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We encourage participation and articles for possible publication. Please include inmate name and number with each article. Please give credit to the author and source when submitting all articles for publication. Constructive criticism is desired from our readers. We reserve the right to edit/and or condense any article submitted for publication.

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PARDON BOARD

FALL SESSION

APPLICATIONS: All inmates who are planning an appearance at the next sessions are encouraged to submit their requests to SUPERVISOR OF RECORDS, at their respective institutions. Your request should be submitted immediately, if possible, and inmates are reminded that the last day for submitting requests is August 8, 1980.

After having submitted your request, you will be sent (3) three copies of the Board of Pardon Petitions. You must fill these petitions out completely and return (2) two copies as soon as possible to your Record Office for scheduling of your appearance. Retain (1) one copy for your records.

APPLICATIONS RESULTING IN A STARRED (\*) CASE: Under the established rules of the Pardon Board, cases are rarely heard if the petitioner has: 1) Appeared within the year. 2) Served less than one year. This one year cannot include jail time. 3) Appeared or was eligible for parole. A starred case in one of these categories is very rarely heard, therefore, by waiting for a regular session, not only are inmates saved the labor of preparing required letters, but friends, lawyers, prison staff, State's Attorney and Board members are spared the effort which should be given the regular petitioners. It is suggested that before undertaking the task of a starred petition, an inmate should seek the advice of the prison staff which is readily given.

Neither the Department of Correction nor the Pardon Board will assign Attorneys. Each inmate must retain his own council.

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JUNTA DE PERDON

LA SESION DE OTONO

PETICIONES: Todo preso que piense presentarse en las próximas sesiones deben someter sus solicitudes al SUPERVISOR DE ARCHIVOS, en sus respectivas instituciones. Debe someter su solicitud inmediatamente, si es posible, y se les recuerda a los presos que el último día para someter las solicitudes es el de 8 Agosto de 1980.

Después de haber sometido su solicitud, usted recibirá (3) tres copias de la Petición de Junta de Perdon. Tiene que llenar estas peticiones completamente y devolverlas lo mas pronto posible a su Oficina de Archivos para fijar la fecha de su audiencia. Retenga una copia como referencia personal.

SOLICITUDES QUE RESULTAN EN UN CASO MARCADO (\*): Bajo las reglas establecidas de la Junta de Perdon, rara vez se oyen los casos si el solicitante haya: 1) Aparecido dentro del año. 2) Servido menos de un año. Esto no puede incluir tiempo de cárcel. 3) Aparecido o sido elegible para libertad bajo palabra. Un caso marcado en una de estas categorias muy rara vez llega a ser oido, y por eso, al esperar la sesión regular, el preso evitará el trabajo innecesario de preparar el papeleo; y las amistades, los abogados, personal de la prision, la oficina del fiscal, y los miembros de la Junta podrán dar mejor atención a los solicitantes regulares. Por lo mismo, se sugiere que antes de someter una petición en un caso marcado, el preso debe pedir consejo de algún miembro del personal.

Ni el Departamento de Corrección ni la Junta de Perdon asignará abogados. Cada preso tiene que conseguir su propio abogado.

NOTICE

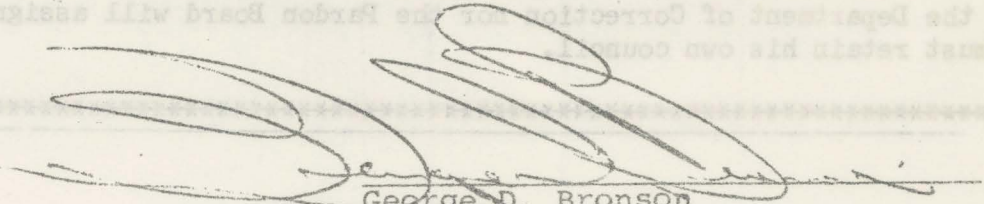
EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1980, THE LIBRARY WILL BE  
OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

THE SCHEDULE FOR WEEK-ENDS IS AS FOLLOWS:

8:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

12:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS REQUESTED AND APPRECIATED.

