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The President's Address to the Membership

The Fall event went well. This was due to the efforts of many dedicated people. Special thanks should go to Ken Boice and his wife, Mike Moss, Mike Gonzales, Phil Schreier, and individual unit commanders for their cooperation and controlling their units.

I would like to personally thank the AEF for their unsung task of manning the registration tent and the monotony and cold that went with it.

A demographic study was performed by Mike Moss to determine our membership's geographic centerpoint. According to the results of this study, our centerpoint is Troy, West Virginia. Our new site committee will consider all feasible sites within a 2 hour's drive (120 miles) from this centerpoint. Phil Schreier has put together a map illustrating this area which will appear elsewhere in this publication.

A general meeting was held on Saturday night at Beaver County. Unfortunately, I arrived late due to a communications glitch. The minutes of that meeting were collected by Phil Schreier. From what I gleaned from a synopsis of what I had missed, as well as from briefings from other GWA officers, it seems there are a lot of misconceptions concerning GWA

business, administration and, in particular, performance or perceived lack of it by some members. I will now list in chronological order exactly what has been done since the last April event.

April

- Following up on our continued incorporation within the State of New Jersey. Establishment of a new Corporate representative residing in that state as well as payment of back fees to 1986. (these were subsequently refunded to us as they had been paid. A clerical error had occurred in the state department. The payment did not appear in our records.)

- The establishment and maintenance of order and corporate structure. The discouragement of "wild cards" in the absence of the written constitution.

- Initially meeting with the Lee's concerning three possible options for continued use of property; meeting with unit commanders at event; decision to lease property. Once found, the transcription of the rough notes for the constitution into a usable, legible piece of paper (thank you Bill Combs) and the duty of sending it to unit commanders (thank you Werner).

- Drafted and sent a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Lee informing them of

our decision to accept their proposal of entering into a lease agreement.

May

- Phone call from Ken Lee, Jr. concerning Mr. Lee's stroke and the fact that we needed to get liability insurance on the property year round and include his parents as additional insured. He also stated that the lease proposal was our idea and that his parents preferred that we purchase the site.

Confer with Mike Moss on this problem. The only way to get the type of insurance that Ken Lee, Jr. wanted was to get a lease agreement first.

Ken Lee, Jr. states no one is to contact his parents as he is acting as their agent... etc. and that he wishes to negotiate with only one person. I ask Mike Moss to do this on my behalf due to his years of related experience. Any decisions ultimately being my responsibility and with me being briefed at every turn.

June-September

- First lease agreement faxed to my attention even more ridiculous than the one which will arrive later on. Stalemate in negotiations and I proceed to concentrate on preserving our "corporate veil" due to impending sense this man will sue us. Lawyer and accountant

contacted and proceed to follow their advice. Accountant begins work on our Certificate of Authority to do business in Pennsylvania as a foreign, non-profit organization. A key item in reinforcing our corporate veil suggested by both Lawyer and Accountant.

- Final lease proposal received — problems remain which prevent me from signing this. These problems are: 1) environmental concerns; 2) no real term (time/use) guarantee; 3) opening of liability to many legal and financial problems that we were not liable to before.

At this time, I begin search for new, interim site utilizing the help of Mike Moss and Ken Boice. Also begin to look at best way for us to get out of Shimpstown with the least amount of possible litigation or problems.

- Lawyer reviews my letter to K.L. Jr. not accepting lease agreement and writes corporate resolution designed to prevent any problems arising from hot heads or wild cards removing wood on property or filling in bunkers.

- Site found and decided upon at Beaver County. Maps and directions PREMATURELY are sent to AEF commander and German Overall Combat Commander prior to corporate resolution being sent OFFICIALLY separating us from the Shimpstown site. In effort to make best of situation, maps sent to all unit commanders with message that more is to follow. There was a definite legal problem with the maps and directions being sent out early. We are no longer a small group of guys who get together when the mood strikes us to reenact. In the interest of safety and liability protection, we agreed to become a NON-PROFIT CORPORATION. Therefore, we must act like one!!! In the past we could afford to spread

certain information as soon as it arose. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case as we must first consider many factors affecting our corporate status. In this instance, the GWA, Inc. had not yet OFFICIALLY broken off with the Lees concerning Shimpstown. We need to act like a corporation to be TREATED like one and enjoy the protection of the corporate veil. The corporate resolution, as well as the letter to Ken Lee, Jr., needed to go out before the maps and directions. The implications of Ken Lee, Jr. finding out about our new site choice prior to getting our reply to his lease proposal should be obvious to everyone. I am not being paranoid — in talking with GWA members who spoke with Mrs. Lee, Sr. while visiting the site, it is apparent that a security leak does indeed exist. Mrs. Lee was aware of things going on that not even the general membership should have known at the time. Enough said.

