

19 October 1942

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TO : Personnel concerned.

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4. a. You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations:
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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name(Print) <u>Floyd B. WATTS</u>	Signed <u>Floyd Watts</u>
Rank <u>1st Lt</u> A.S.N. <u>0-379147</u>	Date <u>Sept 13 1943</u>
Unit <u>94th B.S. (H)</u>	Witness <u>Grady Lewis</u> <u>Major ac</u>

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Name (Print) Floyd B. WAHLSSigned *Floyd B. Wahls*Rank 1st Lt ASN 0-379167Date Sept 17 1943Unit 94th BG 331stWitness *John Whitey. 10th A.C.*

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *1st Lt. Floyd Bentley Watts O-379167*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *94th BG(H) 331st SQDN*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *94th BG(H)*
5. Date of Birth. *aug 21, 1917*
6. Length of Service. *4 Yr. 3 MO*
7. Private Address. *Box 113 GAINESVILLE, TEXAS*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down?
Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?
*Le Bourget Air base - Target.
Bury St. Edmunds, July 14, 1943 - 5:45 AM
shot down over Lourdes, France at 8:15 AM. SAME DAY
AIRCRAFT + ALL INSTRUMENTS + PAPERS DESTROYED*
9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.
10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *NO*
14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experience? Where and when? *Yes - MADRID, SPAIN BY MAJ. CLARK.
GIBRALTER, BY MAJ. LEWIS*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *NO.*
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *Yes. MADRID, GIBRALTER, LONDON.*
17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gibraltar, Sept 15 1943 BY AIR.*
18. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Prestwick, Scotland
Sept 16, 1943.*

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ISTLT d B. Watts 0-379167
331 Bomb Sq 94 Bomb Sq
Sept 43

#92

15 July 43

Bartholomay (bicycle shop)
Louvre

Food & shelter

Jacqueline Barron
daughter of Pierre Barron
(Mayor of Louvre?)

Spoke English took
& care

17 July

Louis Timbert, La
Clappelle en Sorval.

Food & shelter for
22 days

Paul Labrosse
Woman in Green Dress
Madame Guillane
29 rue Dareau

Guide and identifier
& Guide from Paris station
Food and shelter
for several days

~~18 July~~

over & C

JULY 15TH.

After seeing our burnt plane I walked into a bicycle shop run by a man named Bartholomew he took care of me and called in Jacqueline Barou who spoke English. I think her father is Pierre Barou mayor of Louvre. I was taken to a rock quarry where they said I would have to stay twelve days in a wet cave. It seems they were testing me as they came the next night and took me to Bartholomew's house. The next day I was taken to Louis Finbert's house in Le Chapelle en Serval where I stayed twenty-two days. Louis Finbert bought a ticket for me and put me on a train where I met a guide with Sgts Carpenter and Potvin, we went to Paris.

Paul La Brosse met us at the station and told me to follow the woman in the green dress. I followed her and went to Madame Guillane's flat 29 Rue Darcen. I stayed until Aug 6th. While I was here Sgt Fink came and stayed two days. Sgts Ruby and Lt Mundy were also in Paris at this time.

Aug 6th Madame Guillane took me to a museum where I met Capt Harrison and made the rest of the trip with him.

Left Bay St Edmunds 5:45 A.M. July 14th
 target Le Bourget. Just before turning in I.P.
 F.W.s may must have been 60 cars in direct flight
 six at a time. Two blew up right in front of us.
 First attack no hits on us. I was doing severe
 evasive action. I moved back to correct position
 in formation. Saw 2 men bail out of lead plane
 I looked & saw group had turned into I.P. I
 turned and tried to catch group. At this time
 my No 3 prof governor was knocked out and
 just ran away. I caught the group by giving
 engine all I could + in spite of many attacks.
 I took diagonal position in high C flight. My
 Co-Pilot could not feather No 3 I tried to
 help him + ship almost stalled. I shoved
 stick forward and we caught up with formation
 again. We were hit by 20mm in bomb bay
 Ball turret man told me we were losing output
 of all engines. Lost all power but from No 1.
 Plane had been hit in many places. I tried
 to call Navigator for course but intercom
 had been shot out. I then turned on ~~tail~~
 emergency bell + also gave order over intercom
 for crew to bail out. I yelled at Co-Pilot
 + Engine to bail out and they left cockpit.
 I waited 3-4 minutes tried to turn on AFCE
 but it was inoperative. Before this I tried
 to salvo bombs. I got up slipped on
 hydraulic fluid + fell down into hole by
 Navigator's compartment saw Navigator + Bombardier
 had gone. Saw Pilot's emergency salvo release
 and pulled it and salvoed 13 bombs. I got up
 went to bomb bay + bailed out feet first.
 We were about 10,000. I opened chute at about 8000ft.
 I saw 4 chutes in air. One plane was going
 round + came close to me. 4 fighters were still

