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THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF LAFAYETTE

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MISSION

The American Friends of Lafayette is an historical and patriotic society dedicated to the memory of Major General Gilbert Motier, Marquis de Lafayette and to the study of his life and times in America and France.

HISTORY

The Society was founded by Stuart Wells Jackson, a leading Lafayette collector, who enlisted the valuable support of Judge Walter P. Gardner, also a possessor of an important Lafayette collection. With eleven other enthusiastic admirers of General the Marquis de Lafayette, they formed The American Friends of Lafayette on May 20, 1932 at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. This distinguished institution is the depository of The American Friends of Lafayette historical documents and memorabilia. It consists of more than 2,000 catalogued items—books, pamphlets, articles, manuscripts, engravings, prints, and scores of other memorabilia.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings,

On behalf of the American Friends of Lafayette, I thank you for your support of our Bicentennial Farewell Tour celebration. The AFL, founded in 1932, has as its principal purpose educating the public about the life and career of Lafayette; emphasizing his critically supportive role in the American Revolution; his human rights advocacy, including a 50-year career in the anti-slavery camp; and his centrality as a symbol of Franco-American friendship from 1777 to today.

The Bicentennial is a unique opportunity to educate the public about Lafayette's significance as well as the importance of the Farewell Tour itself. One contemporary statesman, Edward Everett, called it "an event, taken in all its parts, unparalleled in the history of man." Yet, today, Americans are, by and large, unaware of it.

We hope to increase awareness of the Farewell Tour, and Lafayette's life and legacy, by conducting commemorative events in the 24 states that Lafayette visited in 1824 and 1825. The AFL is producing eight virtual travelogues recounting Lafayette's visits to four of these states: Virginia, North Carolina, New Hampshire, and New York.

Today, we are launching the New York City Farewell Tour travelogue. We hope that it and the other travelogues will bring to life the pageantry of the Farewell Tour, when millions of Americans came to see the "Nation's Guest."

Another highlight of our Bicentennial educational events will be an all-day symposium (in-person and live-streamed) hosted by Fairfield University on September 7, 2024. We are very grateful to Fairfield's President, Dr. Mark Nemeec, Dr. Philip Eliasoph, and their fantastic staff for helping the AFL produce this nationally important educational conference.

With your help, we will make the Bicentennial of Lafayette's return to America, kicking off in August 2024, a blockbuster event that re-captures the nation's attention just as Lafayette did in 1824!

Best regards,

Alan R. Hoffman

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President, American Friends of Lafayette





AFL PROJECTS

- **Annual Meeting** – Held in June at a site associated with Lafayette. Scholarly presentations, tours of nearby places of interest, and a banquet with a speaker.
- **Yorktown Day** – The AFL is one of 13 associations that sponsor the Yorktown Celebration on October 19 each year, commemorating the Allied American and French troops' victory over British General Cornwallis on October 19, 1781. The AFL will be the lead sponsor in 2024.
- **Lafayette Day, VA** – Annual celebration of Lafayette on March 14 in the rotunda of the State Capitol in front of the magnificent Houdon statue of Washington and surrounded by the Houdon bust of Lafayette and the busts of the US Presidents born in Virginia.
- Erected statues of Lafayette (2018) and Rochambeau (2021) in Yorktown.
- Published Gazette of the AFL annually since February 1942.
- Delivered speeches, round tables, and gatherings around the country to teach about our Franco-American Friendship.
- Provided inspiration and initial support for the Lafayette Trail.
- Established an archive of more than 2,000 cataloged items – books, pamphlets, articles, manuscripts, engravings, prints, and scores of other memorabilia for which Lafayette College serves as custodian.
- Participated in the annual July 4th ceremony at Picpus Cemetery in Paris every year since 1946.
- Produced a set of six informational panels detailing the life and importance of Lafayette as a hero of the American Revolutionary War, abolitionist and proto-feminist. Several sets of panels are on loan and continue to be made available to museums and educational sites.
- Produced virtual travelogues telling the stories of Lafayette's Farewell Tour visits to New York, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Virginia.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



Ladies and gentlemen,

Tonight, we embark on a journey to commemorate a remarkable moment in history - The Bicentennial of Lafayette's Grand Tour 1824-1825. We not only honor Lafayette's memory but also embrace an opportunity to learn from history. We must recognize the importance of understanding the past to shape our future. Lafayette's journey symbolizes more than just a historical event; it represents the universal pursuit of freedom and justice.

