

# NY Correction History Society Collage of NY




**Correction  
9-11  
related  
images in  
observance of  
10<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the attack on the**



**World Trade Center Twin Towers**

*[Excerpts from DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schriro's 9-11 Commemoration remarks at 9/9/2011 Recruit Graduation.]*

**“On 9/11/2001, and the long days that followed, many men and women of DOC took that oath [of office to keep our city safe] to new heights and gave it new meaning. They lived the oath on the job, and on their own time, selflessly alongside fellow city, state and federal responders – serving, assisting, and supporting search and recovery efforts in every imaginable way.”** 





**ESU/K-9 CO Frankie Serrano, w/DOC 21 years, told 9/9/2011 recruit grads of being called up 9/11 with his National Guard unit as the first military forces deployed to secure Ground Zero.**



**Personnel Division civilian staffer Sharon Joseph, with DOC 27 years, told the recruit graduation audience about her nephew, Rodney Gillis, 32 years old, an NYPD ESU Sergeant who died on 9/11 responding to the WTC attack.**



**The 9/9/2011 recruit graduation's 9-11 Commemoration concluded with the presentation of a special 9-11 remembrance flag to each of DOC's commands. The flag design (left) was shown to the audience.**




**Image from DOC 9/11 Commemoration page in 9/9/11 Recruit Graduation Program**



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*[Edited excerpts from NYC Dept. of  
Correction's Medal Day 2002 journal ]*

**“On Sept. 11, within moments of the attack on the World Trade Center, [DOC] implemented its emergency response plan, mobilizing hundreds of uniformed and civilian employees to assist in the City's rescue and recovery efforts.”**



**New York City  
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Medal Day 2002**





**“Emergency Service Unit personnel trained in confined space-rescue were dispatched to Ground Zero to search for survivors, as were K-9 Unit personnel.”**



**“Three Harbor Unit launches helped evacuate people to Staten Island, Brooklyn and New Jersey. Much-needed equipment from Rikers Island was delivered to rescue workers.**

**Telcom specialists helped establish phone & other services at command centers. COs were also assigned to the evidence recovery operation at the Freshkills landfill on Staten Island.”**

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## Exceptional Merit



Catherine M.  
Raymond  
Chief of  
Administration



Capt. Joseph  
Ferramosca  
Office of Chief of  
Adm.



C. O. Louis  
Cafiero  
Office of Chief of  
Adm.



C. O. Willy  
Cintron  
Office of Chief of  
Adm.

**“DOC personnel were the primary support at Bellevue Hospital temporary morgue. More than 60 staff, from the Dept's Criminal Justice, Telcom, Storehouse and Support Service units, as well as leaders from COBA &**

