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. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS AND COMMENTARY PREPARED EACH DAY BY U.S. MISSION BERLIN. IT INCLUDES REPORTS FROM NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN WEST BERLIN AND FROM THE MAJOR EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS. MISSION BERLIN TRANSMITS THIS SUMMARY FOR THE SPECIAL USE OF EMBASSY BONN AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN ON A DAILY BASIS. IT IS NOT PART OF THE DAILY MEDIA REPORT SERIES WHICH IS PRODUCED BY EMBASSY BONN FOR ALL OF WEST GERMANY, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN.

REVIEW - WEST PRESS

. HEADLINES ARE MADE BY BONN'S CONSULTATIONS ON PROCEDURES TO LIFT RENT CONTROL IN BERLIN (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); FRG CHANCELLOR KOHL'S EXTENSION OF BEST BERLIN ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO ALL BERLINERS, CONVEYED IN

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AN ARTICLE IN BERLINER MORGENPOST; AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S AVOWAL THAT HE IS NOT A WORLD WAR II CRIMINAL (VOLKSBLATT BERLIN); AND CDU/CSU BONN CAUCUS LEADER DREGGER'S CALL FOR TURNING DOWN MOSCOW'S ZERO OPTION PROPOSAL (DIE WELT).

. OTHER MAJOR NEWS INCLUDES THE FORTHCOMING VISIT BY LOS ANGELES MAYOR TOM BRADLEY TO BERLIN (BERLINER MORGENPOST); FRG CHANCELLOR KOHL'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF A STATEMENT ON MOSCOW'S DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL, VOLKSBLATT BERLIN); OUTGOING SPD CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL ALSO RETIRE FROM THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SPD PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); AN INCIDENT AT A HANAU, FRG, NUCLEAR PLANT (VOLKSBLATT BERLIN, BILDZEITUNG); REPORTS THAT 22 BABIES IN MUNICH ARE INFECTED WITH THE AIDS VIRUS (BERLINER MORGENPOST); AND LEGAL PROCEDURES AGAINST BAVARIA CONSTRUCTION MANAGER BERND BERTRAM WHO ALLGEGDLY BRIBED GONTER SCHACKOW, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF BERLIN'S FINANCE ADMINISTRATION (BERLINER MORGENPOST ET AL).

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF:

. TOM BRADLEY, MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, BERLIN'S ONLY SISTER CITY, IS HEADING A DELEGATION OF EIGHTY, ARRIVING TODAY IN BERLIN FOR A VISIT TO THE CITY. HE WILL ATTEND THE 750TH BERLIN ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY AT THE ICC TOMORROW, AND OPEN AN EXHIBITION AT THE AMERICA HOUSE OF PAINTINGS BY ARTISTS LIVING IN L.A. HE WILL DONATE TO THE CITY A PAIR OF FISHERS (RELATED TO WEASELS), AND HAND OVER FROM LOS ANGELES' CENTRAL LIBRARY A COLLECTION OF BOOKS ON CALIFORNIA TO THE AMERICA MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN BERLIN.

. THE LOS ANGELES SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (BERLINER MORGENPOST).

. FRG CHANCELLOR KOHL, IN A BERLINER MORGENPOST ARTICLE, CONGRATULATES BERLIN ON ITS 750TH ANNIVERSARY AND EXTENDS HIS BEST WISHES. HE SAYS THAT NO OTHER CITY IS AS IMPORTANT FOR HIS WORK AS BERLIN. KOHL UNDERScores THAT THE GERMANS WILL NEVER ACCEPT THE LACK OF FREEDOM IN EAST GERMANY. "FREEDOM IS AND REMAINS THE FOCAL POINT OF THE GERMAN QUESTION," HE SAID, ADDING: "THE WALL AND THE SHOTS THERE, FIRED EVEN IN THE YEAR OF ITS ANNIVERSARY, CANNOT LEAVE ANYBODY INDIFFERENT." THE CHANCELLOR SAYS: "THE COMMITMENT TO BERLIN ALSO ENTAILS FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES. THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER MY LEADERSHIP WILL FULFIL ITS DUTY TO ASSIST BERLIN."

