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Extensive Cuba Reports
Reach Mission Board

By Walker L. Knight

ATLANTA (BP)--The first extensive reports from Cuban missionaries to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reveal some are investigating the possibility of returning.

However, a major portion of their reports dealt with the death of a young Cuban pastor in an auto accident, the wounding of another by the invasion forces and Cuba's hunger for the gospel.

In a letter to Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission board, Miss Lucille Kerrigan of Pinar del Rio Province indicated investigations were being made with the Swiss Embassy concerning procedure for returning. (The Swiss Embassy handles American interests since diplomatic relations no longer exist with Cuba.)

The mission board has just reconfirmed its position that the six missionaries were free to use their own judgment in returning. In the action the board asked that the missionaries not expose themselves to unusual personal danger or let their presence create any problem for the work or people there.

"We are assuring them of our purpose to reassign them to some other language field if they do return," Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, director of the missions division, said.

Joel Bory, senior student in the Baptist Theological Institute in Havana, died following the collision of his car with a truck. Esmildo Gutierrez, a medical student, was injured.

Bory was president of the institute students and president of the Federation of Training Unions for the Cuban Baptist Convention. He was also pastor of the church in Cotorro, near Havana.

According to Herbert Caudill of Havana, superintendent of work for the mission board, Bory's "life was short but many were blessed by his humble dedication to th Lord."

Caudill also reported the injury of Raul Suarez, pastor of churches and missions in the swamp areas of Las Villas Province, by invasion forces April 21.

Suarez attempted to bring wounded, both invaders and defenders, for aid in Yaguaramas. He carried two loads of eight men from the battlefield, but on his third trip he was wounded in his right shoulder and in his right eye.

"His sight will be saved, but there seems to be a slight shell fragment in his eye," Caudill reports.

A 250-mile trip by Caudill and a student pastor of Guayos, Herminio Nunez, one day during the fighting provided unique opportunities for witnessing.

"We took with us a box of gospels of Mark to give out. We had not gone far when we were stopped by militia. They asked us to open the trunk of the car. We complied and gave each of the men a gospel," Caudill reported.

"We were stopped more than 30 times, and in each group there were from three to six men. Invariably they accepted the gospels. At least twice we were asked for additional gospels for others nearby."

He expressed appreciation for the prayers of Cuban and United States Christians, mentioning that more than 200 letters and cards reached Mrs. Caudill on her birthday.

"There was about a week when we could get no word out from Cuba and n word came in, However, there was no shortening of the waves of prayer," he said.

Birmingham Church
Votes Youth Missions

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--In a tentmaker-type program, the First Baptist Church of this Alabama city voted to send some of its young people to California for the summer to help Baptist churches there.

The church would give each young person, up to 10 persons in all, \$50 toward his expenses. The churches where the young people served would contribute to their room and board while in the West, or the young people would find a job and serve the churches in their free time.

This embodies some of the tentmaker and summer college student missionary programs carried on by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board. (A tentmaker works at a job while helping a church develop.)

The young people would conduct community censuses to find prospects for the churches, assist in vacation Bible schools and help establish new missions.

The young people would have to be qualified from standpoint of maturity, experience, dedication and willingness to do mission work. They would be in California for about 10 weeks, returning in late August.

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Vocational Guidance
Program To Be Asked

(5-12-61)

ST. LOUIS (BP)--Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention here were asked to approve a program of vocational guidance assigned to the Convention's Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The request came from the SBC Executive Committee, which recommended several agency programs for the forthcoming SBC Agency Manual.

The program of vocational guidance (the board presently has a church-related vocations counselor) includes research and study in the field of vocational guidance in its relationship to Christian concern and commitments.

It "studies the needs of the churches for pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, youth activities directors, and other trained personnel," according to the recommendation.

The board was asked to work closely with personnel departments of the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards "to assist them as required in their special problems of missionary recruitments. Special care should be taken to see that there is no overlapping or duplicating of services."

The board also was to help seminaries, the SBC Education Commission, and other denominational agencies in recruitment and church-related vocations.

The board was to maintain a Conventionwide information service "for church leaders and other leaders of young people on all phases of vocational choices."

It promoted emphases on vocations throughout the Convention.

It also was asked to provide literature in the field, hold conferences and follow-through in contacts with young people making commitments.

