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Top management team at North Atlantic Region

Formed earlier this year to administer NPS areas in New England, New York and New Jersey, the North Atlantic Region (NAR) is headed by Jerry D. Wagers, regional director, David A. Richie, deputy regional director, and four associate regional directors.

Associate directors are Denis P. Galvin, for park systems management; F. Ross Holland, for professional services; Larry J. Hovig, for administration; and John C. Raftery, for cooperative activities.

Wagers served formerly as director of the New York District Headquarters which administered the Manhattan Group of historic areas and a number of areas outside New York City, including Fire Island National Seashore and Saratoga National Historical Park.

He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of California at Berkeley and began his NPS career as an historian at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Wash. He also has served at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Mo., the Stephen T. Mather Training Center at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., and as superintendent of Fire Island NS.

Before going to Boston, Richie was superintendent of George Washington Memorial Parkway, Va.-Md.



Wagers

He received his B.A. degree in history in 1958 from Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., and his LLB degree in 1962 from George Washington University. He has served in both the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. He joined the Department of the Interior in 1959 and served in personnel positions with various bureaus including NPS and the Bureau of Land Management.

He has served as assistant superintendent of Mt. Rainier National Park, Wash., superintendent of Coulee Dam National Recreation Area, Wash. and in a number of

positions with National Capital Parks, including director of the Summer in the Parks program.

Galvin came to his post from the New York District, where he was management assistant. A mechanical engineering graduate of Northeastern University, Boston, he directs the day-to-day operations of the park areas, including maintenance of roads, utilities and facilities, visitor interpretation and use, and law enforcement.

Galvin began his Park Service career in 1963 at Sequoia National Park, Calif. Other assignments have taken him to Mount Rainier, Wash., the Southwest Regional Office, Santa Fe, N.M.; and Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon, Ariz.

Holland directs a staff of historians, historical architects and a landscape architect and scientist to provide professional services in the coordination of park development plans, construction, resource studies and new area studies.

He had been supervisory research historian for three years at the Denver Service Center before going to Boston. He entered the Park Service in 1950 as a park technician at Shiloh National Military Park, Tenn. He has also served at

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Richie



Hovig



Holland



Raftery



Galvin



Let's Make a Difference

Urban areas: The new challenge

During the short time that I have been working in an urban recreation area I have experienced difficulty in persuading career employees to accept assignments in or near a city.

Here are a few reasons I see for this, along with my suggestions that might be of interest. Traditionally NPS careers have been in natural and historic areas. Employees tailored their education and were recruited with the basic goal of a career in a natural environment. Costs of housing, food and utilities are high in urban areas. Some employees are concerned that an urban assignment may affect future opportunities for transfer to a natural area. I'm sure some avoid urban assignments because of suspected social problems associated with the city: high crime rate and poor schools.

Some of these points are valid and should be weighed by the employee in considering a transfer. But there are off-setting benefits that should be considered, too, such as greater cultural, educational and entertainment opportunities and the chance to make a contribution to solving the problems of the country at their source.

The Service in general and the urban park manager might consider the following incentives to be offered employees who accept urban assignments: Limited tours of duty (in effect in some areas now). Raising grade of comparable job in urban area. Furnishing government housing for key lower grade employees subject to emergency calls. Providing opportunity for advanced education by altering or reducing daily tour of duty. Establishing intake training positions for maintenance, recreation, administration, interpretation and planning functions oriented toward encouraging urban residents in general and minority employees in particular to enter the Service.

I see several possibilities for overcoming present barriers against urban staffing at Golden Gate NRA. We can emphasize the challenge and long-range personal development possible within our broad range of activities and management situations. We meet and provide the public quality recreational opportunities within a natural and recreational setting. We coordinate and depend on a close working relationship with city, county, state and military personnel on a day-to-day basis.

If urban areas can develop their employees to maximum potential and give them an opportunity to progress they will be prime candidates for other urban assignments. Urban career employees may develop just as traditional career employees have with a continuing interest in urban assignments.