As we gather in solidarity this evening, let us remember that the lessons of history are not confined to textbooks or museums. They live within us, guiding our actions and shaping our collective destiny. By supporting the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Grand Tour, we are investing in the preservation of history and the cultivation of a brighter future.

But our mission goes beyond mere commemoration. It is a call to action! Lafayette's vision of equality and fraternity speaks to the fundamental values that bind us together as a society. Lafayette stood as a beacon of enlightenment and equality, advocating for principles that were ahead of his time. His unwavering commitment to liberty, equality, and fraternity serves as an inspiration for us all.

So, I urge you, esteemed guests, to open your hearts and wallets. Your generous contributions will not only help us preserve history but also pave the way for a more inclusive and equitable future. Together, let us honor Lafayette's legacy by striving for a world where justice and equality prevail.

Thank you for your support, and let us make tonight a celebration of history, unity, and progress.

Chuck Schwam
American Friends of Lafayette
Executive Director
National Lafayette Bicentennial Chair



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Bonjour and Bienvenue!

A very warm welcome to this wonderful Evening with Lafayette and Adrienne! We hope you will enjoy our time together; rich with history and French traditions.

Lafayette spent his life and fortune championing the ideals of democracy. He was an abolitionist, defender of religious freedom, crusader for Native American's place in society, and a supporter of women's ideas and causes. But Lafayette did not just use words; he spoke loudly through his actions. He spent his personal fortune to feed, clothe and support our troops during the American Revolution. Later in life, he went into debt to support democratic revolutions in both Europe and South America and then organized financial help for the refugees of those same revolutions. Both Lafayette and Adrienne were champions of liberty and human rights and shining examples of what it truly means to love others. Their model is ours to follow!

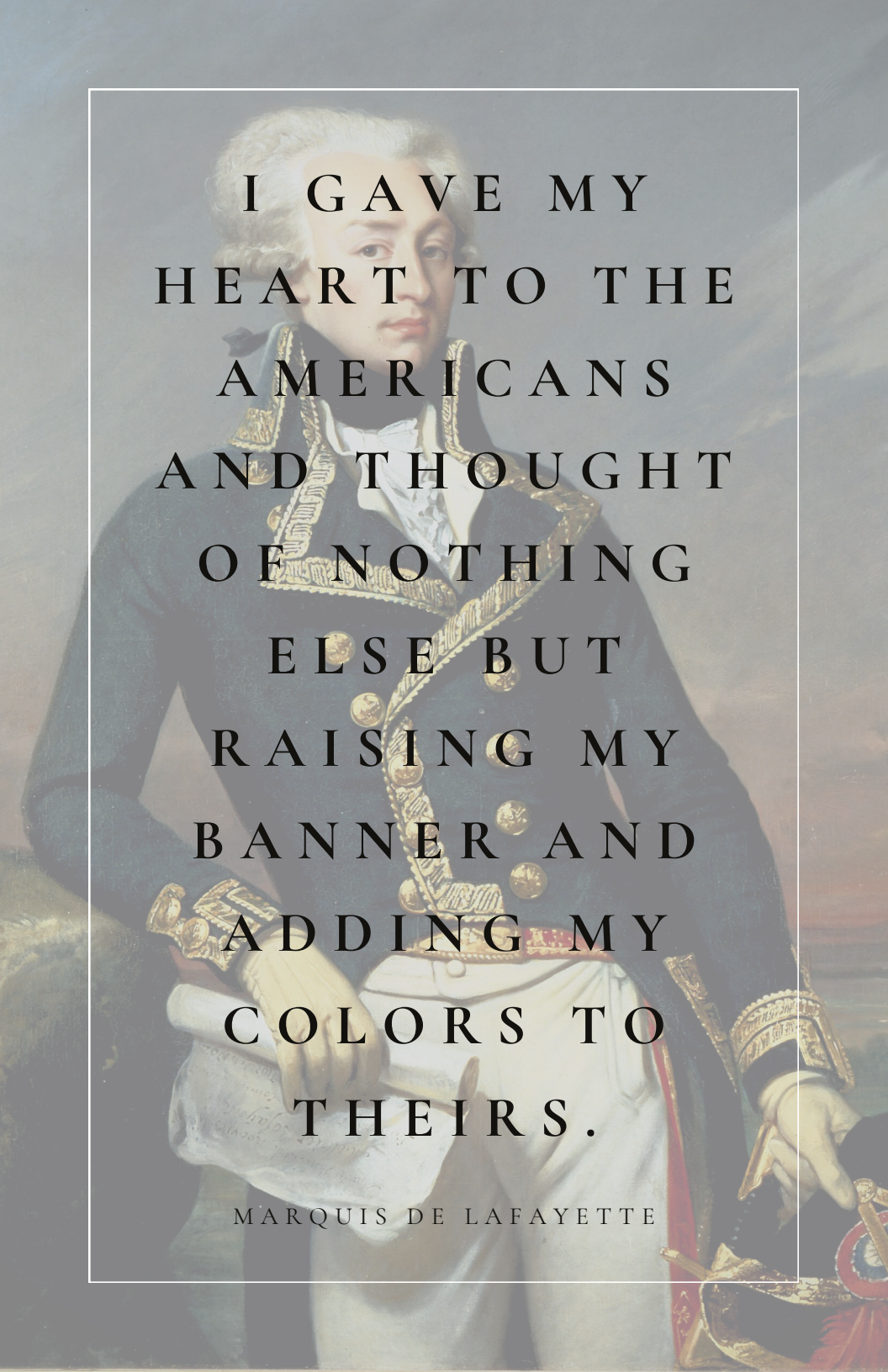
Tonight, you have both the opportunity to financially support Lafayette's memory and to help us spread his message about human rights. Science has proven that it is healthier to give than to receive! Follow Lafayette and Adrienne's examples of giving. You will be healthier by doing so!