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St. Louis Work Seen
In Slides, Filmstrip

ATLANTA (BP)-- A slide set depicting Southern Baptist work in St. Louis will be available to messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in that city May 22-26.

The set, prepared by the division of education and promotion of the Home Mission Board, includes 12 pictures that present the various types of Baptist work in the city.

The slides will be sold on a share-the-cost basis by the mission board at its booth.

The filmstrip, "Cooperating with National Baptists," which was photographed for the most part in St. Louis, will be sold at the Convention bookstore during the sessions.

How Southern Baptists cooperate with National Baptists, the part such work has had in the denomination's life and the extent of such work is presented in the filmstrip.

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To Last-Minute Folks:
Come On To St. Louis

(5-12-61)

ST. LOUIS (BP)-- "Come on to the Convention."

That's the word from Mack R. Douglas, pastor of the city's Tower Grove Baptist Church and general arrangements chairman for the forthcoming 1961 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He believes there'll be room for those who made last-minute decisions to come. A number of cancellations of reservations has opened space in some hotels, although there are waiting lists to refill some of these.

In addition a number of homes still are available to house Conventiongoers as guests, according to Douglas.

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Baptist Preacher Charges Catholics With Gambling

GROVES, Tex. (BP)--A Baptist pastor here has charged a Catholic priest with staging illegal games of chance at a fund-raising church bazaar.

District Attorney W. G. Walley said the case, filed in a Justice of Peace court, is just about as bizarre--and touchy--as they come.

Walley said there are more Catholics in Groves than there are in many sections of Texas, and somebody is likely to be unhappy regardless of the outcome.

It all started when Charles R. Johnson, pastor of the Wheatley Memorial Baptist Church in Groves, attended a bazaar at the Immaculate Conception Church, an annual affair to raise funds to pay off the church's debts.

B. J. Marino, pastor of the Catholic Church smelled trouble brewing and said he ordered Johnson to leave because he considered him "undesirable and looking for trouble."

Johnson said the Catholic priest told him--and he has witnesses--"You get the hell off my property."

"I didn't say anything at all," Johnson said, "I didn't even file any complaints. District Attorney Walley filed the complaint...at my request."

Johnson said that Marino and his church members were selling lottery tickets, spinning a wheel for silver dollars, and pitching pennies for a payoff..."and that's against the law."

Marino fired back, "we've been running bazaars for 15 years and nobody has complained before."

District Attorney Walley ordered a full investigation of the gambling charges, and said his assistant would make a full report before any decision was made on prosecuting.

If the investigation doesn't show enough evidence to back up the charges, Walley said he would ask Justice of the Peace Mrs. Fannie B. Moye to dismiss the case.

"We will handle this as a routine case just like any other case of this nature--to the best interests of both the people of Groves and the two parties involved," Walley said.

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Folks and facts.....

.....Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., has been secured as baccalaureate speaker May 18 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Adams replaces John F. Soren, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, who is ill. Soren succeeded Adams last summer as Baptist World Alliance president. The seminary has 137 graduates. (BP)

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Mother Of 13 Named
Texas Mother Of Year

DALLAS (BP)--An 86-year-old great-grandmother from Roscoe, Tex., whose 13 children are all active church workers has been named the 1961 "Texas Baptist Mother of the year."

Mrs. T. D. Wiman, wife of a retired farmer in the little west Texas town, was selected to receive the annual award by a special committee of the Baptist Standard, state Baptist newspaper, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The committee said that Mrs. Wiman was picked for the honor "because of her tremendous influence in leading her 13 children and 37 grandchildren to be dedicated Christians."

One of her sons is a preacher. Her other five sons are all deacons in their Baptist churches.

One of her daughters is a Baptist home missionary to the Indians in Clinton, Okla., and two are married to Baptist preachers. The committee said that her other daughters are equally dedicated.

Mrs. Wiman, on learning that she would receive the award, said that she did not really deserve it and added she felt that the honor should go to her sons and daughters "for being such wonderful children."