- Awaiting quotes on liability insurance for the interim site with landowner as additional insured.

- GWA, Inc. enters into three-day lease with William Hinzman. K.L., Jr. furious at our refusal. We mention that we will send him a real lease proposal, and this idea is later shot down at the event by the membership.

October-November

- Mailing worked on mainly by myself with help of two part time non- GWA members. Non-GWA member works on updated mailing list and labels. Time considerations outweigh waiting three weeks for volunteer labor.

- Mailing sent to all GWA members includes main gist as to what is going on with GWA and Lees, courtesy map and directions.

- Insurance agent told which type of insurance we want will send binder.

- One week from event and no binder is sent. He is called and said would Fed Ex to me.

- Four days before the event still nothing. Tell Ken Boice to call Mike Moss re: agent faxing copies to Mike to be faxed to Ken so that Mr.Hinzman can have a copy before the event.

(I could go into even smaller details concerning all the phone calls I made or received in this period covering GWA business or on how so much of my time —both free and not so free— has been devoted to the GWA, Inc. up to the point that it has effected even my schoolwork and job—but this letter is concerned with a bare bones description of what has been done since the elections and is neither apologetic nor seeking sympathy. I simply want those of you complaining and acting like small children who lost control of a snow fort to realize what has been going on. Anyone who still feels that I, or anyone else, has been negligent in their duties can feel free to call me at 215-722-3680 or any other officer and discuss it with us - something that should have been done before engaging in highly emotional diatribes or acts. Enough said!!!)

- As of this point we have sent in the forms for our Certificate of Authority to do business in Pennsylvania as a foreign (out-of-state), non-profit organization. We are also looking into other liability insurance options such as NRA affiliation. Currently the lawyer is in the process of making the cleanest break with the Lees as possible, which may as many of you are aware, have to include some, if not all of, our treasury in order to receive a release from litigation.

Our options are as follows: 1) clean up the site entirely and receive a liability release from the Lees. This will cost about \$15,000

to \$20,000, plus it opens us to possible environmental concerns; 2) walk away and be sued by the Lees, possibly as individuals, which will be a pretty penny as well as a long dragged out affair; or 3) pay them a negotiated amount and receive a release from liability as well as future litigation and walk away hassle free—a clean break.

Everyone unanimously agreed to walk away and have no further arrangements at Shimpstown. However, it is not that easy. Our legal advice is to take option three and walk away clean, and that's the way I'll go if pressed.

It is therefore imperative that we get an active participation from people on the new site committee as well as people seriously committing to annual dues as discussed.

Your unit commanders should have heard from your respective representatives and Werner Gruhl, by this time concerning your wishes as to whether or not the Spring event will be at Ft. Pickett's Combat Village or again at the Beaver County site. There are pros and cons to both sites. The final decision, based on results received prior to the deadline of January 30th, is that the event will be at Ft. Pickett, VA. The scenario will be a late war event to accommodate the yanks and terrain. Unit commanders must get in touch with your representatives in order to let them know if you plan to sleep in barracks or in the combat village (fires will be allowed in 50 gallon drums).

This organization is almost done with some major growing pains. A very bright future is on our horizon. Lets get through this period together trying to avoid the petty nonsense and partisan politics and work towards an intelligent acquisition of a new home, or at least a short term temporary one.

Following is a written proposal of amendments to the constitution

as suggested by our lawyer. What I require is at least 50 names from those who agree with the changes and then we will vote on these at the April event, if 2/3rds of those present agree to do so. If not these will be voted on at the next November event.

