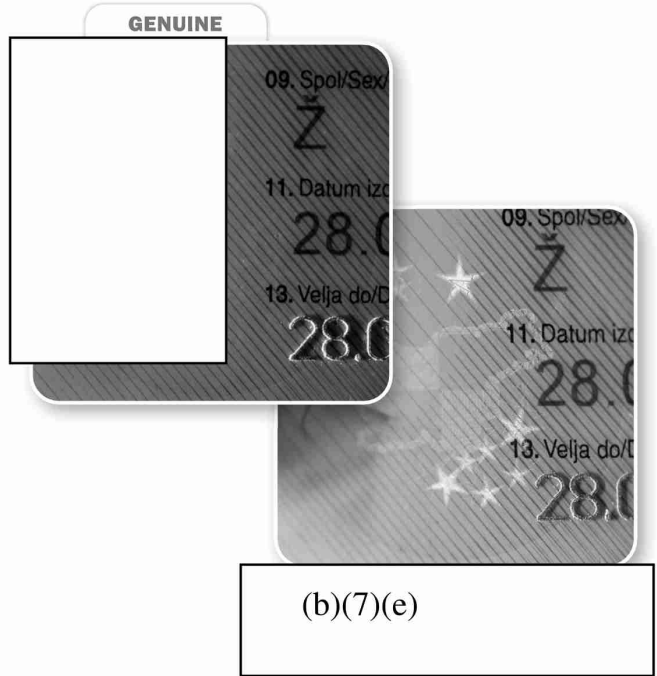
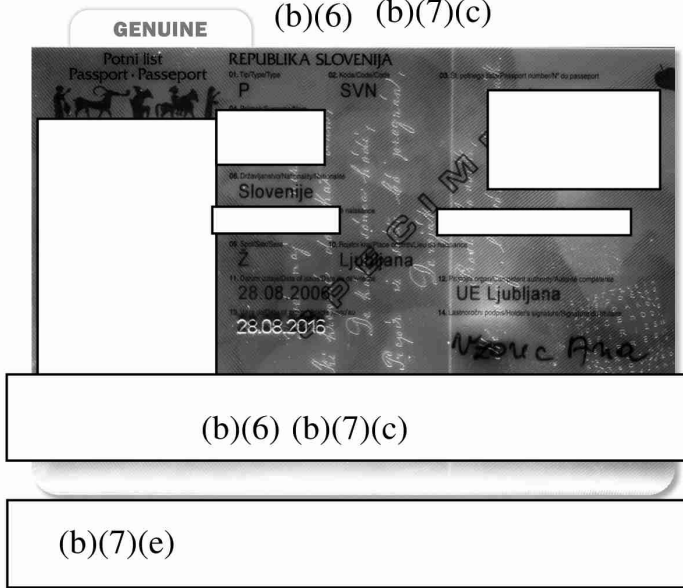
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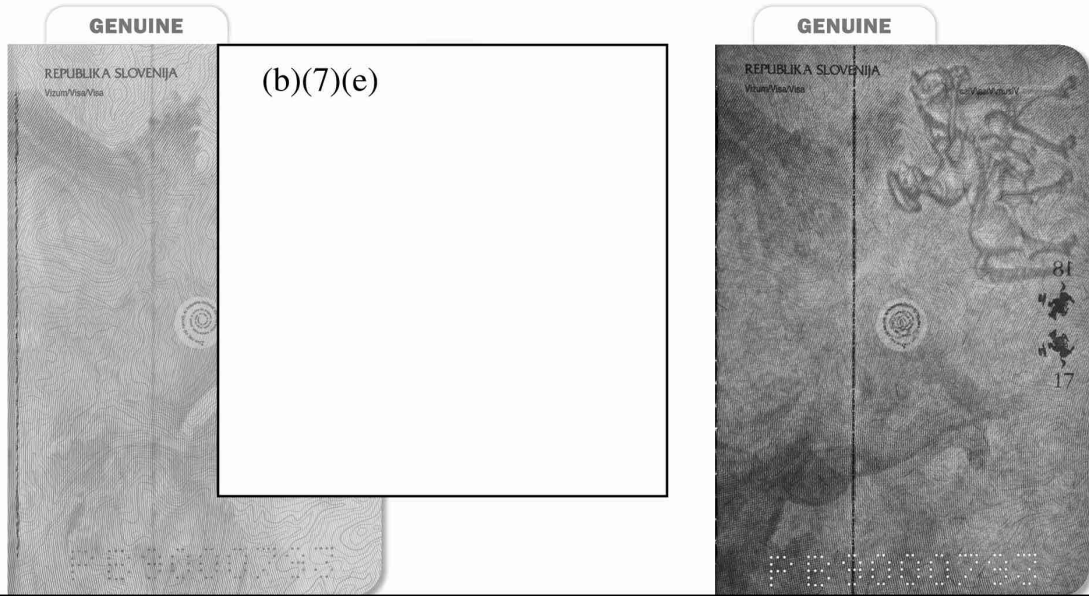
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