Mrs. Wiman's children are Ernest and Talmadge, both Roscoe farmers; Harris, a minister and college professor in Kansas City, Kan.; John and T. D. Wiman Jr., who both work for the Snyder, Tex., public schools; Jim of Hereford, Tex., manager of an irrigation pipe company; Mrs. Nora Smith, a Baptist home missionary in Clinton, Okla.; Mrs. Gladys Wade of Penwell, Tex., and Mrs. Pattie Keeth of Aztec, N.M., both preachers' wives; Mrs. Margaret Adams of Terrell, Tex.; Ruth Wiman of Roscoe; Mrs. Mary Davenport of Snyder, Tex.; and Mrs. Miltie Blackshare of Del Rio, Tex.

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Thousands Converted
In Jamaica Crusade

(5-12-61)

DALLAS (BP)--Jamaican Baptists got a look at Southern Baptist evangelism methods when 91 Southern Baptist evangelists led in recent revivals covering the entire island.

Jack Stanton of Dallas, associate in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's evangelism division, said that an incomplete report shows 3,023 conversions.

Stanton led the crusade with the help of the two American members of the evangelism committee of the Jamaica Baptist Union, David E. Mason of Alice, Tex., and J. P. Owens, Nederland, Tex.

Revival services were held in 240 Jamaican Baptist churches. Stanton said the revivals were supplemented by personal work resulting in the conversion of a hotel bellhop and a hitchhiker, and by street services started when an evangelist began talking with a group of boys.

The Jamaican Baptist Union, sponsored by British Baptists until 1842, is an independent body. Albert E. Brown, Union president, says Jamaican Baptists "must baptize at least 5,000 per year, develop leadership among their lay members, and reduce the number of churches in each circuit."

Last year, they gained 1,100 members making their total membership 28,000.

Some Jamaican pastors must serve as many as eight churches and seven missions because of the shortage of pastors and high academic standards. The Union is considering ways to use lay preachers to lighten the load.

Having no outside sources for income, as do most denominations on the island, Jamaican Baptists have had to forfeit some of their parochial schools, dropping from first to second place in parochial schooling, according to N. J.

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Westmoreland of Wichita Falls, Kan. Westmoreland, who served as one of the evangelists, is executive secretary of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

"They are making plans to utilize evangelism ideas that appear of value to them," said Westmoreland, "to add adult classes to some of their Sunday Schools, and to develop leaders in the churches for enlargement and stewardship."

Stanton said plans are being made for conducting nation-wide conferences, association clinics, and Baptist Jubilee Revivals in Jamaica with R. S. Muir, Jamaican evangelist, leading. The Home Mission Board evangelism division will assist.

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William Cooke Boone
Announces Retirement

(5-12-61)

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. (BP)--W. C. Boone, general secretary of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky since 1946, announced his retirement here. It will be effective Sept. 30, although the board will retain Boone in an advisory capacity through Dec. 31.

The general board also voted to express appreciation to the retiring secretary with a gift of \$5,000, which will not come from Cooperative Program funds. Churches in the state will have an opportunity to contribute, it was reported.

Boone's great-great-grandfather was Samuel Boone, brother to pioneer Daniel Boone and to Squire Boone Jr. Squire Boone was the first Baptist preacher in Kentucky.

Every generation of this family since 1769 has produced at least one Baptist preacher, William Cooke Boone being the last of this long line. However, one of Boone's daughters, Mrs. Warner E. (Ruth) Fusselle, Gainesville, Ga., is wife of a Southern Baptist minister.

The retiring general secretary and Mrs. Boone plan to make their future home at Jackson, Tenn., one of several cities where Boone once was a pastor. Other pastorates were in Hernando, Miss.; Marianna, Ark.; Owensboro, Ky.; Roanoke, Va., and Louisville.

Boone is a former president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He's a native of Bowling Green, Ky.

He would have reached mandatory retirement age in February, 1962, but wished to retire earlier so the board could find a successor for the start of the next General Association year beginning Nov. 1, 1961.

A seven-member committee headed by A. W. Walker, Louisville minister, will seek a successor, calling the board together when ready to report.

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Mississippi Baptists
Willed Nearly \$100,000

(5-12-61)

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--Mississippi Baptist organizations have received nearly \$100,000 from the estate of the late Rex. F. Reed, Tupelo, Miss., Baptist layman who died in January of 1960.

The Mississippi Baptist Children's Village in Jackson, and Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., received \$32,958 each. Calvary Baptist and Harrisburg Baptist Churches, both in Tupelo, were willed \$23,070 and \$9,887 respectively.

