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Dear Friends:

Thank you all for making our annual event at New Windsor in July such a wonderfully memorable one. The program was special on at least three counts:

- We had over 30 children/youth, and nearly an equal proportion of younger families and senior member families. In this sense, we truly did "bring generations together!"
- We had a wide range of programs that included three music concerts and an afternoon spent at an outdoor water park that turned out to be quite a well-received program.
- We had fresh, authentic Sankethi food cooked on site.

Despite the number of programs and their associated expenses, as well as the low registration costs, we still managed to nearly break even thanks to your attendance in such good numbers (totaling 135) and to generous donations from many in our community before and after the event. We would like to express our heart-felt appreciation to all the donors (please find a detailed list in this regard included in this newsletter).

We have started planning for the next set of NASA Regional Meetings now. Our first of these five Regional Meetings will be held in northern New Jersey on Saturday, November 3rd. Some details regarding that meeting are included in this newsletter and further details will be posted on our website (www.sankethi.org). In case you have not already done so, please keep us up to date with your e-mail contacts so that we may keep you in the loop about community news and events.

We are looking forward to planning and celebrating the NASA Silver Jubilee event in grand style in 2009. Towards this end, as advised during the GBM, in organizing this particular event, I would like to appoint an Advisory Committee to guide the BOD starting now and continuing into the term of the next BOD to be elected in 2008. I would like to invite those who wish to serve on this Advisory Committee to contact me as soon as possible (no later than 9/15/07) so we may discuss the particulars.

In BOD news, Mahesh Rao, Treasurer, is not able to continue on the BOD due to career advancement and increased professional commitments. Satyanarayana has graciously agreed to take on the responsibilities of NASA Treasurer. Our thanks to him and we welcome him to this new role on the BOD. Sundaresan has also kindly agreed to continue as the NASA Auditor for the 2007 accounts.

In closing, I would like to urge our community to engage more frequently and meaningfully in charitable activities, particularly those targeting needy communities in India. Some programs during our July event raised awareness about the very many charitable activities underway through BSS and KSS. Please refer to the BSS (www.sankethi.com), KSS (www.kowshika-sankethi-sangha.org), and NASA (www.sankethi.org) websites for additional details. Mr. BKS Swamy has already been doing commendable work in leading the efforts around the Emergency Relief Fund and the Disaster Relief Fund being channeled through NASA and administered by KSS. Let us actively support these initiatives. Please let us know how we can help you in directing your resources towards any of these causes.

Warm regards,

S. Sridhara, President-NASA

1. Report on NASA 2007 Annual Function

Bringing Generations Together in Cultural Celebration

More than 130 people attended this year's NASA Annual Meeting on July 6, 7, and 8 at New Windsor, MD and it was an enjoyable occasion for all. The program featured social, cultural, and religious activities, in addition to delicious Sankethi meals prepared by our own Vani and Pavani Ram. This year we experimented with age-stratified and off-site activities as well.

Day at the Lake & Golf Outing

NASA 2007 began in grand style on Friday, July 6th with a day spent at Cascade Lake, a local park with water activities and picnic areas. We began the afternoon with a picnic lunch. Everyone in attendance had the chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones over lunch and through the afternoon's activities at the lake. Some members of our group stayed by the picnic area chatting, reminiscing, and playing cards while others took children to the water park and slides, and still others spent time soaking up the sun in or by the lake. As we had organized for a paddleboat to be reserved for NASA party use, most of us took the opportunity to take a ride around the lake. We had the good fortune to have a short hike around the lake led by our very own Deepak Dathatri. Some individuals also played golf during the latter part of the afternoon at a nearby course. This was the first year NASA formally organized a golf outing. Participants played at the Wakefield Valley golf course which was only a short drive from New Windsor. Eight NASA members of all different skill levels participated, and everyone had a blast. Golf is becoming an increasingly popular sport, and its allure is that it can be enjoyed by all ages. The camaraderie and friendly competition made the event all the more enjoyable. We hope to offer a golf outing again and to have many more participants regardless of skill level join us on the links next year. All in all, more than 70 members attended the afternoon at the lake, and there were activities for NASA members of different generations and interests to enjoy.