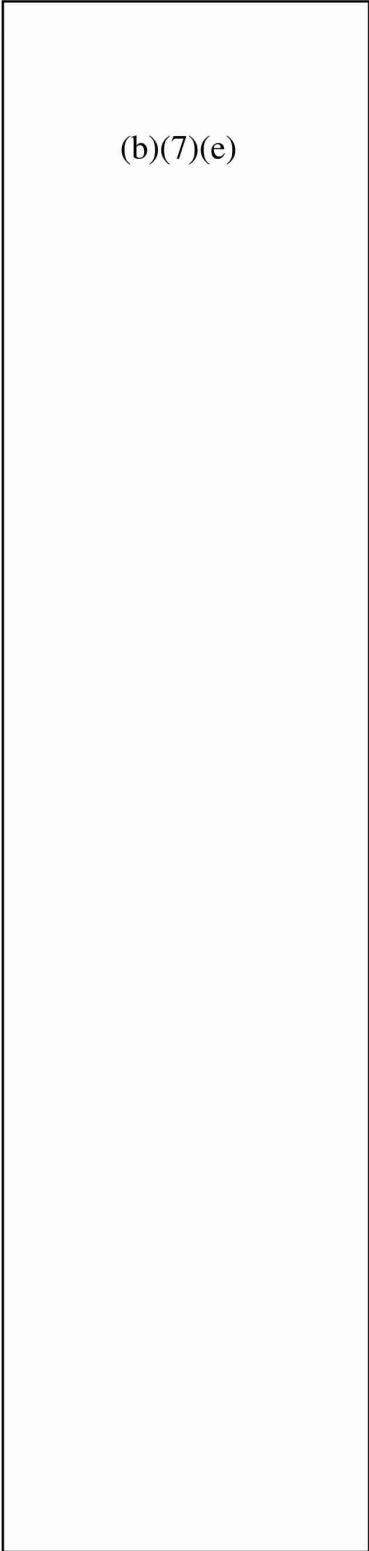
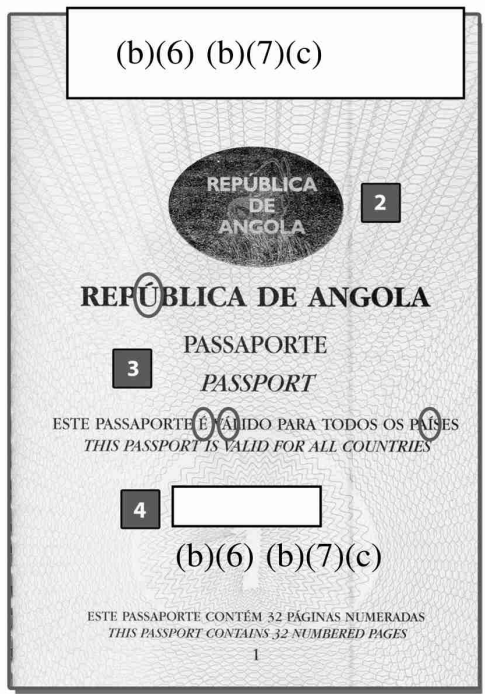
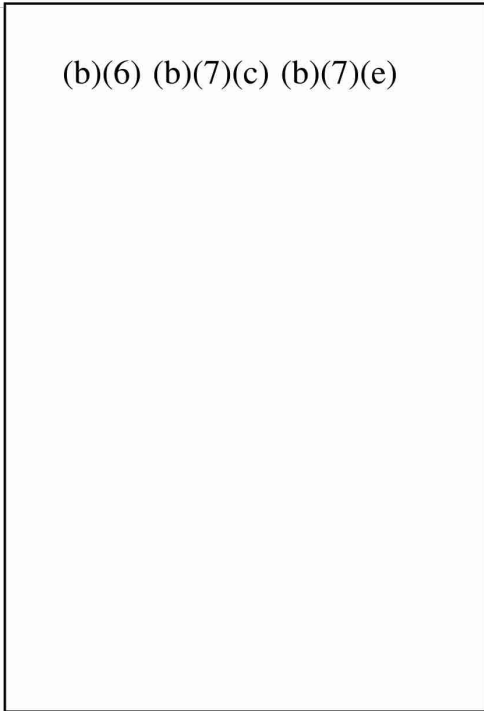
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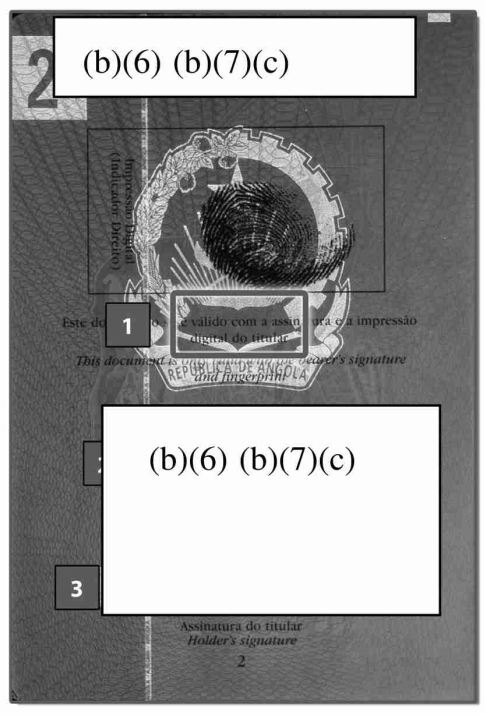
