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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

The Editor invites all members to submit items of information and articles on the subject of Masonic Philately. Typewritten copy and/or camera ready items will result in the best possible presentation of your material if it is selected for use.

# The New York Times

THE NEW YORK TIMES NATIONAL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2005

## Stamps for Sinners and Other Taxpayers

By ELIZABETH OLSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 — A slice of 20th-century American history will be auctioned for the first time on Saturday in New York, when the National Postal Museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution, sells some 35,000 examples of ornate and colorful revenue stamps.

Among the stamps offered for sale are ones once affixed to wine, beer, narcotics and even marijuana as proof that "sin" taxes had been paid on those items. The federal government stopped using such stamps decades ago.

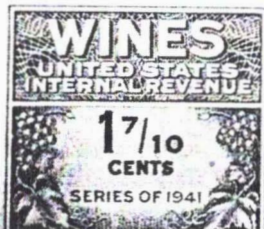
The liveliest interest has been in the marijuana stamps, which were used starting in 1937 when the Marihuana Tax Act was passed to control, and, some say, outlaw, the use of cannabis. Only a few such stamps are known to be in private collectors' hands. The stamps, which are yellow, blue, green and red, are being sold singly and in sheets.

But the sale, which is expected to raise \$2 million for the Smithsonian's National Philatelic Collection, includes a broad variety of other revenue stamps for silver, snuff, filled cheese and distilled spirits. Also on auction are stamps for transactions of documents and stock transfers.

Often confused with postal stamps, revenue stamps were first issued in the colonial era more than 250 years ago. Their use on a large scale began to finance the Civil War's estimated \$3 billion cost. The Union government issued 102 different stamps over the four years of the war to tax almost every commercial document as well as items including matches, medicines, perfumes and even oleomargarine.

Using stamps for some transactions, as well as certain so-called sin items, continued until the 1970's. Starting in 1954, the Internal Revenue Service began donating 1,900 varieties of unused or duplicate stamps to the philatelic collection, which was later housed by the postal museum.

After debating about how to release the stamps but not flood the market, the postal museum, which houses about 7.8 million unused revenue stamps, decided last year to retain about 400,000 examples and auc-



The investment that got away: from pennies in 1941 to \$25,000.

tion others.

The decision set off a controversy among stamp collectors and dealers because the museum said it would burn some stamps. Collectors and dealers fought that, and the museum agreed that it would, instead, mark some of the stamps with ink to differentiate them from more valuable mint-condition examples, and sell the marked ones as well.

Among the stamps expected to bring the highest sums at the auction are three rare 1941 series wine stamps, unmarked, each of which is valued at \$25,000. There are also three examples of another wine stamp, the 17 1/10 cent stamp, which are each expected to fetch about \$10,000, because there is only one recorded example in private hands. These stamps are also unmarked.

Stamps on liquor are often the largest ones because they were attached to wine cases or beer barrels. Narcotics stamps charged one cent an ounce for opium, coca leaves and drugs derived from those substances.

Other items expected to bring high prices are sheets of stock transaction stamps, valued at \$40,000 to

\$50,000 each, and a sheet of 18-cent narcotics stamps, distinctive because of their long, thin shape, which were affixed to bottles of medicines. That sheet is expected to bring \$10,000, according to the pre-auction estimate.

Still, the marijuana stamps have elicited the most interest.

"About 50 percent of all the questions we are getting relate to the marijuana stamps," said Ted Wilson, registrar of the postal museum.

"These are not collectors, but are people who are just fascinated by them," he said.

Marijuana was among the drugs set to be regulated under the 1914 Harrison Narcotics Act, but the pharmaceutical industry opposed such regulation, arguing that the substance was not habit-forming. As a result of this pressure, marijuana continued to be sold legally for medicinal and research uses.

