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SUMMARIES

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FILE SUMMARY

Name	Paul L. Aube
Date of Birth	04/08/41
Date Ordained	05/23/70
Service	06/03/70 St. Mary, Claremont
	10/10/73 Guardian Angel, Berlin
	06/11/75 St. Aloysius, Nashua
	09/15/76 Holy Rosary, Rochester
	10/09/81 Chaplain, Concord Hospital & Nursing Homes Residency @ St. Peter Parish
	01/27/83 Chaplain, Elliot Hospital & Manor St. Georges, Residency @ Manor; Rel. of Chaplaincy Manor St. Georges
	08/27/93 Administrative Leave
	08/17/94 Rights to exercise public priestly ministry removed by the Bishop of Manchester
Date and Nature of Complaint	In August 1981, a diocesan official received a report from a parent alleging sexual misconduct with her minor son (in 1981 he was an adult) by Paul Aube. Aube was referred for outpatient psychological evaluation.
Response Action Taken	In August 1981, Paul Aube was referred to Dr. Desjardins for psychological evaluation. Based on an initial evaluation, Aube was removed from parish ministry and assigned to a health care chaplaincy and directed to continue outpatient psychological treatment under Dr. Desjardins. In 1984, Desjardins was advised of another complaint regarding Aube and assured the Diocese that Aube was suitable for non-parish ministry. Desjardins continuously gave reports through 1994 that while under outpatient treatment, that Aube's behavior was not a danger to children. Notwithstanding Desjardins' representations, in August 1994, the Diocese directed Aube to seek residential psychological treatment in light of prior accusations of sexual misconduct with children and when he refused to do so, his rights to exercise public priestly ministry were removed by the Bishop of Manchester.
Additional Complaints	In May 1982, a NH Catholic Charities official called the Diocesan administration concerning a young man from Barrington, then 17 years old and two of his friends, as the result of a call she had received from a county welfare official in NH. The diocesan official followed up with the welfare

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official who was unwilling to substantiate the complaint. In January 1985, a Diocesan official met with Aube in connection with a complaint letter from an adult alleging that as a teenager in Berlin in the 1970s he was molested by Aube as parish priest in the rectory of Guardian Angel Church. The letter also alleged that the complainant stated that he knew that Aube had sexually molested several boys throughout the state all of whom were then adults including one in Nashua, New Hampshire. The original 1981 complainants, as adults living out of state, made claims and reports themselves against the Diocese on account of actions which occurred in the late 1970s which resulted in confidentiality agreements and settlements.

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Name	Albert L. Boulanger
Date of Birth	06/30/29
Date Ordained	05/19/62
Service	05/26/62 St. Joseph, Salem
	06/22/62 St. Mary, Claremont
	02/20/64 Immaculate Heart of Mary, Concord
	04/08/65 St. Joseph, Berlin
	09/20/67 St. Martin, Somersworth
	06/21/68 St. Joseph, Woodsville
	03/05/69 St. James, Portsmouth
	10/15/69 St. Mary, Manchester
	06/03/70 St. Joseph, Nashua Assistant Director, Diocesan Camps for the Summer
	04/23/71 Suspended
	11/10/71 Our Lady of the Mountains, North Conway Weekend Ministry
	06/01/72 Our Lady of the Mountains, North Conway
	02/14/72 Mary Mother of the Church, Newton
	03/29/74 St. Benedict, Cascade
	04/11/74 Resigned Pastorate
	04/ /74 Sacred Heart, Wilton
	06/13/74 St. Bernard, Keene, weekend ministry
	03/04/75 Sacred Heart, Manchester, weekend ministry
	01/15/76 St. Agnes, Ashland
	10/24/84 St. Matthew, Whitefield
	03/16/87 Sick Leave
	02/06/89 Holy Rosary, Rochester St. Anthony, Sanbornville
	Sick Leave
	07/01/91 Chaplain, Manchester Area Nursing Homes
	10/09/95 Chaplain, Mt. Carmel Home, Manchester & contin. Chaplaincy of area nursing homes
	08/02/00 Retired
Date and Nature of Complaint	On April 22, 1971, a woman from Nashua called and complained that her son had been sexually abused by Albert Boulanger and the son had had medical treatment. This was reported to Bishop Ernest Primeau who met with Boulanger on April 23, 1971 and he was removed from ministry at that time by letter of April 21, 1971. The complaint alleged was reported to have taken place over a period of time in the sacristy at the