shooting at plane + came close to me shooting.
I heard plane crash + saw smoke + ammunition
go off. I hid in a field about 4 Kilometers
West of Lourdes. I took of chute + hid it in a
weed patch. I ran to a wheat field close + hid
out jumped + then crawled. I stayed about 2 hrs.
I heard ^{French} German soldier who walked all around
field but did not see me. I took off Mac West
+ flying jacket + went to sleep. After 2 hrs I
heard a rickshaw + saw the French was cutting
the wheat field. I kept crawling farther out
in field as they cut nearer. I opened my escape
kit + put contents in water bottle. The French
finally ran over my mac West which I had
left. This caused great excitement and a lot
of gabbing but they went around field again
+ as they came by I raised up. The man or
buden noticed me down + to go to another
field. A well dressed man + his son came +
brought me clothes. I asked way to Paris. They
told me direction. I put on civilian clothes left
mine + walked until 10 P.M. I slept in a hay
15th stack. Next morning walked on crossed main road
to Paris went on another road + met mining direction
+ ended up back in Lourdes came to plane which had
crashed on a T.R.R. and demolished a signal house.
I went on and met into a bike shop where there was
only a little girl (Bartholomew) He called her father.
He could not understand what I wanted but he did
understand I was American pilot. He fed me +
later bought in foghills Baron spoke English.
The father Pierre Baron I think way of Lourdes
They took me to a rock quarry + hid me. They told me
I would have to stay there 2 days. Next night they
came + took me to Bartholomew house. He took me

to Le Chapelle en Sarval. met Louis Simbut
+ I went to his house where I stayed 22 days.
While here Paul Fabron came and questioned me.
A photographer came + took pictures. After 22 days
a friend of Louis Simbut took me to Angers
where he gave me tickets + I took train and
met a guide ^{to give me identity card in train} and Sgt Carpenter + Sgt Potvin
4 of us went on to Paris. Went to truck station
met Paul La Brousse he said go with woman
in Green dress I followed her to 29 Rue
Darcum to Madam Guillane apt. I stayed
until Aug 6th. Sgt. Finck came + stayed 2 days.
Sgt Ruby, Lt. Munday were in Paris. Madam
Guillane took me to a museum where I met
Capt Harrison.

From Madam I ~~took boat~~ ^{went to} Le Havre
by car where I reported to British Consul.
Spent night. Took boat Leonarda bid us
advised to Gib: 13 hrs.

I heard from Sgt. Potvin that Sgts
Phillips + Raffert had been killed -
I have while trying to open rear escape hatch
that would not open.

MOST SECRET.

APPENDIX "B".
M. I. 9. (b) / S / P. G.

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
..... (.....) who escaped
after capture by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being
in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so
it is important not to divulge any particulars of source.

Statement of information covering period from

to

*A log petrol storage place near tanks
south of Chantilly. (H.S.)*

*May German aircraft destroyed on Le Bourget
raid. (H.S.)*

Many Dead U.S. bats on all raids (H.S.)

M. I. 9.
/ / 42.

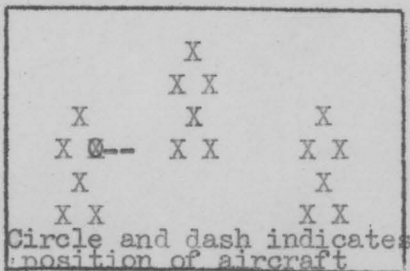
Lieut.-Colonel, G.S.

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Appendix E to EOE Report No 92

NAME Floyd B. WATTS RANK 1st Lt ASN 0-379167 REPORT NO. 92

SQ 331 GROUP 94 A/C NO. 073 Letter _____ Load 16-300 Date 14 July 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Number two in leading element of "B" Flight.

Circle and dash indicates position of aircraft

Observed results of Bombing:

Bombs were not dropped on target.

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Concentrated frontal attacks.

Markings:

Our Tactics: Severe Evasive action.

Our Fighter Support:

Had turned back just before enemy attack, but saw what had happened, and returned to engage enemy.

Flak

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
Approximately 7:55	On I.P.	Unknown.

Technical Failures

Motors: None

Armor: None

Armament: None

Miscellaneous: Escape hatches would not release.

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

The tail on the rear escape hatch would not open. AFCE was inoperative.

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- (iii) File (hacksaw). No
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money. To buy cigarettes - gave 900 francs to helpers.

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. Gave to helper.

Compass. Gave to helper.

File (hacksaw). Gave to helper.

Surplus currency. None

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(*Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following? None
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE

(i) Round compass.

(ii) Stud compass.

(iii) Swinger compass.

