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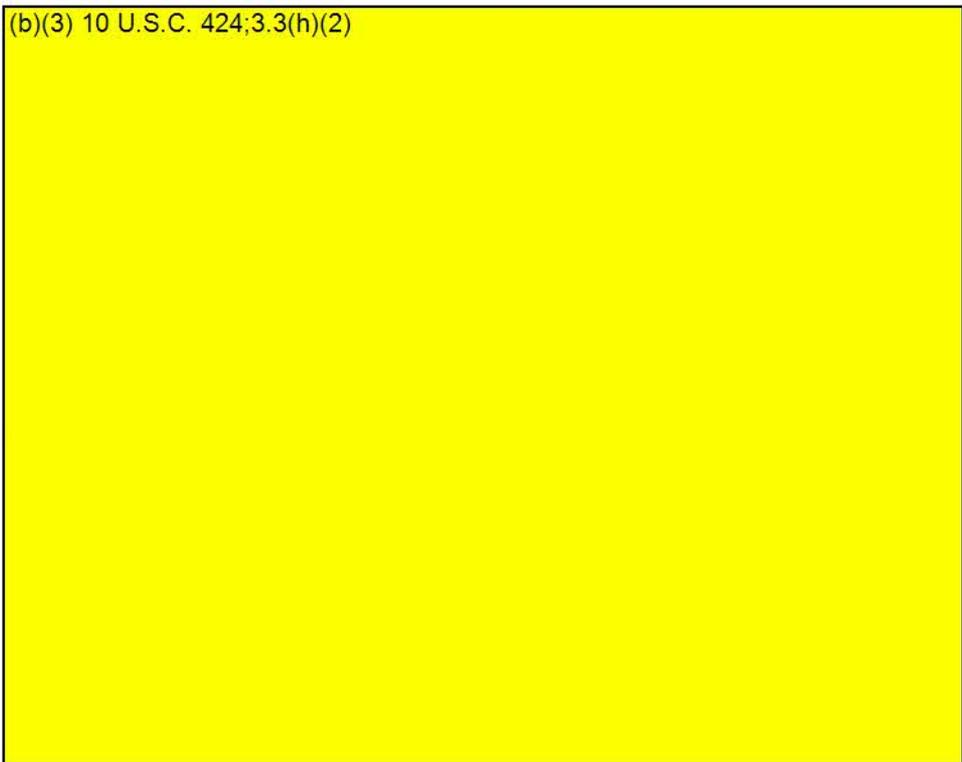
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 47 bn-sized or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 2 FWF, 18 ARVN. (C)

1 CTZ: USMC S&D Opn COVE commenced 12 nm SE Hue on 17 Nov. (C)

USMC units in Opn FOSTER assisted in helo evac of 2,857 refugees to An Hoa and 2,910 refugees to Dai Log. 355 refugees remain to be evac. (C)

108 small-unit contacts resulted in 114 VC/NVA KIA and 25 per det. 20 wpns, numerous med supplies and equip, a field hosp, and rkt ammo were seized. Friendly losses were 2 US and 10 ARVN KIA, 27 US and 10 ARVN WIA. (C)

2 CTZ: On 17 Nov, 9 nm NNE Dak To, 2 ARVN abn bns engaged unk size VC/NVA force. On 18 Nov in same area, ARVN bn engaged unk size VC/NVA force. Losses in both contacts -- ARVN: 34 KIA, 161 WIA. VC/NVA: 51 KIA, 1 det, 70 wpns. (C)

In Opn MAC ARTHUR, 2 contacts reported on 18 Nov. 2 USA cos engaged unk size en force 11 nm WSW Dak To. 14 nm WSW Dak To, elems USA bn engaged est en plat. Cum losses -- US: 7 KIA, 52 WIA. VC/NVA: 16 KIA, 6 wpns. (C)

On 19 Nov, 12 nm SW Dak To, 2 USA cos engaged unk size en force. Losses -- US: 40 KIA, 42 WIA, 32 MIA. VC/NVA: unk. (C)

9 small-unit contacts resulted in 28 VC/NVA KIA, 6 per det, and 9 wpns seized. US lost 3 KIA, 12 WIA, 1 MIA while ARVN lost 2 KIA and 4 WIA. (C)

3 CTZ: Opn SHENANDOAH II term 19 Nov after 54 days. Cum losses -- US: 107 KIA, 322 WIA. VC/NVA: 956 KIA, 63 det. (C)

SS PRESIDENT BUCHANAN, US mership en route Saigon on Long Tau River, atk by unk size en force employing AWS and RRs. BUCHANAN suffered 19 hits but proceeded Saigon under own power. Helo gunships sptd. One helo downed by gnd fire. No friendly loss reported. VC/NVA left 16 KIA and 4 wpns. (C)

