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Your Personal Invitation to Indianapolis

Please come to Indianapolis this summer for the Annual Meeting of the National Lutheran Secretariat July 26-29. It will be held on the campus of the University of Indianapolis which is on the south side—approximately fifteen minutes from downtown and the airport. We promise great Hoosier Hospitality, lots of great people to meet, inspirational worship services and informative seminars. Learn what other movements are doing to grow, and share your successes and your issues. Our theme is “The Race Set Before Us”, this is invitation to race to Indy and join us for a refreshing, Spirit-filled weekend!

The University of Indianapolis promises to be a wonderful site for our meeting. Almost all of our meetings and activities will be held in one building with conference rooms in the basement, the dining room on the ground floor and a beautiful chapel on the second floor. We will have a couple of meetings in the auditorium which is in the next building. Housing will be in air-conditioned, double rooms with community restrooms. Co-ed floors will have both male and female toilet facilities, shower areas will be male or female, so you may have to go to another floor. There are elevators, but please note on your registration form if you need to minimize your stair walking, and we'll do our best to accommodate you. There is limited availability for single rooms, so please register early. Or better yet, make a better or new friend by sharing a room! All buildings are within easy walking distance (no hills—this is the flatlands) as well as having adjacent parking lots. Golf carts will also be available. You can go to the University of Indianapolis website at www.uindy.edu for more information.

Please plan to come early or stay longer so you can enjoy Indianapolis. When most people think of Indianapolis, they think of the Indianapolis 500 race on Memorial Day weekend. The Indianapolis Colts, the Indiana Pacers and the Allstate Brickyard 400 NASCAR race may also come to mind. These are important parts of Indianapolis, but there is so much more. Indianapolis has invested in its downtown, turning it around to a vibrant shopping and cultural center to add to the sports focus. The Circle Center Mall is in the heart of the city with many shops and restaurants, anchored by Nordstrom's. Subsidized parking is available under the mall with rates starting at \$1.50 for 3 hours. Take a short walk to White River State Park which includes a canal walk with walkways and gondola & paddleboat rentals so you can meander along the canal through parts of the downtown. While you're in the park, you can visit the NCAA headquarters and museum or visit the Indiana State Museum. Cross the walkway over the White River to the White River Gardens and the Indianapolis Zoo which has the only dolphin display in the world which allows you to walk under the swimming dolphins. Or walk to the nearby Victory Field, one of minor league baseball's best parks to watch the Indianapolis Indians play AAA ball. Or take a carriage ride around the circle with the landmark Civil War Monument and through the downtown area. Walk over to Conseco Field house, home of the Indiana Pacers, and catch the WNBA Indiana Fever.



Local and touring productions can be seen at one of several nearby theaters. The Indianapolis Symphony plays outdoors at Symphony on the Prairie just north of Indianapolis during the summer weekends. There is much to do and see. Please check out the Indianapolis Downtown website, www.indydt.com for more detailed information and calendar.

Of course, if you're coming from the south, you might want to spend some time in Louisville, Kentucky which has a strong VdC community in addition to Churchill Downs. There's a lot to do and see in Indiana and Kentucky, so please take time to join us this summer and spend some time with us before or after the meeting. Remember to make your travel plans early (especially if you're flying), because the Allstate 400 will be running on Sunday afternoon, July 29. If you want to attend, don't worry--Pastor John Propst will make sure we're out in plenty of time since he'll be attending himself!



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NLS Vice President Administration Report

Greetings Sisters and Brothers of the Way with Christ,

What a wonderful year we have ahead of us. I have been busy planning VdC 29 weekend for the beginning of March here in CA. I can't tell you how much attending the NLSAM in both 2005 and 2006 has changed our community and the progress we are making in conducting training meetings and building communities of teams to serve. I pray that we will continue to attend in numbers. We do have a number of those who helped us out this year that are planning on joining us for the 2007 NLSAM in INKY.

