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HUMPHREY GOP "REFUSAL TO ACT" ON FARM PROGRAM

WASECA, October 3 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey charged today that the Republican Administration has "callously refused to utilize legislation which would directly benefit the farmers."

The Senator cited as an example his legislation, approved by Congress two years ago, to send 50,000 tons of soybean oil overseas for relief purposes.

"If Secretary of Agriculture Benson had acted on this program," Humphrey said, "the market price of soybeans would today be 25 cents a bushel higher than it is."

Humphrey, speaking at a DFL bean feed here, said that if the propa gram had been carried out, national farm income would have been increased \$200 million.

"The boost in Minnesota farm income alone would have amounted to \$12.5," Humphrey said. "In Waseca county alone, more than \$1 million would have come in through the increased market price."

The Senator, a top-ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture, said the original request for the Humphrey legislation came from the National Council of Churches.

"The National Council of Churches and other voluntary agencies have appealed to the government repeatedly that some fats and oils be used as part of their relief feeding programs abroad," Humphrey reported.

"Two years ago, Congress approved my legislation authorizing Benson to meet the request of the National Council of Churches," Humphrey said.

"So far, he has simply refused to act, despite the fact that the program would help humanity and the farmers instead of allowing price-supported soybeans to pile up in costly storage.

"The program makes sense to me, even if it doesn't to the Republicans. I am sure a Democratic president will inaugurate such a program, and prove how soybean prices can be bolstered while helping humanity.

Humphrey said the purchase and diversion of the 50,000 tons of soybean oil could be accomplished at a cost of less than \$10 million.

"Most of this cost," he concluded, "would be offset by reduction of losses now involved in the soybean price support program." From the Office of Citizens for Humphrey Committee 1625 Hennepin Avenue Minneapolis, Minnesota Federal 9-0521

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HUMPHREY CALLS FOR "MORAL MATURITY" ON RELIGIOUS ISSUE

WINONA, October 4 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today challenged every candidate and citizen to show "moral maturity" on the issue of religion in politics.

"We will be labeled an immature people and a hypocritical people unless we reject the expressions of religious bigotry which are so tragically frequent today," Humphrey said.

The Senator, speaking at a joint meeting of students from St. Mary's College and St. Theresa's College here, said he had been "shocked and shamed by the viciousness of attacks by bigots and political hate-mongers.

"I have been shocked because these attacks continue, despite the forceful statements of the Democratic presidential candidate supporting the concept of separation of church and state," Humphrey said.

"I have been shamed because the proud American traditions of decency, democracy and fair play have been blotched by demagogery," he added.

Humphrey said he was "surprised and saddened" that the religious issue has persisted "so long and so intensely" this year. He added:

"If America expects to endure in the democratic tradition and to lead the free nations toward a world of justice and peace, the people must show moral maturity on matters of race, religion and creed.

"Every American can help by ignoring or rejecting the bigots, and by turning attention to the positive programs of the candidates and the real issues of the campaign."

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COLD WAR SLOW-DOWN IN AMERICAN ECONOMY HELPS COMMUNISTS, SAYS HUMPHREY

WINONA, October 4 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey warned last night that the slow-down in United States economic growth puts a "straitjacket" on America's capacity to compete with the Communits nations.

"The Soviet economy has grown 6 to 9 percent a year over the past eight years," Humphrey declared at a DFL Bean Feed here, "but under this Republican Administration the American economy has grown only $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent a year."

Humphrey said authoritative studies by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Economic Committee of Congress show Sino-Soviet economic development of heavy industry and power threatens to end American economic supremacy by 1970, if the American economy continues to lag behind its full growth potential.

"The Republican presidential candidate says it is unpatriotic to call attention to the slow-down in our economic growth," Humphrey said. "I say it is unpatriotic and foolish and dangerous to ignore it.

"It is the duty of Senator Kennedy to criticize the Republican tight-money economic policies which have put a straitjacket on America's capacity to compete in the Cold War," Humphrey declared. "And it is my duty to work for policies which will keep America strong."

Humphrey said the American economy grew an average of 5.5 percent a year from 1933 to 1953. "If this growth rate had continued under the Republican, our national income would now be \$600 billion instead of only \$500 billion -- 20 percent more money for military hardware plus schools and roads and homes and all the items which mean a higher standard of living for the American people," he added.

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nuqua FACTS -- NOT SLOGANS -- ON FARM PROGRAMS 101/02/0 Waseca, Minn., Bean Feed bralas 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3, 1960 mu multin (Over Radio Unemelan m τ Tonight I speak to you not just as a Senator, but as a man who knows and cares about the problems and needs of America's farmers. I speak to you not in generalities, but in specifics. I speak to you not with slogans, but with facts. I come to you not to offer false promises and vague reassurances, but to speak the truth about my record and my party's program for agriculture.