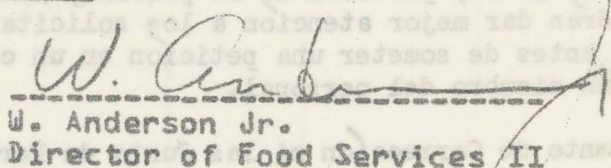


George D. Bronson  
Assistant Warden-Treatment

The amount for spending at the commissary has been increased from  
\$80.00 to \$100.00, as of July 15, 1980.

Carl Robinson  
Warden

**Ham & Cheese plate and Cold Cuts will be the MAIN  
COURSE. They will not be separated. If you do not  
want the HAM & CHEESE OR THE COLD CUTS, then you  
are allowed to take the cereal, not both.  
CHEESE WILL NOT BE SERVED ALONE.**



W. Anderson Jr.  
Director of Food Services II

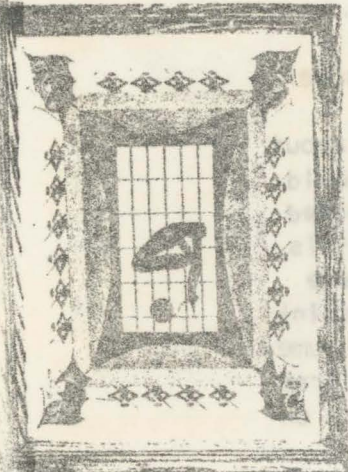
Linking People Together Since 1964  
Help Eliminate The "Prisons" of  
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Discrimination.

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### CONTACT, INC.

CONTACT, Inc. is a private, non-profit information and referral organization in the Criminal Justice field. CONTACT ties individuals into many existing programs. The Human Services Department handles approximately 600 referrals (or requests for assistance) a month. We identify the existing community resources that can assist the offender, ex-offender and their family members. At this time we are updating the National Ex-Offender Assistance Directory. The Directory contains over 2,000 programs nationwide, including contacts for other countries. This Directory provides resources for assistance with housing, employment, counseling, educational programs, legal aid, etc.

Our main goal at CONTACT, Inc. is to help people help themselves. When an individual contacts us for assistance we refer them to the resources that can best meet their needs. The resource and the individual can correspond with each other, setting up a sound release plan.

Anyone needing assistance can feel free to contact us. Our services are free and we do not refuse our services to anyone. CONTACT, Inc. has been assisting the offender/ex-offender and their families for over 16 years and we hope to continue this service. For more information on CONTACT, Inc. and the services we provide,

Please write to CONTACT,

## GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

In many prisons throughout the U.S. there is awakening reality that all prisoners are still consumers, no matter what their crime. A prison consumer, of course.

In the opinions of many experts, given the proper information about the conditions, values, and amount of received income of inmates, they would believe we are some of the wisest consumers around-or at least are compelled to be. Often times, judging from what is sold at the inmates commissary, this wise and economical shopping is not always apparent or visible. The average inmate buys what he wants on a limited income. When he buys, he usually thinks of his necessities first, wants second, and luxuries last. But this is assumed logic, and not always true. The reason for this is that necessities vary from man to man. What is one man's necessity is another man's luxury, depending on his spending allowance.

Coffee and cigarettes might be one way to show a couple of necessities. Soap and deodorant might be another. This is often true, but a large portion of the money usually goes for the buying of junk food.

Because of the facts, it is necessary to improve our consumer competence. Improving that competence while in prison gives many of us the edge on society's consumers. Educating oneself as an economical consumer is not only a beneficial way of consuming the time spent here, but helps to prepare for release to society-and in society a person really needs to watch the allocation of his money. After all, if more of us learned to stretch our ever-inflating dollar, we wouldn't need to obtain more illegally, and there would be more space given to other crimes.

To get the most out of your money requires informed choice-making and understanding your options. Here are some suggestions: Keep track of commissary product prices as they tend to rise and fall depending on natural supply and demand. Ask for prices since full and elaborate price lists are impossible to maintain due to the above reasons and wholesale pricing practices.