I want to share with you two reasons you should bring more than just your delegate to the NLSAM. Okay, maybe three reasons. **First** and foremost is on your evaluations forms, you want the NLS to help, to provide leadership and training for our communities. We are doing that by offering the Forums and the seminar sessions during your attendance at the NLSAM each year. We are offering what you ask for. All you have to do is bring members of your community to gather information, network and learn. Take a look at the registration forms on the website and in this newsletter. The seminar topics are already decided and they were based on the input YOU gave us at the last NLSAM. You asked for it, you are getting it. You wanted more small-group time. You're getting it. Small-group time will be on the schedule Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Second, I want you to ask yourself this question. What happens when you plant one seed? Something might grow. What happens if you plant a garden full of seeds? A garden grows and flourishes.

If you send a delegate or two they may come back charged up and ready to inspire others. How much of a difference can they make? They will make some difference, I guarantee that much. Think about this, what if you send your Secretariat or, at a minimum, six people who want to learn more and grow more and become even stronger leaders? They say there is strength in _____? What did you say? Numbers? That's right! What strength you will have when this group of people returns vs. one or two people. Let me give you an example:

Our CA community helped to birth a new community in Vegas, *A Light in the Desert VdC*. We taught them the way we did things and they followed our lead. In the past few years we have taken a 12-59 people to National to prepare ourselves for hosting the 2006 NLSAM. A few of us realized after that first visit that there were changes in going back to the essentials that we needed to do. In that realization we were still joining with the teams of Vegas VdC. They were in their early stages and what a blessing it would be for them to receive this knowledge at such an early stage in their community. Max Turner and I invited their whole community, anyone that was interested to come and join us and receive an invaluable education. They did just that. They brought 11 of their community, mostly Secretariat members. This is what they had to say after their attendance at 2006 NLSAM. (Sept 2006 Newsletter article):

"It is my pleasure to tell you about the exciting time

eleven of us, representing "A Light in the Desert VDC", had at the National Secretariat meeting at Loyola Marymount in California this past July. Besides the wonderful fellowship, worship, talks from ministers and leaders in the VDC community, there were some excellent classes.

One class in particular that had a tremendous impact was "The ABC's of VDC". It was a course about what the basics are of a VDC weekend. We realized that there was so much adaphorous (or fluff) in our weekends that it took away from the essentials. After much discussion and meeting with our Secretariat, it was decided to make some changes to the weekend and try to lessen the workload of our volunteers (not to mention an attempt to get more sleep) and return the focus to the pilgrims.

All are welcome to attend the National Secretariat functions. It is an exciting experience to learn of other Secretariats and just how widespread this movement is. We all felt like little sponges taking it all in and asking many questions."

Now for the **third** reason – this past year we split everyone up into regions to brainstorm on how they could help each other.

Here again, *A Light in the Desert* moves to the front of the class with the following invitation to their own community and how they used this opportunity to network. (*A Light in the Desert - Community Announcement Jan 2007*).

Plan on attending our first Via de Cristo Leadership Training Feb 3. There is a trainer coming up from Phoenix along with three other couples to conduct and participate in this important training opportunity.... Leadership training will be very valuable in understanding the different roles we have as team members as well as the responsibilities of sponsorship. It will give you the tools and confidence needed to fulfill those and other roles as a part of the Via de Cristo Community.

If you want to find out more about what they did and what Southern California and the Central Valley have learned out of all this, then come and join us for the 2007 NLSAM, hosted by INKY. (California has been busy making some changes as well), so come and hear what's up! You will learn more about what your community can do also.

What a great place Indianapolis is to visit. And Oh yeah, you may want to make your reservations early if you are planning a vacation around that time. There is a big NASCAR race in town starting on Sunday, the day we finish. So there will be lots of people in town besides us. Don't delay!

We have some great speakers lined up and some great topics that you won't want to miss.

L1A – John 13:34-35
Nanette Helgager
NLS Vice President Administration



Note: All articles from *A Light in the Desert VdC* are used by permission.