22 small-unit contacts resulted in 37 VC/NVA KIA, 3 per det, and 5 wpns seized. Friendly losses -- US: 3 KIA, 3 WIA. ARVN: 2 KIA, 28 WIA. (C)

4 CTZ: Opn LONG PHI 9/139 term 18 Nov after 4 days opns. Cum losses -- ARVN: 10 KIA, 36 WIA, 1 APC. VC/NVA: 47 KIA, 5 det, 62 wpns, 65 tons ammo. (C)

Corrected cas figure for en atk on USA arty unit 25 nm NE Can Tho reflects 5 en KIA (vice 102). (C)

3 small-unit contacts resulted in 3 VC/NVA KIA, 1 det, and 3 wpns captured. US losses 4 KIA, 4 WIA. ARVN losses 6 KIA, 16 WIA. (C)

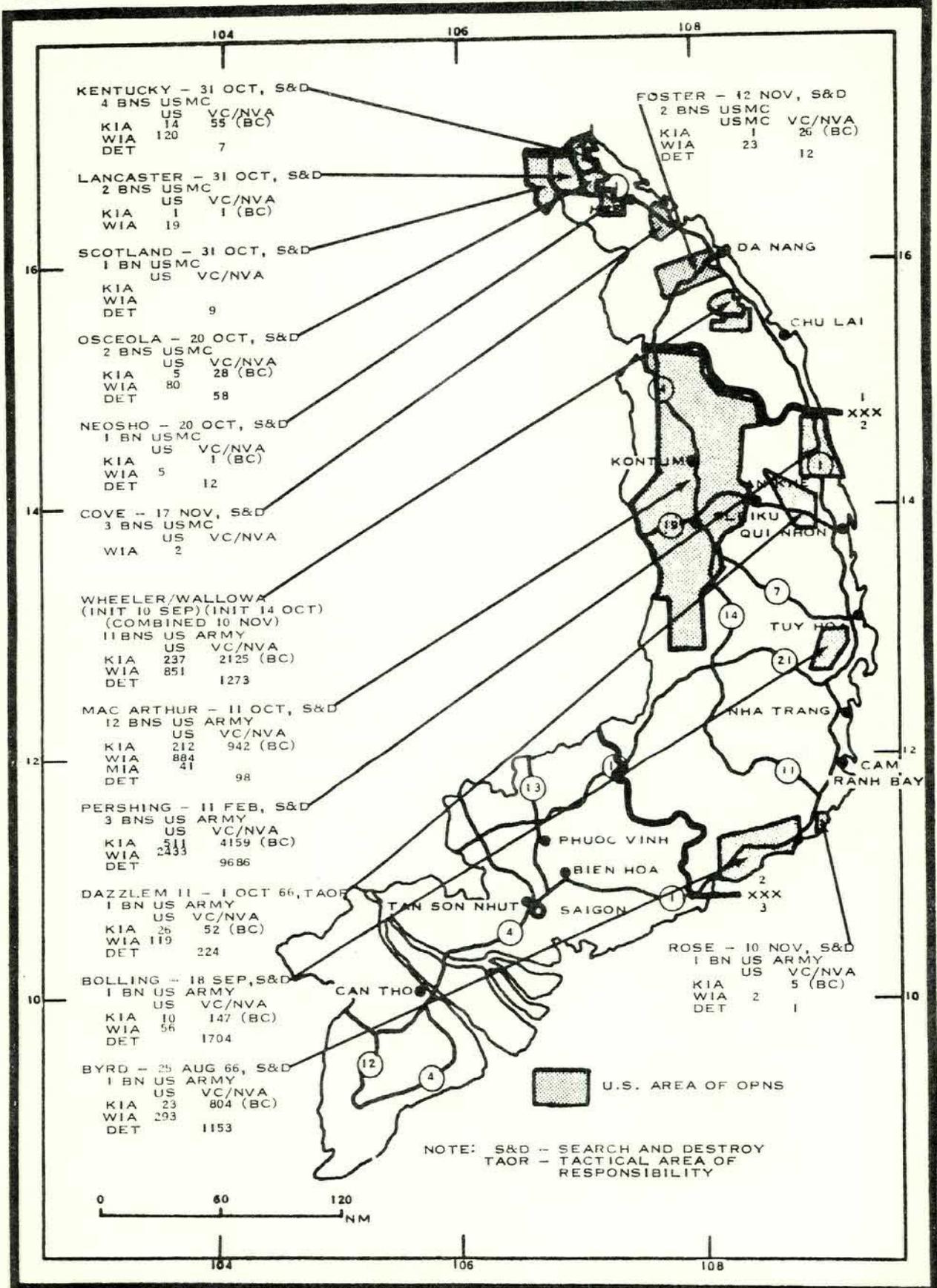
AIRCRAFT DOWNED 19 NOV: USAF F-4C down 8 nm ENE Dak To due to suspect gnd fire. 1 crewman recovered, 1 MIA. (C)