In his youth, Lafayette came from France to fight for American independence. He helped to make our Nation a shining beacon of liberty and democracy and then devoted the rest of his life to carrying that same beacon of hope forward. The AFL is excited to tell Lafayette's story and to use it as a guiding example to help Americans everywhere not only refocus on that brilliant beacon but encourage them to raise it even higher for all the world to see.

Tonight, please help us to tell the story of Lafayette and Adrienne through your generous donations! After all...WWLD?...What would Lafayette do?

Patti Maclay, MD
National Vice Chair,
The Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour
Member, AFL Governing Board



A portrait of the Marquis de Lafayette, a French aristocrat and military leader, dressed in a dark blue military uniform with gold buttons and epaulettes. He is holding a rolled-up document in his left hand and a sword in his right. The background is a soft, hazy landscape.

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EVENING SCHEDULE

7 : 0 0

- Arrive at the Villa Albertine

7 : 3 0

- Welcome Toast by Lafayette & Adrienne
- Wine, champagne, savories & sweets
- The Adrienne Cocktail
- Jacques Torres Chocolates
- Historical Amusements
 - *Presented by costumed re-enactors from Historic Richmond Town, NYC's living history museum*
- Dancing
 - *Music by Anne and Ridley Enslow*
 - *Dances called by Susan Dupre*

8 : 3 0

- Remarks
- Auction
- Closing Activities

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1. Statue of Lafayette, Union Square

Union Square, New York, NY 10003

2. Statue of Lafayette & Washington Lafayette Square, New York City
Manhattan Avenue, 114th Street, and Morningside Avenue, New York City

3. Portraits of Lafayette & Washington (Offered by French Government, April 12, 1934)

Seventh Regiment Armory, 643 Park Ave, New York, NY 10065

4. Portrait of Lafayette at New York City Hall

City Council Chamber, City Hall Park, New York, NY 10007

5. Marker, Plaza Lafayette, New York, NY

181st Street and is bounded by Riverside Drive and Haven Avenue, New York, NY

6. Lafayette Memorial, Brooklyn

138 Prospect Park West (9th Street Entrance), Brooklyn, NY 11215

7. Tablet, Saint Martin Chapel, the “French Chapel” Cathedral, St. John The Divine

1047 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10025

8. Markers, Castle Clinton, Manhattan, NY August 16, 1824

10 Battery Pl, New York, NY 10004

9. Welcome Parade for Lafayette Descendants, August 16, 2024, precursor of all future

“ticker tapes” parades: The Canyon of Heroes Historical Markers, Broadway
Lower Manhattan, from Battery Park to City Hall, New York, NY 10004

10. Marker, Lafayette’s Tour, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn NY Sept 8, 1824

Fort Hamilton, 230 Sheridan Loop, Brooklyn, NY, 11252

Located 300 yards from the Harbor Defence Museum, overlooking the narrows.