After decades of debate over its dangers and how to regulate it uniformly among the states, which treated marijuana with different degrees of strictness, the federal government taxed it starting in 1937, said Richard Friedberg, a revenue stamp dealer in Meadville, Pa., who wrote the foreword to the auction catalog. Doctors and dentists had to pay the tax if they wanted to continue prescribing the substance for patients.

The Marijuana Policy Project, an independent research group, and other researchers say the stamps were not that widely used, and that the effect of the 1937 law was to outlaw marijuana. In 1971, marijuana was included in the Controlled Substances Act as an illegal substance.

Adding to the marijuana stamps' aura, about 37 of them were stolen from the philatelic collection in the 1970's. Three of those were recovered. Of the others, some had serial numbers, but none have ever appeared for sale, Mr. Wilson said.

Proceeds from the auction, to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel by Matthew Bennett International, will be used to buy early United States postal stamps and early Confederate state stamps for the stamp collection, said Wilson Hulme, the postal museum's curator of philately.



## Websites and Links of Use to Masonic Philatelists

*Linn's Stamp News*, the weekly publication that has long been a must for serious stamp collectors, found in a recent survey that over 40 percent of its readers used computers for their collecting activity. The traditional sites for stamp collectors like conventions and stamp shows still exist, stamp club activity on the Internet are growing at a rapid pace.

eBay and other auction sites on the internet seem to be increasing the number of people interested in collecting postage stamps and other postal history items. One study disclosed that there are 40,000 to 50,000 lots of postage stamps on eBay alone. The stamps available on eBay range from the most common varieties to rarities in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range.

In an attempt to answer the many inquiries we have received seeking information on Internet websites and links of use to Masonic Philatelists we have put together this preliminary list. This article is a work in progress. We ask that our Club members explore the suggestions here and please give us some feedback. Please let us know what should be added, corrected, or eliminated to eventually achieve a resource that is of value. Please send your feedback to Allan Boudreau at [ab1105@columbia.edu](mailto:ab1105@columbia.edu).

[www.grandlodge-england.org.uk](http://www.grandlodge-england.org.uk)

Official web Site of the United Grand Lodge of England  
Very informative and useful site with link to MQ Magazine article which includes information regarding The Masonic Philatelic Club (England)

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Official web site of Club Philatelique J. T. D. Very comprehensive site available in both French & English For full use of the site a membership fee is charged with a special rate for members of Masonic Stamp Clubs

[www.msana.com](http://www.msana.com)

Official web site of The Masonic Service Association an excellent source of information and where a description of the book *Masonic Philately* by Christopher L. Murphy is posted and the book available for purchase

[www.collectorsclub.org](http://www.collectorsclub.org)

