

# **KOREAN WAR PROJECT**

**OPN O 25-50**

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1stMarDiv (Reinf), FMF  
In the Field  
0800, 5 December 1950

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1ST MARINE DIVISION)  
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1. a. (1) Current Intelligence Summaries.  
(2) Annex Baker.
- b. (1) X Corps concentrates Hamhung area and covers redeployment of 1st MarDiv to Hamhung area.  
(2) 1st MAW provides air support.
2. a. Div advances at first light 6 Dec to south on Koto-ri - Chinhung-ni - MajonDong axis to close Hamhung area.
3. a. RCT-5 relieve all elements on perimeter defense Hagaru-ri area by 051200. Cover movement RCT-7 out of Hagaru-ri to south. Follow RCT-7 to south on Hagaru-ri, Koto-ri, Chinhung-ni axis; protect Division Rear Hagaru-ri to Koto-ri. Follow RCT-7 Koto-ri to Hamhung area as Div Res.  
b. RCT-7 advance south at first light 6 Dec on Hagaru-ri - Koto-ri - Chinhung-ni axis to close Hamhung area.  
c. RCT-1 continue to hold Koto-ri and Chinhung-ni protect approach and passage remainder Div through Koto-ri; protect Div Rear Koto-ri to Hamhung area.
- x. (1) Other units operate as directed.  
(2) Personnel of units in Div trains will be employed for close in flank security of serials within trains by proceeding on foot to flanks of motor serials. All personnel except drivers, relief drivers, radio operators, casualties and personnel specifically designated by RCT Commanders will march on foot to flanks of motor serials.  
(3) Vehicles breaking down will be pushed to side of road and if not fully operable by time column has passed will be destroyed. Destruction of vehicles and equipment will be authorized only by RCT Commanders; Battalion Commanders and Train Commanders or personnel delegated by the foregoing commanders.  
(4) Perimeter defense of motor serials will be habitually established during halts.  
(5) Commanding Officers of units and detachments shown in task organization report to commanders to which attached immediately on receipt of this order.  
(6) The lettered control points listed below will be used to report progress of advance, reference points for air drops or other reference:

ABLE - Village SONGJONGNI	- - - - -	TA 5367C
BAKER - Mouth of Valley	- - - - -	TA 5564L
CHARLIE - Village KOTO-RI	- - - - -	TA 5559O
DOG - Bridge	- - - - -	TA 5654R
EASY - Village CHINHUNGNI	- - - - -	TA 5549F
FOX - Village SUDONG	- - - - -	TA 5846L
GEORGE - Village MAJON DONG	- - - - -	TA 6039V
HOW - Village TOKSAN	- - - - -	TA 6830F
ITEM - HAMHUNG	- - - - -	TA 7118

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(7) Execute demolitions for clearing forward elements and covering rear elements as planned by Division Engineer Officer.

4. See Adm Order 24-50.

5. a. See Annex CHARLIE.

b. Div CP; HAGAPURI - KOTARI - to be announced.

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ANNEXES: ABLT - Task Organization  
BAUER - Intelligence (to be issued separately)  
CHARLIE - Signal

DISTRIBUTION:

1stMar	*1stEngrBn	G-3
5thMar	*7thMTBn	G-4
7thMar	1stMTBn	DivEngrO
11thMar	RerDet, 1stMarDiv	DivSurf
*HqBn	MPCo, 1stMarDiv	DivAiro
*1stSigBn	Det, 1stEngrBn	*DivAdj(4)
*1stServBn	AirSptSec, MTAC-2	*DivHistO (4)
*1stOrdBn	31stInf (LtCol Anderson)	*SupO
*1stMedBn	LtCol Banks (DivTrn-1)	*Dep C/S
*1stAmphTracBn	LtCol Milne (DivTrn-2)	*X Corps
*1stArmdAmphBn	CG	*7thInfDiv
*1stCSG	C/S	*3dInfDiv
*1stSPBn	G-1	**CG FMFPac
*1stTknBn	G-2	**CMCS