Check-in at Windsor began in the early evening as attendees returned from the lake and from golfing. We had the chance again to catch up over refreshments. We soon adjourned to a delicious dinner after which the evening programs began.

“The Roots of the Sankethi Family Tree”



A program titled “The Roots of the Sankethi Family Tree” opened with Dr. Uma Ramakrishna, wearing the traditional *gandee saree*, speaking in Sankethi, Kannada, and English by turns to describe the origins of Sankethis and the villages from which we originated. She then facilitated an introduction of families grouped by village of origin. This skillfully arranged session with its introduction, manner of facilitation, and family introductions provided us with a historical context in which to situate an understanding of our socio-cultural origins. During all programs and after they finished their meals, children engaged in arts and crafts projects in the cafeteria or at the back of the auditorium which allowed them to enjoy the programs while keeping their hands occupied if they became restless.

After this program, which ran into the late night hours because of such avid interest, some members got together for a Rummy/28 Tournament coordinated by Dr. YN Jayaram. So keen was the interest in the game that it lasted late into the night on both Friday and Saturday nights! In the meanwhile, some of our adult members went to Washington, DC to spend a night out socializing with one another at the reputed Tabaq Bistro. More than twenty members, mostly singles along with a few couples, joined the outing and had a wonderful time.

Children’s Fun Fair



Saturday, the second day of our conference, began with the traditional nature walk and vedic chanting followed by breakfast. Our first ever idli-eating contest was held for children during this time where participants were given two minutes to eat as many idlies as they possibly could. Mira Hashe was the victor of the contest eating a grand total of seven idlies! After the contest, children proceeded to the Fun Fair at the gymnasium where they engaged in cooperative as well as competitive games, had their faces painted and nails done, had Sohni and Zeel (our child-care providers for the weekend) paint henna art on their hands/arms, had pictures drawn for them by our resident portrait artist, Anjan Kaushik, and tried out the moon bounce.

As the Fun Fair was going on, we held our General Body Meeting (please refer to GBM Minutes provided later in this newsletter) followed by a report about the Koushika and Bettadapura Sankethi Sanghas, and a brainstorming session for celebrating NASA’s 25th Anniversary coming up in 2009. Afterwards, we gathered for a fantastic lunch with many delicious items. The idli-eating contest for adults was held during this time and was a fierce

competition for all involved. Amidst shouts of encouragement, Jayanth Jayaram emerged victorious by eating 12 idlies in the allotted three minutes.

After lunch, children performed individually in a talent showcase. We had the pleasure of hearing some wonderful pieces, both Western and Carnatic, played on the piano, violin and recorder, and of hearing the vocal stylings of our community's budding young musical artists. The children's talent showcase was followed by a presentation of graduation awards to recognize and honor this year's high school, college, and graduate school graduates. Awards went to Vikram Rao and Sneha Nath for completing high school with honors and accolades, Srinivas Nataraja and Neela Satyanarayana for their multiple accomplishments and college graduations, and Drs. Shankar Sridhara and Shubha Dathatri for earning their M.D. and Ph.D. degrees respectively. Soon after the awards ceremony, we were delighted to hear the Sankethi anthem sung by a small group of our community members. We then took a short break during which we enjoyed some coffee, snacks, and ice cream, as well as some interactive games in the gym for all ages. Both men and women participated enthusiastically in the *saree*-wearing contest. In this contest, participants ran from one end of the gym to the other where they put on a *saree* as quickly as possible and then raced back to the start line without the *saree* coming undone. The game was great fun for both participants and spectators – especially to see some participants find their way around a *saree*!

“Music of India”

During this year's meeting, we had the distinct pleasure of hearing the musical gifts of several accomplished Sankethi musicians. The late afternoon program began with Smt. Sudha Iyer playing Sitar, followed by Sri. Vikram S. Keshav playing Mandolin.



Sudha Iyer gave us an excellent treat on her Sitar ably accompanied on Tabla by the talented Yusuf Kerai from Richmond, VA. Smt. Sudha Iyer's presentation was very professional and pleasing and we compliment her on her commitment to music while pursuing a busy career. In the coming years we look forward to full length concerts, much more than the half-hour we enjoyed this year.