Meeting and Registration Form

National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting 2007

Thursday, July 26 through Sunday, July 29, 2007
 University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana
 Hosted by Indiana-Kentucky Via de Cristo (INKY VDC)

One form per person attending Payment must accompany registration

Name - First _____ Last _____		Circle one Male or Female	Name for Nametag
Address _____		City, State, Zip _____	
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Home Secretariat		Position on Secretariat	
Please circle all that apply		NLS BOARD MEMBER SPEAKER	
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First time attending NLS Annual Meeting? Yes ___ No ___			
If No, please indicate last Year attended _____ Position attended as _____			
___ I require special accommodations for the following: Medical ___ Dietary ___ Physical ___			
Please explain _____			
Please contact Marcia Poisel if you need additional assistance with any housing or transportation concerns.			
Travel to NLS Annual meeting will be by: Auto ___ Air ___. I will need pick up. Yes ___ No ___			
Host committee will arrange pick up from Indianapolis International Airport (IND) only to Univ of Indianapolis.			
Please use Travel Information form, if applicable, so Transportation Committee can accommodate your needs			
What day will you be leaving the annual meeting? Saturday pm ___ Sunday by noon ___.			

Payment and Fees Include:

Meals, Housing, NLS Annual Meeting materials from Thursday noon thru Sunday 11:00 am

\$178.00 Registration per person for NLS Annual Meeting 2007

Double Rooms - Roommate requested: _____

Random assignment OK ? _____

Single Room Requested, additional \$18.00 per day

Late fee of \$25.00 if postmarked after June 1, 2007

Total _____

Make all checks payable to INKY VDC

Refunds (Less \$25.00) will only be considered if postmarked/emailed no later than July 5, 2007

**Seminars please indicate
1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice**

___ Caution Flags (Secretariat Struggles)

___ Refueling Your 4th Day (Grouping/Ultreya)

___ The Pit Crew (Team Building)

___ Who's in Your Drivers Seat? (Spiritual Direction)

Complete form and mail with check to:

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 Marcia Poisel
 7703 Home Drive
 Fishers, IN 46038-1939
 e-mail: rap14sep@insightbb.com
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The Race Set Before Us

Travel Information Form

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One form per person attending.

Name - First	Last	Circle one Male / Female	Name for Nametag
Address		City, State, Zip	
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
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email address			

Travel to NLS Annual Meeting will be by Auto ____ Air ____ . I will need pick up. Yes ____ No ____
 Host committee will arrange pick up from Indianapolis International Airport (IND) only.
 (approx. 15 - 30 minutes to the University of Indianapolis)
 Any changes to your travel arrangements after you send this form, please email rap14sep@insightbb.com
 Please send a map with driving directions to University of Indianapolis _____
 What day will you be leaving the annual meeting? Saturday pm ____ Sunday by noon ____.

My flight information is as follows:

Arrival **Date** _____ **Time** _____ **Airline** _____ **Flight Number** _____
 Number of people traveling in with you on this flight _____
 Names _____

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 Number of people traveling out with you on this flight _____
 Names _____

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PLEASE NOTE : YOU MAY WANT TO MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS EARLY AS THE ALLSTATE 400 AT THE BRICKYARD IS BEING HELD IN INDIANAPOLIS ON SUNDAY, JULY 29TH !

President's Report

DeColores Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year!

My prayer is that 2007 will be a year of growth for you in your walk with our brother Jesus.

We are so lucky to live in a country where we can openly profess our faith. Take advantage of the opportunities you have to serve our Lord in your environment. Seize the moment to share the good news of Him in your workplace and your neighborhood, as well as in your local congregation and 4th Day Community. Remind yourself daily that Christ is counting on you!

I hope you have your 2007 already marked with your plans to attend the Annual Meeting on July 26-29 in Indianapolis. Our Host Committee from Indiana-Kentucky VdC (INKY) is busy preparing to make this a memorable event for all of us. I am sure it will be another grace filled 72 hours. You don't want to miss it!

The very comfortable campus of the University of Indianapolis will be an enjoyable setting for our meeting. It's just a short ride from the Indianapolis airport and there is plenty to do in the city. The big NASCAR race starts on Sunday at the Brickyard so make your plans early. The city will be busy!