- 1) Amendment to the constitution to include an indemnity clause for GWA elected officials.
- 2) Amendment to the constitution allowing resolutions to be made via telephone by GWA officials due to geographic necessity.
- 3) Amendment to allow voting on amendments at both the Fall and Spring events.
- 4) Amendment to change name of "The Constitution" to "Corporate Bylaws" or any other recommended name for legal and corporate reasons.

If I could only be proud of accomplishing just one thing while serving in this office I hope it will be that I was able to take a shaky, unorganized mess and develop it into a well organized organization that moved forward twice as strong then when it started.

Gentlemen, thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you at Fort Pickett.

-Lee A. Benjamin
President, GWA, Inc.



Editor's Corner

Welcome to another edition of *On The Wire!* I hope Old Man Winter has been kind to you, But rejoice! Spring is just around the corner.

Unfortunately, I missed the Fall event due to Reserve obligations, but I assure you the GWA is still

near and dear to my heart.

It has come to my attention that there has been some grumbling and complaining about the newsletter, so I want to take this opportunity to set the record straight.

On The Wire! was first published in the Fall of 1990. It is published semi-annually. By the Spring 1992 issue, it had become clear to me that the GWA mailing list was a shambles. Stacks of returned newsletters were mute testimony to the money that was being wasted while waiting for the mailing list to be updated. Therefore, multiple copies of the Spring 1992 issue were sent to the Unit Commanders, with a cover letter, requesting that they distribute same to their membership. If you did not receive the Spring 1992 issue, question your Unit Commander!

As for Fall 1992, I was specifically directed not to publish until the pertinent data (contained in THIS issue) was available. The "info-letter" which you received in the Fall, should have been in YOUR newsletter!! More careful coordination has been promised to your Editor, and in the future, all important information will be channeled to you through *On The Wire!*, even if it requires a SPECIAL EDITION! I hope this has cleared up some of the misconceptions about the newsletter.

I would like to welcome Jeff Fontana to the staff of *On The Wire!* Jeff joins us as the new Production Manager. Jeff brings with him much experience and his help is greatly appreciated to keep *On The Wire!* the voice of YOU, the membership, of the Great War Association!

- Tim Everhart
Editor "On the Wire!"

Great War Association Treasurer's Semi-Annual Financial Report

(1) An accounting of income and expenditures from the GWA treasury between 4/21/92 and 11/30/92 follows:

Additions:

Registration fees- Fall 1992 Event	\$ 3,090.00
Registration fees- Summer Field Day	145.00
Reimbursement (unspent funds)	21.99
Donation to the treasury	+ 1.00
	<u>\$ 3,257.99</u>

Expenses:

Donation-Enon Valley VFD (for services)\$	200.00
Toilet rental/Spring Event	381.00
Toilet rental/Fall Event	286.20
Trash pick-up/Spring Event	151.55
Trash pick-up/Fall Event	200.00
Land rental(Beaver Falls)	1,030.00
Mowing/site maint.(\$25.00 X 8hrs.)	200.00
Liability Insurance Fall Event	719.50
Cord of firewood (for use @ Fall event)	90.00
Reimbursement-GWA business calls	356.08
Purchase of canvas tarp (for registration)	191.60
Computer services for GWA directory set-up	93.00
Printing/Envelopes Fall info-letter	161.61
Postage for Fall info-letter	278.70
Engineer tape (for parking partitions)	10.02
Misc admin expenses (printing)	43.64
Misc admin expenses (postage)	81.87
Misc admin expenses (clerical)	70.00
	<u>\$4,545.37</u>

Beginning Balance (4/21/92)	\$10,354.97
Additions	<u>+\$ 3,257.99</u>
(subtotal)	\$13,612.96
Expenses	<u>-\$ 4,545.37</u>
Current Balance (11/30/92)	\$ 9,067.59

(2) Total registration for the Fall event was 206 individuals. The registration fee for this event was increased to \$15.00 to help cover the cost of property rental (\$5.00 per person).

(3) The large number of expenses during this reporting period were the result of three factors. First, there were several unpaid expenses left over from the Spring event. Second, coordinating the GWA's departure from Shimpstown quadrupled our normal administrative costs. Third, there were a number of expenditures unique to the Beaver Falls combat site (i.e., land rental/insurance/gravel for the roadway/mowing/firewood).