/ It is time for all of us to take a hard look at the recent statements and programs of the candidates on agriculture. Let us first examine the program outlined by the Republican presidential candidate, Mr. Nixon. NAW, In a recent campaign speech, My Myon has offered what he calls a "new program" to solve the farm problem. What does he say the problem is? First, He said the problem is surplus. In fact, he used the word "surplus" more than 50 times in just one speech. And what is his answer to this "Problem"? He had one word to describe that answer -- "consume."

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Now I take exception to Mr. Nixon's happy simplification of America's agricultural situation. I say that America's food and fiber supply should be called "agricultural

abundance, " not "surplus."

I say that our agricultural abundance is not a "problem." It is a blessing and an opportunity.

We have an opportunity to <u>use</u> our tremendous supply of food and fiber -as a source of strenght, as a tool of relief, as an instrument of peace.

agricultural abundance to help America

grow and prosper, to relieve misery and suffering, and to banish hunger from the face of the world. The challenge is not, as Mr. Nixon Challergeies touse II, Tr People! suggests, to "get rid of the surplus." If he takes that attitude -- and he does -- he might as well suggest that (

we put a torch to fields of wheat or dump vast quanitities of food and

fiber in the ocean.

And while we are discussing

Mr. Nixon's inclination to "get rid of" things, let me mention one, sad fact.

Last week, in his debate with Mr. Kennedy, Richard Nixon suffered

a significant slip of the tongue.

He intended to say the government has a resonsibility to "get rid of the surplus."

Instead, he said that we must

"get rid of the farmers."

That was a slip of the tongue, to l it be fair. But/was not a slip of the mind. For Mr. Nixon and others in the current administration do have it in mind to get rid of the farmers. They believe that the solution to all the problems of American agriculture is a matter of forcing more farmers off their lands and out of rural America --to cut production and thus reduce

"surplus."

In his recent campaign speeches,

"use surplus) to get rad "Surplus"

Mr. Nixon has given us nothing new.

He has dressed up the same old Benson programs with cute phrases and catchy slogans.

He has skipped only lightly over the <u>real</u> problem of <u>American agriculture</u> today -- <u>low</u> farm income.

What does he suggest? He suggests that parity of farm income be determined by the average market prices of products during the previous year.

My friends, this is the essence of Nixon's program. It is not new. It is not bold. It is not what the farmers want. It is not the answer to falling farm prices and the plight

of the farmers. It is straight, pure Bensonism. and bunkern It is Benson's program, put in slightly different language. It is Benson's onlymon "sliding scale" for farm parity. It is nothing more than a call to continuing drop in farm income. It is disaster for America's farmers. Does the Vice President expect any farmer to buy his program? Does he expect any farmer to believe that income will be improved by gearing price support programs to the average prices of the previous year _____

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The "sliding scale" -- whether it is in Benson language or Nixon language -- means one thing. It means falling prices. It means falling income. It means that America's farmers T will be pushed so far down the economic scale that thousands of them will be eren mur forced off the farms ... means success for the Banson Nixon goal; To "get rid of" thousands farmers Now let us look hard at the program of Mr. Kennedy, the Democratic presidential candidate. Mr. Kennedy does not straddle the fence or hide from the real problem ---

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e frows this is -9low farm income He states clearly and forcefully that he will work and fight for full parity of income for the American farmer. And Mr. Kennedy defines da and unequiverally what he means by full parity of income. Parity of income, he says, is that income which gives average producers a return on their invested capital, labor and management equal to that which similar, or comparable, resources earn in non-farm employment. This is what American farmers want and must have if they are to survive in a growing, expanding nation.

Mr. Kennedy's program strikes to the heart of the problem of farmers. It does not concern itself with prices -- but with the farmer's net income. That is the only figure which means anything in determining his standard of living -- particularly in this age of the cost-price squeeze. Mr. Kennedy says more which is sound and necessary. He pledges his work to assure this parity of income through supply management -- the adjustment of supply to demand at parity

income prices.