Because of limited positions in the Maintenance Division at Golden Gate NRA, we are utilizing agreements with the U.S. Army and private contractors to perform a variety of maintenance functions. We plan to explore fully the use of the Neighborhood Youth Corps, Youth Conservation Corps and contracts with special groups such as handicapped workers. If we lack personnel, maybe there is another way to get the job done.

Urban areas give us an opportunity to contact a vast number of people and sell the National Park Service to the public so they fully support us. This will help reduce the impact of litter, vandalism and protection of our visitors and gain new friends for the Service.

In summary, I think the challenge and opportunity available in an urban assignment are extremely valuable. At present these areas may just be the most important in the National Park System and I believe they deserve full support.

Michael Stricklin
Chief of Maintenance
Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Bicentennial coordination staff named

LaCovey heads

NPS group

A. Joseph "Jack" LaCovey, former director of special projects for the General Services Administration (GSA), has been named by Director Ronald H. Walker as assistant to



LaCovey

the Director for Bicentennial.

Serving as staff associates with LaCovey in the WASO Bicentennial Coordination Office are Julie Rowe, James F. Hunter, Ben Butterfield and Anita Roby.

"Jack LaCovey's training and experience in public affairs have equipped him well to take the lead in coordinating the Park Service's all-important contribution to the celebration of our nation's 200th birthday," Director Walker said.

The group's responsibilities will include coordination of Bicentennial development and activities in NPS regions and individual areas, cooperating with the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration on nationwide programs, conducting liaison with the private sector on Bicentennial projects, and development of informational materials to go to the media, the Congress and the private sector.

A graduate of Ithaca College, Ithaca, N.Y., LaCovey while in college worked as a staff announcer for New York radio stations. In 1962 he joined WMAL in Washington as a television news correspondent. He was appointed WMAL director of

public affairs in 1963, and received numerous national and international awards, including an Emmy Award, for his documentaries and special news reports. He joined GSA in 1969.

Julie Rowe is a native of New York State who was graduated from City College, Pa. and taught in Rochester. She worked at the White House prior to joining NPS in 1973 as administrative assistant to the Director. Julie was instrumental in the establishment of the WASO Bicentennial Coordination Office.

Jim Hunter was graduated from the University of Utah in business administration. He has held management and consulting positions in corporate planning, industrial relations and industry affairs, and between 1963 and 1971 worked with two major U.S. airlines. He then managed a consulting firm with national and international corporate clients. Jim directed all inaugural activities at John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in January 1973, and joined NPS the following July.

Ben Butterfield joined the government in 1961, becoming an assistant director of NPS, WASO, shortly after joining the Service in 1968.

Between 1972 and 1974 he served as assistant director of the Northeast Region, with headquarters in Philadelphia. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, he previously served as a corporation management consultant, and headed long range planning for American Airlines.

Anita Roby came to WASO from the Northeast Regional Office where from April 1972 she served as public affairs assistant for Bicentennial. Previously she was in the Division of State and Private Assistance, WASO. Anita has been a VIP at National Capital Parks and Independence NHP.

Discussing the NPS Bicentennial program, Jack LaCovey stressed the major roles of the regional directors and the regional Bicentennial coordinators.

"The Park Service, more than any other agency in government, has the opportunity and responsibility to provide the American public a meaningful Bicentennial," he said. "With the imagination and creativity that exists in the Service, we can have a System-wide celebration that will be memorable and inspiring to all Americans."



LaCovey (center) with Bicentennial staffers (From left) Jim Hunter, Julie Rowe, Anita Roby and Ben Butterfield.

TV Series 'Sierra' to feature park rangers

July
Column By

Donald Freeman

TV-Radio Editor
The San Diego Union

Among the newer faces you will be seeing regularly on the tube this fall belongs to Jim Richardson, who may also qualify as one of the new breed of actors — well-educated, well-spoken and well-versed in the amenities.

The son of a professor of finance at the University of Florida, Jim grew up in Gainesville, Fla., went off to prep at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and then zipped through Duke University in three years.