(4) Outstanding debts include:

- gravel for roadway/ Fall event (\$ 90.00)
- business certification from the State of Pennsylvania (\$180.00)

(5) Please Note! Purchasing items/materials for use by the Great War Association doesn't automatically mean that individuals will be reimbursed their expenses. All expenditures must be approved by either the GWA President, Vice president or Treasurer.

(6) The GWA has not yet purchased a fully stocked first aid kit, but will do so by the Spring (1993) event. This is intended to supplement the personal kits currently being provided by our medically qualified GWA members.

(7) The GWA treasurer's ledger will be available for inspection at every GWA sponsored event. All members are welcome to review our financial records. GWA monies are currently on deposit with the BancOhio National Bank of Columbus, Ohio.

(8) Should any GWA member have questions concerning Association finances, I can be reached at (614) 427-3544.

— Timothy E. Goodwin
Treasurer
Great War Association

MINUTES OF THE EVENT MEETING 7TH NOVEMBER 1992

A meeting of the general membership of the Great War Association (GWA) was held after the end of fighting on Saturday 7th November 1992. A vast majority of those in attendance at the event were present at the meeting. Mike Moss kindly informed the group of the chain of events that brought us to the point where the Shimpstown site was no longer open for our use. Mike was able to clear up a lot of questions and put to rest a great many rumors that had been going around. He also told us about the research that he had done on finding the center of the GWA membership.

Spirited discussion was entertained on a variety of subjects which resulted in the recording of five votes.

1) The membership recommends that we cease all ties and responsibility to the former site at Shimpstown. Further negotiations for the use of the former site are not recommended.

2) Based on Mike Moss's study of GWA demographics, the membership recommends that the site committee look in to acquiring a site for our use within 2 hrs (120 miles) of Troy, West Virginia. (See attached map)

3) The membership recommends that we explore the possibility of using the combat village site for the Spring event, 1993.

4) All members of the GWA, by recommendation of the membership, should begin paying annual dues to the GWA of \$20.00 in addition to the standard event fees that have been traditional.

5) In an effort to provide comprehensive insurance coverage for all members and non-members of the GWA, the membership

recommends that the GWA evaluate the benefits of becoming an affiliated club of the National Rifle Association of America.

As an officer of the GWA, I submit the recommendations of the membership to you for consideration. Additionally, I formally wish to make it known that I personally support all the recommendations made by the membership and urge you to convene a meeting of the officers of the GWA and unit commanders to discuss and consider these recommendations for adoption.

To explain some of the decisions:

1) The membership is quite distressed about the loss of the site at Shimpstown. However we all agree that we have outgrown the old site and need to move on. We had decided upon that course of action after the Spring, 1992 event. We just felt that we would have a little time to find a new home and clean up the old one before we moved on. The current position of Ken Lee Jr. on a number of issues prevents us from even entertaining the thought of signing a lease with him.

We all feel a sense of gratefulness to Mr. & Mrs. Lee for the kindness that they have shown us over the last dozen years, but current events prevent us from being able to return the favor by cleaning up the site and making a clean and polite break because of the additional legal problems that we would incur as a result. It was thought to be in the best interest of the GWA if we find a new site to lease or buy and go to temporary sites until we have settled on a new permanent site.

2) In an effort to get the wheels turning on the selection of a new

site, the membership agreed that a new site should be convenient to the majority of the association. To this end, Mike Moss has done a splendid job of locating the geographical center of the GWA and has determined that to be Troy, West Virginia. We agreed that we should look in to selecting a site that falls within a 2 hour drive of Troy. (120 miles) I have attached a map that outlines the area to be considered.

3) The GWA still needs a place to play until a new site is selected. The Beaver County site was a fine selection for the Fall event. Ken Boyce is to be highly commended for the efforts he extended on behalf of the Association to make the fall event happen. Ken really did a fine job and, without his help, I am convinced that the event would never have happened. However, the event cost us a great deal of money and did nothing to bolster the financial situation of our treasury. It is clear that continued use of the Beaver County site will result in the following; continued depletion of GWA funds, disenchantment with the "same old - same old" scenario at a site we can't improve on, and growing resentment from large parts of the membership as response to the location of the site.