I encourage you to read all of the articles in this newsletter and learn more about what is planned. The theme, "The Race Set Before Us", is very fitting for Indianapolis. The four seminars; "Caution Flags", "Refueling Your 4th Day", "The Pit Crew", and "Who's in Your Driver's Seat" have all been designed to help you and your Secretariat grow in your Community. Come and grow with us in His grace. We look forward to seeing you there and spending time together.

Your NLS Board is starting this New Year refreshed, invigorated, and we feel ready to meet the tasks before us. We have listened to your comments and ideas, and will continue to implement them as we can. We feel confident that 2007 will be another good year for our movement.

May God continue to bless our movement and the work we do in His name.

God loves you and so do I,
Larry Witham, NLS President



CALLING ALL BANNERS

We have all seen the beautiful banners at our Annual Meeting and now want to strongly encourage each community to bring theirs in 2007. We will be using these as a means of seating the delegates for our business meeting. Don't have one? You now have 7 months to create one. Need ideas on what to do? Call Lois Witham at **704-541-7252**. Can you just imagine the array of color as the banners and the delegates enter into our auditorium?



Treasurer's Report

Greetings and Happy New Year to all,

I look forward to receiving membership fees by May 31st and to hearing how your Secretariat is doing if you would like to share that information with me. Florida is having a Grand Ultreya in Jacksonville on the third of February and I will hopefully meet and be able to talk to representatives from the seven Secretariats of Florida.

I have opened a separate bank account for depositing funds received to fund the National Coordinator Position approved at our last National Convention. Although the fund raising campaign has not begun officially, I would be happy to receive and deposit your gifts at any time.

All bills are paid and I am not expecting any bills out of the ordinary before our next Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. I hope you consider attending that meeting. I would urge secretariat members in particular to attend as it would be worth the trip.

As of 12/31/2006, we have the following money on deposit:

Wachovia Business Interest Checking	\$5,180.66
Wachovia Advantage Interest Checking	931.63
Thrivent Investment	15,897.16

May God bless you all,
Jerry Lemcke



Spiritual Director's Report

"You groped your way through that murk once (TNIV uses "darkness" rather than "murk"), but no longer. You're out in the open now. The bright light of Christ makes your way plain. So no more stumbling around, get on with it! The good, the right, the true – these are the actions appropriate for daylight hours. Figure out what will please Christ, and then do it." (Ephesians 5:8-10 from **The Message**)

I ended 2006 doing a little stumbling around. A few days before Thanksgiving I woke up and realized that I couldn't see out of my left eye. It was as if I had a veil over most of the eye. On November 29th I had eye surgery to repair a torn retina (in several places) and a detached macula. The 9 days of looking down was no fun. The vision is improving slowly and I pray that soon I will be able to get a contact lens back in the eye!

Physical sight is something many of us take for granted. So is Spiritual sight. We assume it will always be there without assisting God's Spirit.

Here is a little "warning" I discovered a few years ago – not for *loosing* our Spiritual sight in this new year, but in fact for allowing the Spirit to *increase* our Spiritual sight for the year.

12 Warning Signs of Spiritual Health for 2007

Be careful! If you begin to experience any or all of the following warning signs in the New Year, you may find that you are growing closer to Jesus **and** receiving greater Spiritual sight!

1. Persistent presence of supportive friends. (Proverbs 17:17)
 2. Chronic positive expectations – a tendency to frame events in a positive light. (Philippians 4:4)
 3. Regular signs of JOY in living. (John 15:11)
 4. Sense of Spiritual renewal in Jesus. (Romans 12:1-2)
 5. Increased sensitivity to others. (Matthew 22:39)
 6. A tendency to adapt to changing conditions. (Philippians 4:12)
 7. Increased appetite for physical activity. (1 Timothy 4:8)
 8. Tendency to identify and communicate feelings. (Ephesians 4:32)
 9. Repeated episodes of gratitude and generosity. (Proverbs 11:25)
 10. Compulsion to care for other people. (Colossians 3:12)
 11. Persistent sense of humor. Known to laugh out loud. (Psalm 126:2)
- A life centered in the forgiveness of Jesus. (Ephesians 1:7)

If you think that you have some of these "symptoms," I just may have some "cures."