. "KORNBLUM SEES PARTNERSHIP WITH BONN AS FACING A DIFFICULT PERIOD" (DER TAGESSPIEGEL), AND "KORNBLUM: WE HAVE THE SAME INTERESTS" ARE THE TITLES OF PAGE-TWO ARTICLES ON A SPEECH BY U.S. MINISTER JOHN C. KORNBLUM YESTERDAY BEFORE BERLIN BUSINESSMEN. THE MINISTER

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EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE FRG WILL REMAIN FIRM AND THAT, ON THE OTHER HAND, A NEW AND DIFFICULT PERIOD WILL DEVELOP. HE CALLED FOR DEVELOPING AN UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICA, WHICH ALLOWS THE U.S. STRENGTHS AND SHORTCOMINGS.

. "THE ALLIES MUST MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS WHEN
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OFF-LIMITS AREAS ARE TRESPASSED - COURT POINTS TO REGULATIONS IN ALLIED LAW THAT ARE CAUSE FOR 'CONCERN' IS THE TITLE OF A DER TAGESSPIEGEL PAGE-16 ARTICLE, SAYING THAT AS FOR THE YEAR-LONG "CONTROVERSY" OVER A POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF DAHLEM'S U.S. SHOPPING CENTER, WHICH IS AN OFF-LIMITS AREA, BERLIN'S SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (KAMMERGERICHT) HAS RULED THAT THE ALLIES THEMSELVES MUST MAKE A DECISION ON THIS VIOLATION. THE COURT ARGUES THAT ALLIED LAW OFTEN CLASHES WITH GERMAN LAW. A CONDEMNATION OF THE DEMONSTRATORS IN THIS CASE IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE UNDER GERMAN LAW.

. FORMER HITLER DEPUTY RUDOLF HESS, SOLE INMATE OF SPANDAU PRISON, WAS HOSPITALIZED YESTERDAY EVENING. A SPOKESMAN OF THE BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT SAID HIS LIFE IS NOT ENDANGERED (VOLKSBLATT BERLIN, BZ).

. FOLLOWING THE FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAN AM, TEMPELHOF AIRLINES WILL ADHERE TO ITS PLANS REGARDING A REGIONAL AIR SERVICE. STARTING MAY 11, THE COMPANY WILL BEGIN TO OFFER FLIGHTS BETWEEN BERLIN AND BRUNSWICK, FRG (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

. LEADERS OF THE BONN COALITION GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM BERLIN, INCLUDING MAYOR DIEPGEN, YESTERDAY IN BONN REACHED AGREEMENT TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP ON THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN LIFTING RENT CONTROL IN BERLIN. THE GROUP IS TO PRODUCE A CONCEPT ON CHANGES OF FRG LAW, REQUIRING THAT RENT CONTROL IS LIFTED IN THE CITY (MOST PAPERS).

. BERLIN'S FDP ACCUSES JUSTICE SENATOR SCHOLZ OF HAVING MISLED THE PARTY WHEN HE ASKED FOR LIFTING THE PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY OF AL MEMBER HEIDE BISCHOFF-PFLANZ. DURING A DEMONSTRATION AT THE 1986 TOURISM FAIR, SHE HAD TRESPASSED A SRI LANKAN EXHIBIT. THE PARTY ALLEGES THAT SCHOLZ HAD SAID MRS. BISHOF-PFLANZ SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE THE OTHER DEMONSTRATORS WHO ARE FACING CHARGES. THE FDP UNDERScores THAT NOW ONLY MRS. BISCHOFF-PFLANZ WILL BE

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PUT ON TRIAL. SCHOLZ REJECTED THE CHARGES, SAYING THAT MRS. BISCHOFF-PFLANZ WAS THE LEADER OF THE DEMONSTRATION (MOST PAPERS).

TWO OF THE FIVE SEATS IN THE NEWLY CREATED PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE FOR SUPERVISING BERLIN'S INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE WILL NOT BE FILLED. THE SPD, IN PROTEST TO THE REJECTION OF ITS DEMANDS FOR INCLUDING THE AL IN THE COMMITTEE, INTENDS TO BOYCOTT THE COMMITTEE (DER TAGESSPIEGEL, BERLINER MORGENPOST).