Until we get a site that is ours to improve upon and call our own, we might best serve the membership by giving them a good deal of variety in the events that we hold until that time arrives. If we decide to hold boring events at a site that is just ok, we can expect to lose a great many of the membership until something permanent is found. However, if we are able to move about and offer something new and untried at

every event between now and when we have our own place, then we will retain a large amount of the membership and therefore we retain the buying power that we amass from dues and event fees. Only with a strong treasury can we ever expect to realize our ambitions for a new site. We need to keep the membership interested and active. By utilizing various military posts we can save even more money as a number of our expense can be cut by the facilities available to us at the military post. (i.e. no charge for trash removal, port-a-johns, etc...)

4) \$20.00 was recommended as an annual dues for members of the GWA, in addition to even fees that may be charged. Self explanatory. See #3 above. We need money to survive this crisis.

5) Insurance is a reality that we all need to wake up to and try to understand. We should not even contemplate holding events unless we are fully covered. By fully covered I mean we need to be protected from lawsuits from members, non-members and landowners. The best deal in town is by becoming an NRA (National Rifle Association) affiliated club. We can get blanket coverage for under \$1,000.00 a year. (\$7.00 a member) We don't all have to be NRA members to get this benefit, but I don't know how someone could be in this hobby and not feel a need to protect our rights as gun owners by joining the NRA. If anyone has a problem with the NRA, I challenge them to have the courage to explain their position to me. A great number of people are reluctant to join for a number of reasons. I just would like to have the opportunity to hear their side of the argument and try to see if there isn't some kind of misunderstanding. This will have a larger effect on the future of our hobby than anything else that is

likely to come our way for consideration.

Well, there you have it, my belated report and personal opinion on things as I see them. Please give me a call or try to contact me in some form to let me know what you think. It is imperative that we react to these recommendations ASAP and get the word out to the membership even faster.

Best wishes for the New Year.

- E. Philip Schreier III
Allied Combat Commander



Botschaft von der Kommandant

(Central Powers Combat
Commander's Message)

Kameradin, I

would like to take this opportunity, as we put 1992 behind us, to reflect on this past year of Great War reenacting.

The one item we will all remember about '92 is the loss of the trench system. Of course, we all bemoan this loss because of the money which units and individuals had sunk into it. But on a higher plane, we all had become emotionally attached to the site because it was there that many of us were first steeped in the Great War. It was within those trenches, those bunkers, on those parapets, across those ramparts, that friendships were forged, intimacies exchanged, and undeniably, deep within each of us, a secret feeling that there we faced danger, put our lives on the line, and shared that which only men who together have faced the keen edge, have shared.

As November '92 approached, I feared the fall event, for I knew that our first event after the loss would be a test of our resolve to keep our hobby alive in the face of tyrannical lawyers, staggering expense, depression, and infectious

bad attitude.

Thankfully, my fears were unfounded. You turned out in force! And those of you who, for whatever reason, missed the event, really missed out.

This was my second event as Central Powers combat commander. I want to thank, not just each unit commander, but each of you! In my 14 years of reenacting, I have not seen a more dedicated group. It is this dedication which sets Great War reenacting apart from the others— not the uniforms or the weapons, but individual determination to capture the spirit of the times in its most endearing minutiae.

As we enter 1993, I am aware that many challenges face the GWA. TOGETHER we can overcome them all! I think we should have two objectives in '93. A new site, and perhaps more importantly, SAFETY! Let each of us stop and consider this paramount concern in all its aspects of our hobby— every time we pull the trigger, hand to hand fight, and manufacture and use pyrotechnics. Please!

As I set these words to paper, it is Christmas Eve. I cannot help but reflect on Christmases past: 1914 thru 1918. And though there is precious little peace on earth this year, things have been and could be worse.

I remember the Christmas's I spent under arms, in distant places, long forsaken, with stifling heat, and bone crunching cold, facing the keen edge. Tonight, as I climb into my warm, clean, soft, safe bed, I know what I'll be thankful for.

My best to you all for the New Year!