In addition to Smt. Sudha Iyer's performance on Sitar, we had the unique opportunity to present a second rare concert where Sri. Vikram S. Keshav played very skillfully on Mandolin, a very difficult instrument to master. His talent and commitment came through very quickly with his main piece in Thodi Raga as Srinath Bala gave excellent support on Mridangam. We are eager to hear a lot more from young Vikram in the coming years, and also to listen to his not-much-publicized vocal talents!

Harsha Nagarajan Concert

Following the afternoon's delightful concerts, we took a short break for dinner and then returned to the auditorium for further musical edification in a concert featuring Sri. Harsha Nagarajan accompanied by Smt. Sandhya Srinath on violin and Sri. Srinath Bala on mridangam.



Harsha's classical music concert was a resounding success as he won the hearts of our community through song. His love and passion for music were evident as also were his keen involvement with his singing and the way he responded to the accompaniments throughout the concert. Harsha was ably accompanied by two very accomplished and well-known Washington-area musicians, Sandhya Srinath on violin and Srinath Bala on mridangam. Navaraga Varna set the stage for the performance followed by key pieces in Poorvi Kalyani and Thodi. Harsha was ready to sing for another hour with more Devaranamas after the nearly 2 hour-concert as the audience was thrilled at the prospect of listening, but unfortunately we had to move on to other programs due to time constraints. We look forward to additional opportunities to hear Harsha in concert!

During the evening concert, children participated in a Bhangra dance workshop. Soon after the concert was over, children were eager to share a piece they had learned with the group and we were indeed impressed by their enthusiasm and spontaneous performance. The evening concluded with our time-honored and festive fireworks display sponsored by Dr. Jai Chandru Rangappa.

Sunday, the last day of our get-together began as usual with the invigorating, enjoyable nature walk and vedic chanting followed by breakfast.

Children's Religious Mini-Camp: "The Ramayana through Yoga"

During the Sunday morning session, children attended a mini-camp titled "Ramayana through Yoga" where they heard stories from the Ramayana and rehearsed yoga poses to depict the epic poem.



In this religiously-oriented session, children heard the epic story of the Ramayana in abridged form and then learned to "tell" the story through yoga poses. Children began and closed the session with prayers and also learned a few devotional songs. Children later took the stage for a unique and original dramatic presentation of the Ramayana. The picture shown here is a depiction of Hanuman entering the mouth of Surasi, the serpent demoness, as he crossed the ocean to Lanka in the Sundara Kanda. The child in the center is performing the Anjaneya Salutation while the other children are performing the Cobra pose in a circle to depict the open mouth of Surasi. This children's presentation was lively and charming.

“Aham Brahmasmi”

In the meanwhile, adult attendees enjoyed a DVD presentation of “Aham Brahmasmi,” a highly-acclaimed Sanskrit drama about Sri Shankaracharya directed by Divakar Rudrapatna. The production of this drama was the result of great efforts by the late Sri Harave Keshava Murthy and Divakar, as well as a large number of actors. We wish Divakar all the best in his future theatrical endeavors. For more information and reviews about this drama, please visit: www.kannadamma.com.

We also had the privilege of hearing a few individual presentations. Andy Dodd shared a beautiful photographic slide show of his recent trip to India with interesting and insightful narration throughout. Puneeth Kumar made an informative presentation about some outreach work in which he is involved in a community in Paraguay. His commitment and dedication to service is truly commendable. And Ashwini Srikantiah raised our awareness of the very low number of South Asians in the National Bone Marrow registry, and with Dr. Shankar Sridhara’s help, coordinated testing on-site for interested volunteers.

Conclusion & Farewell

Later everyone gathered in the auditorium for devotional songs. Then, in an awards/“graduation” ceremony, children were individually recognized for their wonderful, whole-hearted participation in the weekend’s activities. Dr. Sridhara concluded the morning program with farewell remarks after which we performed aarathi as a group. We then proceeded to lunch where we said our last goodbyes and looked forward to meeting again at regional get-togethers and at next year’s conference.

One of the most notable features of this year’s get-together was the authentic Sankethi meals prepared by Vani and Pavani Ram, with the assistance of Y.N. Jayaram, and Geetha and Dathatri. Their tireless efforts and painstaking attention to detail resulted in delicious fare at every meal. All attendees ate very well!