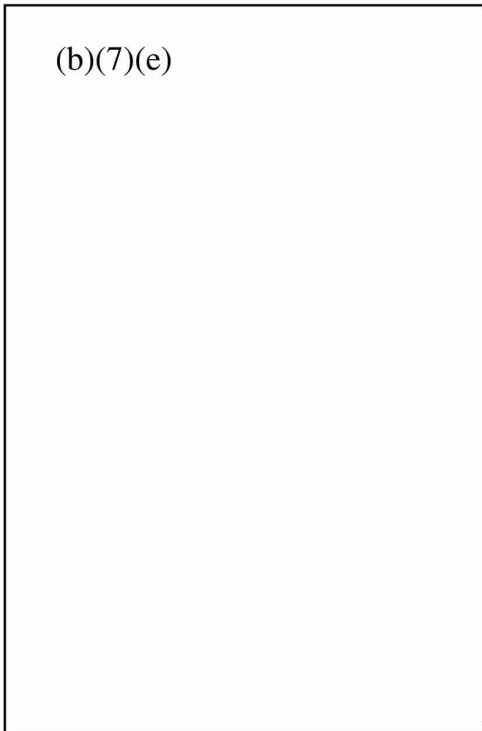
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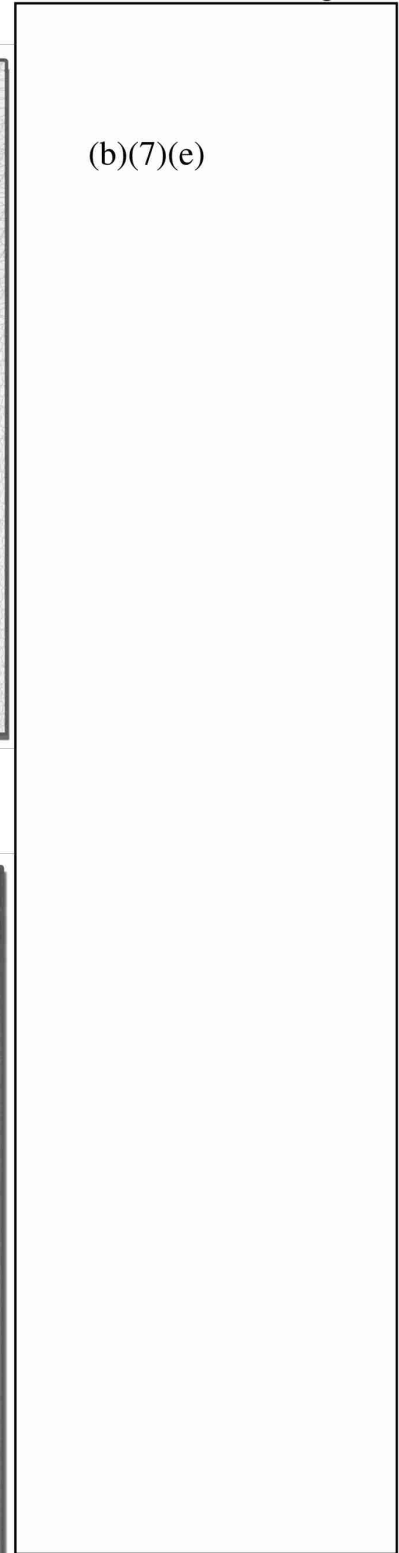
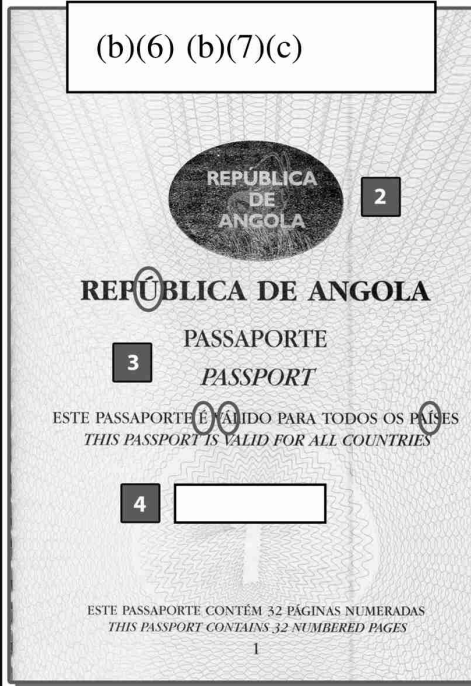
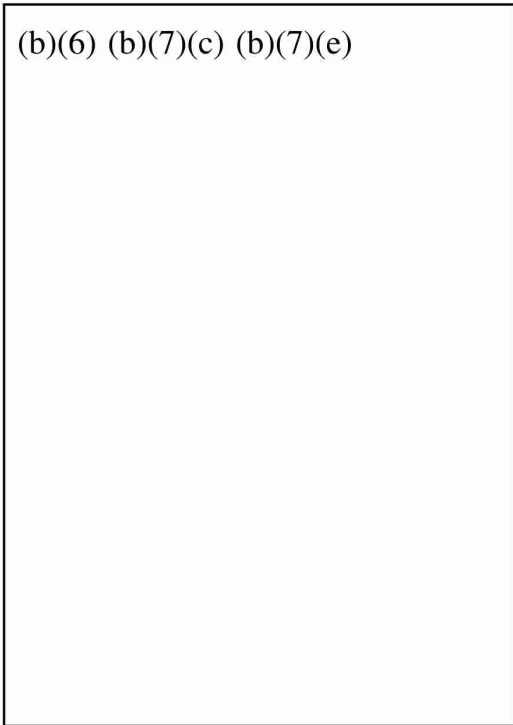