Keep within reach all receipts and commissary order forms. This can help in comparing the price fluctuations. Always know exactly what need and consider your alternatives when items are in demand. Since we are not subject to taxes of any kind, don't let that mislead you into believing you have higher buying power. All stores have the right to sell their products to get at least a ten per cent profit. Prison stores are supposed to use this profit to increase their own buying power to obtain a wider array of items to sell to the inmates. Never limit yourself to only consuming in prison. Remember, you'll be released, and often times the impact of product prices in society over a given time boggle the minds of newly released persons.

It's best to keep an eye on what's going on in society too. TV, radio and newspaper are good forms of media to keep up on your consumer education and buying competence.

With this information in mind, a person released from prison will have a better idea of where he stands, and know their own capabilities so as not to over-extend oneself and resort to a crime that could bring that person right into the problem of prison.

Being a free-society consumer is better than being a prison consumer--but we all have to learn about consuming someplace.

SUBMITTED BY: WESLEY L. BURKE

BIBLE STUDIES

(STUDY # 1)



- A. : 1 Corinthians chapter 2 verse 14 :
- B. : 1 Corinthians chapter 6 verse's 14-18
- C. : 1 Timothy chapter 1 verse's 12-20 :

A. : 1 Corinthians chapter 2 verse 14 : "But the unspiritual person does not accept the things of the divine Spirit; to him they are folly and he cannot understand them, because they are evaluated from a spiritual standpoint."

Here we clearly see what is said and meant for us. The person not accepting the Holy Spirit cannot understand what the Bible says. The Holy Spirit comes from God and the Bible is the word of God. If we can't accept the things of the Holy Spirit which God sent, so that we may know the things which He has freely given us. Well then we can't very well get what God has given us. Let's move on shall we.

B. : 2 Corinthians chapter 6 verse's 14-18 : "... for what common ground is there between righteousness and lawlessness, or what association is there between light and darkness? ..., or what partnership between a believer and unbeliever?..." Come out from their midst and be separate, says the Lord,...

Here from what is said and please note I didn't write word for word here from verse's 14-18 to have room for our next scripture. So it will help for you to read it as I did to get a better understanding. The Lord is telling us that good and evil do not belong together. And if we wish to follow the word of God, to come out from our evil life and live a good life as the word of God says to. verse 18 says.. Then I will receive you and I will be a Father to you, and to Me you shall be sons and daughters. The Lord Omnipotent speaks."

Now what better reward then that. I think that's beautiful for all of us. Now to our last part for our first week.

C. : 1 Timothy chapter 1 verse 12-20 : I should really say here that I would like all of you to read chapter one and not just verse's 12-20 in chapter one. I read the chapter myself and found we can all relate to what is being said.

Here is verse's 12 -13 of chapter one just to give you an idea of what I mean... I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who strengthened me; for He considered me to be faithful and appointed me for service- me, although I was formerly a slanderer, a persecutor and an insulter. But I found mercy for in unbelief I acted ignorantly;

I'm sorry that's all for now and please read 1 Timothy chapter 1 . I've read it more then once and found that its great to know not one of us in here can be denied heaven if we start right now. Reading our Bibles and to pray to Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

Until next week God Bless.

sub. by Robert Petote (82446)

# Ramadan: Time of stock-taking

**NEW YORK**—Dr. Ala'Eddin Kharofa, director, Muslim World League, said that the month of Ramadan was the month of countless blessings of Allah for the Muslims and that it provided opportunity to the Muslims to become worthy of these blessings.

"We could become worthy of these blessings through service—service to Allah and to His entire creation," he added.

He was addressing a gathering in the office of the Muslim World League in New York on the eve of Ramadan on July 23, 1979.

**DR. KHAROFA SAID** Ramadan also was a time of stock-taking of our own lives: to find out what we

have done to merit Allah's mercy. He reminded that we have to return to Allah, Subhanahu wa Ta'ala, and account for what we have done here in this world. Therefore, he said, we must take the best advantage of the opportunity of this gift of Allah, the blessed month of Ramadan, which was a month of happiness.

Earlier, welcoming the participants to the meeting, Dr. Kharofa said the purpose of the Rabita office was to serve the Muslims "without making any distinction among them" and that he wanted to see the Muslims united as a single body without any divisions among them.