(iv) Fly-button compass.

(v) Pencil clip compass.

(vi) Tunic button compass.

(vii) Pipe compass.

(viii) Pouch

(ix) Special flying boots (and knife).

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? Yes
If so, how many? Three

(b) Did you use them? No, not the right size.
State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

In July at BURY ST EDMUNDS by Intelligence Officer.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? Yes

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 92 .

No., Rank, Name:- Floyd B. WATTS, 1st Lt, O-379167

Unit:- 331 Bomb Squadron, 94 Bomb Group

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- (a) Did you use your aids box? **Yes**
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
 - (i) Horlicks tablets. **No**
 - (ii) Chocolate **No**
 - (iii) Milk (tube). **For sunburned face - good results.**
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). **No**
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier). **No**
 - (vi) Matches. **No**
 - (vii) Adhesive tape. **Yes, to tape identification tags together.**
 - (viii) Chewing gum. **No**
 - (ix) Water bottle. **No**
 - (x) Compass **To find directions.**
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **No**
If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? **Buried it.**
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger? **No**

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? **Yes**
If so, state COLOR. **Brown**
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? **Yes**
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
 - (i) Maps. **Which ones?**
 - (ii) Compass. **For directions.**

HQ, ETOUSA
Office of AC of S, G-2
MIS Detachment

E & E REPORT NO. 92
EVASION IN FRANCE

17 Sept 1943
(Date)

Floyd B. Watts 1st Lt 0-379167
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

331st Bomb 94 Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 26
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 4 Yr 3 Mo
HOME ADDRESS: Box 113 Gainesville
TEXAS

MIA: 14 July 43
Arrived in Spain: Aug 28, 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar: Sept 13, 1943
Arrived in UK: Sept 16, 1943

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB) 4/8/51

			Official	Narrators
			Disposition	Disposition
PILOT	0-379167	1st Lt	Floyd Bentley WATTS	- NARRATOR
CO-PILOT	0-739890	2d Lt	John William BIEGER	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-736844	2d Lt	Allan Clifford EASTMAN	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-734481	2d Lt	Richard Norden MANNING	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	31167454	T/Sgt	Samuel Edwin POTVIN	Gibraltar on <u>EWING 101</u>
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34267523	T/Sgt	John Frank BUICE	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	34213971	S/Sgt	John Leroy CARPENTER	<u>EWING</u> E.E. No. 100
LEFT WAIST GUNNER	13103641	S/Sgt	Burton Hartman REPERT	KIA // <u>sgt. Potvin dates</u>
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	13117691	S/Sgt	Lawrence Burl PHILLIPS	KIA // <u>killed in plane</u>
TAIL GUNNER	12145982	S/Sgt	Joseph Emanuel MANOS	MIA // <u>by 20 mos. burial.</u>

Buried in Craig in same military cemetery

Were you wounded? Slightly

We left BURY ST EDMUNDS at 1545 hours 14 July 1943. Our target was LE BOURGET. Before reaching the target we were attacked by ~~an~~ ~~large~~ ~~number~~ of FW 190's. I saw two of the enemy fighters blow up in front of our plane. Because of severe evasive action I dropped out of formation. Our number three engine was hit and the 'prop' ran away. By boosting all engines we caught the group but fell away again when number three would not feather. A 20 mm shell burst in the bomb bay and the engineer called ~~that~~ to tell me we were losing oil from all engines. After the inter-phone was shot out and ~~all~~ power was gone from all but one engine I turned on the emergency be~~l~~ and gave the order to bale out. About four minutes later, after salvoing the bombs, I went out the bomb-bay at 10000 feet. My chute opened at 8000 feet and I saw four chutes in the air. Four fighters were still attacking the plane. I heard it crash and saw a column of smoke rise after the explosion.

I landed, with slight injuries, in the vicinity of LOUVRES. After hiding my chute in a patch of weeds I ran to a wheat field and crawled into it. Two hours later I watched a German soldier search the edges of the field. ~~but~~ ~~he~~ ~~did~~ ~~not~~ ~~take~~ ~~me~~ ~~into~~ ~~the~~ ~~account~~ I took off my Mae West and flying jacket and fell asleep. Around noon I was awakened by noises and saw that several Frenchmen were cutting the wheat field. As they came nearer I crawled deeper into the wheat field and eventually they found my Mae West. This caused much excitement and as they came close to me again I raised up and waved. The Frenchman running the wheat binder motioned me down and indicated I was to move to another field. Soon after this two Frenchmen came to me bringing civilian clothes and food. After getting into the clothes I asked for directions south and started walking.