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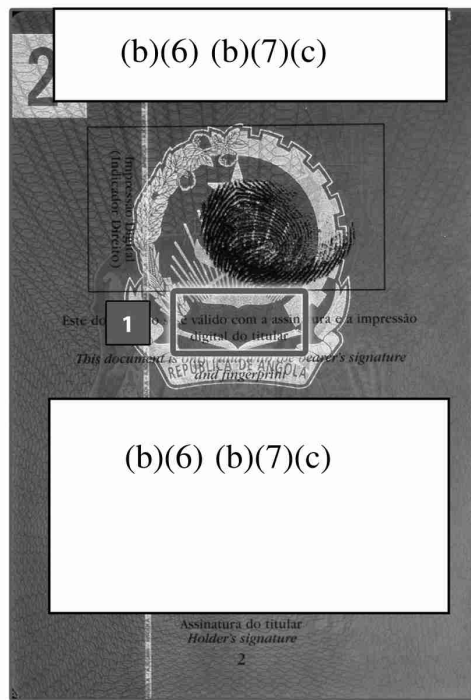
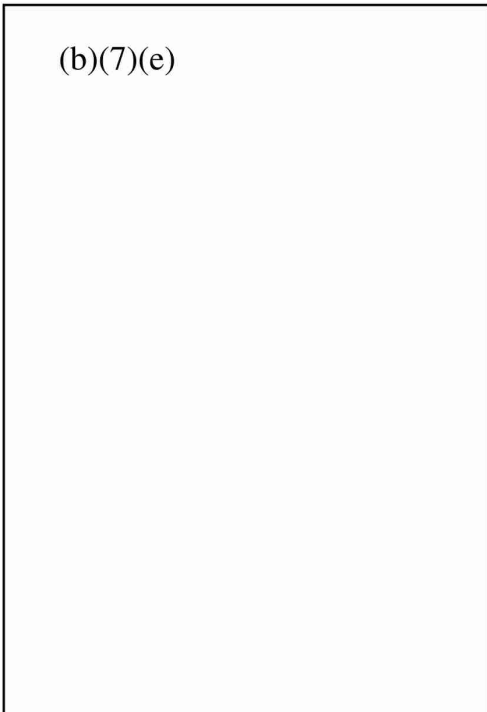
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