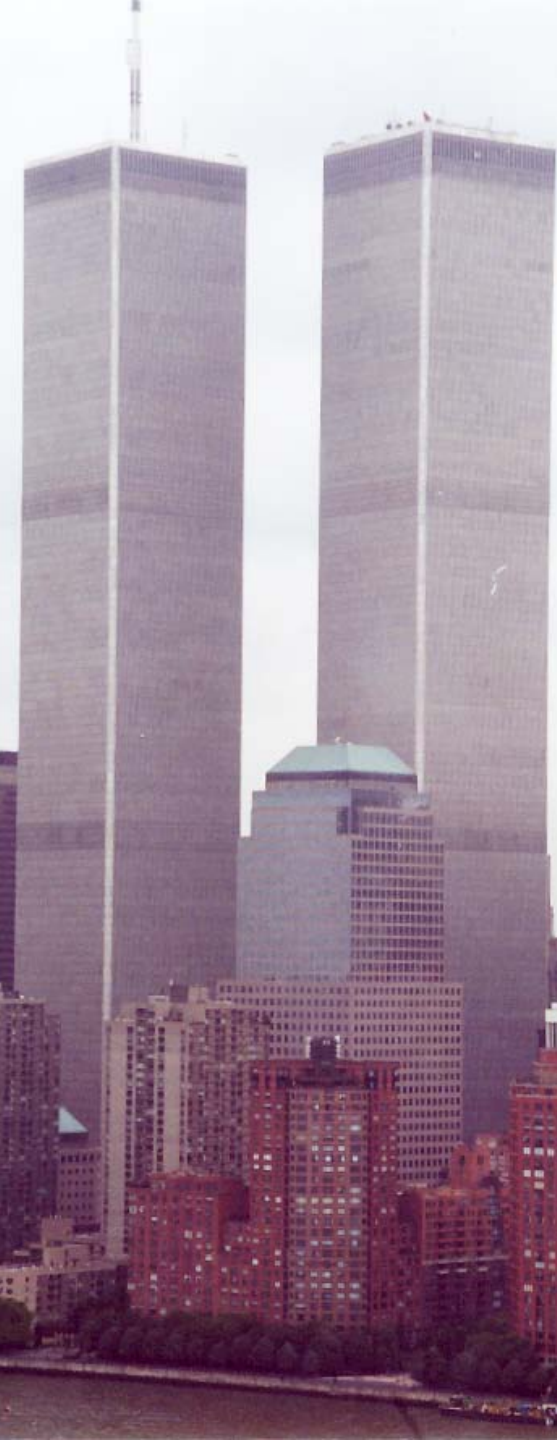
**CCA, aided the ME's Office. DOC operations at Ground Zero, Freshkills and the Morgue continued to Feb. this year. The Dept. is grateful to acknowledge in this Medal Day journal DOC men and women who answered the call .”**



**Richard Massie,  
social services  
DOC staffer at  
EMTC on Rikers,  
is showing at  
BWAC gallery  
this month 40+  
photographs of  
the WTC under  
construction  
and from its  
observation  
deck after  
completion.**



**Massie used special lenses on medium format cameras. A memorial service was held 9/11 at the free gallery, 499 Van Brunt St., Red Hook, open Saturdays & Sundays 1 to 6 p.m. For more, visit [www.rmassiephotography.com](http://www.rmassiephotography.com)**



**August 2001 Photo of World Trade Center by C.O. Ralph E. Smith from his web site *Guardian Chronicles*. Also from there his image of DOC SSD truck w/flag at Ground Zero site post-9/11.**





**The 9/11 Responders Remembered Park Wall unveiled on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 10:30 a.m. Retired NYC DOC captain, Dr. Errol Toulon Jr.,**



**serves as park president. It honors responders who died post-9/11 from 9/11-related ills.**





**9/11 Responders Remembered Park is situated in Nesconset at Gibbs Pond Rd. & Smithtown Blvd. Typical of those whose names are**



**cut into wall is the background for NYS DOCS Officer Gregory Quibble of L.I., stricken with terminal leukemia and pulmonary fibrosis after logging in more than 240 hours at Ground Zero 9/12 and 11/22 in 2001.**





**Ret. DOC CO Robert J. Schor died Aug. 1, 2005, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer that his family and doctor tie to his post-9/11 work at a makeshift WTC morgue.**

**At the end of his first day handling body parts, the 300-pound former bodybuilder climbed into the shower fully dressed and cried for two hours.**