Reed, a church, industrial and civic leader in Tupelo, had been a member of Calvary Baptist Church, a trustee of Blue Mountain College, and the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

The gifts were remitted by Mrs. Nellie Goggan Reed, his widow and executor of the estate.

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ABC TV Show To Feature
Southern Baptist Drama

NEW YORK (BP)--The American Broadcasting Co.'s new weekly television program on religion, "Directions 61," will feature the Southern Baptist Convention on Sunday, May 21.

The 30-minute program will televise a drama entitled "Battleground," produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio-TV Commission said that the story involves a college boy's attempt to evade his educational responsibilities and the resulting conflict with his parents. The boy later finds meaning to life and achieves a new attitude of responsibility to himself, his family and society, Stevens said.

The program marks the first time that the American Broadcasting Co. has asked Southern Baptists to provide material for the network's programs.

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Counseling Meeting
Set For September

(5-12-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Dates for the 1961 Southern Baptist Counseling Guidance Conference to be held here have been set Sept. 25-27.

Theme of the meeting is "New Testament Doctrine of Ministries." It will emphasize a Christian interpretation of vocations for all Christians. It will seek to interpret the meaning of Christian Commitment in vocation, whatever the individual vocational pursuit.

J. Lyn Elder, professor of pastoral care at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., will be principal speaker for the conference. Ed Thornton, supporting speaker from the Houston, Tex., Institute of Religion, will give case studies of individuals who have confronted their vocational activities from the standpoint of Christian commitment.

The conference is jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission, Home Mission and Sunday School Boards; the six Southern Baptist seminaries, and the Christian Life and Education Commissions.

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Seminary Promotes Two,
Adds Two On Faculty

(5-12-61)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has added two faculty members and granted promotions to two other professors.

Malcom O. Tolbert and A. Ray Baker are the new faculty members. R. E. Glaze, Jr., and Wallace C. McKenzie have received promotions, all effective August 1.

Tolbert, missionary to Brazil since 1952, was named assistant professor of missions at the New Orleans school of theology. A graduate of Louisiana (Baptist) College, Pineville, Tolbert holds the bachelor of divinity degree from the New Orleans Seminary and is currently working toward the doctor of theology degree.

Baker will serve as associate professor of voice and conducting in the seminary's school of church music. A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Baker is currently working toward the doctor of church music at Southern Seminary and serving as professor of voice, conducting and church music administration at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

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Glaze was promoted from associate to full professor of New Testament and Greek, and McKenzie was promoted from associate to full professor of music theory and composition. Both have been members of the New Orleans faculty since 1956.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....Miss Helen Bynum Osborne, acting chairman of the department of health and physical education at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Tex., for the past three years, has been named assistant professor of health and physical education at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex. She holds the bachelor of arts degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Tex., a master's degree from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Tex., and the director's degree in health and safety from Indiana University. (BP)

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C O R R E C T I O N

EDITORS: Please correct an error in the figures reported in the story, "Why The Scout Liaison Proposal Is Recommended," page 4, May 31 mailing from the Nashville (BP) office. Graph 7, line 2 should read as follows:

are 3,000 Scout troops (with 20,000--40,000 boys) sponsored by local Baptist churches.

Thanks, Baptist Press.

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Baylor Gets Gift, Loan,
Trusts Totaling Millions

(5-12-61)

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University here has received a gift of \$100,000 and a loan of \$1 million from a San Antonio, Tex., woman, and will receive between \$80,000 and \$100,000 a year from a vast trust set up by another San Antonio couples' wills.

The gift and loan came from Mrs. Marrs McLean to complete the financing of a new physical science building at Baylor. Architects' plans have already been completed for the proposed \$2 million structure.

Baylor will receive nearly 40 per cent of the net income from operation of the Louise L. Morrison Trust, which includes a one-half interest in the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio plus more than a million dollars in stocks, bonds and cash.

Since 1948, Baylor has been receiving about 25 per cent of the income from a trust set up by the late R. W. Morrison, who owned the other half-interest in the hotel.

Funds from both Morrison bequests will be used, said Baylor President Abner McCall, to pay off a \$500,000 loan for construction four years ago of the Baylor School of Law Building. The building is named Morrison Constitution Hall.