Later, he picked up a master's degree in theater arts at the University of Florida. And he put in 19 months in Vietnam as a crew chief flying in helicopters in an Army medical evacuation unit. A "dust-off unit," they called it over there.



James Richardson

tioned at a fictional national park called Sierra.

After that, he won a scholarship to the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. In New York, he worked in off-Broadway shows before nailing a role in the musical version of "Cyrano," on Broadway, starring Christopher Plummer. Between acting jobs, he drove a hack.

A talent scout at Universal spotted him and soon he was in Hollywood. First there were the bit parts followed by guest-starring roles on "Owen Marshall" and "Toma," among others. And now he's co-starring in a forthcoming NBC series called "Sierra," to be filmed at Yosemite. In it he plays a National Park Service ranger station-

THEY FILMED THE pilot at Yosemite last winter and Richardson says the experience proved an eye-opener.

"At first, I was skeptical about the idea of the series," he says. "After we put out forest fires seven different ways, then what do we do? Then I met the rangers and my feelings became radically altered."

First, he learned the difference between the National Park Service and the National Forest Service. "The park people are involved mainly with recreation, the forest people with a national resource and how to handle it."

Then he learned about the rangers.

"I guess I thought the rangers would be, well, slightly clod-hopping guys," he says, "which was dumb of me. I didn't expect to run into guys with graduate degrees in English. The big thing is getting into the service. It's very competitive with many more applicants than jobs."

"I learned the difference between working in the western national parks, with the mountains and the wilderness, and what they call the 'cannonball circuit' back east. By that they mean the rangers who take care of the Civil War forts and monuments, which is a lot different than riding a horse alone for days deep in the wilds of the Sierra."

For Jim Richardson, it was a whole new world and he liked what he saw.

"There's an easy, low-key atmosphere," he says. "Nobody gives a lot of orders and there's an overall sense of humor to go with the dedication."

"So far as real-life adventure is concerned, these guys in the park service have more adventure than just about anybody. They work with Navy helicopters in mountain rescue. They train at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in SCUBA diving. They learn about rock climbing. That's adventure."

"The park rangers are involved in law enforcement," Richardson said, "but it's not heavily emphasized. Their idea of law enforcement is very enlightened and their manner is far from arbitrary. They know how to explain the reasoning behind the rules as they enforce them."

NPS team visits Soviet Union

A team of architects and historians, headed by Dr. Russell A. Mortensen, assistant director, Archeology and Historic Preservation, has returned from a 21-day visit to the Soviet Union where they took part in the U.S./U.S.S.R. Joint Working Group on the Enhancement of the Urban Environment.

The U.S. Historic Preservation Team, composed of five National Park Service staffers and three others closely involved in historic preservation work, took a considerable body of material which included books, legislative documents, NPS policies and programs, National Register publications, historic structures reports, Historic

American Buildings Survey (HABS) drawings and graphics and other leaflets and publications.

The meeting of the Soviet and American preservationists was held pursuant to a protocol signed during President Nixon's visit to the U.S.S.R. in 1972.

Meetings and exchange of ideas took place in such areas of mutual interest as civil construction and architecture, theory and history of architecture, restoration and interpretation. Although no protocols were signed or definite plans for future exchanges made, both sides expressed an interest in continuing cooperation on historic preservation.

Members of the U.S. team were Dr. Mortensen, F. Ross Holland, North Atlantic Region; Henry A. Judd, WASO; Russell V. Keuen, National Trust for Historic Preservation; William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register, WASO; Lee H. Nelson, WASO; Dr. Anatole Senkevitch, Jr., University of Maryland, and Kenneth C. Tapman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

In addition to attending meetings and exchanging ideas with their Soviet hosts, the team members went on an extensive tour of the U.S.S.R., visiting historic sites in Moscow, Vladimir-Suzdal, Leningrad, Armenia and Tbilisi, Georgia.

Walker and Curry inspect Alaskan areas proposed for national parks

Observing newly-discovered native pictographs, conferring with Canadian national parks officials, and visiting Skagway, the old Gold Rush community, were colorful highlights of a recent tour of the largest state made by Director Ronald H. Walker and Dr. Richard C. Curry, associate director, Legislation.