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	church after Mass, in the priest's car, his bedroom at the rectory and a cottage.
Response Action Taken	Albert Boulanger resigned as pastor in 1979 and was referred for psychological treatment. He saw Philip R. Sullivan, M.D., a psychiatrist in Boston and John H. Brennan, M.D. who reported to Bishop Primeau that he was making progress and he was ultimately returned to ministry. Subsequently, he was treated for alcoholism and there were additional treatments. He went to the St. Luke's Institute in 1987, where he was discharged on December 22. Upon discharge, he agreed to several post-discharge activities.
Additional Complaints	None

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Name	Albion F. Bulger
Date of Birth	05/17/30
Date Ordained	07/01/56
Service	07/20/56 Holy Angels, Westville
	08/28/58 Vice-Rector, American College, Louvain, Belgium
	02/ /66 American Parish, Brussels, Belgium
	09/13/69 St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester
	06/03/70 St. Kathryn, Hudson
	12/01/71 St. Kathryn, Hudson
	03/10/76 Mary, Queen of Peace, Salem
	06/26/91 Parish of the Resurrection, Nashua
	09/24/01 Retirement
Date and Nature of Complaint	A July 2001 accusation of sexual misconduct by Albion Bulger in 1974 was received and investigated. The complainant was an adult living out of state who alleged that he was sexually assaulted by Bulger twice in 1974 when he was approximately 15 years old. He also alleged that Bulger sexually assaulted a friend of his at the same time, in a similar manner. The friend died in 1996. The complainant provided the names of those he claimed could corroborate the assault.
Response Action Taken	Bulger was referred to St. Luke's Institute in Maryland and a report was received from them indicating he probably should go for residential treatment. He chose not to go for the residential treatment. He resigned his pastorate and his rights to exercise public priestly ministry were removed by the Bishop of Manchester in September of 2001.
Additional Complaints	None

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Name	Gerald F. Chalifour
Date of Birth	09/17/28
Date Ordained	06/07/52
Service	06/16/52 St. Martin, Somersworth 12/10/57 Guardian Angel, Berlin 03/12/59 St. Charles Orphanage, Rochester, Chaplain 05/03/60 Sacred Heart, Greenville 09/18/62 St. John the Baptist, Suncook 10/04/68 St. Kathryn, Hudson 10/08/69 Leave of Absence (health) 02/09/70 Holy Family, Gorham 06/03/70 St. Peter, Farmington 09/08/76 St. Theresa, Manchester, Pastor 12/08/83 Leave of Absence (6 months - health) 06/05/84 St. Theresa, Manchester 06/20/85 Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, Chaplain 06/24/87 St. Charles, Dover 09/30/87 St. Augustine, Manchester 06/20/90 St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, Associate Chaplain 1991 - St. Theresa Manor, Manchester, Temp. Chaplain 02/93 10/31/92 Retired 10/01/95 Bishop Peterson Residence, Manchester, residence -- 01/96 01/96 Residence: Delany Residence 01/96
Date and Nature of Complaint	An adult male met with a Diocesan official on April 21, 1993. He indicated that when he was in junior high school and high school in the 1960's, he was sexually fondled by Gerald Chalifour, reported having slept in the same bed on an outing to the Bay of Fundy and having other inappropriate sexual contact. In 1995, a claim was brought against the Diocese through an attorney for medical bills and other costs, which matter was settled.
Response Action Taken	Referred for psychological evaluation. Gerald Chalifour was retired at the time of receipt of the accusation.