THE SENAT YESTERDAY DECIDED TO ACCEPT A 1987 FOLLOW-UP BUDGET FOR BERLIN, AMOUNTING TO ALMOST 77 MILLION D-MARKS. THE TOTAL OF THE BERLIN BUDGET THEN AMOUNTS TO DM 23.09 BILLION (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

REVIEW - EAST PRESS

TOP STORIES ARE THE CALLING OF A MEETING OF THE WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO BERLIN IN LATE MAY (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG); TUESDAY'S BEGINNING IN ROSTOCK OF THE 12TH GERMAN DEMOCRATIC FARMERS PARTY (DBD) CONGRESS, WITH CHAIRMAN GONTER MALEUDA AND 1,300 DELEGATES DISCUSSING THE PARTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND SOCIALISM (ALL PAPERS); AND THE SOMERDA OFFICE MACHINE FACTORY'S PRODUCTION SINCE JANUARY OF 400 PERSONAL COMPUTERS AND 800 PRINTERS IN ADDITION TO PLAN (NATIONAL ZEITUNG).

THE DAILIES ALSO PROMINENTLY REPORT ON A GENEVA PRESS CONFERENCE WITH USSR DEPUTY CHIEF NEGOTIATOR ALEXEY OBUKHOV, WHO EXPLAINED THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY ON MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES SUBMITTED ON MONDAY AND SAID A FINAL TREATY COULD BE REACHED BY THE END OF THE YEAR (ALL PAPERS); U.S. ACDA DIRECTOR KENNETH ADELMAN'S INTERVIEW STATEMENT IN FRG "STERN" MAGAZINE THAT THE U.S. FAVORS A ZERO OPTION ON SHORT-RANGE INF'S IN EUROPE (NEUE ZEIT); BELGIAN PREMIER WILFRIED MARTENS' SUPPORT OF A ZERO OPTION (NATIONAL ZEITUNG); DUTCH CDA FOREIGN POLICY SECRETARY DICK KOLSTER'S HAILING OF GDR PARTY AND STATE CHIEF HONECKER'S PLANNED VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 USBERLIN 01585

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(NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ET AL); THE BERLIN TALKS BETWEEN THE ETHIOPIAN AND GDR FOREIGN MINISTERS, BERHANU BAYIH AND OSKAR FISCHER (ALL PAPERS); THE PLANNED MAY 1 LABOR DAY DEMONSTRATION IN BERLIN, WHICH WILL BE DOMINATED BY THE CITY'S 750TH ANNIVERSARY (ALL PAPERS); AND SED POLITBURO MEMBER GONTER MITTAG'S PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICES MEDALS TO WORTHY GDR CITIZENS, ON

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THE OCCASION OF LABOR DAY (ALL PAPERS).

NEWS BRIEFS:

. LEIPZIG GEWANDHAUS ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR KURT MASUR PRESENTED IN NEW YORK HISTORIC DOCUMENTS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BRUNO WALTER FOUNDATION, VICTOR JACOBS. BRUNO WALTER, A FORMER CONDUCTOR OF THE GEWANDHAUS ORCHESTRA AND THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONICS, DIED IN CALIFORNIA IN 1962 AT THE AGE OF 85 (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG).

. AT A DINNER IN HIS HONOR, ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BERHANU BAYIH REPORTED ON THE SUCCESSFUL ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR 5.7 MILLION PEOPLE, WHICH WAS MUCH CRITICIZED IN THE WESTERN MEDIA (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ET AL FULL TEXT OF TOASTS).

. THE SYNODE OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN BERLIN-BRANDENBURG ON TUESDAY CALLED FOR SUPPORT IN EAST AND WEST OF THE PROPOSAL FOR ELIMINATING INF'S IN EUROPE (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG, NEUE ZEIT).