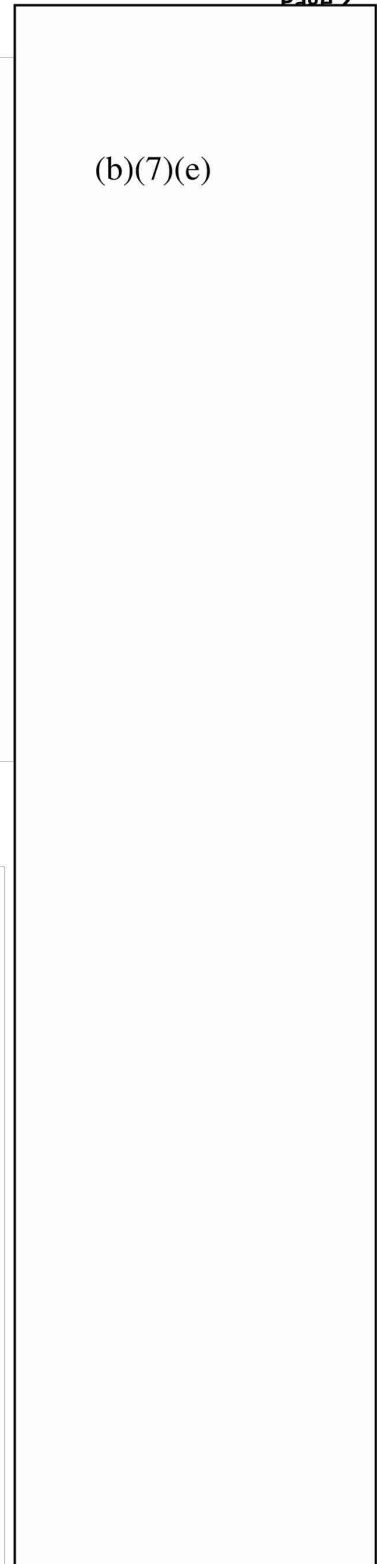
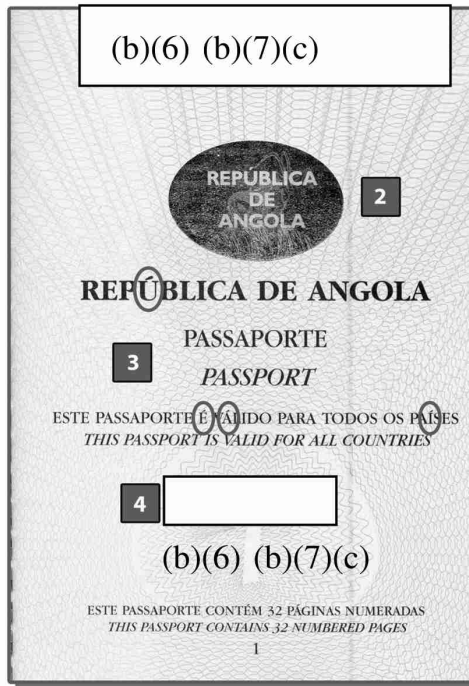
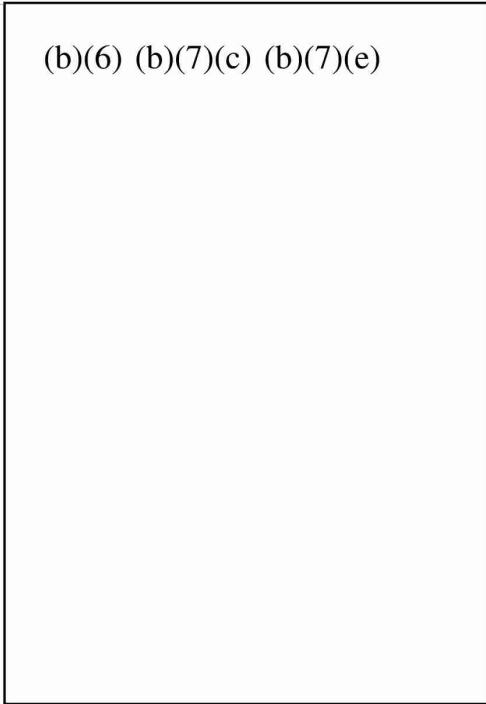
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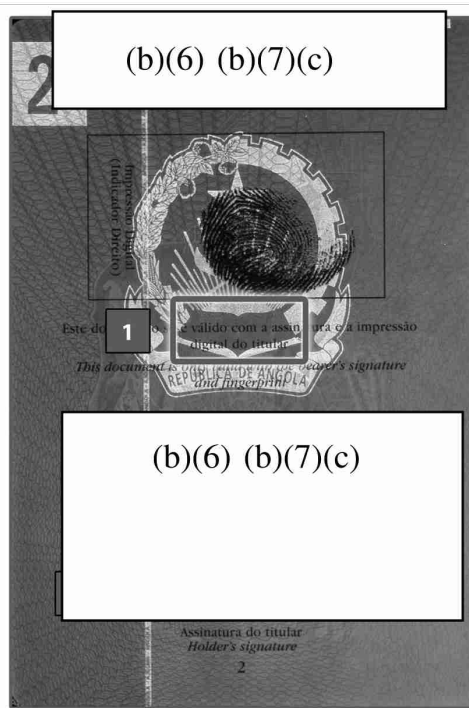