-Mike Gonzales
Central Powers
Combat Commander

GWA OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections for GWA officers will be held at the November 1993 event. Nominations will be made at the Spring 1993 event for the following offices:

Current Office Holders

President

Lee Benjamin

Vice President and Secretary

Werner Gruhl

Treasurer

Tim Goodwin

Allied Representative

Charles Nohai

Cen.Pwrs. Representative

Jim Michaud

Allied Combat Commander

(Captain) Phil Schreier

Cen.Pwrs. Combat Commander

(Hauptmann) Mike Gonzales

The GWA Constitution limits all office holders to two consecutive two year terms except for the Combat Commanders who have no term limits. All current officers will completing their first two year term and so all are eligible for renomination and reelection.

Nominations for all above offices will be accepted at the April 1993 GWA Event. In order to be on the final ballot for the elections at the GWA November 1993 Event, all nominations to include those for returning any of the incumbent must be made at the April event.

I believe all capable individuals who are interested should have a chance to contribute as administrative officers or combat commanders. Therefore GWA members should feel under no obligation to always renominate or reelect incumbents. If all capable individuals who would like to be in one of these capacities are to have a chance, it will probably mean all incumbent including the combat commanders should be replaced at least every two (two year) terms or less. However the overriding consideration should be the potential of the individual, or the proven record of the incumbent, to effectively manage or administer GWA affairs or lead in the field.

-Werner Gruhl

Vice-President, GWA



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GWA SPRING '93 EVENT INFO

Here is the latest news on the GWA Spring '93 event. The event will be held at Ft. Pickett, VA. April 16 - 18, 1993 in the 17 building combat village site. Due to the nature of this event being held on a military post and in a combat city, there are a number of things you must know, before you get to the event. Please read each and every point and mail your registration in on time. We are guaranteed to have a block buster turnout and a great deal of fun as well. Please cooperate by following these guidelines:

- * GWA annual membership dues are now \$20.00 per year as voted upon at the Fall '92 meeting. To attend this event you must be a current, paid member of the GWA.

- * The event is by pre-registration only! You must sign the attached waiver and send your \$15.00 event fee in before March 30th. Last minute walk-ins will be accepted at an increased fee and will not be able to sleep in the barracks or use the mess hall. It is import for our planning and to be in compliance with the Post Commanders request that we know how many men will be there before April 1.

- * You will have a choice of keeping up with an active (24 hour) scenario in the village itself or retreating to barracks. Most people polled have indicated that they would prefer to fight and sleep in the village and just use the barracks for showers etc... We need to know what you want to do so we can have the proper number of bunks available in the barracks. If you wish to use the barracks you MUST bring your own sheets and bedding. in other words you must use

something between you and the mattress.

- * The kind chefs of the US Signals Corps have consented to provide us with meals for the course of the weekend. These will be served in the post mess hall and will consist of: dinner Friday night, three meals Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. The cost is \$30.00 for the 5 meals. Check the appropriate box on the registration form and send in your meal money along with your registration.

- * It is requested that you not enter the post before 11:00 am on Friday April 16th. After 11:00 Friday you may proceed to the barracks registration site as indicated on the attached map.

- * We must leave the place cleaner than we found it. We will cut off the fight at 10:00 am on Sunday. Please, if you can help it, stay behind to assist in the clean up effort. We will need the help of every GWA member to assist in the clean up process, brass, grenades, mortars etc... If you have any brooms and/or dust pans, please bring the along. (The bigger the better) If everyone pitches in we can have the entire place clean in 60 minutes! There will be some form of compensation offered to those who remain behind to help clean up. (i.e. beer bash, etc...) Your cooperation on this point is appreciated.

- * The buildings have shuttered windows which are spring closed. If you have some kind of light source, i.e. candles, kerosene, or even light sticks, please bring them to illuminate the stairwells and cellars.

- * The post airfield is available for vintage aircraft to fly-in. We are currently working on getting them to come to the event. If you know any flyers, let them know about the event.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, 16 April

11:00am Ft. Pickett opens to GWA
Registration & Flea Markets also open
4:00pm Unit leader walk through of MOUT site

Saturday, 17 April

8:30am Safety Meeting and Election Nominations
9:00am Early War scenario begins
12:00pm End of Early War scenario and lunch break
1:00pm Start of 1918 scenario

Sunday, 18 April

8:30am GWA BOD & Unit Commander meeting
10:00am Cease Fire & Clean up

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to call me @ (703)329-6354 in the evenings. Your cooperation and continued interest in this hobby is greatly appreciated.

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