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Annex ABLE to OpnO 25-50

TASK ORGANIZATION

1ST MARINE DIVISION

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HqBn, Reinf, less dets  
163d MISD  
181st CIC  
CivAsstIm  
1stSigBn, Reinf, less dets  
RadRelayPlat, less dets  
1stServBn, Reinf, less dets  
Co A, 7thMTBn, less dets  
Auto Sup Co, 1st MT Bn  
Auto Maint Co, 1st MT Bn  
1stOrdBn, less dets  
1stMedBn, Reinf, less dets  
1stFum& Bath Plat  
2d Plat, 560th MedAmbCo  
1stAmphTracBn, Reinf  
Co B, 1stArmdAmphBn  
1stCSG, Reinf (under Op control X Corps)  
7th MF Bn, less dets  
Co A, 1stAmphTracCo  
1stAirDelPlat  
1stSPBn (under Op control 3d InfDiv)  
1st TkBn, less dets  
VMO-6

a. RCT-5

5thMar less Tk Plat  
1stBn Reinf, 11th Mar  
\* Btry D, 2d Bn, 11th Mar  
11thMar, Reinf, less dets  
4th Bn, 11thMar, less Btry L  
Det 96th FA Bn  
\*3d Bn, 1stMar  
Det, 1st Sig Bn  
Tk Co, 31st Inf, USA  
ProvPlat, 1st Tk Bn  
\*Co A, 1st Engr Bn  
Det, 1stEngrBn  
41 Commando, F.M.  
Div Train #2 (LtCol MILNE)  
Traffic Plat, MP Co  
Det, 513 Trk Co, USA  
Det, 1st MT Bn  
Co D, X Corps Engr, USA  
Det, 1st Med Bn  
Det, 1st ServBn  
Det, 1st Sig Bn  
Det, 515 Trk Co, USA

\* Released to RCT-1 on passage RCT-5 through Koto-ri.

b. RCT-7

7thMar, less Tk Plat  
3d Bn, 11th Mar  
Btry L, 4th Bn, 11thMar (to RCT-1 on arrival Koto-ri)  
ProvBn, USA (31st Inf)  
Det, 1st SigBn

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Co D, 1st Tk Bn  
Co D, Reinf, 1st Engr Bn  
Det, 1st Engr Bn  
Div Train #1 (LtCol BANKS)  
Det, HqBn, 1stMarDiv  
Det, Hq, X Corps  
Det, 1st Serv Bn  
Det, 1st Ord Bn  
Det, 7th MT Bn  
Det, X Corps Ord Co  
MP Co, less dets  
1st MM Bn, less dets  
Dets, 1st Sig Bn  
Det, 531st RadRelCo, USA  
Det, RadRelPlat, FMF  
Det, 4th SigBn, X Corps  
AirSpv Sec, MEACS-2  
Det, 1stMedBn

c. RCT-1

1stMar, less 3dBn and Tk Plat  
2dBn, Reinf, 31st RCT, USA  
HqCo, 31st RCT  
Elms, 31st RCT  
2dBn, Reinf, 11thMar, less Btry D (Btry D to RCT-1 on passage Koto-ri)  
Btry L, 4thBn, 11thMar (on arrival Koto-ri)  
Co A and B, 7th MT Bn  
Co C, Reinf, 1st MT Bn  
Det, 1st Sig Bn  
Det, 1st Serv Bn  
Det, HqBn, 1stMarDiv  
Det, 1st Ord Bn  
Co B and D, 1st Med Bn  
Recon Co, 1stMarDiv  
Det, 1stEngrBn  
Det, 7thMar  
\*Det, 41st Commando  
Co B, Reinf, 1st Tk Bn  
Misc USA units.

\*Released to 41st Commando on passage Koto-ri by RCT-5

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MEMORANDUM TO: All units Hagaru-Ri Area

Subject: Destruction Plan

1. This destruction plan will be implemented on order.
2. Unit commanders are responsible for destruction all class supplies and equipment within own area. If practicable unit commanders deliver ordnance items and ammunition to 1st Regulating Detachment for destruction. Commanding Officer 1st Regulating Detachment make provisions for Air lifting maximum practicable excess ordnance items to Yonpo.
3. Commanding Officer 1st Regulating Detachment is responsible for destruction all classes supplies and equipment remaining in dumps.
4. Unit commanders and CO 1st Regulating Detachment report types and amounts of supplies and equipment to be destroyed to this Headquarters (G-4) prior to destruction.
5. Permission to use fuel and ammunition for destruction purposes must be obtained from this Headquarters (G-4).
6. The following methods are suggested:
  - a. Rations
    - (1) Smash cans and bottles
    - (2) Burn
    - (3) Scatter over wide area
    - (4) Run tractors over cases
  - b. Weapons that cannot be carried by individuals or in transportation or air lifted to Yonpo will be destroyed.
    - (1) Rifles and BARs
      - (a) Remove trigger mechanism and bolts
      - (b) Break or burn stock
      - (c) Bend barrels

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DESTRUCTION PLAN Cont'd  
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(2) Machine guns

- (a) Remove bolt group and mutilate
- (b) Destroy remainder of weapon by smashing