The fundamental goal of Mr. Kennedy's

program is not to get rid of the farmers. It is to achieve a balance between supply and demand -- and thereby assure prices which will yeild parity of income and reasonable prosperity to the farmers. Let me be blunt. As a ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, as one who has studied the problems of farmers first-hand, as an American who is deeply concerned with the survival of the free-enterprise, family farming, - Temi system, I do not see any Mr. Nixon is vague, Mr. Kennedy is anous specific. Mr. Nixon is of the real problem. Mr. Kennedy faces the real problem of farm income. Mr. Nixon wants

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our food and fiber supply by "getting rid of the surplus" and, indeed, by "getting rid of *Hild Mot Mathy* the farmers". Mr. Kennedy wants to <u>strengthen</u> the position and economic well-being of all farmers and assure the survival of America's democratic system of family farming. LiNow let us turn to another candidate, and what he says about farm programs. I speak of my own opponent. You know, political candidates are advised

that they should never identify their opponent by name. So let me just say that my opponent's initials -- and he loves to use them -- stand for^HPaltry Knowledge of the problems and needs of American farmers. There is little to say about his program, because there is little program. He toes the

Benson-Nixon line, using the same, old, unworkable

-14concepts and the same language only less Convering He does not speak positively or specifically of what he would do. Instead, he offers vague, nagative slogans of agricultural policy. LHe has offered one statement which is all his burn. Nobody else has ever made the statement. his en //Nobody else who has studied the record would be to make the statement / His statement is that Humphrey has done nothing for the farmers. I suggest that he find out just how alone he is in making that statement. I suggest that he get out and talk with Minnesota's farmers to learn what Humphrey has done for them. I invite him to come to my office and read the thousands of "thank-you" notes from farmers and the hundreds of letters from outstanding farm experts and farm bloc leaders

K Producero Assoc un farmers Arroc Altaurie Chuches mitod -15expressing appreciation and support for Humphrey's work and accomplishments for farmers. And, above all, I advise him to look at the record and study the facts of Humphrey's efforts and successes on behalf of American agriculture. Why, I will even help him. This is a long, full record of which I speak, and if my opponent took the time to study it, he would not have any time for campaigning. That would not be fair. So here are the facts of Humphrey's record for the farmers, step by step and summarized for easy understanding by those who do not know much about farming or agricultural economy.

The Humphrey record on agriculture goes back further than 1948, when I was first elected to the Senate.

Lit goes back to the farm depression in South Dakota in the 1930's, and a deep personal concern for the welfare of farm families. It goes back to 1933, and an understanding of what could be done by an Administration determined to

met the problem on the farmers of Minnesota dollars more income for the farmers of Minnesota Multiplication Multiplication

approved by the Democratic majority in Congress.

And every one of those comprehensive Wetter farm bills was <u>vetoed</u> by the Republican President and killed by the Republican minority in Congress.

/ What was the first Humphrey bill

to be introduced in the Senate?

It was Senate Bill 881 -- a

farm bill, a bill concerned with the

level of dairy price suppor

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Was that nothing?

And in 1949, a high point of the Humphrey record was

the successful sponsorship with the late Senator Langer of

legislation authorizing the Rural Telephone System.

Was that nothing?

In 1951 - and it is in the record - your Senator. Apontoned and flatted called for the shipment of surplus wheat to relieve misery

- Emergeray Acel Fo India and hunger in India - a proposal der accepted by two administrations.

Was that nothing? 1444 Hourden In In 1952, Humphrey lived up to his pledge to the

farmers to work for 90 percent of parity support programs.

It is in the record. I was one of the leaders of

the successful fight to extend 90 percent of parity for

basic commodities for two years.

Was that nothing? It was not. In Minnesota

1 go Mullim alone, extension of 90 percent of parity meant the

safeguarding of \$90 million of income a year for

Minnesota farmers.

The real fight began in 1953, when Ezra Taft

Benson assumed power over the welfare of America's

farmers.

His executive orders were often outside the authority of Congress, but of more than 100 Benson/ attempts which required legislation, we defeated all byst 16. Was that nothing

In 1953, I introduced Senate Bill 2102, an Construction agricultural reserve bill which was not accepted

until 1956 when the Nixon-Benson Administration

Republicans distort it needed an election year farm proposal and picked up the soil-bank idea

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Was that nothing?

Also in 1953, Humphrey urged the creation of an International Food Reserve - a sort of world food bank. This idea was not supported by the Republican

Was that nothing?

In 1954 - and every year since - Benson has

attempted to reduce funds for the school lunch program,

the Rural Electrification Administration and the A.C.P.

Each year, I have helped to defeat these attempts.

Was that nothing?

Also in 1954, the first proposals to allow REA cooperatives to enter the atomic-power field were put forward by Humphrey. The proposals were later accepted,

and today the first REA nuclear power plant is standing

at Elk River, Minnesota.

Was that nothing?