USAF F-100D crashed and burned while conducting fire bomb atk 41 nm

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NE Can Tho. Cause unk. Pilot crashed with acft and presumed KIA.

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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 18, 19 NOV: 6 B-52s bombed area 28 nm NNW Kontum containing a suspect NVA regt, CP, and arty psn. In spt of Opn MAC ARTHUR, 36 B-52s bombed areas 25 nm NW, 29 nm NW, 25 nm WNW, and 27 nm WNW Kontum. These areas contained elems of NVA 1st Div and spt bases, and elems as well as suspect psn of NVA 40th Arty Regt. No gnd follow-up sked. ~~(S)~~

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 18, 19 NOV: 682 sorties (283 USAF, 257 USN, 142 USMC) dest/damaged 25/14 bldgs, 8/116 gun psns, 3/0 bunkers, 6/44 AAA sites, 12/90 WBL cft, 15/0 RR cars, 2/12 bridges, 1/0 locomotive, 0/53 stor areas, 0/22 trks, 0/13 trk pks, 0/12 radar sites, 0/5 trp conc, 0/3 SAM sites, 0/1 CD site, and LOCs. ~~(S)~~

Tgts within 30 nm radius Hanoi: 6 SAM sites, 1 radar site, Phu Ly RR Bridge, Thuy Phuong Shipyard, Yen Vien RR Yd, and the Hanoi Concrete Products. ~~(S)~~

Tgts within 10 nm Haiphong: 3 SAM sites, Haiphong RR/hwy bridge, Kien An Afld, Kien An motor maintenance area, Kien An transship pt, and the Haiphong Ordnance Depot. ~~(S)~~

Other tgts incl: Ninh Binh RR siding and a suspect SAM site. (S)
AIRCRAFT DOWNED: 2 USAF F-105Ds downed by SAMs 19 Nov, 7 nm NW Hanoi. No chutes seen, no beepers heard. SAR not initiated due to hostile environment. ~~(S)~~

USAF F-105F hit by SAM 18 Nov, 12 nm W Hanoi. Pilot flew acft 124 nm WSW Hanoi and crew ejected. Both crewmen recovered in good condition. ~~(S)~~

USAF RF-4C downed by SAM 43 nm SW Hanoi 19 Nov. Two good chutes obs and 2 beepers heard. SAR in progress. (Total to date is 85). ~~(S)~~

2 USN F-4Bs downed by MIGs 7 nm SW Haiphong 18 Nov. One beeper heard and garbled transmission received stating he was being strafed by 2 MIGs. No SAR due to hostile environment. ~~(S)~~

USAF RF-4C downed by unk causes 31 nm NW Thanh Hoa on 19 Nov. Both crewmen recovered in good condition. ~~(S)~~

USAF F-4C downed by gnd fire 31 nm SE Dong Hoi on 19 Nov. 2 good chutes obs. 1 crewman recovered. SAR in progress. ~~(S)~~