(3) Artillery pieces

- (a) Destroy firing mechanism, disassemble and break parts
- (b) Remove sights and smash
- (c) Cut all tires and tubes
- (d) Drain and break recoil mechanism
- (e) Fragmentation grenades will not be used

(4) Mortars and Rocket launchers

- (a) Remove and smash sights
- (b) Smash entire weapon

c. Fuels and Lubricants that cannot be carried in transportation will be burned

d. Vehicles

- (1) Cut all tires and tubes
- (2) Puncture radiator and cut radiator hoses
- (3) Smash carburetor and distributor
- (4) Cut all wires and fuel lines
- (5) Burn entire vehicles if gas tank contains fuel

e. Ammunition

- (1) Damage rotating band and shell cases
- (2) Burn powder bags
- (3) Explode if possible

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1st Marine Division, FMF  
HARARU-RI, KOREA  
4 December 1950

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)

NUMBER.....20-50)

: To Accompany Op Order 25-50

Maps: Korea 1/250,000  
Korea 1/50,000

1. SUPPLY

a. Class I.

(1) Rations.

Two (2) days type "C" distributed between individual and organic transportation.

Selected items type "B" on organic vehicles.

Co 1st RegDet: Load excess "C" Rats remaining dumps in transportation provided by G-4

(2) Water.

On individual: Filled canteens.

On organic vehicles: All available 5 gal water tins filled.

All water trailers filled.

b. Class II and IV

(1) See 1st MarDiv Memo dtd 3Dec50 to all units HAGARU-RI area.

c. Class III.

(1) On vehicles: All tanks filled.

$\frac{1}{2}$  5 gal fuel tins filled 80 Mogas.

$\frac{1}{2}$  5 gal fuel tins filled diesel

Max 1 drum 80 Mogas or diesel per vehicle as space permits.

d. Class V

(1) On individual: Up to 1 U/F per individual weapon.

On vehicles: Min 1 U/F then proportionate share per RCT until dumps depleted or transportation capacity exceeded.

e. Supply dumps located vicinity Hagaru-ri air strip and 1st RegDet.

f. Water point located NW corner of bridge.

g. Supply point distribution all classes.



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h. By air: Emergency requests to this Hq (G-4)

2. Evacuation

a. Emergency cases by helicopter.

b. Other casualties on Div Train vehicles.

c. All casualties will be placed in sleeping bags.

3. Traffic.

a. Regt and Div Trains form as follows:

(1) RCT 5 and Div Train #2 form W side of river.

(2) RCT 7 and Div Train #1 form E side of river.

b. Route as uncovered: Hagaru-Ri, Koto-Ri, Chinhung-Ri, Majong, Hamhung.

c. Restrictions:

(1) As directed by RCT Commanders.

d. All Div Train personnel except radio operators and casualties march on foot to sides of motor serials unless otherwise directed by this Hq.

e. Vehicles breaking down will be pushed to side of road and if not operable by time column has passed will be abandoned and destroyed.

f. Control: By RCT commander through Div Train commanders.

g. Two drivers per vehicle.

h. Construction - Repairs: Attached Engr elements.

i. Blackout during hours of darkness.


4. Service.

a. As provided by Service units attached to RCT's

5. Personnel.

a. See Annex ABLE to ADMO 19-50.

6. Miscellaneous.

  
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- a. Maximum conservation of all supplies during this move.
- b. Individuals will carry 1 pr socks inside jacket.

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Distribution List same as on CP Order 24-50

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ANNEX BAKER TO OPERATION ORDER 25-50

Estimate of the Enemy Situation

1. Overlay of enemy concentrations (attached).

2. Enemy capabilities.

a. Attack our present positions at any time with remnants of the 58th, 59th, 70th and 80th and elements of the 79th and 89th, CCF Divisions, supported by an undetermined amount of Arty.

b. Defend against our planned withdrawal south along the MSR with an estimated strength of one infantry division, and supported by an undetermined amount of artillery.

c. Reinforce either of the above capabilities from the north or from the west at any time, and in undetermined strength.