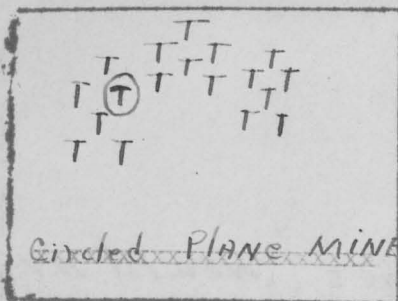
I found a haystack to sleep in that ~~that~~ night and the next morning walked in the wrong direction which brought me back to the vicinity of LOUVRES.

During this walk I passed a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ burned aircraft which had crashed on railway tracks, demolishing a signal house. About noon I passed a small shop and decided to ~~go~~ ask the people inside for food. There was only one man in the store and after telling him ~~that~~ I was an American aviator he hid me ~~there~~ before going off to get a friend who spoke English. This friend came to see me and my journey was arranged.

APPENDIX B:

1. A few miles south of CHANTILLY a large petrol storage dump was seen.
2. Heard that a large number of German aircraft were destroyed in the LE BOURGET raid of 14 July 1943.
3. French source stated that a large percentage of bombs dropped by American planes were 'duds'.

GROUP 44 SQ 331 A/C No. 073 Letter _____ Load 16/300 Date July 14, 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

NO 2 in leading Element
of "B" Flight

Observed results of Bombing ~~NO~~
Bombs were not dropped on target

Enemy fighter tactics: concentrated Frontal Attack
markings: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Our Tactics Severe EVASIVE ACTION

Our fighter support. Had when they turned back just before
Enemy Attack but saw what had happened
AND ~~they~~ returned to engage enemy.

Flak

	Time,	Place,	Quality.
APPROX	7:55	ON IP	ON GROUND

(over)

Technical Failures

Motors

NONE

Armor

NONE

Armament

NONE

Miscellaneous

*~~No~~ ESCAPE Hatches would not
Release.*

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

NONE
The ~~the~~ Rear escape hatch would not open.
A. F. L. E. was inoperative.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 93

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

Watts

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- (a) Did you use your aids box? *yes*
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
 - (i) Horlicks tablets. *NO*
 - (ii) Chocolate *NO*
 - (iii) Milk (tube). - *for sunburned face - Good Results*
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) *NO*
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier). *NO*
 - (vi) Matches. *NO*
 - (vii) Adhesive tape. *yes - to TAPE identification tags together*
 - (viii) Chewing gum. *NO*
 - (ix) Water bottle. *NO*
 - (x) Compass - *to find direction*
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*
If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *buried it.*
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger? *NO*

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? *yes*
If so, state COLOR. *BROWN*
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? *yes*
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
 - (i) Maps. Which ones?
 - (ii) Compass. - *for direction*

- (iii) File (hacksaw). *NO*
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money. - *To buy Cigaretts - GAVE 900 FRANCS to helper.*
- (d) How did you dispose of:-
 - Maps. *GAVE to Helper*
 - Compass. " " "
 - File (hacksaw). " " "
 - Surplus currency. *NONE*

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(*Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.) ~~4~~

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE

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- (iii) Swinger compass. *NO*
- (iv) Fly-button compass. *NO*
- (v) Pencil clip compass. *NO*
- (vi) Tunic button compass. *NO*
- (vii) Pipe compass. *NO*
- (viii) Pouch *NO*
- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife). *NO*

(b) Were they satisfactory? _____

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment? _____

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? *Yes*
If so, how many? *3*

(b) Did you use them? *NO*, not the right size.
State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *In July at Bury St Edmunds by Intelligence officer.*

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? *Yes*

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISHBy Authority of
A.C. of S. G-2.HQ, ETOUSA
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence ServiceInitials... *W.S.H.*
Date... *25/9/43*

24 September 1943

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Floyd B. WATTS, 1st Lt, O-379167
 331 Bomb Squadron, 94 Bomb Group

MIA: 14 July 1943
 Arrived in Spain:
 28 August 1943
 Arrived in Gibraltar:
 13 September 1943
 Arrived in UK:
 16 September 1943

AGE: 26 years
 LENGTH OF SERVICE: 4 5/12 years
 HOME ADDRESS: Box 113
 BAINESVILLE, Texas

POSITION	NO.	RANK	NAME	STATUS
PILOT				
NARRATOR				
CO-PILOT	O-739890	2d Lt	John William BLEGER	MIA
NAVIGATOR	O-736844	2d Lt	Allen Clifford EASTMAN	MIA
BOMBARDIER	O-734481	2d Lt	Richard Norden MANNING	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	31167454	T/Sgt	Samuel Edwin POTVIN	E&E REPORT 101
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34267523	T/Sgt	John Frank BUICE	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	34213971	S/Sgt	John Leroy CARPENTER	E&E REPORT 100
W/ST GUNNER	13103641	S/Sgt	Burton Hartman REPERT	KIA
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