The purpose of the more than 5,000-mile trip, made between July 10 and 22, was to learn more about the areas which Secretary Morton has recommended to Congress for addition to the National Park System.

Enactment of the recommended bills would add more than 30 million acres to the system, creating nine new areas and making major additions to Mount McKinley National Park and Katmai National Monument, which would become a national park.

The tour was conducted by John A. Rutter, Pacific Northwest regional director, Stanley T. Albright, Alaska state director and Alfred Henson, project leader, Alaska Task Force.

"The more I see of Alaska, the more firmly I am convinced of the importance of these areas to the future of the State and Nation," Walker said. "The enactment by Congress of the proposals of Secretary Morton would be a giant step in national park history comparable to the establishment of Yellowstone National Park a hundred years ago."

Curry pointed out that the Secretary's recommendations constitute by far the largest legislative proposal ever presented in the national park field.

Walker also noted the NPS group had an opportunity to discuss the park proposals with many native Alaskans.

"More important than the magnificent scenery are the people whose mode of life has been shaped by the wilderness environment," he said. "If we are to succeed in our endeavors, we must fully understand their interests and their concerns."

The group inspected (from the air, on the ground, or both) the following proposed areas:

Gates of the Arctic National Park

Kobuk Valley National Monument

Noatak National Arctic Range

Cape Krusenstern National Monument

Chukchi-Imruk National Reserve

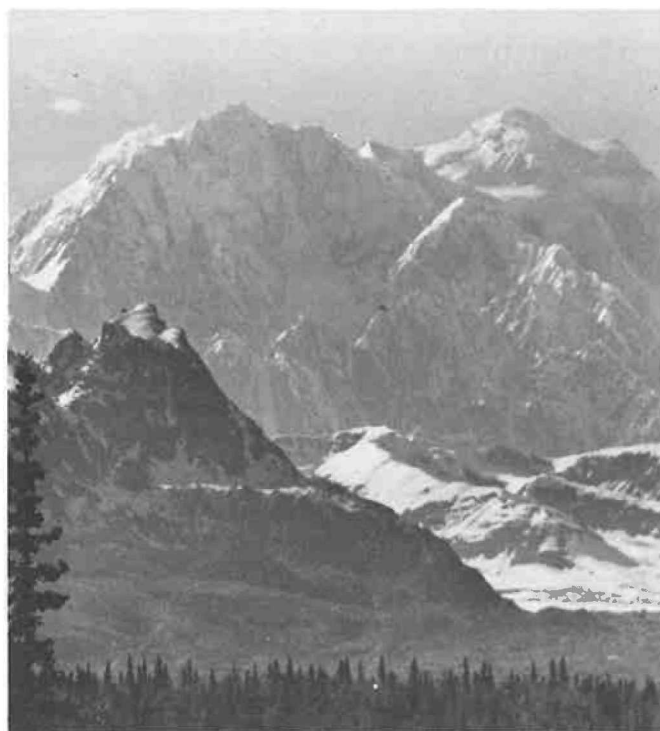
Lake Clark National Park

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park

Also visited were Katmai NM and Mount McKinley NP.



Proposed Lake Clark National Park



Proposed south addition to Mount McKinley National Park

NPS, OSU cooperate in research unit for park studies

A cooperative park studies unit for southern Oregon has been established at Oregon State University by the National Park Service.

Dr. Carl Stoltzenberg, dean of OSU's College of Forestry, has been named unit leader, and an NPS scientist will be assigned later.

John A. Rutter, regional director, Pacific Northwest Region, pointed out that NPS has similar cooperative arrangements with the University of Washington and the University of Alaska.

He explained the units were created to encourage studies in the biological and social sciences at park system areas in the Pacific Northwest.

The OSU unit will conduct field studies primarily at Crater Lake National Park and Lava Beds and Oregon Caves National Monuments.

GW Parkway assigned new superintendent

Charles A. Veitl, former superintendent of Petrified Forest National Park, Ariz., has been named superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Va.-Md.