President McCall said that Baylor has received between \$35,000 and \$40,000 annually from the R. W. Morrison Trust since the final settlement of the estate after Morrison's death.

Most of the income from the combined trusts will come from the operation of the stately St. Anthony Hotel, said McCall.

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McCall said that both the Morrison bequests and the McLean gifts and loans came largely through the influence of D. K. Martin, a close personal friend of both the Morrisons and the McLeans.

Construction on the new Marrs McLean Science Building will begin as soon as the site can be obtained, probably during the first part of 1962, McCall said.

The science building will be constructed on land just east of the present Baylor campus which the Baylor-Waco Foundation plans to purchase from the Urban Renewal Commission after the area is cleared. The building will house the departments of chemistry and physics. The present science building was built in 1903.

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First Wayland Graduate
Guest At Commencement

(5-12-61)

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP)--Wayland Baptist College's first graduate, Elmer H. Childress of Stamford, Tex., will be guest of honor at Wayland's 50th commencement ceremonies May 21-22.

It will be a nostalgic occasion for Childress, the first and only graduate in the class of 1911.

He has requested that the teacher who sat beside him in the 1911 ceremonies again sit with him in 1961. She is Mrs. Ellie Carter of Plainview, Wayland's first English instructor.

Snydor L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., will deliver the commencement address.

William M. Turner, superintendent of missions for the Lubbock, Tex., Baptist Association, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the First Baptist Church in Plainview.

Seventy-nine students, compared to the one graduate 50 years ago, will receive degrees from the Baptist college.

Portraits of two Wayland presidents, including the college's first administrative head--I. E. Gates, and the fourth president, E. B. Atwood, will be presented to the university during the commencement program. A. Hope Owen is now president at Wayland.

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Vast Texas Crusade
Yields 710 Conversions

(5-12-61)

HARLINGEN, Tex. (BP)--A three-stage evangelistic crusade by Texas Baptists in the Lower Rio Grande Baptist Association has resulted in 710 professions of faith in Christ.

First of its type ever attempted in Texas, the crusade began with week-long revival meetings in 26 churches and missions of the association. A week of regional crusades followed, climaxed by a central revival in the Harlingen City Auditorium. An average of 1,000 people a night attended the meeting, directed by state evangelism associate Rudy Hernandez.

"The greatest contribution," said Hernandez, "was not the 710 professions of faith, but the channels opened for future growth of Baptist work in the region and the interest in reaching Latin American people for Christ that was generated among Anglo people."

One Anglo man said, "I have never had it so good since my employee became a Christian. He doesn't get drunk anymore."

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Among the stories of devotion to Christ coming out of the meeting was that of a mother and her children who had been told by the father that he would "beat them up" if they accepted Christ.

During one of the services they decided, "if we all go forward, surely he won't whip us all." In a group they came to profess Christ as personal Saviour, Hernandez said.

Plans are being formulated for a city-wide crusade in Brownsville next year and for up to three area crusades across the state similar to the one in the Rio Grande Valley, Hernandez said.

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Radio-TV Commission
To Record Convention

(5-12-61)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Tape recordings of the entire Southern Baptist Convention and related conferences are being made available as a service of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, an annual service offered by the Commission.

A "Convention Special" offer of five two-hour dual-track tapes will be available for \$12 postage paid, said Paul M. Stevens director of the Commission.

The ten-hour package will contain highlights from the Woman's Missionary Union Convention, the Pastors' Conference, and the four-day Convention.

In addition, custom-prepared tapes of specific messages or meetings will be available at the regular rate of \$5 an hour or \$7 for two hours, said Stevens.

For further information, or to place an order for Convention recordings, write "Tape Recordings," P.O. Box 12157, Fort Worth 16, Tex.

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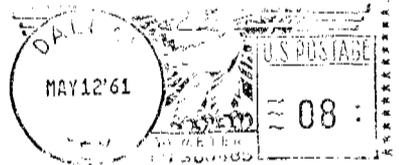
Folks and facts.....

.....Calvin Huckabay, 32, former head of the English department at Louisiana (Baptist) College, Pineville, La., and now associate professor of English at Mississippi State University, has been named head of the English department at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. A graduate of Louisiana College, Huckabay received his master of arts degree from Tulane University, and the doctor of philosophy from Louisiana State University. He will assume his new duties at Hardin-Simmons late this summer. (BP)

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