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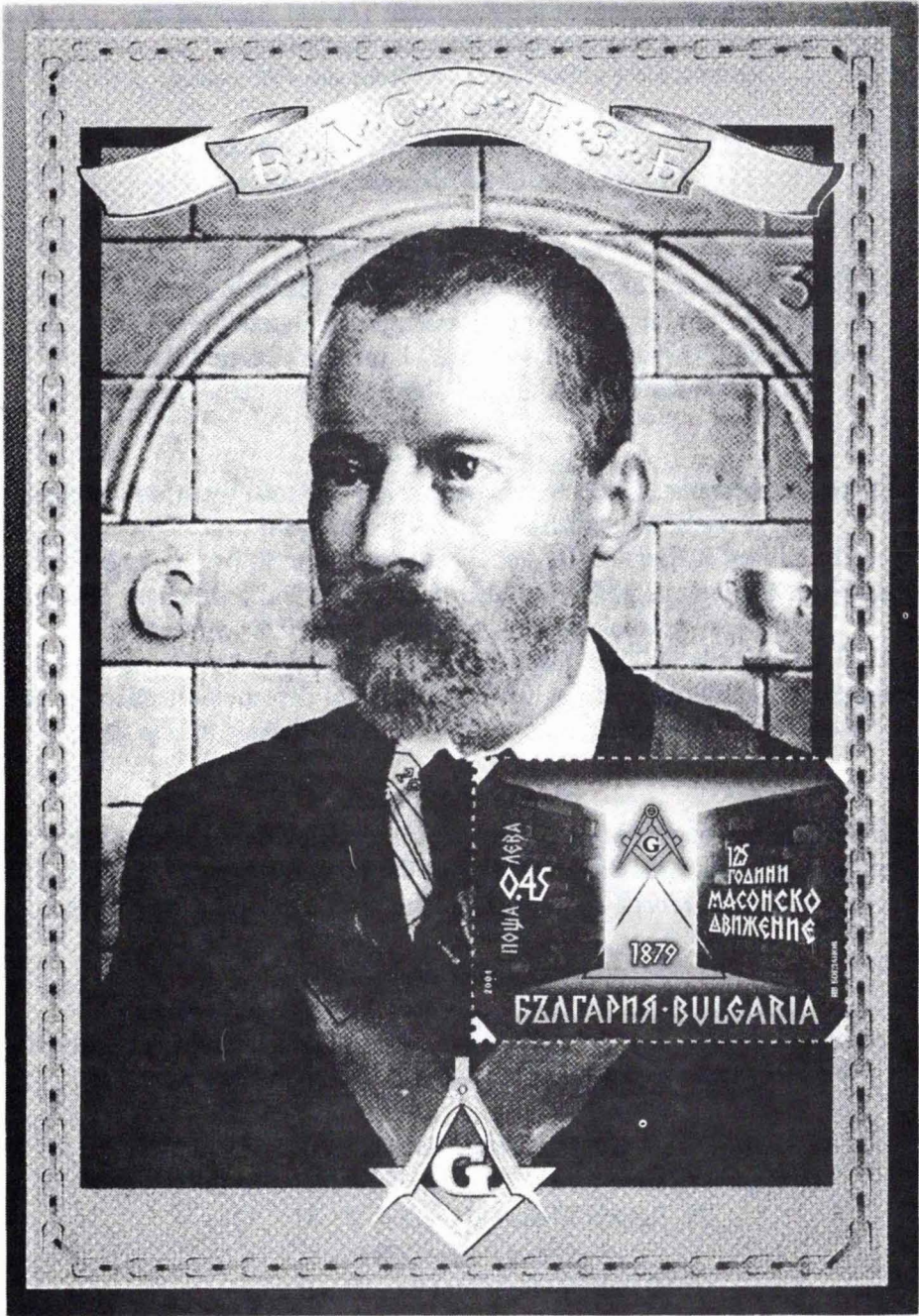
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