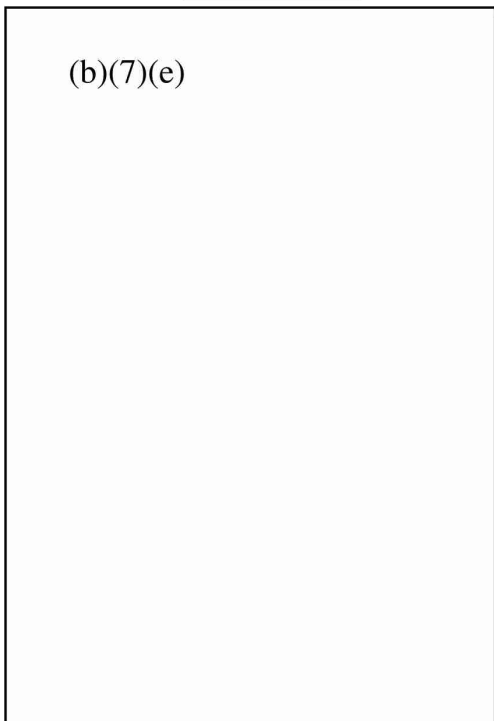
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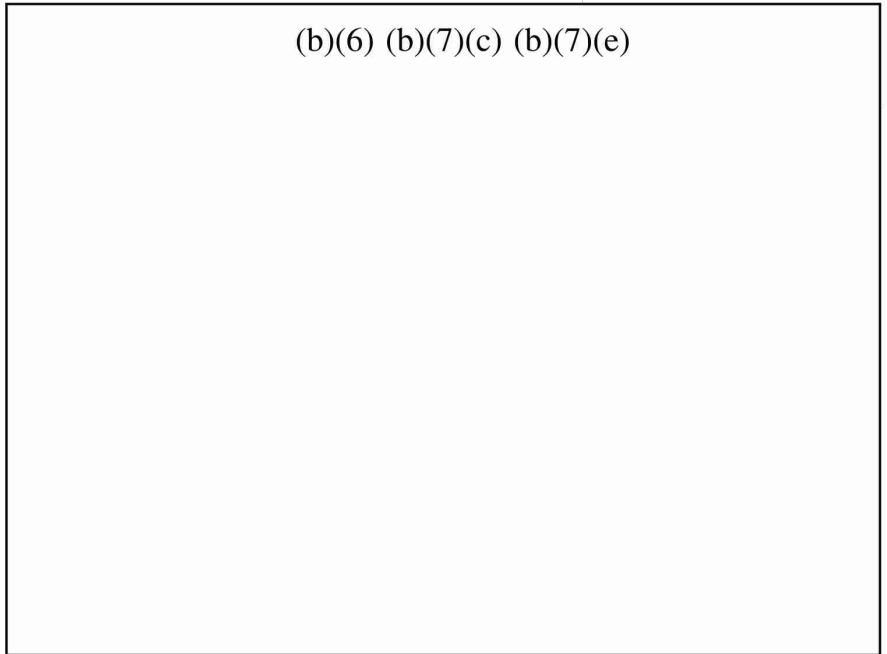
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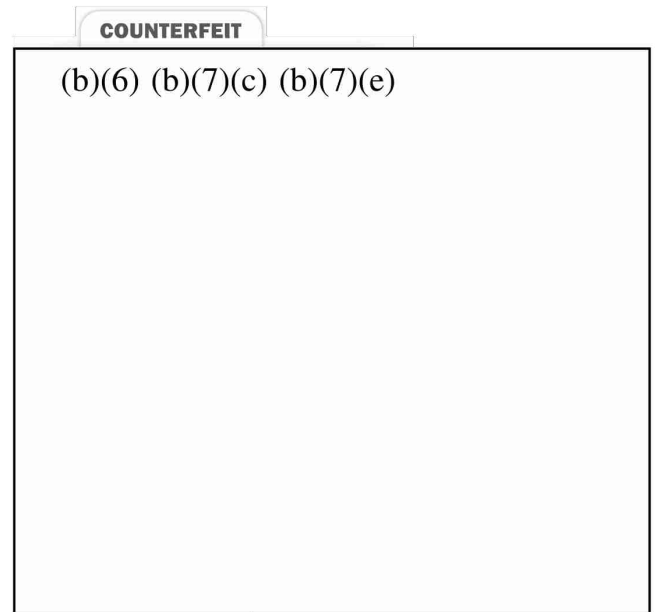