The Board received quite a bit of feedback about the weekend programming. Overall, the consensus was that the meeting was a grand success. The major accolades we received were for the delicious food throughout the weekend, plentiful and age-appropriate children’s programming, the “Roots of the Sankethi Family Tree” presentation, the professional-level music concerts, and the day at the lake. A few areas for improvement were also noted. For example, we received requests for brown rice and more whole grain options available at meals as well as smaller meals overall. We were also asked to designate recycling bins for empty soda and water bottles as well as to encourage members to bring their own water bottles from home that could be refilled throughout the weekend. We also heard a call to bring back the panel discussions and include a session on Indian politics at future meetings. Lastly, as a result of running behind schedule at times, we were not able to do all the intergenerational community-building activities we had planned, and some members wanted to see more time dedicated to those types of activities. In addition to all this feedback, we also received conflicted reports about the age-stratified and off-site activities. A few adult members who do not have young children wished that the children remained in the auditorium during all cultural programs whereas the parents of young/youth children expressed great enthusiasm and appreciation for the concurrent children’s activities. Similarly, concern was expressed by some for young adults to venture off-site for a night out for a variety of serious reasons while those who attended said they had a wonderful time, met new people, and renewed old acquaintances. In a group as diverse as ours, some of these conflicted opinions are bound to arise, and the BOD has taken everyone’s feedback very seriously and will work to address the issues raised. More than anything, we are pleased to have an open forum through program evaluations and the Sankethi listserv to hear everyone’s thoughts.

We on the BOD had such a wonderful time organizing this year’s conference and were thrilled to see so many familiar faces along with new ones. Next year’s function promises to be as exciting as this one was. We would love to hear your thoughts on this year’s program and what programs you’d like to see next year and in the interim, so please do be in touch about this. ***Specifically, we urge you to share your input regarding location/venue and preferred dates for the 2008 annual meeting.*** In the meanwhile, many thanks, again, for your valued and enthusiastic contributions to NASA and we look forward to planning for a fantastic NASA 2008!



GBM Meeting



July 7, 2007 NASA GBM minutes

The 2007 NASA GBM was held on July 7, 2007 at the New Windsor Conference Center at 10:00 am

1. Invocation by Geetha Nataraja
2. Welcome speech by Dr. Sridhara, NASA president
3. Roll call was taken. Over 30 registered members were in attendance. Quorum for 2007 GBM was established.
4. Copies of 2006 GBM minutes were made available to members. 2006 GBM Minutes had also been sent to all members in June 2007 newsletter. Sundaresan motioned to accept 2006 GBM minutes. Nataraja Seconded. 2006 GBM minutes were accepted.
5. When the meeting was called to order, a few moments of silence were observed by the general body for those Sankethis who passed away this past year, namely Sri H.R. Subrayasastry, Sri. Harave Keshavamurthy, Sri. M.R. Lakshminarayana, Sri. H.C. Subba Rao, Sri. Y.S. Shamanna, and Sri. R.R. Keshavamurthy.
6. Dr. Sridhara started president's speech by thanking BOD for excellent work. He commented on the time it took to transfer accounts related papers to new BOD in 2006. Nagendra and Mahesh have declined to continue in the BOD due to personal reasons. President is working on finding two members to fill these spots.
7. President recognized 14 new life members that were admitted to NASA.
8. President noted that he is guided by NASA aims & objectives. He read out NASA aims & objectives and noted that the same have been published in previous newsletters.
9. President also noted that he has paid particular interest in bringing Sankethi organizations together and elaborated on work performed towards this goal.
10. Based on the panel discussions conducted in 2006 GBM, 5 initiatives were undertaken. These are NASA web site, communication, Regional meetings, Archive Sankethi stories and Sankethi genealogy. It was noted that most of these initiatives are being worked on except for the creation of an archive for Sankethi stories.
11. President acknowledged contribution from members for various regional meetings.
12. Interaction with Paschimavaahini was noted including President's visit to their Ugadi function earlier in the year and his meeting with several members and office bearers from Paschimavaahini. Members there have expressed an interest in NASA holding events in the bay area.
13. Suggestions were made to start planning 25th anniversary in 2009. President has been requested to form an advisory committee for 25th anniversary celebrations. Advisory committee should be cognizant of change of BOD in 2008 and liaise accordingly. A group of members expressed interest in planning a trip to visit our roots in India.
14. President noted that there was much discussion on Sankethi grama. BOD could not take any position on this.
15. Secretary's report was presented. 14 new life members were added to NASA. Several BOD meetings were conducted, 4 newsletters were published. 4 regional meetings were held. Web site is being kept current at no expense to NASA.