COMMENTARY - WEST PRESS

DIEPGEN AND BERLIN'S ALLIES

. THE INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL FEATURES A FRONTPAGE COMMENTARY BY JOACHIM BOELKE WHO SAYS: "IT IS AN UNPLEASANT AND OBJECTIVELY INEXCUSABLE DEVELOPMENT THAT AT A MOMENT WHEN BERLIN WITH SUPPORT FROM MANY NATIONS IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR ITS 750TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE THREE WESTERN POWERS ON THE ONE SIDE AND GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN ON THE OTHER, ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY TENSE. DIEPGEN INDICATES MORE AND MORE CLEARLY THAT HE FEELS RESTRICTED IN HIS POLITICAL FREEDOM BY THE THREE WESTERN ALLIES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SITUATION IN AND AROUND BERLIN. HE INDEED WENT SO FAR AS TO ACCUSE THE ALLIES OF COLLABORATION WITH THE SOVIETS AIMING AT MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR GDR LEADER HONECKER TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN, WHICH IN TURN WAS TO PREVENT DIEPGEN FROM ACCEPTING HONECKER'S INVITATION TO ATTEND THE GDR CEREMONY IN EAST BERLIN.

. "THE CHARGES, IF ONE WERE TO TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY, ARE SURPRISINGLY ILLOGICAL. THEY ARE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SOVIETS AND THE WESTERN ALLIES SHARE MUTUAL VIEWS ON THE STATUS OF BERLIN AND ON THE SITUATION WHICH HAS DEVELOPED HERE. THIS, BY THE WAY, WAS THE GOAL OF THE 1971 QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WHICH THE GERMAN SIDE IN PARTICULAR REFERS TO AS A GREAT SUCCESS. HOWEVER, REALITY IS DIFFERENT. THE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOUR POWERS WAS NOT ELIMATED BUT RATHER INTRODUCED INTO THE AGREEMENT. AS FOR THE PROBLEM OF THE SO-CALLED INVITATION POLICY, THE

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SITUATION IS EVEN SIMPLER. DIEPGEN IS NOT PREPARED TO SEE HONECKER'S INVITATION AS A TRAP WHICH THE EASTERN SIDE WANTS TO USE TO PUT THROUGH ITS INTERPRETATION OF THE STATUS. HONECKER AVOIDED THE TRAP WHICH WAS SET UP TO MAKE HIM RECOGNIZE THE WESTERN VIEWS ON THE STATUS. UNFORTUNATELY, DIEPGEN IS A POLITICIAN WHO DOES NOT WANT TO SEE THE RESULTING LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES. HE IS A MAN WHO HAS TO WORK HIS WAY BACK FROM A UTOPIAN CONCEPT TO REALITY. THE NORMAL PROCESS IS TO USE THE STANDARDS OF REALITY TO MEASURE ONE'S VISIONS."

KURT WALDHEIM PERSONA NON GRATA IN THE U.S.

. THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST IN A PAGE-TWO COMMENTARY SAYS: "IT IS EMBARRASSING FOR WALDHEIM AND AUSTRIA. IT IS A MAJOR OBSTACLE IN AUSTRIAN-U.S. RELATIONS..."

. "KURT WALDHEIM SAYS: 'I HAVE A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.'
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THAT MAY BE SO, BUT THE QUESTION ARISES AS TO WHY HE FAILED TO REVEAL FOR SUCH A LONG TIME HIS ACTIVITIES ON THE STAFF OF AIR FORCE COLONEL ALEXANDER LÖHR ON THE BALKAN...? WALDHEIM'S CURRICULUM VITAE, SUBMITTED WHEN HE WAS CANDIDATE FOR AUSTRIA'S HIGHEST POSITION, WAS INCOMPLETE. NOT REVEALING SOMETHING AMOUNTS TO LYING. LIEUTENANT WALDHEIM AT THAT TIME KEPT BOOK ON OPERATIONS AGAINST INSURGENTS. WHILE WALDHEIM WAS KEEPING BOOK, THOUSANDS OF JEWS WERE ROUNDED UP LIKE CATTLE AND DEPORTED..."