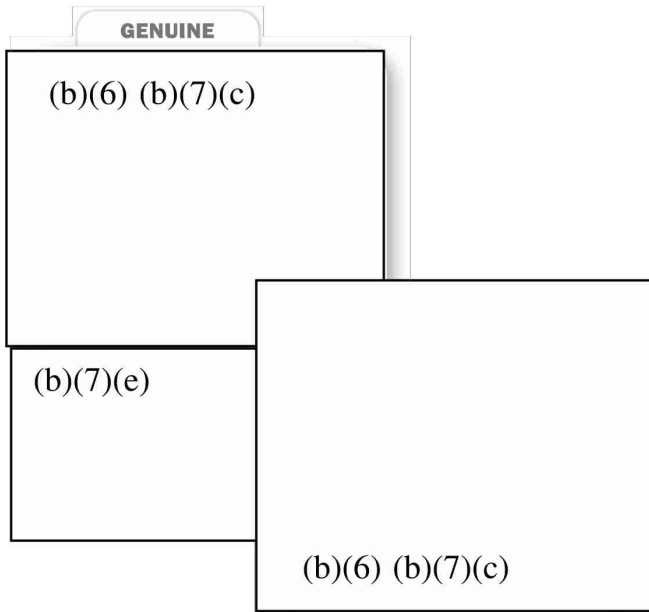
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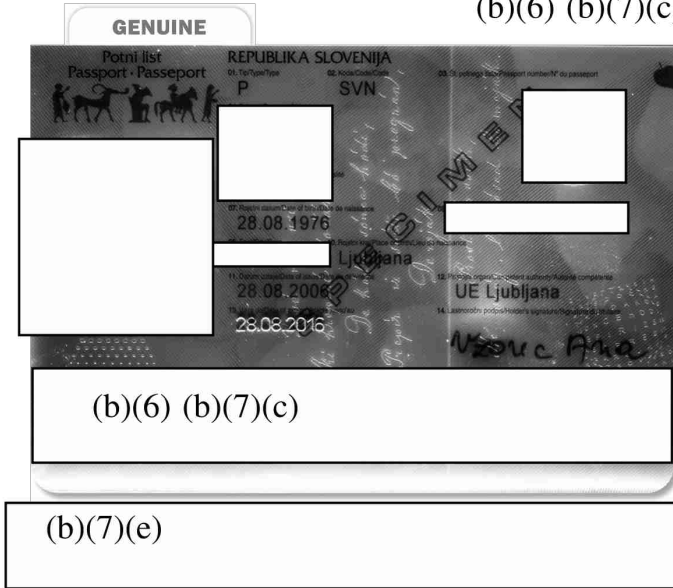
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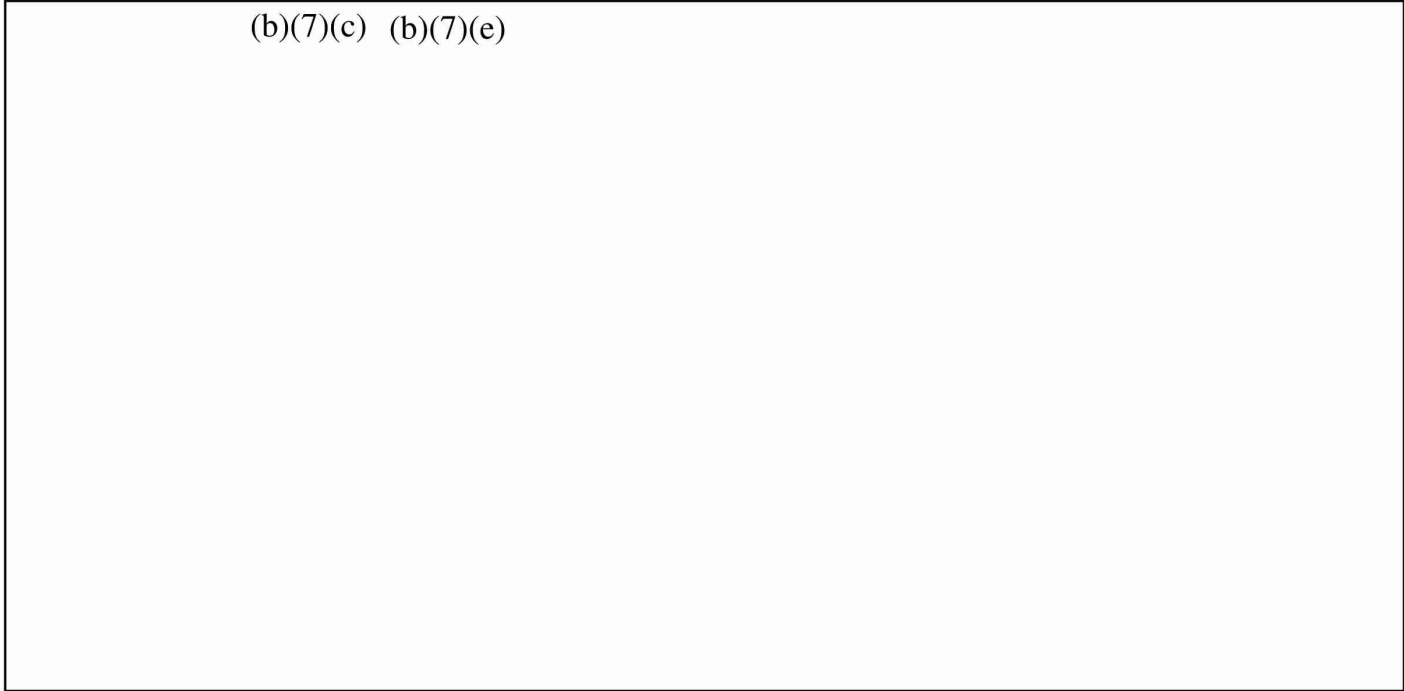