16. Audit committee report was presented by Sundaresan. It was clarified that pending the availability of detailed transaction records, the financial statements for the calendar year 2006 were checked for arithmetic and consistency and found to be in order.
17. Treasurer's report for calendar year 2006 was presented by Dr. Sridhara.
18. The issue of conducting a full scale audit of the accounts for the previous years was discussed. It was suggested that no significant benefits could be expected from such an exercise at this stage. Prof. Dathatri's motion to accept the accounts for 2006 as well as previous years and seconded by Dr. Jayaram was carried.
19. As regards to the filing of tax returns for the missing years, in line with the recommendations of Raju Govindaraju, CPA and former NASA Treasurer, there was no plan to address the issue at this late stage. As for the year 2006 there may not be any need to file a return based on the criteria prescribed under the IRS rules. All tax related papers are currently with Dr. Sridhara pending the appointment of a new Treasurer.
20. Sundaresan reported on Sankethi Genealogy project. Details of Genealogy team are posted on the NASA home page.
21. Website team report was provided by Dr. Keshava Kumar. Phase 1 of the project has been implemented. Phase 2 of the web site project has not been established. Phase 1 consists of keeping the web site current. Lalitha Hanasoge noted that certain items that were part of the web site some years ago are not present in the web site anymore and expressed her concern on how such initiatives were not carried through successive BODs. It was explained that the present the focus is on keeping the web site current. It was concluded that when Phase 2 of the web site is undertaken any missing items will be considered for restoration.
22. There was no report from bylaw committee
23. There was no old unfinished business
24. Under new business, the topic of some of the members not receiving newsletters was raised. Members were requested to inform NASA BOD of any address changes. Efforts will be made to make sure all members receive newsletters.
25. Under new business, a suggestion was made that the President look into the feasibility of filling one of the two vacancies in the BOD by inducting Sundaresan as Treasurer and also that the audit committee for examining the accounts for the calendar year 2000 be constituted within the next two months.
26. Under new business, back to roots trip 2008/2009 schedule was discussed.
27. A suggestion was made that the World Brahmin Federation President be kept informed of the dates for NASA's GBM 2008 as early as possible with a view to avoiding a schedule conflict with WBF's annual convention dates.
28. Good and welfare discussions marked the completion of the last item of the agenda.
29. Motion of thanks to the Chair and BOD, duly made and seconded, was carried unanimously.
30. 2007 NASA GBM meeting adjourned.



2. New Life Members of NASA

NASA welcomes the following new life members:

Dana and Kevin Gittings (VA)
Emily and Ananth Murthy (DC)

NASA thanks you for and congratulates you on your life membership! We look forward to your continued and engaged participation in our community's activities!

3. Sponsorships & Donations

NASA conveys heartfelt thanks to families and individuals who have sponsored community activities through regional meetings, during the annual function, and at the annual function for particular causes. Your sponsorships and donations have made possible some fantastic activities in which we have been able to engage as a community. Again, many warm thanks for your generosity and commitment to the vitality of our organization and community!

Full Sponsorship of Regional Events:

Prema and Keshava Kumar (CT event)
Ishwari and Madapura Prasanna Murthy, and Chitra and Ashok Rao (TX event)

Donations towards Annual Event:

(George) Rao family (VA)
Keshava Murthy family (IL)
Shanthi Ramakrishna (CA)
Rangappa family (VA)
Padakandla family (TX)
Srikantiah family (NJ)
Poage family (NJ)
Jayaram family (NJ)
Dathatri family (NY)
Nataraj family (MD)

Viswanath family (NJ)
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Jayanth Jayaram family (MD)
Arun Murthy family (NJ)
Sudhir Nath family (NC)
Sundaresan family (NJ)
Ramachandra Rao (NJ)
Geeth Rao family (IN)
Sridhara family (MD)

Donations at Annual Event for Other Causes:

Santhosh Govindaraju
Shantaram Kashyap

Our sincere apologies if we have not made mention of any particular individual's or family's sponsorship of and donation to NASA activities. We are assuredly thankful for the valued contributions made to NASA by each of our community's members.