3. Discussion and Analysis

a. Despite the intensity of the combined ground and aerial offensive directed against the enemy forces in the Hagaru-ri - Yudam-ni area, during the past few days, the enemy remains capable of conducting a most determined attack against our present positions. PW identifications indicate that the 58th, 59th, 70th, 80th, and elements of the 79th and 89th CCF Divisions have thus far been committed against UN forces in the Chosin Reservoir area. While each of the above units has, undoubtedly, been badly hurt, it is believed that the enemy in this area retains sufficient strength with which to continue in his attempts to destroy our forces. Undoubtedly, whether or not he is able to launch a coordinated attack depends, in a large measure, on the rapidity with which he is able to reorganize his battered and demoralized forces. The enemy has, in the past, demonstrated his capabilities in this respect, and the relative inactivity of the past few days suggests that he is currently attempting this reorganization.

b. Except for the determined attack against our convoy on 29 Nov; and a few limited attacks against elements of the 1st Marines at Koto-ri, the enemy south of Hagaru-ri has confined his activities to the construction of roadblocks and the blowing of bridges along our MSR. The enemy has effected this task with determination, and it seems obvious that he will attempt to prevent, with the forces available, our planned withdrawal to the south. Reports received to date place some 10,000 enemy troops in the areas adjacent to our MSR. While the identity of this force has not yet been definitely established, a recent PW identification, by the 1st Mar, suggests the possibility that the 60th CCF Division may be in the area. One PW from this Division had previously been captured in the Yudam-ni area and the possibilities are that this unit may have been side slipped to Koto-ri with the assigned mission of cutting our MSR. Reports from members of the 29 Nov <sup>convoy</sup> indicate that an enemy of regimental ~~enemy~~ strength is located along both sides of the highway between Hagaru-ri and Koto-ri. This force is reportedly disposed in strong-points of battalion strength. Reports received from civilian agents tend to confirm the above and place sizable enemy concentrations in the Sonjong-ni area at TA 5467, the Konjagae area at TA 5363, the

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Toksu-bong area at TA 5369, and hill 1270 at TA 5267. The 1st Mar have reported an estimated enemy regiment posed along their perimeter and have further reported that units of company or battalion size have side-slipped their perimeter and are presently operating against our MSR south of their positions. In light of the above, it is apparent that the enemy is capable of seriously impeding our withdrawal however, increasing reports of the effectiveness of our aerial offensive capabilities may already be diminishing.

c. The crucial factor at this time is the rapidity and efficiency with which the enemy is apparently able to reinforce his troops. Recent aerial reconnaissance reports reveal that the enemy is presently reinforcing his units in the Chosin Reservoir area. Coincidental with this reinforcement, increased pressure against the rear and flanks of our column can be expected. Further, it is not unlikely that the arrival of reinforcements, and the commencement of our movement to the south will signal the outbreak of large scale action against our forces at Koto-ri, and other critical areas along our MSR.

4. Probability of adoption

2.a. and 2.b. in conjunction with 2.c.

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**THIS  
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OVERLAYS  
REFER TO  
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SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. a. See current intelligence summaries.
- b. (1) Command Posts: See Opn Order 25-50.
- (2) Axis of Sig Comm: Hagaru-ri-Hungnem.
2. Install, operate and maintain continuous comm for 1st arDiv.
3. a. Message Center:
  - (1) See COMSOP and SOI-2.
  - (2) Operate mobile msg cen.
- b. (1) Special msgrs as required.
- (2) Helicopters may be employed as available.
- c. Radio:
  - (1) See Appendix 1, Radio Frequency Plan.
  - (2) 1stSigBn furnish following personnel and radio equipment to units:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
1stMar	1-SCR-193	4
5thMar	1-SCR-389	5

- d. Wire:
  - (1) See Appendix 2, Radio Relay Plan.
- e. Visual: See COMSOP and SOI-2.
- x. (1) CSP 1500 (A 205) is effective for use within this command.
- (2) In event of conflict between COMSOP, SOI and this annex, this annex will govern.
4. a. Regiments and separate battalions draw sigsup from DivSigDump at Hagaru-ri before redeployment from Hagaru-ri. 1st Marines draw from DivSigSup upon arrival at Moto-ri.
- b. Supply point distribution.
- c. Regiments consolidate and submit requisitions to DivSigSupO for all organic and attached units.
5. a. 1st arDiv COMSOP and SOI-10 is effective. *R. Williams 70*
- b. Use ITEM time within objective area. Use ZEBTA time in de-tine-group msgs to adees outside of objective area.
- c. DivSigO with DivComdGrn.