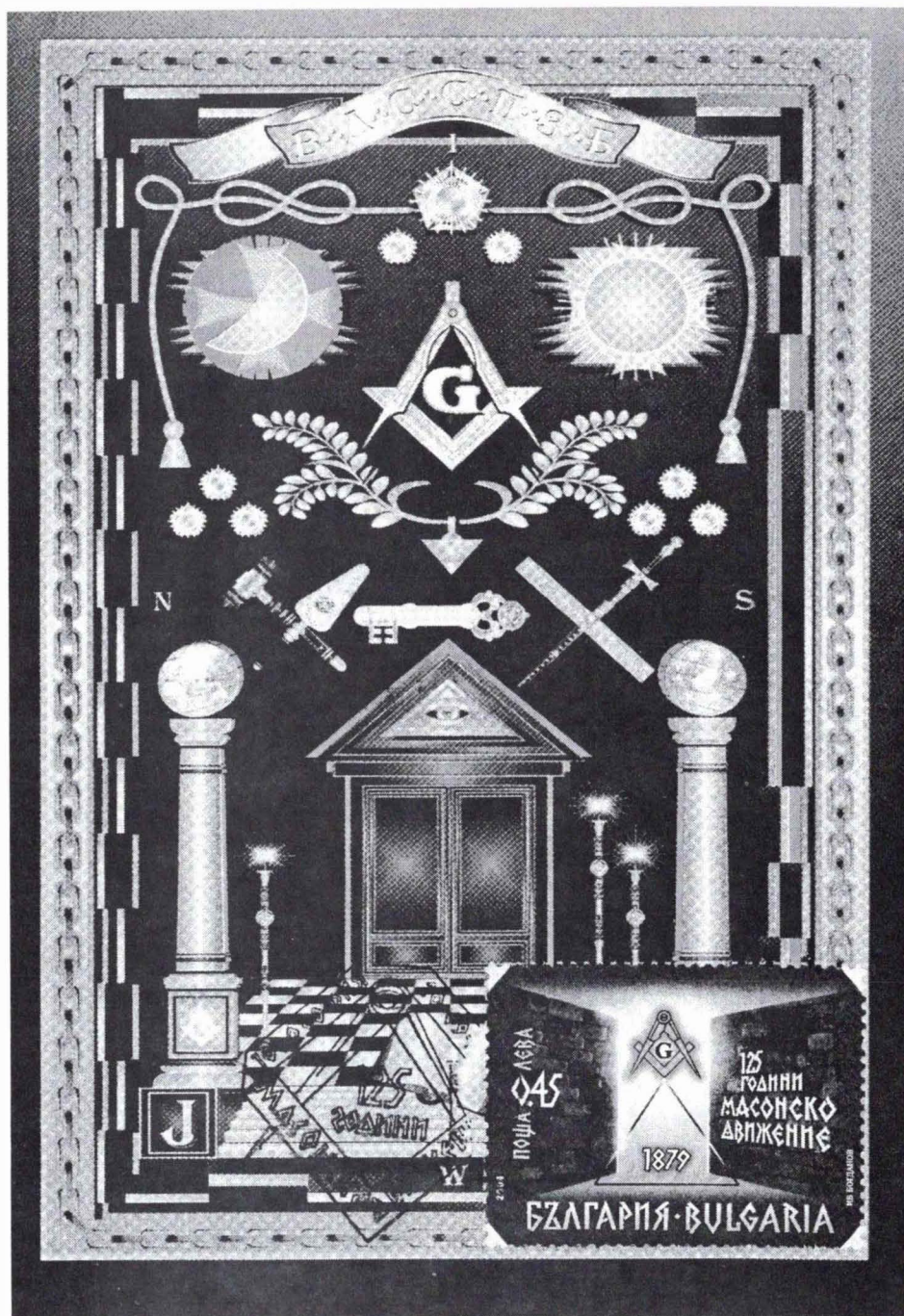
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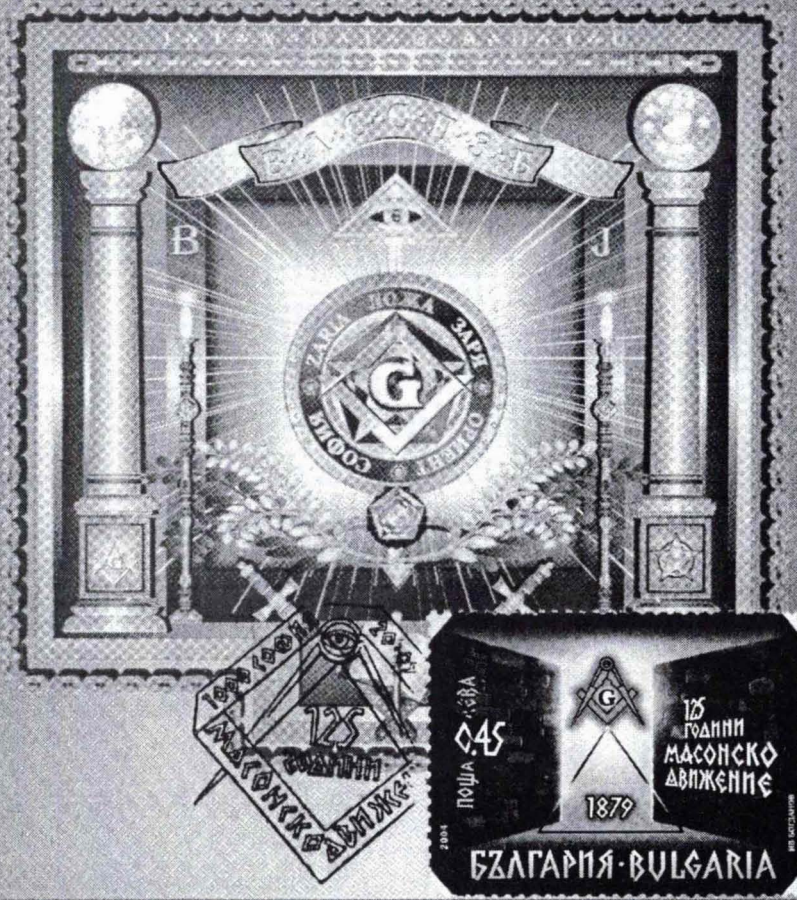