Mr. Veitl succeeds David Richie, who is now deputy director of the National Park Service's North Atlantic Regional Office in Boston.

Veitl will be responsible for maintenance, interpretation and management of both the Maryland and Virginia Parkways, Great Falls Park, park areas in the Georgetown area, as well as the Old Stone House.

Veitl is a 14-year NPS veteran who has served at Grand Canyon and Mammoth Cave National Park and Colonial NHP.

He joined the Service after attending Black Hills State College, South Dakota, and serving in the U.S. Navy.

Lionel Bienvenu moves to Chalmette NHP

A native of Louisiana, Lionel J. Bienvenu, has been named superintendent of Chalmette National Historic Park, La.

Bienvenu replaces Arthur Hehr at Chalmette, a 142-acre National Park Service area which commemorates the Battle of New Orleans. Hehr, who has been at Chalmette since May, 1967, recently retired.

Bienvenu received his B.A. degree in history from the University of Southwest Louisiana at Lafayette in 1952. He completed two years of postgraduate work in history at Tulane University in New Orleans and studied humanities at the University of London for a year.

Bienvenu joined the National Park Service in 1958 as an historian at Fort Frederica National Monument, Ga. He has also served at Morristown National Historical Park, N.J. Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site,

N.Y., Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Md., and Cabrillo National Monument and Channel Islands National Monument, Calif.

Since 1967 he has been superintendent at Pea Ridge National Military Park, Ark.

Anderson to Antietam

A.W. "Andy" Anderson has been appointed superintendent of the Antietam National Battlefield Site, Md.

Anderson, 52, has been acting superintendent of the site since May of this year. He succeeds William R. Failor, who was named superintendent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

A native of Pueblo, Colo., Anderson has been with the National Park Service since 1957.

California areas added to National Registry

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton has approved three California ecological areas, including Nipomo Dunes-Point Sal coastal area, considered by many scientists as the finest such natural area remaining in the state, for inclusion in the National Registry of Natural Landmarks.

Landmark designation is intended to encourage owners to preserve nationally significant natural values. The three areas are:

Nipomo Dunes-Point Sal Coastal Area, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties.

Contains the largest relatively undisturbed coastal dune tract in

California and one of the last remaining tracts of pristine rocky coastline in the South Coast Ranges.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, San Diego, Imperial and Riverside Counties.

This is the largest desert State park in the Nation. It contains some of the best examples of the desert biotic communities in the California Desert.

San Felipe Creek Area, Imperial County.

Believed to be the last natural desert stream left in the Colorado Desert. Interior's Bureau of Reclamation owns 1,190 of the Site's 2,040 acres.

Minute Man visitor center underway

"This project will enhance Concord's and Lexington's contribution to American history and also to the upcoming Bicentennial celebrations."

So said Representative Paul W. Cronin, Fifth District of Massachusetts, keynote speaker at in-

Management team

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Cabrillo National Monument and Channel Islands National Park, Calif., Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Division of History, Washington, D.C., and at the service centers formerly located in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco.

He holds a bachelor's and a master's degree, and is the author of several publications.

Hovig has responsibility for such duties as personnel, contracts, programming and budget, and finance.

He went to the North Atlantic Region from the Denver Service Center, where since 1972 he had been training officer. Prior to that post, he served as assistant personnel officer in the Northeast Regional Office, administrative officer at Fire Island NS, and filled assignments at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, N.C., Grand Teton National Park, Wyo., and Yellowstone.

Hovig served with the U.S. Navy from 1953-1955.

Raftery directs such operations as the history and natural landmark programs, federal and state liaison office and preparation of environmental impact statements.

Raftery moved to Boston from Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif., where he was assistant superintendent.

A 24-year veteran of NPS, he began his career as a park ranger in 1950 at Sequoia-Kings Canyon. Subsequently, he served at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii; Crater Lake National Park, Ore., and Big Bend National Park, Tex. He was named chief ranger in 1962 at Isle Royale National Park, Mich., and in 1966 assistant supervisor at Albright Training Center, Ariz. At the time of reassignment to Sequoia in 1970, he was superintendent of Everglades National Park.

formal groundbreaking ceremonies for the Fiske Hall Visitor Center at Minute Man National Historical Park on August 2.