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## APPENDICES:

1. Radio Frequency Plan
2. Radio Relay Plan

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 5TH MARINES  
 7TH MARINES  
 11TH MARINES

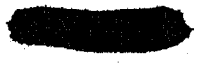
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C	5685Kc	M 191	DIV PT TO PT
V	386Kc	A 17	WAR TAC
V	100.94Kc		TAD-1
V	134.64Kc		TAD-2
V	142.02Kc		RIO
V	113.11Kc		AVY-AF COM ON
V	3535Kc	M 168	ARTY AIE SPOT
V	3770Kc	160	ARTY AUX AIE SPOT

APPENDIX 1 TO ANEXA CH FILE TO OPN ORDER 25-50  
 RADIO FREQUENCY PLAN

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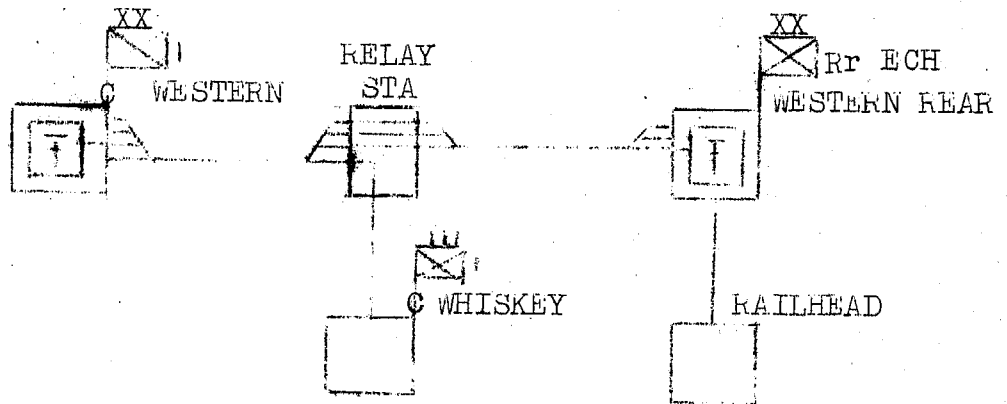
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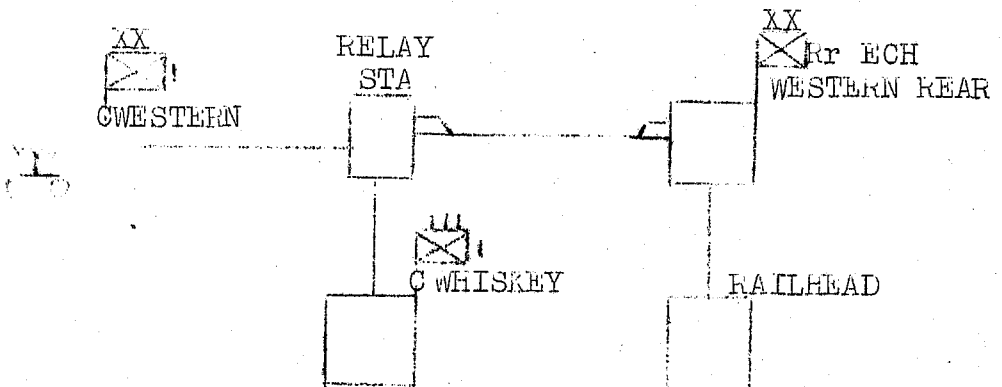
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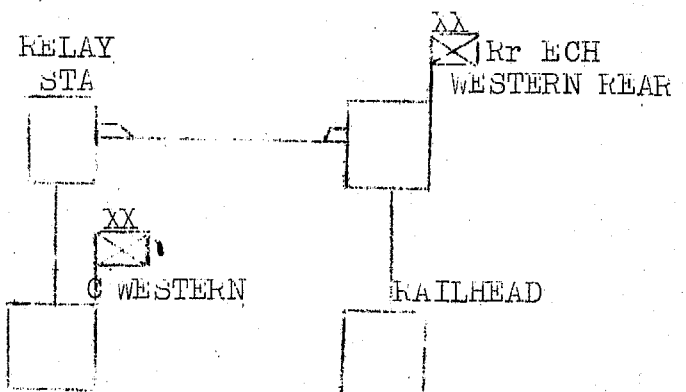
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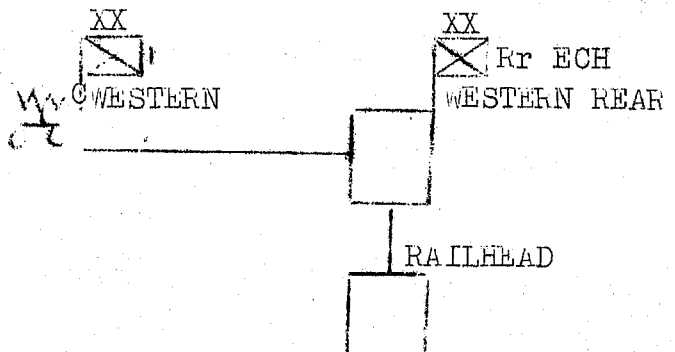
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