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Additional Complaints	There were additional complaints from adults who signed mutual confidentiality agreements with the Diocese upon settlement of civil claims for similar sexual abuse. These settlements were in 1991 and 1993 and referred to incidents dating from the 1960's and 1970's.
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Name	Joseph A. Cote
Date of Birth	01/04/23
Date Ordained	05/19/51
Service	12/17/56 Sacred Heart, Greenville
	12/10/57 St. Martin, Somersworth
	10/10/58 Our Lady of the Mountains Academy, Gorham, Chaplain
	09/07/60 Guardian Angel, Berlin
	04/08/65 St. Joseph, Berlin
	07/01/68 St. Anne, Berlin
	06/10/69 St. Joseph, Berlin
	07/01/85 St. Vincent de Paul Home, Berlin, Chaplain
	06/01/00 Retirement
Date and Nature of Complaint	On March 6, 2001 the Diocese received a call from a 42-year-old complainant (who has since signed a confidentiality agreement) who indicated that when he was 12 years old as an altar boy at a Catholic church in Berlin, NH, Joseph Cote sexually abused him. The complainant began counseling and realized that many of his problems including those in his marriage were tied to the abuse. The matter was pursued by contacting the Diocese.
Response Action Taken	Joseph Cote was long retired at the time of the accusation and conducting no public ministry. The Diocese dealt with and settled the matter with the complainant to assure additional counseling. A confidentiality agreement was signed. Joseph Cote continued to be restricted in his ministry with no public ministry and the complainant was assured of this.
Additional Complaints	None

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Name	Robert E. Densmore
Date of Birth	08/19/32
Date Ordained	12/20/61
Service	06/ /62 North American College, Rome (until 06/62)
	06/30/62 Our Lady of Fatima, New London
	09/18/62 Holy Angels, Westville
	06/22/63 St. Matthew, Whitefield
	06/15/66 St. Joseph, Salem
	09/20/67 St. Patrick, Newport
	04/01/69 St. Mary, Claremont
	06/18/70 Leave of Absence (1 year)
	09/10/71 Our Lady of Fatima, New London
	03/06/75 St. Catherine, Charlestown
	03/31/78 St. Catherine, Charlestown
	10/23/85 Leave of Absence for reasons of health
	06/20/85 St. Charles Children's Home, Rochester, Chaplain
	06/23/86 Memorial Hospital, Nashua, chaplain St. Christopher, Nashua, limited weekend ministry
	06/24/87 CMC, Manchester, Chaplain
	05/06/90 Leave of Absence for Reasons of Health to 01/91
	01/91 CMC, Manchester, Chaplain Residence, St. Augustine, Manchester
	02/01/93 Elliot Hospital, Manchester, Deanery Hospital Chaplain Residence: St. Anne, Manchester 08/01/95
	06/21/00 Retirement (effective 06/21/00)
Date and Nature of Complaint	Monday, September 30, 1985, a woman contacted the Diocese and claimed that Robert Densmore had abused her son. She also accused Densmore of drinking heavily and regularly and of smoking marijuana with minors.
Response Action Taken	Robert Densmore was seen by a Diocesan official, agreed to go to St. Luke's Institute for treatment regarding abuse of alcohol after a psychological evaluation by Dr. Henry Guerten Ouellette. After evaluation and treatment, he was assigned to non-parish ministry.