1954 The same year i I was the first to propose - () that America's agricultural abundance be used as an instrument of foreign policy. This was the beginning of my Food for Peace program, long opposed by the Republican leadership but now given lip service by their candidates. I ask you. Is my Food for Peace program "nothing?" During the 84th Congress, in 1955 and 1956, as your Scretz Humphrey continued to fight Benson policies and worked for a better dairy support program, for more adequate credit sources for farmers, for fair national acreage allotment on corn, for incentive payments for marketing hogs at lighter weights.

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Can these programs be called "nothing?"

In 1957, I introduced bills providing for a

food-stamp program to use our abundance to feed the (faskid needy at home, and for extension and enlargement of the Public Law 480 program to relieve hunger overseas. (Passed) I sponsored legislation for a national milk sanitation -tot d medicat mel & Producers program and for the humane slaughter of livestock. (Passed Can anyone say that these programs meant "nothing" to farm families. In 1958, I opposed the Benson move to reduce dairy price supports below \$3.25 per hundredweight and co-sponsored with Senator Johnson a plan to lassed The enable dairy producers to stabilize their prices at a reasonable level. -Was that nothing?

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In the 86th Congress, both houses approved the Humphrey bill to establish the school milk program & (Passed) The program now and every year helps permanentily. stabilize dairy prices and improves the nutrition of America's school children.

No man could honestly call that accomplishment

"nothing."

The Public Law 480 program was extended, and with it Congress agreed to my proposal for a food-stamp program. Benson refused to act on the food-stamp legislation, so I have since sponsored legislation

requiring him to do so.

Is it "nothing" to help our farmers and help

the hungry by using our agricultural abundance for

humanitarian purposes?

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Here are other parts of the superey record

for the farmer from just this year:

A proposal for the establishment of a new

commission to study problems of the rural community.

Introduction of the hog-payment bill and

development of a national poultry stabilization act.

Pressure on the Department of Agriculture which (

resulted in the reinstatement of USDA purchase of

I am proud of my fight for Senate Bill 144,

a bill to restore loan-making authority to the REA

administrator. The President vetoed the bill, the

Senate overrode his veto and the House failed to

override by just four votes.

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Now let me talk with you about the important,

the real, the dollars-and-cents results of my work

and the work of other liberal legislators on behalf

of farmers.

The dairy price support bill, sponsored by myself and Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin, may be short-term and modest, but it will bring direct benefits to farmers.

It raises dairy price supports to \$3.22 per hundredweight on milk and 59.6 cents per pound on butterfat. Congress approved this bill, and -under election year pressure -- it was signed into

law by the President.

A 16 cent increase per hundred pounds of milk or three cents more per pound of butterfat will amount to an increase of \$11,500,000 for the farmers in

Minnesota alone, and \$100 million for farmers nationally.

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Is that "nothing?"

It is not Humphrey and other liberal farm-bloc senators who are guilty of "doing nothing" for the

farmers.

The current administration and Benson-Republican policies are guilty not only of "doing nothing" to help the farmers. By its callous refusal to utilize legislation which would directly benefit the farmers, it has hurt them.

Let me give you a specific, factual example. Two years ago, I introduced legislation to send 50,000 tons of soybean oil overseas for relief purposes.

That legislation was introduced after the National Council of Churches and voluntary agencies appealed to the government repeatedly that some fats and oils be used as part of our efforts to feed the hungry in underdeveloped lands. Both houses of Congress approved my legislation for that purpose. The President and the Secretary of Agriculture thus had the authority to put the program into action.

They did not use the authority. They refused to act. They ignored this program -- despite the fact that it would help humanity and the farmers instead of allowing price-supported soybeans to pile up in costly storage.

If Secretary of Agriculture Benson had acted on this program, the market price of soybeans would today be 25 cents a bushel higher than it is. Yes, the diversion of 50,000 tons of soybean oil overseas would have boosted the market price per bushel by 25 cents.

That would have meant national farm income would have been increased by \$200 million. Minnesota farm income would have been boosted

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even if it does not to the Republican candidates.

I am conviced that a Democratic President will inaugurate

such a program, and prove how soybean prices can be

bolstered at the same time we are helping humanity.

The Administration's refusal to put this program to work was a setback - a tragic setback - for the efforts of those of us who are working to help the farmer and to use our agricultural abundance for the good of mankind.

We have suffered many other setbacks, but we have been able to preserve much legislation which is vital

to the farm economy.

If we had not worked and fought for the farmers throughout the past eight years, their problems would be far more critical today.

Agricultural experts estimate that gross farm income is 10 percent higher today than it would be if so-called "free market" policies of the Benson administration had been allowed to prevail.