. PRO-SPD VOLKSBLATT BERLIN IN A PAGE-TWO COMMENTARY SAYS: "THE ARGUMENT OFTEN USED IN THE PAST, THAT EVIDENCE OF WALDHEIM'S GUILT, ACCEPTABLE BY A COURT, CANNOT BE PRODUCED, IS NO LONGER SUFFICIENT TO SUBSTANTIATE THE BELIEF THAT HE IS NOT GUILTY. ACCORDING TO U.S. LAW, EVEN SUSPICION OF WRONG-DOING SUFFICES TO BLACKLIST THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME. NEITHER WALDHEIM NOR THE AUSTRIANS OUGHT TO BE BE SURPRISED. THE CHARGES DEDUCED FROM DOCUMENTS IN WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL ARCHIVES ARE OF A KIND THAT THE SUSPICION OF ILLEGAL ACTION BY YOUNG LIEUTENANT WALDHEIM REMAIN."

. INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL IN A FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL SAYS: "THE ISSUE IS NOT WALDHEIM'S FORMER RANK OF A WEHRMACHT OFFICER -- OTHERWISE THE FRG PRESIDENT WOULD BE EXPOSED TO SIMILAR CRITICISM. BY

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CONCEALING HIS MILITARY ACTIVITIES ON THE BALKANS AND BY ONLY GRADUALLY ADMITTING FACTS HE FORMERLY DENIED, WALDHEIM PRESENTED THE POOR PICTURE OF AN OPPORTUNIST WHOSE TRUSTWORTHINESS IS RATED NOT VERY HIGHLY IN THE FACE OF NEW CHARGES."

U.S. OPINION ON INF

. THE INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL, IN AN ARTICLE BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARLENE MANTHEY, UNDER THE HEADLINE "EUPHORIA IS FOLLOWED BY SKEPTICISM" SAYS: "NOW THOSE PEOPLE EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS WHICH REALLY COUNT IF A READY-FOR-SIGNATURE-AND-RATIFICATION AGREEMENT SHOULD IN FACT BE REACHED IN GENEVA. HERE WE FIND THAT DEMOCRATIC SENATE LEADER BIRD AS WELL AS HIS REPUBLICAN COUNTERPART SENATOR DOLE REJECT THE EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT PLANS DISCUSSED IN GENEVA...."

. "AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY MAKERS, I.E. RICHARD NIXON AND HENRY KISSINGER, ALSO EXPLAINED THEIR POSITION. AS AUTHORS OF THE DETENTE POLICY OF THE 1970'S, THEY ARE NOT SUSPECTED OF BELONGING TO THE COLD WARRIORS LEAGUE. IN A JOINT STATEMENT THEY SAID A WITHDRAWAL OF MEDIUM- AND SHORTER-RANGE MISSILES WOULD MAKE 'EUROPE RIPE FOR CONVENTIONAL WAR.' IF ONLY TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ARTILLERY REMAIN, THEIR USE WILL BY NECESSITY BE LIMITED TO GERMAN SOIL.

. "NIXON AND KISSINGER, LIKE THE OTHER WARNERS AGAINST HASTY DECISIONS, ARGUE THAT A 'REAL DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT' MUST CONSIDER THE SOVIET UNION'S CONVENTIONAL SUPERIORITY AND, ABOVE THAT, ELIMINATE ALL MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARE DEPLOYED IN ASIA AND AMERICA...."

COMMENTARY - EAST PRESS

CALL FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE

. PRO-NDP NATIONAL ZEITUNG, REGRETTING ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR'S INSISTENCE ON SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH ARAB STATES, IN A PAGE-FOUR EDITORIAL SAYS: "EVEN IN THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE THE PROPOSAL FOR CALLING A MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE RECEIVES MORE AND MORE SUPPORT. FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE. IN CONTRAST TO HIM, THE U.S. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, ROSCOE SUDDARTH, RECONFIRMED THE U.S. INSISTENCE ON SEPARATE AGREEMENTS. SUDDARTH THUS OPPOSES STATEMENTS BY WEST EUROPEAN POLITICIANS SUCH AS EC COMMISSIONER CLAUDE CHEYSSON WHO, IN BEIRUT'S NEWSPAPER 'AS SAFIR,' SUPPORTED THE SPEEDY CALLING OF SUCH A CONFERENCE...." KORNBLUM

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