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Additional Complaints	In February 1993, a 27 year old adult male complained against Densmore. He alleged that in the early 1970's, Densmore had fondled him when Densmore was serving in Our Lady of Fatima Parish in New London. This matter was settled with payment of counseling costs for the claimant.
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Name	Raymond H. Laferriere
Date of Birth	07/16/30
Date Ordained	05/28/60
Service	06/15/60 St. Anthony, Sanbornville
	11/18/60 St. Augustine, Manchester
	12/23/63 Leave of Absence for Reasons of Health
	02/20/64 St. Francis Xavier, Groveton
	09/07/65 St. John the Baptist, Manchester
	10/04/68 St. Patrick, Milford
	06/03/70 St. George, Manchester
	05/18/71 St. Joseph, Hinsdale
	11/03/71 Sacred Heart, Lebanon
	10/18/72 St. John the Evangelist, Hudson
	06/13/74 St. Joseph, Hinsdale
	06/18/79 St. Joan of Arc, Alton
	06/20/85 St. Aloysius, Nashua
	09/11/91 St. Charles, Dover
	09/92 Leave of Absence for Reasons of Health
	09/23/92 Resigned from ministry
	1 / 92 St. Anthony, Manchester, sick leave
07/95 Retired	
Date and Nature of Complaint	An undated complaint in the file was addressed to Bishop Primeau accusing Raymond Laferriere of providing pornographic materials to children and having children in his room at the rectory. This apparently refers to St. Augustine Parish, Manchester. In 1995, an adult male complained against Fr. Laferriere alleging child sexual abuse which had occurred in the 1970s. The matter was settled and a confidentiality agreement was signed.
Response Action Taken	No further treatment indicated in file as Laferriere was already on sick leave. Laferriere was under outpatient psychological treatment at the time of the accusation.
Additional Complaints	None.

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Name	Conrad V. LaForest
Date of Birth	02/14/40
Date Ordained	05/20/72
Service	06/03/72 St. Anne, Berlin
	09/05/73 St. Charles, Dover
	06/25/77 St. John the Baptist, Suncook
	11/12/80 St. Denis, Hanover Chaplain, Mary Hitchcock Hospital
	03/02/81 St. Thomas Aquinas, Derry
	06/16/81 St. Peter, Concord
	10/09/81 St. Mary, Manchester
	01/29/82 Sick Leave
	08/02/82 Immaculate Conception, Penacook
	03/14/83 Concord Hospital & Area Nursing Homes, Concord Chaplain
	06/15/88 Our Lady of the Mountains, North Conway
	06/19/96 Sick Leave-Resigned as Pastor
	06/16/99 St. Francis Nursing Home, Laconia, regular coverage
Date and Nature of Complaint	Before Christmas in 1989, a young man, then 28 years old and married, came forward at the suggestion of his counselor to inform the Diocese that when he was 12 or 13 years old and for a period of two or three years, Fr. Conrad LaForest approached him on several occasions in what he believed to be homosexual advances.
Response Action Taken	Fr. LaForest was sent to Dr. Henry Guertin Ouellette, Director of Consultation Services for outpatient psychological evaluation and then to St. Luke's Institute for residential psychological treatment. A report from St. Luke's Institute on January 31, 1990 indicated that he had gone there in 1982 for evaluation of behavioral problems after being hospitalized at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, and could be assigned to parish ministry.
Additional Complaints	None

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Name	John W. Nolin
Date of Birth	02/15/33
Date Ordained	05/28/60
Service	06/15/60 St. Mary, Newmarket
	09/07/60 St. Kieran, Berlin
	09/03/63 St. Joseph, Salem
	08/30/65 Our Lady of the Mountains, North Conway
	01/03/68 Our Lady of the Lakes, Lakeport
	03/06/68 Our Lady of the Mountains, North Conway
	03/06/69 Leave of Absence (1 year)
	07/15/69 Immaculate Conception, Penacook
	10/15/69 St. James, Portsmouth
	06/11/75 All Saints, Lancaster
	01/19/83 St. Joseph, Woodsville
	06/16/94 Leave of Absence-resigned as Pastor
	06/01/00 Retirement effective 06/01/00
Date and Nature of Complaint	<p>On March 21, 1994 three siblings, ages 40, 37 and 32, met with a Diocesan official to accuse John Nolin of sexually abusing the 32 year old woman when she was 12 or 13 and the family in fact lived with Nolin in his personal residence which he owned in Keene.</p> <p>The allegation was that Nolin came into the girl's room in the middle of the night and on several occasions pulled up her nightgown and began to stroke her legs and eventually moved his hand to her vagina. She would pretend to be asleep and he would leave when she started to move around. She claimed emotional trauma which affected her family relationships as a result.</p> <p>On April 11, 1994, Nolin and the three individuals had a meeting with a Diocesan official at which they confronted Fr. Nolin.</p>
Response Action Taken	<p>John Nolin resigned as pastor and his rights to exercise public priestly ministry were removed by the Bishop of Manchester in June 1994. He subsequently moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico.</p> <p>The family was informed of the actions and the file indicates</p>