4. A Request of All NASA Members and Non-Members:

If your postal or email address has changed or if you would like us to include your or your friends' email addresses in the distribution list, please send us a note with the current email address(es) to ssridhara51@gmail.com or kbkumar@cox.net. If you have been receiving communication from NASA and your email address is correct no action is required.

5. Website Updates – New Link

A link to organizations associated with NASA, including BSS and KSS, has been provided on our website (www.Sankethi.org). We have also posted the two documents received from BSS and KSS which were presented during the 2007 Annual event in order to enhance NASA members' awareness of the considerable charitable work being carried out back home.

6. Community News:

NASA life members Kusuma and Subrahmanya Hanagal celebrated the Upanayana of their son Pranav in the holy Kukke Subrahmanya Kshetra in India on June 28, 2007 followed by Sri Sathyanarayana Pooja in Bangalore. Pranav has already learnt Sandhyavandana from his grandfather and is already in the practice doing the same every day. We wish him all the best.

NASA congratulates Ravi and Darshna Chandrasekhara who performed Chaula (hair cutting) ceremony on August 15, 2007 for their son Keshav (age 2) in Srirangapatna, India.



Samay Govindaraju, son of Santosh & Ami Govindaraju, was born on June 26th, 2007 at 6 lbs and 19 inches. As the photo here begins to show, big brother Vinay Govindaraju is very proud and taking care of this new member of the family. Many warm congratulations from the NASA community!

The NASA community sends hearty congratulations to Ranjini and Dale Poage on the August arrival of their baby girl, Reyva. The family is doing well and Tejan is enjoying his new role as big brother!

A notable member of the Sankethi community, Kamala Parashuramarao passed away in May 2007 at the age of 82. She is survived by her three daughters, Sumathi, Mythili, and Prathibha, and by her son, Sudheer. Our sympathies are with the family during this difficult time.

7. NASA Regional Meetings:

Navarathri and Deepavali Regional Event

The first of our series of Regional Meetings is being planned around Deepavali and Navarathri time in the northern NJ area. Please find below as well as on the NASA website (www.sankethi.org) further details on this event.

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2007

Time: 11AM – 7PM

Location: Woman's Club of Westwood
205 Kinderkanack Road
Westwood NJ 07675
Tel: 201 666 9755

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and any cultural activities that you and/or your children wish to participate in at your earliest convenience to: Prema and Keshava Kumar at kbkumar@cox.net or Tel: 860 648 9798 as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly.

The expenses for this event (i.e., location, catering, etc.) are expected to be around \$1,200. Given that this is a festival season, NASA encourages families to sponsor some part of or the entirety of the event. Any donations towards the event are most welcome. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this regard.

The cultural programs at this event will include a Veena concert by our very own Sunil Srinivasa Murthy from NJ, some children's programs, as well as programs by artists in our community. Complete details will be posted on NASA website by early October. The Shylaja-Srikantiah, Ranjini-Dale, and Amrutha-Viswanath families have graciously invited out of town visitors to stay the night with them on the weekend of this event.

Note on Veena artist: Sunil Srinivasa Murthy initially learnt Veena from his mother and Smt. Lalitha Ramesh. He then took advanced lessons for over 10 years from Vidwan Sri. H S Krishnamurthy in Bangalore. Sri. H S Krishnamurthy was the foremost student of Vidwan R S Keshavamurthy, Asthana Vidwan of Mysore Palace. The R S Keshavamurthy school of Veena-playing follows the Mysore Bani with special emphasis on Bhava-oriented raga-playing and on adhering to tradition. Sunil has been residing in the US for the last 15 years and has given concerts in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and New Jersey areas for organizations such as Spicmacay, Tyagaraja Society and CMANA.

Please join us for what promises to be an entertaining get-together and another opportunity renew community acquaintances!

Also, for your information, additional regional meetings are being planned around the following dates at the following locations:

Jan (Sankranthi): Dallas, TX
March (Ugadi): California
May: Richmond, VA/Raleigh, NC area

We look forward to seeing many of you at these events!



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