The visitor center, being built under a \$538,492 contract, will serve as the main orientation point for the more than one million visitors anticipated at the park during the 1975-1976 Bicentennial celebration.

David A. Richie, deputy director of the National Park Service's North Atlantic Region, gave remarks of welcome. Serving as master of ceremonies was David L. Moffitt, superintendent of Minute Man Park, the 750-acre site which commemorates the events of April 19, 1775, marking the start of the American Revolution.

Also taking part in the groundbreaking was John McCauley of Woburn, chairman of the Minute Man Council, an organization com-

posed of Minute Man companies throughout the state of Massachusetts.

The ceremonies, open free to the public, also featured fife and drum corps music.

When completed by July of 1975, the visitor center will house visitor exhibits, dioramas and a major audiovisual installation with two 100-seat auditoriums.

Slated as part of the regular visitor program for the center will be the showing of an especially-made Bicentennial film, "To Keep Our Liberty." Produced for the National Park Service, the 28-minute film depicts the events leading up to the American Revolution from 1763-1775. "To Keep Our Liberty" was recipient of an award for "creative excellence in the field of history" made earlier this spring at the Industrial Film Festival in Chicago.



John McCauley, chairman of Massachusetts' Minute Man Council, throws out a spade of dirt during groundbreaking ceremonies for Fiske Hill Visitor Center at Minute Man National Historical Park. With him are David L. Moffitt, superintendent of Minute Man (left), and to the right of McCauley are Representative Paul W. Cronin, keynote speaker for the event, and David A. Richie, deputy regional director of the North Atlantic Region (right).



Lusk

Lusk superintendent at Appomattox

History is no stranger to H. Gilbert Lusk, newly appointed superintendent at Appomattox Court House National Park, Appomattox, Va.

Lusk previously served as a park historian at five national parks and monuments.

Lusk succeeds the late Robert R. Madden.

Lusk began work with the National Park Service as an historian and served consecutively from 1962 through 1966 at Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Fla., Colonial National Historical Park, Va., Grand Canyon National Park, again at Castillo de San Marcos, and Booker T. Washington National Monument, Va.

In 1968 he was appointed supervisory historian at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, N.C., next being assigned to the Washington Office as an historian.

He transferred to the Southern Utah Group, Cedar City, Utah, in 1969, became the superintendent of Wolf Trap Farm Park, Va., in 1970, and a supervisory park ranger at the Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia Unit, Asheville, N.C. in 1972.

150 sleeping units affected

Construction delayed at Yosemite

Director Ronald H. Walker and Jay S. Stein, vice-president of MCA Recreation Services, in a joint statement, said recently that 150 sleeping units at Yosemite National Park, Calif., have been postponed pending completion of the Yosemite Master Plan and the related Environmental Impact Statement.

MCA, which owns the Yosemite Park and Curry Company, the park concessioner, and the National Park Service had previously announced plans to replace 150 tentcabins at Camp Curry in the Yosemite Valley with improved all-season units.

Because the Master Plan is the basic guide for any decisions on park developments, it was agreed that development decisions should not be made until this planning process is completed.

Therefore, a decision on whether or not to proceed with construction has been postponed until a Yosemite Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement is prepared, reviewed and completed, with appropriate public meetings.

The entire process, including a public hearing and final review, is expected to be concluded by January 20, 1975.

Scott to manage Fort Clatsop

Robert Scott has been named superintendent of Fort Clatsop National Memorial at Astoria, Oregon. He replaces John Miele, who is now superintendent of Oregon Caves National Monument.

Scott began his career with the National Park Service at Carlsbad Caverns National Park in 1961 and later served as a ranger at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Grand Canyon National Park.

Scott received his bachelors degree from Humboldt State College, Arcata, Calif., in 1960, after attending Compton Junior College and Oregon State University.



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