Islam, he said, came to unite the

people and that by adopting this policy we only serve Islam. He prayed that Muslims remain united and declared that unity of the Muslim umma was one of the many ways to win the pleasure of Allah.

Submitted By: Wesley Burke

**DR. MUZAMMIL H. Siddiqi**, chairman, Department of Religious Affairs, said the month of Ramadan was a month of blessings and forgiveness. In Islam, he said, holiness belonged to Allah, Subhanahu wa Ta'ala, alone. A place or something else was called holy because it was charged with some acts of submission to Allah. The month of Ramadan was also charged with such an experience.

He read the verse from the Quran...

"Ramadan is the (month) in which was sent down the Quran, as a guide to mankind, also clear (signs) for guidance and judgment (between right and wrong)."

(2:185)

...and said the month of Ramadan was charged with that kind of experience because of the Divine Revelation of the Quran.

Dr. Siddiqi said there was a link between fasting and the Revelation and said that the prophets, Moosa, Essa as well as Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) were all undergoing the experience of fasting when they received the Divine Revelation.

Fasting, he said, prepares the heart of a person to receive the Divine Revelation. The Prophet, he said, used to increase his recitation of Quran during this month and it was recommended that Muslims should also read the Holy Quran more and more.

Dr. Siddiqi said fasting increases spiritual or heavenly qualities. It creates discipline in a person and also makes one realize that he was not the servant of any habits but the servant of Allah, Subhanahu wa Ta'ala, alone.

Fasting also prepares one for Jihad in the cause of Allah and also through fasting one realizes how to appreciate the innumerable gifts of Allah, Subhanahu wa Ta'ala.

\* He exhorted the Muslims to take full advantage of this Holy Month and benefit from the Blessings of Allah during this month.



SINCERIDAD

Cantarles mis versos quiero  
Es algo que llevo dentro  
Y si feliz yo me siento  
es que quiero ser sincero.

No se por donde empezar  
Pues hay mucho que decir  
Primero debo sentir  
Lo que quisiera expresarle

Y es que encuentro miserable  
Nuestro modo de vivir  
Cuando veo a los Boricuas  
que estan lejos de su patria

Mi mente piensa y recuerda  
los momentos del pasado  
cuando fueron ultrajados  
los derechos de mi tierra.

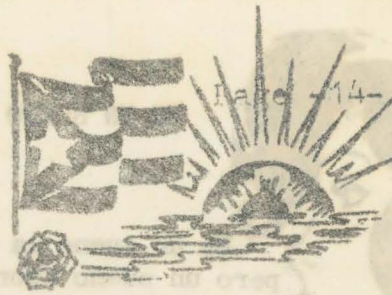
Se ven algunos de ellos  
que no tienen la esperanza  
Y es que el miedo y la amenaza  
que van sintiendo al crecer

Hundidos en el silencio  
Tambien estan los que entienden  
Y se ofrecen sin negar  
Y al empujarlos el tiempo  
Ya no quieren continuar

Se montan en tren expreso  
Pa' no tener que pasar.

Pero hay muchos que la tierra  
les engendro la esperanza  
Y contento y dichosos  
luchan de mano a mano  
Se fen feliz y orgullosos  
sintiendose Borincanos.

Submitida por: Edwin Sein



AMOR ETERNO

Podra nublarse el sol eternamente;  
podra secarse en un instante el mar;  
podra romperse el eje de la tierra  
como un debil cristal.

Todo sucedera. Podra la muerte  
cubrirme con su funebre crespon;  
pero jamas en mi podra apa arse  
la llama de tu amor...





ES UN SUEÑO LA VIDA



Es un sueño la vida  
pero un sueño febril que dura un punto;  
cuando de él se despierta,  
se ve que todo es vanidad y humc...

Ojala fuera un sueño  
muy largo y muy profundo;  
un sueño que durara hasta la muerte  
Yo sonaría con mi amor y el tuyo.