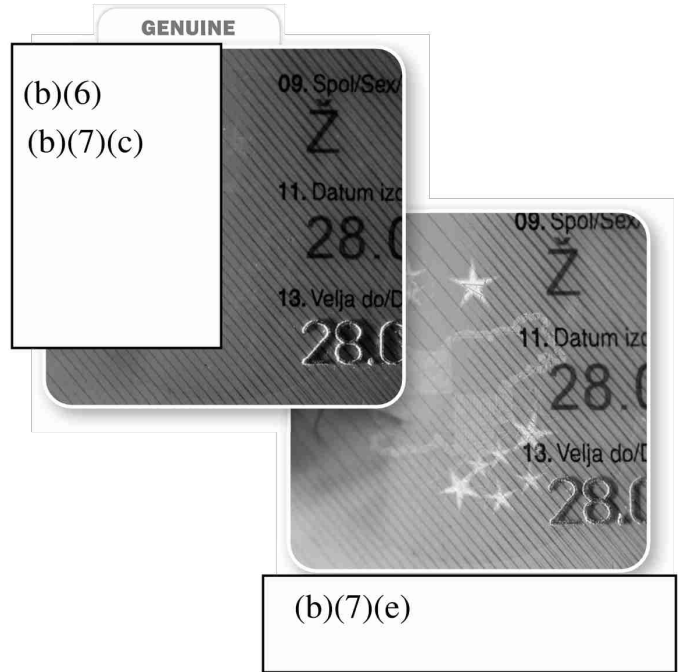
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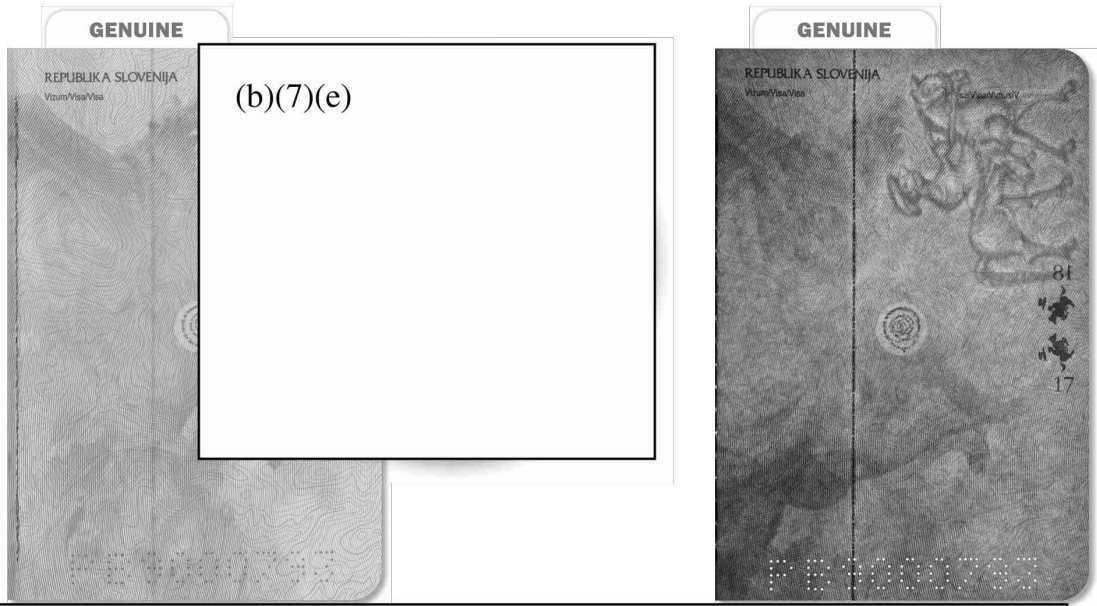
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