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By the time you get this Newsletter you should have received your 2004 book. It is a little late because we always wait for the printer's down time which allows us to take advantage of lower costs. We hope you enjoy the book **The Craftsman and Templar's Textbook** as we prepare the 2005 offering which might be one of the many recently suggested by you, the members.

The deadline for DUES for 2005 is April 1, 2005 the dues notice is included with this newsletter. Early collection allows us to pay the pre-printing cost and to do any research necessary for the 2004 book to be produced. Early submission would be appreciated. Postage rates in the United States increased once again, but the cost to ship a book overseas is now \$5 or more depending on the country. Your generous donations have allowed us to keep the membership rates at the same cost at 15 years ago. Let's hope we can continue. Starting next year we may raise the dues \$2 per year until we reach \$20.

For the Club to operate we need approximately 1500 members. During this last year we lost over 200 members to death and 50 to resignations. The majority of our members are over 60. Therefore we are asking each of you to try to sign up a new member. We will reward the new member by sending him a bonus book from our past offerings. Please help us out. All we need is name, address, Lodge and the dues.

Enclosed please find an envelope for your dues. \$15 U.S. and Canada and \$20 for all others. **If you have already paid for 2005 please ignore this note.** Please enclose the Tear-off below with your dues. US currency, US checks or international money orders are all that can be accepted. We cannot accept credit cards or internet payments such as **Pay pal** because we have experienced problems with them.

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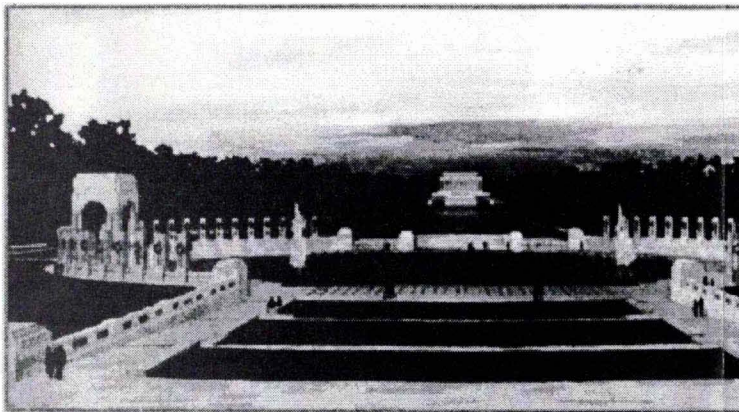
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This envelope is a collectible Postal Cover prepared to commemorate a specific event. The Cover was prepared to honor you as a veteran.

The stamp depicts the WWII Memorial in May upon the dedication of the Memorial. The stamp was designed by Ms. Patricia Whelan, Postmaster, and the cachet, comes from an official photograph of the Memorial envelope by Joe McElroy, a decorated Vietnam War veteran and owner of Professional Printing Services, Inc. in Haddonfield, NJ.

Post 38 hopes you will enjoy this as a memento of your service as a member of The Greatest Generation.