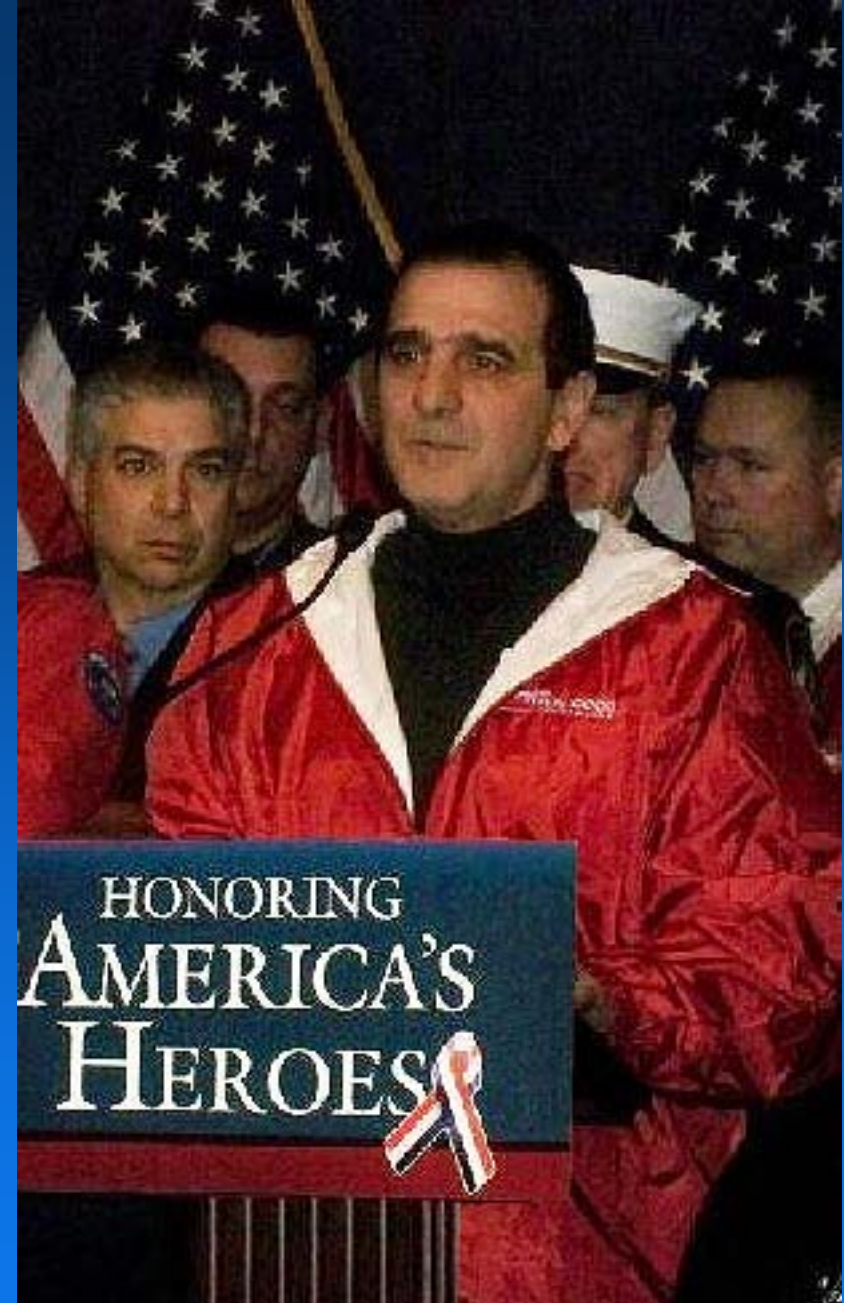
**He is on many lists of 9/11 Responder Heroes.**

*Images, from Emerald Bulldogs web site page honoring "Our Friend Bob Schor," show Schor as member of Emerald Bulldog "gang," including 4-legged "Suzie."*



**DOC Officer Joseph Garofalo, 9/11 First Responders Foundation founder-president (aka Joey Angel on Facebook where this image is on his “wall”), helped arrange a 9/11 dedication service 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 91st St. & Rockaway Blvd., Ozone Park.**

**Ret. Captain Phil Rizzo spent 12 of his 24 DOC years training ESU members, responded with them to WTC on 9/11 and worked 700+ hours at the site. He is a director of the *Feel Good Foundation: No responders left behind*, sponsor of an all-day 9/11 free-style martial arts fund-raiser event at South Shore Sports Complex, 3505 Hampton Rd, Oceanside.**



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9/11 sites appear  
on retired DOC ESU  
Officer Felix  
Aponte's Facebook  
wall.**







**These images at the Staten Island landfill post-9/11 site, including the one at left showing WTC crashed plane part , appear on Facebook wall of retired DOC officer Larry Adler.**



**Image from Facebook wall of ret. Capt. Vin DiGiacomo, cited by DOC for his WTC service.**



**Eddie Velinskie, a 2003 DOC retiree after 20 years service, devotes an album of images on his Facebook wall to artist Joe Indart creating 9-11 mural at E27th & Ave. U, Brooklyn.**