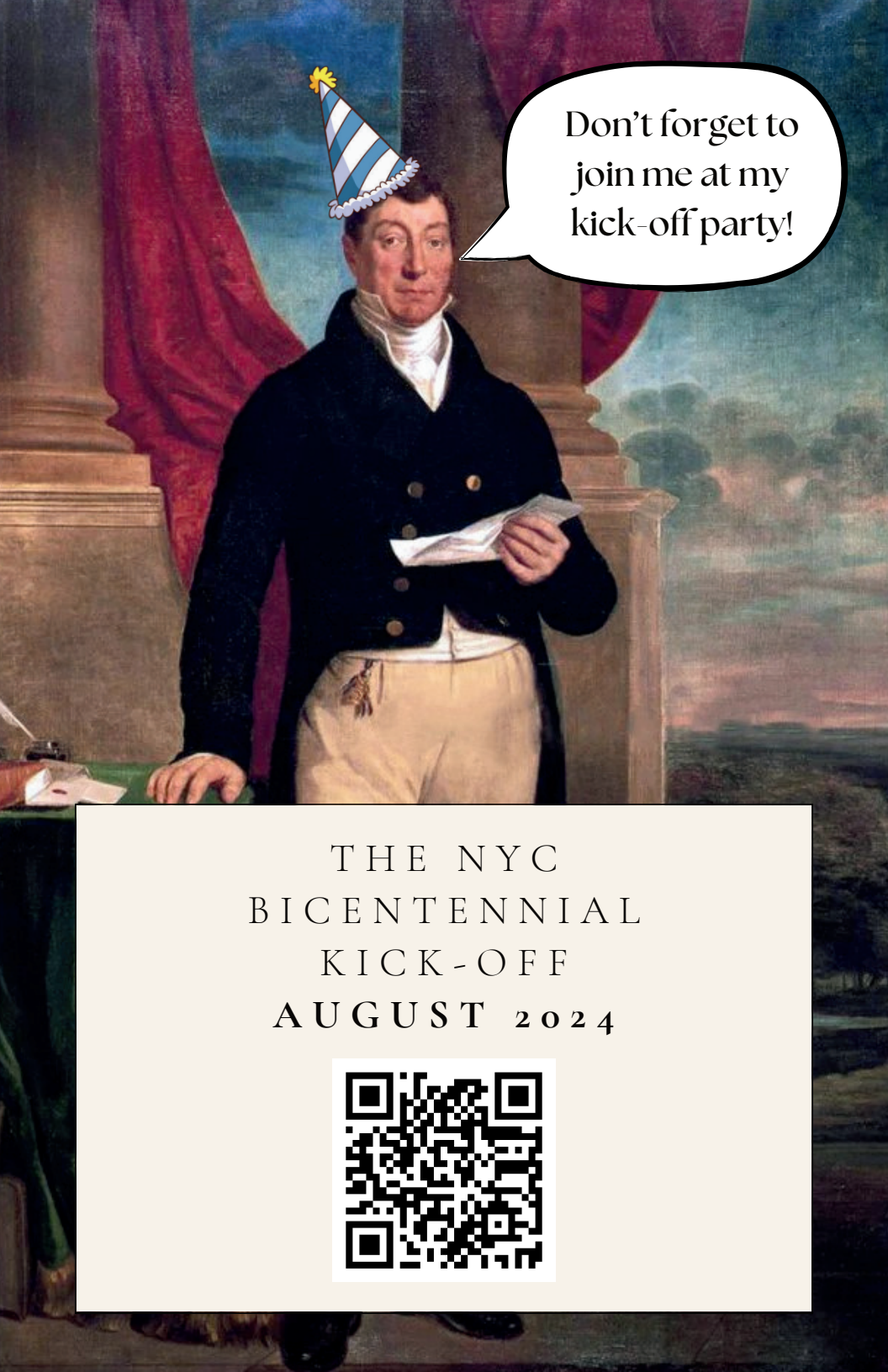
11. Lafayette Plaque, Public School #3, Lower Manhattan September 10, 1824