You might wish to share this Cover with your family. They may have an interest in Philately (the collection of stamps) or in historic events such as World War II.



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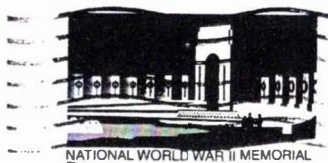


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Presented below is a condensed version of a feature from our *Opinions VI* which is still available from booksellers.

## A Philatelic Bodyshop

by William T. Crowe

The intrigue of an inverted element of a stamp has attracted fakers over the years. Detection of the more skillful examples of their work may be difficult if certain tests are not used or known.



Fig. 1. The engraved design of the center extends into this frame. . or does it?

One of the most interesting U.S. printing errors is the inverted center. Patient No. 221,748 is an example of a well traveled and skillful fake. This stamp was first submitted to The Philatelic Foundation as patient No. 4,459 in 1953. It was submitted a second time in 1973 as patient No. 40,136 and most recently in January, 1990 as patient No. 221, 748. Each time it was correctly identified as a fraudulent though very deceptive example.

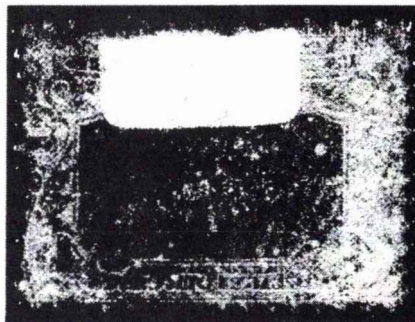
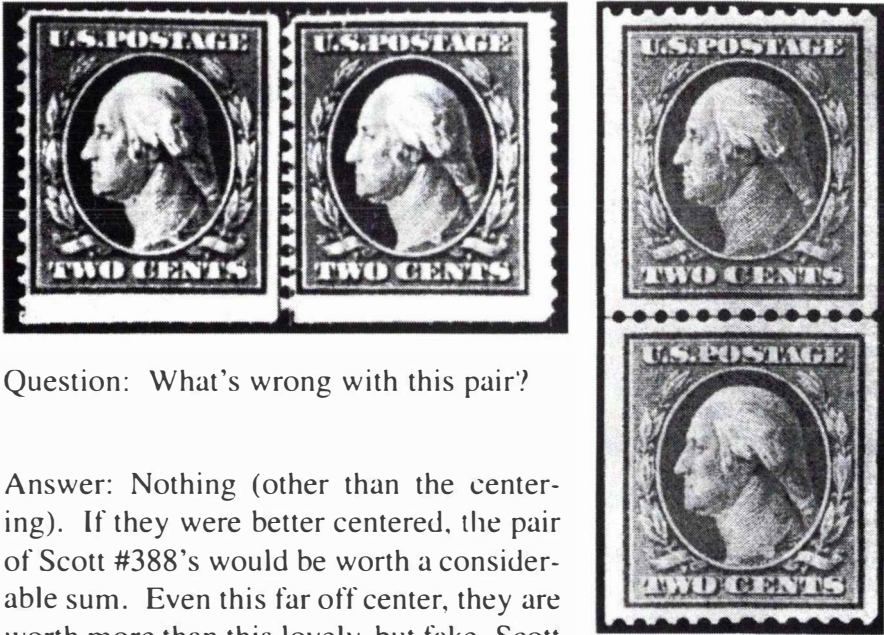


Fig. 2 The work of the faker is revealed when the stamp is examined in fluid.

## Using the Reference Collections



Question: What's wrong with this pair?

Answer: Nothing (other than the centering). If they were better centered, the pair of Scott #388's would be worth a considerable sum. Even this far off center, they are worth more than this lovely, but fake, Scott #349 line pair from our **reference collection**. Upon comparison, we easily spotted the differences in perforation and size.

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**Jan B. Berg, Stockholm, Sweden**

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"Monte Carlo" Collection  
United States Classics 1847-1869  
**Charles F. Shreve, Dallas, TX**

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