**Former Bureau Chief Peter Curcio's Facebook wall features photo of him (far left) & DOC Columbia Association colleagues gathering at Columbus Circle the first Columbus Day after 9/11 instead of holding traditional parade. Curico was among those who had key roles to play in DOC's 9/11 response.**

## ***NY Correction History Facebook group folks remember:***

***Felix Aponte:*** Boy, did that place reek! I don't know which place was worst the Dump or the Pit!


***Larry Adler:*** I hear ya . . . . I remember the ground bubbling there . . . .

***Joyce Krebs:*** I remember those first few nights, right after 9/11, going down there. How hot the air was, from the fire in the Pit, and how many times the Army Corps of Engineers had to get us outta there, because of fear of a collapse.

***Mari Gonzalez:*** I will never forget the smell!

***Nadene Dunnavant-Forbes:*** Yes, the smell of a dead person is so indescribable . . . Finding boots with a foot in them . . . . Body parts . . . No one but a chosen few would ever know the job we did . . . .

***William Santiago:*** In DOC's CARE program, we responded to more than 60 MOS who were affected by 9-11 in some way. We had staff members who lost love ones or friends. We debriefed Battery Place and Hudson Street staff who had witnessed the WTC attack. We were busy but what I recall was the togetherness of everyone helping each other. I'm so proud of our staff for what they did under extraordinary pressures and proud of the entire Department for reaching out and supporting each other, from the commissioner to the civilian staff person. God bless everyone.



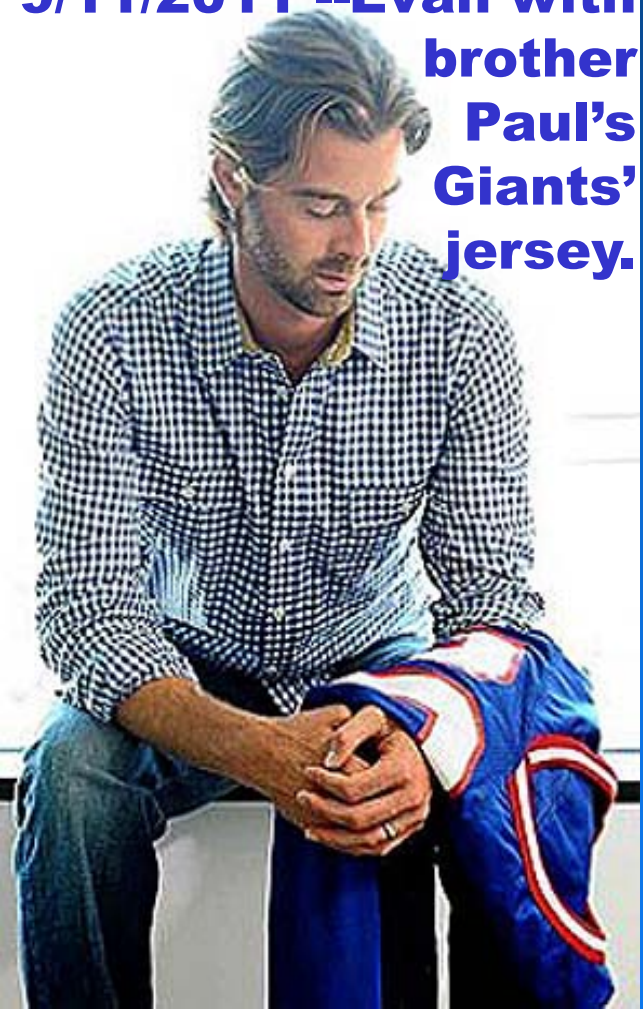
**James Hopper, left, 52, of Farmingdale, a retired NYC DOC CO, had survived the 1993 WTC bombing. He and his brother-in-law, retired NYPD officer Richard N. Poulos, 55, of Levittown, were security guards at Cantor Fitzgerald and died in the 9/11/2001 attack.**