- **"The Purpose Driven Life"** – perhaps many of you have participated in this discipleship study that helps answer the question, "What on earth am I here for?" Lent

would be a good time for this 40 day study.

- **Regular group reunion** – gain a new perspective for Spiritual sight through a "regular dose" of piety, study & action and sharing with your group sisters/brothers.

- **TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)** – have you ever made a weekend? Give yourself a gift of grace and attend one – have your Spiritual sight wonderfully "adjusted" by testimonies of grace given by high school youth!

Marriage Encounter Weekend – my wife, Liz and I just shared an anniversary weekend (we had been on one 30 years ago in 1976!)

I'm sure there are a plethora of other possibilities. These are just a few suggestions to help "care for your symptoms!" May your Spiritual sight and health in 2007 be filled with much hope, joy, peace & love!

God's blessings upon you all,

John

Pr. John Propst,
NLS Spiritual Director



HELP!

National VdC Coordinator Update

Since last summer, our community took the next step towards the idea that we establish the position of a National VdC Coordinator. The minutes from the August Conexiones reflected the discussion and then unanimous support and approval to continue with the process. So what do we do next?

First, we know we need to hold a national fundraising campaign with a goal of establishing an endowment fund to pay for this position. **Second**, we need individuals who have some previous experience in non-profit capital campaigns or fund drives, and/or have the ability and talents to help us make this happen. The Board was empowered to seek, find, and have trained some individuals that would like to work on this fund raising campaign. **Third**, we have a source for training and will have you trained with the knowledge you need to proceed. Please don't let not having the experience or lack of training be a deterrent from stepping forward! **Fourth**, the establishment of an Ad-Hoc Committee of people who are willing to be trained in fundraising.

Nationwide over 84,000 have participated in a VdC weekend. So far two people have expressed some interest and we need *8 to 10 additional* people with the passion, desire and enthusiasm to be a part of the Ad-Hoc Committee. Without your willingness to volunteer this project will not be able to move forward. Without the money we will not be able to develop this position.

VdC needs YOU to be a part of the Ad-Hoc Committee. Contact any board member with your enthusiastic YES! Christ is Counting on You!

NLS Distribution Center

"Is Christ Calling You?"

About 10 years ago a video presentation called "Christ is Counting on You" was produced and distributed to the various VDC Communities, do you recall watching it? I call this a "classic" that will always have value.

In an effort to add a new tool to help convince prospective candidates to attend a VdC weekend, NLS President, Larry Witham, contacted VdC member, David Hullinger, of Hullinger Video Productions in Washington, IL, in the spring of 2006 and asked if he would be willing to make a convincing short video that could be shown to anyone trying to decide on attending a VdC weekend. The main idea was to give a brief glimpse of what a weekend was all about and the effect that weekend has had on various people's lives. It was also to make the point quickly and not bore or tire the viewer. David accepted the challenge and could be found taking background footage and doing many interviews at the Annual Meeting of NLS in Los Angeles in July of 2006.

The recently released 12 minute VdC promo on DVD entitled "**Is Christ Calling You?**" is the result of God working "in and through" each person interviewed in an effort to describe a weekend experience and the benefits they have received from attending. Our prayer is that this video will speak to each viewer in a way that will influence them to attend a weekend. This short video can also be shown to groups or congregations. I highly recommend that each secretariat have at least one of these DVD Video disks available at all times to use in your promotional educational efforts.

This new disk, along with eleven other current titles, is available from the NLS Distribution Center. Point your internet browser to

<http://www.viadecristo.org/resources/supplies/index.htm> and place your order on line. If you don't see what you want, please specify your needs in the "comments" line near the bottom. You can also send us a direct email message with questions and requests. Joab@aros.net

Peace, John & Carol Bradford

Please note: The **Distribution Center will be on VACATION January 17 through February 9, 2007**. We will not be shipping during this time, please tell your friends.