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	their satisfaction at the firm action taken. The youngest child was offered help with counseling and has since corresponded with the Diocese.
Additional Complaints	None

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Name	Eugene Pelletier
Date of Birth	09/18/22
Date Ordained	05/30/53
Service	06/09/53 St. Francis Xavier, Nashua
	02/16/61 St. Joseph, Berlin
	09/07/61 Holy Rosary, Rochester
	09/03/63 St. Martin, Somersworth
	06/04/64 St. Anthony, Sanbornville Summer weekend ministry
	09/20/67 St. John the Baptist, Manchester
	06/10/69 St. Joseph, Center Ossipee
	01/14/76 St. Timothy, Bristol
	10/15/81 St. Kathryn, Hudson
	05/12/82 Resigned pastorate for reasons of health
	05/27/82 Holy Rosary, Rochester
	10/24/84 St. John the Baptist, Suncook
	06/16/93 Retired
Date and Nature of Complaint	In 1995, an adult male then living out of state, who has subsequently signed a confidentiality agreement, made an allegation that in the fall of 1963 or spring of 1964, Eugene Pelletier brought him (then an altar boy and boy scout at St. Martin's Parish in Somersworth), to some sort of event in Nashua. On the way back, at Pelletier's suggestion, permission was obtained through a telephone call to the complainant's parents to spend the night at the cottage then owned by Pelletier in Litchfield. The complainant alleged that Pelletier gave him wine and got him intoxicated, fondled him and brought him to bed where some form of sexual intercourse took place. He alleged that the trauma has caused him relationship problems over the years, particularly in a failed marriage. At the time of the complaint, Pelletier was already retired as a priest. The matter was settled with the Diocese paying for counseling for the complainant and there was a succession of correspondence between the Diocese and the complainant indicating the complainant's satisfaction with the resolution of the matter and progress in counseling. A confidentiality agreement was signed.

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Response Action Taken	Pelletier was retired and living in a supervised medical care facility with no public ministry at the time of the accusation.
Additional Complaints	None

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Name	John R. Poirier
Date of Birth	04/28/45
Date Ordained	05/15/71
Service	06/08/71 Our Lady of Mercy, Merrimack
	09/05/73 St. Rose of Lima, Littleton
	06/11/75 St. Paul, Franklin
	06/18/80 St. Jude, Londonderry
	10/31/80 Diocesan Office of Communications, part-time
	06/15/82 St. Edmund, Manchester, Part-time Associate and Part-time Diocesan Office of Communications
	01/17/84 St. Catherine, Manchester and one day a week @ Office of Communications
	01/01/85 St. Catherine, Manchester, full time ministry
	06/11/86 Sacred Heart, Marlborough and St. Denis, Harrisville
	02/06/89 Resigned Pastorate
	02/06/89 Leave of Absence, Reasons of Health
	06/16/89 St. Joseph, Dover
	12/03/01- Holy Family, Gorham
	02/27/02
Date and Nature of Complaint	The complaint against John Poirier was apparently reported verbally in 1978, concerning an alleged solicitation of a minor for sexual activity while riding in a car. The minor left the car in which he and Poirier were riding without anything occurring and notified the Tilton Police who contacted the Diocese. There are no records of the identity of the complainant.
Response Action Taken	Poirier was referred to Dr. Henry P. Ouellette, Ph.D., the Director for Consultation Service for Clergy and Religious and he treated Poirier. Poirier was sent to the House of Affirmation in Wintonville, Massachusetts, where he underwent a battery of psychological tests. He was sent to St. Barnabas Center in Wisconsin for residential treatment. On the basis of the discharge findings, he was returned to parish work. Poirer returned to St. Barnabas on one additional occasion in 1991 for additional follow-up therapy.
Additional Complaints	None