**Felicia Hamilton, right, 62, mother of retired NYC DOC Transportation Division Deputy Warden Walter Hamilton, worked for Fiduciary Trust International at WTC, as did her daughter's husband, Anthony Ventura. She and her son-in-law both died there on 9-11.**



**March 1982 DOC newsletter carried two stories in which then Capt. Paul Cascio figured: his is being part of newly-formed Inspection Div. & birth of his son Evan on 9/8/81. On 9/11/2001, ret. DW Paul Cascio lost his other son, Paul at the WTC.**

**9/11/2011 --Evan with brother Paul's Giants' jersey.**



**U. of Vermont graduate Paul Cascio Jr., 23, worked for Euro Brothers, on 86th floor of S. Tower. His brother Evan each 9/11 dons Paul's Giants jersey to watch team they used to watch together so often in pre-9/11 era.**



### Inspection Division Formed

The Correction Department's youngest unit is already learning one of its most important...

After four minutes flew through a hallway at the Brooklyn House Detention Court Building in January, Commis-

sioner of Correction Benjamin Ward announced the new Inspection Services Division to complete a security audit of the site and where like it at courtrooms around the city.



COMMISSIONER of new Inspectional Services Division, Robert Goldstein, right, confers with his chief aide, Deputy Warden James Butler, in the new unit's office on the 11th floor of the Center Street.

The idea was to establish methods and procedures that would prevent any future escape in the future, which goes to the heart of the mission of the new division, which was established in November. Robert Goldstein, assistant Inspector General of the Department, was appointed the first Director of Inspection Services. He reports directly to First Deputy Commissioner Richard Butler.

Most of the efforts of the new division will not be as dramatic and, in fact, the concept is to prevent problems through routine examination of the agency's facilities operation.

"Our objective is to assist our agencies, our contractors and all of our employees in promoting effectiveness and increasing efficiency," Goldstein said. "The Inspection Services Division will achieve these objectives through routine inspections, operations analysis, and other services."

Under eight months to a thousand or more who are in daily contact to various departments.

Ward praised the department for its success in creating its ability to do more business to meet such increasing, a goal he said "indicates that overall and practical solutions have been found for a difficult logistical problem."

This is just one of the department's accomplishments of which most people are unaware," the Mayor said. "That seems to be a goodly list of milestones."

In addition to Ward, others who will direct the new division were Commissioner of Correction Benjamin Ward, Chief of Operations Jacqueline McFarlane, First Deputy Commissioner Anthony Schiraldi, and Warden Thomas Murray, the director of operations. Director of Personnel Helen Tuzovsk administered the office of office to the graduates and promotion as well as two new members of the Department—Peter M. van Burgen, assistant commissioner for operations management and support services, and Joe Wagner, director of training.

The highest certified professional was in Queens, Schiraldi, who was named Warden for hospitals, including Warden Thomas Barry, who has taken over command of the Queens House of Correction. His Main Deputy Warden Philip Galbraith was promoted to Deputy Warden in Command of Support Services.

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CENTRAL OFFICE ... Welcome to Captain Paul Cascio to the Inspectional Services Division. Paul and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy named Evan born 9/8/81 weighing 7½ pounds.

**Responding to a [www.CorrectionHistory.Org](http://www.CorrectionHistory.Org) question, former DOC Commissioner William J. Fraser (right) replied:**