University of Indianapolis



Palanca Coordinator Report

Prayer as a Relationship

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

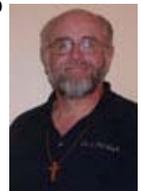
When I volunteered for the position of NLS Palanca Coordinator in 2004, I knew God was calling me to something special. It was at that point that I started to read and study about Palanca and prayer. He wanted me to know Him in a deeper way. The book I am now reading is titled Prayer – Does It Make Any Difference? written by Philip Yancey. Some of you may have read some of Yancey's other books, after all he has been authoring since 1977. Some of his other works included Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, What's So Amazing About Grace?, The Jesus I Never Knew, as well as many others. I did a little research and found that Yancey is known as an author's author. When asked why, his response was that he writes for himself. That would help explain why his writings seem to be so personal and ask tough questions.

In getting back to his book on prayer, the questions came to me – Why pray? And how do I pray? The first question's answer is obvious - a strong faith and understanding that God answers the prayers of a sincere person. Maybe not always as we would wish nor on our timetable, but He is faithful. The second question was the one where God made it tougher. How do I pray? Do I pray in a similar, comfortable and repetitious way; maybe even somewhat superficial, distant or as a duty? Do I pray in the way in which Christ set the example? Jesus spoke with His Father in the way of a close relationship – Son to Father. This is the kind of relationship He seeks with each of us. We are told by Paul in Galatians 4:6 "Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" and in Romans 8:26 "...for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes [for us] with groaning too deep for words."

In sharing these thoughts, my challenge is that each of us takes a long, hard and honest look at our prayer life. How do we pray? Are we seeking that Holy Spirit that He placed within our hearts in order to take His hand in relationship? Are we nurturing that close relationship that God desires with each of us by talking with Him? It is through that growing relationship that we can discuss with Him our needs, the needs of others (Palanca), and He can discuss His needs of us. These last two and half years He has taken me on a journey to get closer to Him. There are still miles to go, but I can only say this – What a joy filled ride!

I thank all those who have sent information on the 2007 VdC Weekends. Changes occur in our communities, please review the names and address information shown on the Palanca email Contact page and Secretariat Locator page for accuracy. Send me your corrections or updates. I encourage you to send in the information from your Secretariat, regarding Weekends and Palanca Coordinators, so it may be added to the Palanca pages of the National Lutheran Secretariat Website. I encourage you to communicate with one another concerning the Weekends, offer Prayers, and send the visible expressions of those prayers and sacrifices. Through these "levers" of prayer, the Lord will be faithful and bless us to be a blessing to others :o)

In His service,
Blessings, YBIC and Ultreya!
Paul Sabatier-Smith <><
NLS Palanca Coordinator



Palanca!!!

Future weekends

Weekends for the next six months will be printed in this section. Check the Web for more updated information.

2007 WEEKENDS:

Jan./Feb 2007 - Michigan: **Lutheran VdC of Central Michigan**, Men's #67: Jan. 25-28, Women's #481: Feb. 8-11, Send palanca to: Priscilla Killingbeck 960 W Prevo Rd Linwood MI 48634

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Feb./Mar. 2007 - INKY: **Indiana-Kentucky VdC**, Men's South #57: Feb. 22-25, Women's South #57: Mar. 1-4, Send palanca to: Rich Rager 589 Shoreland Dr. Cicero, IN 46034

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Mar. 2007 - North Carolina: **Western NC VDC**, (coed) Mixed #23: Mar. 15-18, Send palanca to: Judy Zander, 304 Amity Cir. Belmont, NC 28012-9523

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April 2007 - Missouri/Illinois **River's Edge VDC**, Men #8: April 12-15, Send palanca to: Laurie Dunnette 2720 Stone Valley Dr. Maryville, IL 62062

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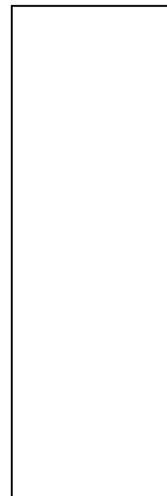
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