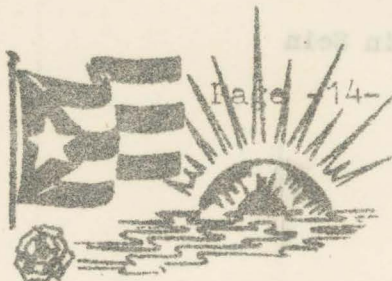
El fuego del amor arde en sus ojos,  
el carmín de la rosa en sus mejillas  
se muestra, y en los rojos  
labios divinos de bova brilla  
sonrisa encantadora  
que roba el corazón y lo enamora.

Volverán del amor en tus oídos  
las palabras ardientes a sonar,  
tu corazón de su profundo sueño  
tal vez despertara..  
pero mudo y absorto y de rodillas,  
como se adora a Dios ante un altar,  
como yo te he querido...desengañate  
así no te quedran..

De lo poco de vida que me resta  
diera con gusto los mejores años  
por saber lo que a otros  
de mí has hablado....

Y esta vida mortal y de la eterna  
lo que me toque, si me toca algo,  
por saber lo que a solas,  
de mí has pensado.

4/ Vaz



# MOVIES

## UP FROM THE DEPTHS

### CAST

Greg Oliver ..... Sam Bottoms  
 Rachel McNamara ..... Susanne Reed  
 Earl Sheridan ..... Virgil Frye  
 Oscar Forbes ..... Kedric Wolfe  
 David Whiting ..... Charles Howerton  
 Iris Lee ..... Denise Hayes

### CREDITS

Executive Producer ..... Jack Atienza  
 Producer ..... Cirio H. Santiago  
 Director ..... Charles B. Griffith  
 Screenplay ..... Anne Dyer

A New World release, rated R. Horror-Suspense, 75 min., now in release. Aspect ratio, 1.85. Filipino.

A giant sea beast is on the loose and terrorizes a Hawaiian resort in this action drama from New World. It's an old reliable story that found new life in "Jaws," but since then has gone back into the realm of cliches. This Filipino film is a definite rip-off of "Jaws." Although it may have been meant as a satire, it tries to present itself in a serious vein.

Sam Bottoms, the brother of Timothy and Joseph, stars as Greg, a beach bum who takes on the giant killer fish. He had supporting roles in "The Last Picture Show" and "The Outlaw Josie Wales," and appears in "Apocalypse Now." Bottoms is a scuba diver and did all of his own stunt work for this film.

The manager of the luxurious Hawaiian hotel, played by Kedric Wolfe, sponsors a contest for guests to kill the beast. Greg's pal Earl (Virgil Frye) wants to create a tourist attraction out of this mayhem, while scientist

## SIMON

Marshall Brickman, Woody Allen's script collaborator on "Sleeper," "Annie Hall" and "Manhattan," has written and directed this comedy about a college professor who is brainwashed by a group of supergeniuses into thinking he is an alien being.

The group has been tucked away by the government in a think tank to dream up outlandish social experiments. The brainwashing escapade will allow them to monitor public response when the "alien" is revealed via the mass media. All they need is a human guinea pig.

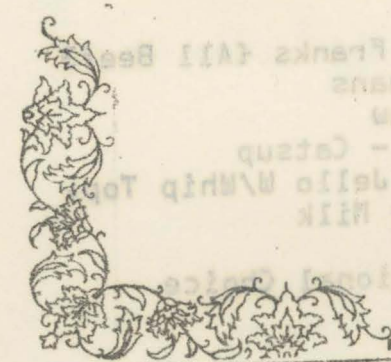
An Orion Pictures release through Warner Bros. Comedy, March release. Color.

### CREDITS

Director ..... Marshall Brickman  
 Producer ..... Martin Bregman  
 Screenplay ..... Marshall Brickman