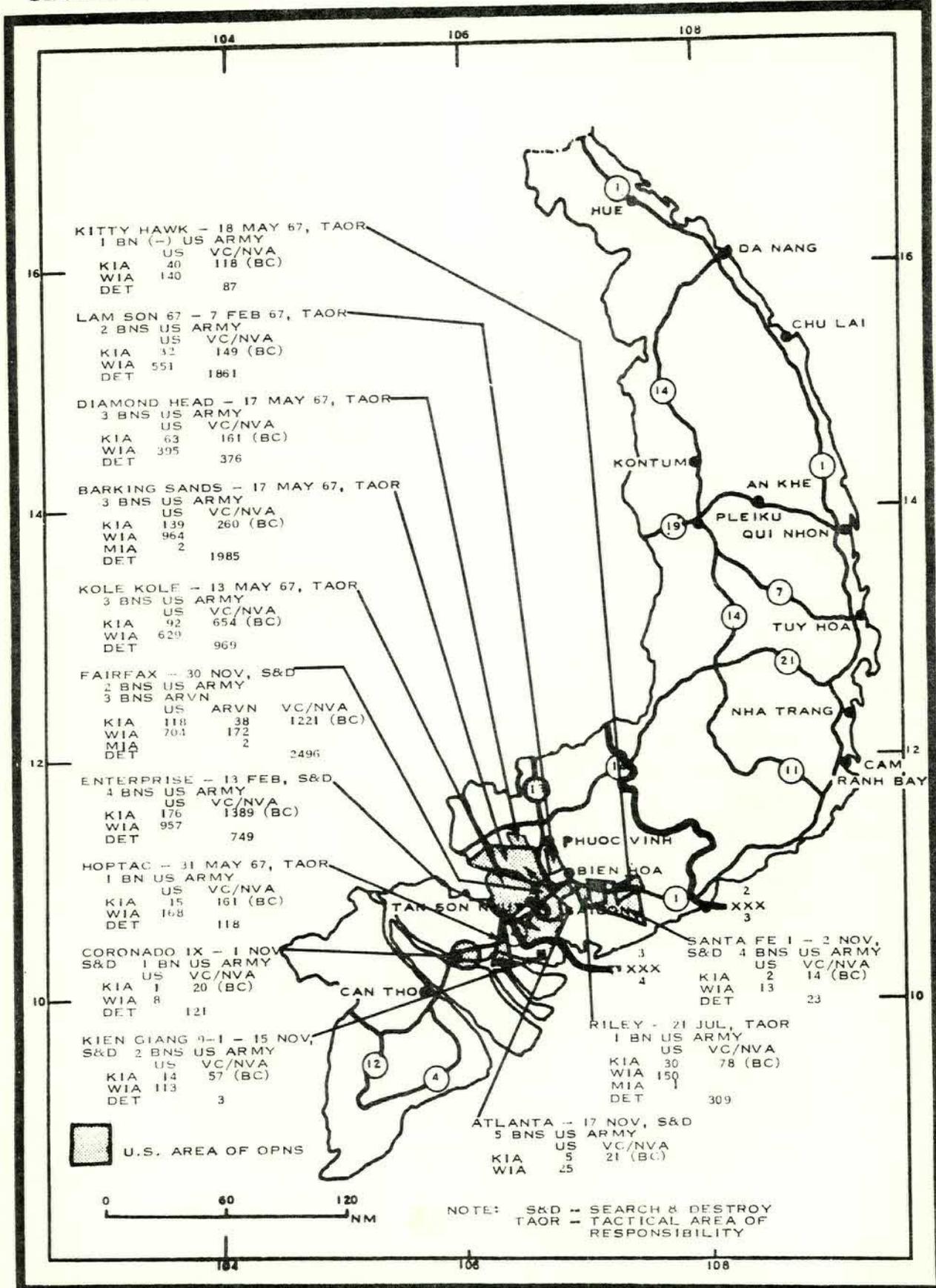
SAM SIGHTINGS: 93 abn SAM msls obs. On 17 Nov, 8 obs vic Hanoi and 11 vic Haiphong. On 18 Nov, 44 obs vic Hanoi, and on 19 Nov, 30 obs vic Hanoi. 4 acft downed by SAMs. ~~(S)~~

NORTH KOREAN PILOT ACTIVITY: Since resuming acty on 8 Nov, KorCom pilots from Kep Afld have been flying almost daily to at least the 16th. Call signs used indicate at least 24 KorCom pilots and perhaps 6 associated Korean controllers are active in NVN. Four MIG-17s are carried at Kep, prob for Korean use. Prior to 8 Nov, pilots last noted active on 24 Oct. Reason for periods inacty not known,

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TROOP MOVEMENT: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h) NVA 304th Div (2 inf regts and an arty regt) is deploying southward from Than Hoa Prov. Div will possibly supplement or replace some of 30,000-35,000 NVNese forces in DMZ area, or it could move through Laos and enter SVN farther south. 304th is using signal plan similar to that used by 324th Div during its initial move into SVN in May 1966. The third inf regt normally associated with 304th (9th) previously moved to Quang Tri Prov. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 18, 19 NOV: 288 sorties (280 USAF, 8 USMC) dest/damaged 43/95 trks, 18/27 gun sites, 5/0 bldgs, 0/32 trk pks, 0/17 stor areas, 0/3 mil complex, 0/14 trp conc, 0/1 bivouac area, 0/2 bridges, 0/1 supply area and LOCs. ~~(S)~~

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