490 Hudson St, New York, NY 10014

12. Plaque, “Stuyvesant – Fish House” September 10, 1824

21 Stuyvesant Street, New York NY 10003





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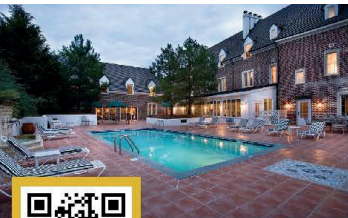
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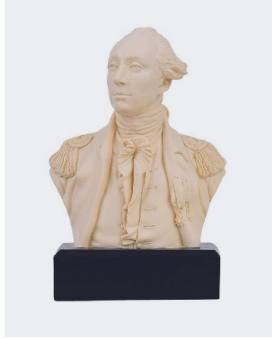
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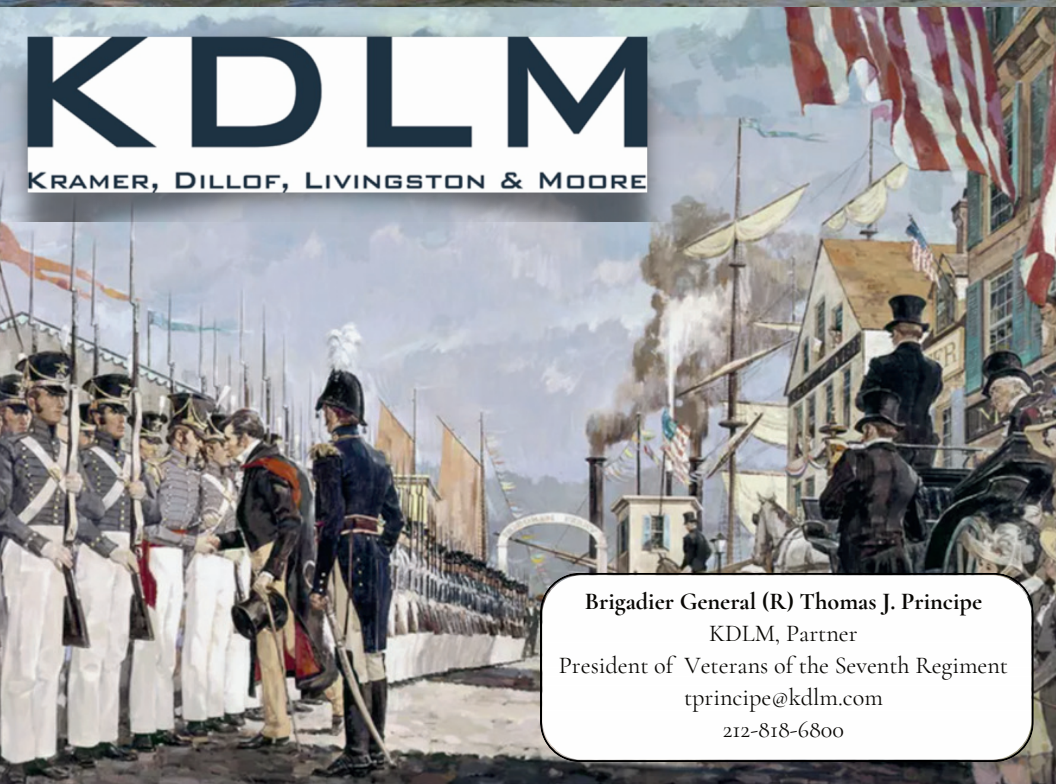




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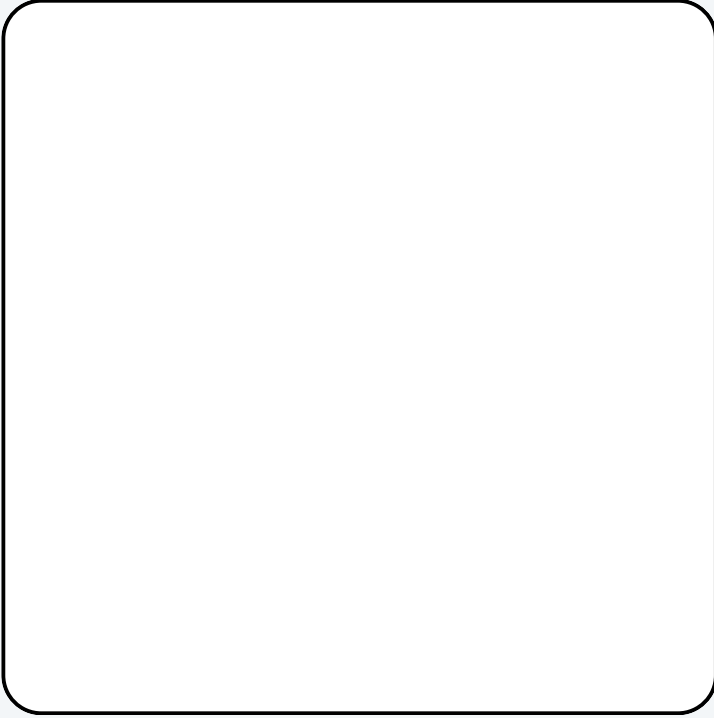


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