At this rate, Minnesota's gross farm income this year is about \$170 million higher than if Benson had been allowed to have his way -- if Humphrey and others had not fought his policies at all.

If America today had an Administration and a Congress willing to act to restore parity prices, the farm economy would be far more healthy and prosperous. Reliable estimates indicate that if current farm production were keyed to full parity prices, the typical Minnesota farm county would enjoy about \$5 million a year more in farm income.

Restoration of full parity prices on current levels of production would mean an income gain of almost \$400 million a year for the State of Minnesota. These are the facts. These are the specific details about my record, the program of my party and

the inadequacies of Benson-Nixon farm policies.

The facts stand for themselves. Study them and remember them. After you have, you will have no trouble deciding who has done something for the farmers of Minnesota and America and who has done nothing. We who see America's agricultural abundance as a blessing -- and not a problem -- will continue to work for the farmer's interest in Washington.

We who want to preserve the free-enterprise, family farm system -- and not "get rid of the farmers" -will continue to fight for a healthy, agricultural economy.

Humphrey and others do not concern themselves with the interests of the farmer only because they are friends of the farmer and understand his probelms and needs.

We seek a stronger America, a growing America, an efficient America. We seek an America which leads the free world toward victory in the war against collectivization and totalitarianism. We seek an America which has the wisdom, the strength and the compassion to banish hunger from the world and help every nation to develop in an orderly, democratic way.

These are our purposes. We know they can not be achieved unless American agriculture is a strong, healthy, prosperous force in our Nation.

We know that our own nation and the free world can not long endure if the American farmer is forced off of his lands by declining income.

We know that rural America is a key to the strength of all America, and that rural America must have a greater share of opportunity, a greater share of prosperity, a greater share of the vitality and vigor within our Nation.

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MORAL MATURITY ON THE RELIGIOUS ISSUE

St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn. 4 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, 1960 CallegeogSt Hurdsán

This has been a long political year for me. Do not misunderstand. My first obligation and responsibility (and, I might add, <u>pleasure</u>) have been my work as a United States Senator, serving the people of Minnesota

But I have done a bit of traveling

too.

This year has taken me across the length and breadth of our land.

It has taken me to the political hustings in the <u>harsh winter of Wisconsin</u> and the warm sun of Puerto Rico. / It has taken me to green,

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springtime mountains of West Virginia and the summer heat of the East Coast.

And now it has brought me home to Minnesota for the fall.

I do not hide my purpose in these campaigns. I know and you know that I am out to win support, to win votes, to win re-election. But there is another basic purpose to my work in these campaigns. / That purpose is to attempt to inform -- if I may say -- to educate the citizens of Minnesota and America

on the issues.

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My hoped my dreamd my goaldare not limited to winning cheers and gathering votes. My quest and my purpose are to help elevate the level of politics and the level of political thinking in America, I was a teacher once, and I have not lost the sense of mission which every teacher must have -- to inspire intelligent, rational independent thought. There is one level of thought -one low, bigoted level of thought --

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The world is covered with diverse peoples, diverse thought, diverse religions. Millions elsewhere will label us immature and hypocritical unless we reject the expressions of religious durated bigotry which are so tragically frequent today.

The spirit and strength of America cannot endure if we allow the decay

of demagoguery to spread.

Each of us can help -- by ignoring

or rejecting the bigots and by turning our attention to the positive programs of the candidates and the real issues of the campaign.

Each man must be judged on the basis of his intelligence, his knowledge,

his experience, his skill, his integrity as an American and a human being.

Let us concern ourselves with those qualities. Let us strive to blot out prejudice and bigotry by informing, by educating, by teaching.

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LOW-DOWN IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

Winona DFL Bean Feed 7 p.m., Tuesday October 4, 1960

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Under Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman, the American economy grew at an average rate of 51 percent a year.

Under this Republican Administration,

the American economy has grown only $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent

a year.

Meanwhile, the Soviet economy has grown by 6 to 9 percent a year over the past eight years -- two to three times as fast as economic growth here under the Republicans. Careful, objective non-partisan reports by the Director of our Central Intelligence Agency and by the Joint Economic

Committee of Congress show that the brutally

fast, forced economic development of heavy

industry and power in the Soviet Union and

Communist China will threaten the economic

supremacy of the United States by 1970 if

our country lags behind its full economic

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Cold War.

And it is my duty to work for policies which will keep America strong.

If the Republicans had continued the Roosevelt-Truman growth rate, our national income would now be \$600 <u>billion</u> instead

of \$500 billion.

That would mean we would have 20 percent more money for schools and roads -- 20 percent more money for housing and automobiles and all the other tems in the family market basket which provide a higher standard of living for the American people.



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