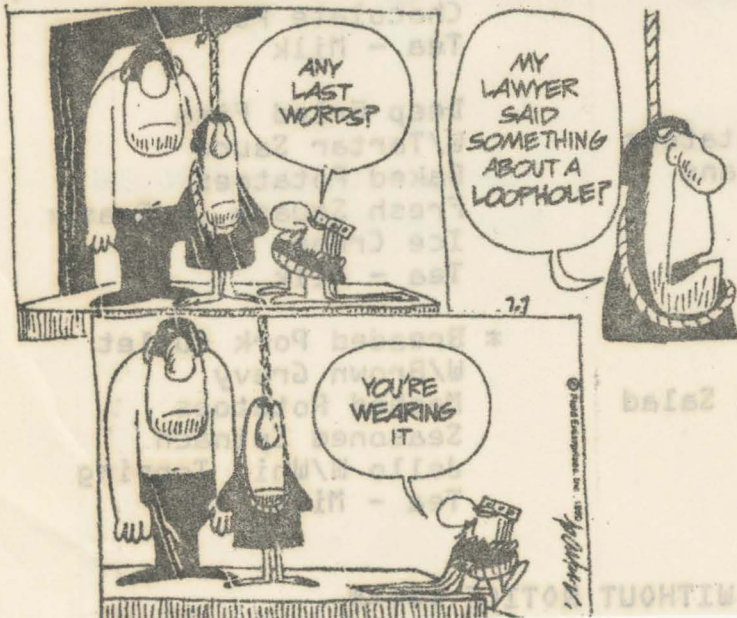
### CAST

Simon ..... Alan Arkin  
 Becker ..... Austin Pendleton  
 Cynthia ..... Madeline Kahn  
 Lisa ..... Judy Graubart  
 Fichandler ..... William Finley  
 Barundi ..... Jayant  
 Van Dongen ..... Wallace Shawn  
 Korey ..... Fred Gwynne



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JULY 19, 1980



"Let's lower the price, but make them pay twice the amount shown."

USE WEEKS OF: 30 March, 27 April, 25 May, 22 June, 20 July, 17 Aug. 14 S

\* INDICATES PORK OR PORK PRODUCT

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER
Grapefruit Sections	Roast Beef W/Gravy	Chili Con Carne
Hot Cereal	Whipped Potatoes	Steamed Rice
Pastry	Buttered Peas	Corn Bread
Coffee	Ice Cream	Tossed Salad W/Dressi
Milk	Coffee	Chilled Pears
	Milk	Tea - Milk
Orange Juice	Baked Chicken W/Gravy	Grilled Cube Steak
Dry Cereal	Oven Brown Potatoes	W/Brown Gravy
Fried Eggs	Buttered W/K Corn	Lyonnaise Potatoes
W/Toast	Butterscotch Pudding	Buttered Green Beans
Coffee	Coffee	Pastry
Milk	Milk	Tea - Milk
Apple Juice	Grilled Franks {All Beef}	Veal Parmesan
Hot Cereal	Baked Beans	W/Tomato Sauce
Pastry	Cole Slaw	Hash Brown Potatoes
Coffee	Mustard - Catsup	Buttered Lima Beans
Milk	Fruited Jello W/Whip Top.	Chilled Peaches
	Coffee - Milk	Tea - Milk
Blended Juice	Institutional Choice	Baked Meat Loaf
Dry Cereal		W/Brown Gravy
French Toast		Whipped Potatoes
W/Syrup		Mixed Vegetables
Coffee	Chilled Apricots	Pastry
Milk	Coffee - Milk	Tea - Milk
Fresh Fruit	* Italian Sausage	Beef Chow Mein.
Hot Cereal	Spaghetti W/Tom. Sauce	Chinese Dry Noodles
Pastry	Grated Cheese	Buttered Rice
Coffee	Chef's Salad W/Drs.	Cole Slaw
Milk	Ice Cream	Chocolate Pudding
	Coffee - Milk	Tea - Milk
Pineapple Juice	Cheesewhopper	Deep Fried Fish
Dry Cereal	French Fried Potatoes	W/Tartar Sauce
Scrambled Eggs	Buttered Wax Beans	Baked Potatoes
W/Toast	Catsup	Fresh Squash in Season
Coffee	Pastry	Ice Cream
Milk	Coffee - Milk	Tea - Milk
Fresh Fruit	Egg Salad Plate	* Breaded Pork Cutlet
Hot Cereal	Potato Salad	W/Brown Gravy
Pastry	Cold Green Bean Salad	Mashed Potatoes
Coffee	Fruit Cocktail	Seasoned Spinach
Milk	Coffee	Jello W/Whip Topping
	Milk	Tea - Milk

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