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Name	Stephen W. Scruton
Date of Birth	03/31/33
Date Ordained	05/28/60
Service	06/15/60 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton 10/14/60 St. Kieran, Berlin 10/04/68 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Manchester 10/15/69 St. Joseph, Laconia 01/16/74 St. Rose of Lima, Littleton 06/18/80 St. John the Evangelist, Hudson 01/24/84 St. Patrick, Bennington 06/20/85 St. Bernard, Keene 05/87 Administrative Leave/resigned
Date and Nature of Complaint	August 1984, Stephen Scruton was arrested at a rest area in Londonderry by the Londonderry Police and charged with a form of sexual assault regarding adults. These charges were dropped. In May of 1987, Scruton was arrested in Marlborough for homosexual solicitation of adults and placed on administrative leave and has never been assigned as a priest subsequently. Neither of these arrests involved children as far as the Diocese is aware.
Response Action Taken	In response to the arrests and not the child abuse complaints which surfaced later, the Diocese removed Fr. Scruton as a priest. Scruton attended the Golden Valley Health Care Center for analysis. He resigned and his rights to exercise public priestly ministry were removed by the Bishop of Manchester.
Additional Complaints	During the 1990's, several claims were brought by adults for activities allegedly occurring with minors in the early 1970's, including one alleging child abuse in the form of fondling and subsequently settled by the Diocese. In 2000, an adult individual called to complain that he had been abused when 11 years old in Berlin, New Hampshire at St. Kieran's Parish by a priest subsequently identified by Diocesan officials as Stephen Scruton. This would have been between 1960 and 1968.

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Name	Romeo J. Valliere
Date of Birth	04/26/34
Date Ordained	02/02/63
Service	02/11/63 St. Augustine, Manchester 09/20/63 Sacred Heart, Laconia 08/03/65 St. Mary, Claremont 04/02/69 Holy Angels, Plaistow 10/10/73 St. Anthony, Manchester 01/15/76 St. Albert, West Stewartstown 09/05/84 Holy Family, Gorham 03/15/89 Resigned Pastorate 04/01/89 Sick Leave 06/20/90 Our Lady of the Mountains, North Conway 01/26/96 Sick Leave 06/05/01 Retired
Date and Nature of Complaint	<p>There is a letter dated June 14, 1976 in the file from two women in West Stewartstown, New Hampshire indicating that Romeo Valliere allowed boys to stay all night and drink in the rectory. There is also a reference to smoking marijuana and children repeating bad "jokes" told them by him. There is also reference to an anonymous report to the Diocese in 1989 by an adult that Valliere had hugged and kissed him when he was a minor.</p> <p>In a June 26, 1989 letter from the Diocese to Dr. Henry P. Ouellette referring Valliere for treatment, there is a reference to rumors of his involvement with boys who are minors and the fact that it is not possible to reassign him until those rumors were proven false.</p>
Response Action Taken	<p>Valliere resigned his pastorate on March 7, 1989, at the request of the Diocese and he was referred to Dr. Henry Guertin Ouellette and then subsequently for residential treatment at to St. Barnabas Center in Wisconsin. After a report dated September 22, 1989 concerning his suitability, he was returned to ministry with no restrictions.</p> <p>He was placed on sick leave in 1996 and granted retired status June 5, 2001 by Bishop McCormack as the result of unrelated medical matters.</p>

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Additional Complaints	None
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