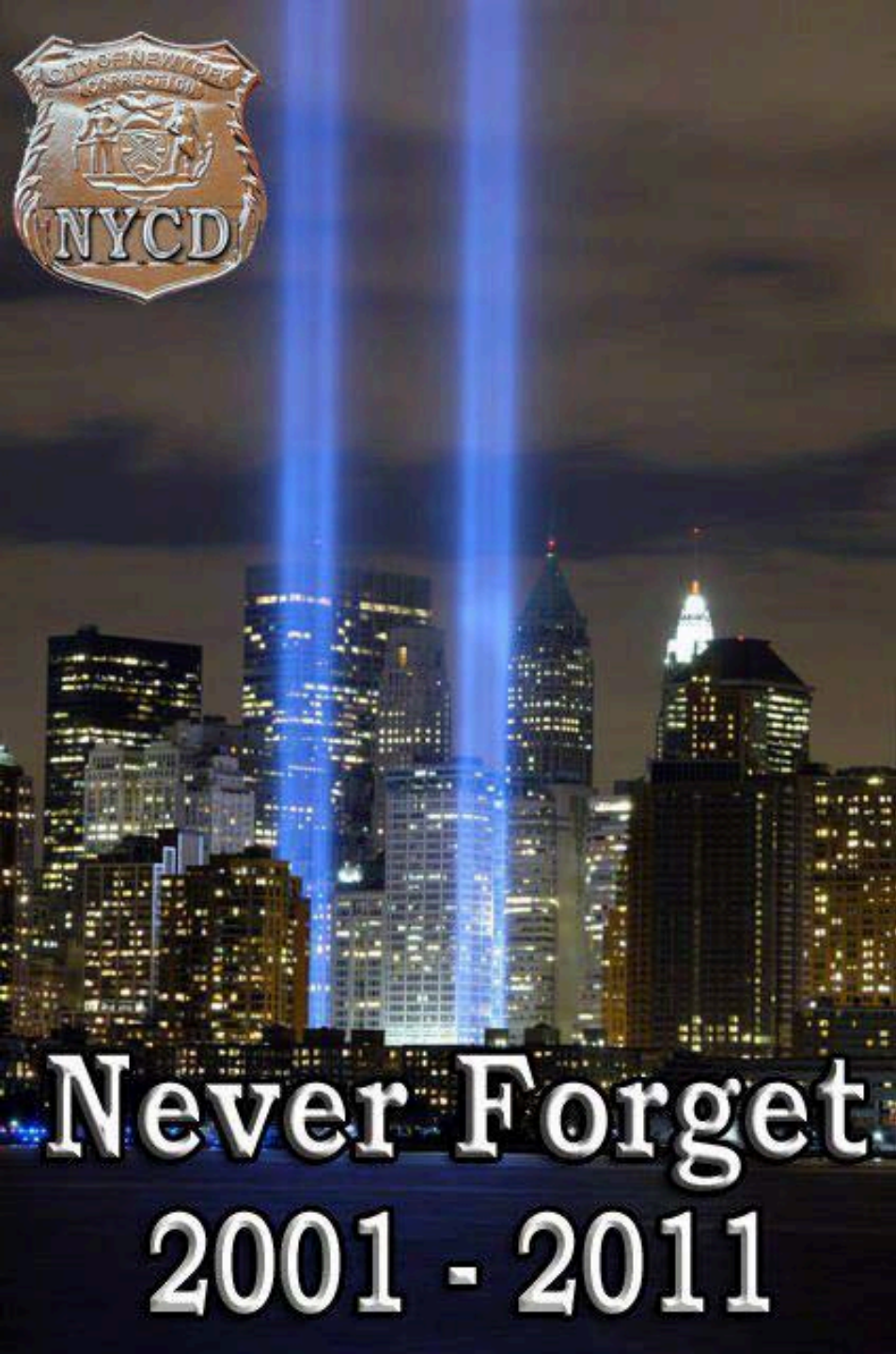
**Capt. Walter G. Hynes, 46, w/FDNY 22 years, was also an attorney & co-owner of a Rockaway Beach restaurant.**

**My cousin, FDNY Captain Walter Hynes of Ladder 13, died in the South Tower. He left a wife and three young daughters. 9/11 is extra special to me because of that close loss, but also because of all the outstanding work DOC performed that day and for the months that followed despite little public recognition. But, I knew and appreciated all they did, as did Mayor Giuliani and you can share that if you so wish. Thank you.**





**NYC Correction ESU at WTC** 



**DOC CO Robert Spanarelli's wall on Facebook features this NYCD-specific 9-11**

**10<sup>th</sup> anniversary reminder.**

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***If you have a NY Correction-related 9-11 image to share in this slide show, send email attachment to [nychs@nyc.rr.com](mailto:nychs@nyc.rr.com)***

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