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3 MR. LaRUE: Okay. It is 2:14 on Sunday, July the 11th.  
4 This is Liam LaRue from NTSB. We are here at Sector Delaware Bay  
5 and we're here today to talk to Mr. Russel Keen. I just want to  
6 make sure that I have your name spelled correctly. It's  
7 R-U-S-S-E-L-L?

8 MR. KEEN: One L.

9 MR. LaRUE: One L, okay. One L, and how do you spell  
10 your last name, sir?

11 MR. KEEN: It's K-E-E-N, as in Nancy.

12 MR. LaRUE: Okay, fantastic. I'm going to have the rest  
13 of the group here introduce themselves.

14 MR. LAWRENCE: Captain John Lawrence from K-Sea  
15 Transportation.

16 CWO GLADISH: Chief Warrant Officer Rick Gladish, U.S.  
17 Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay here in Philadelphia, Casualty  
18 Investigations Division.

19 MR. GATLEY: Bill Gatley, Ride the Ducks.

## INTERVIEW OF RUSSEL KEEN

20  
21 BY MR. LaRUE:

22 Q. Okay. Just to start off, do you remember where you were  
23 sitting on the boat?

24 A. Yes. I was on the port side, second seat from the rear.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. I was in the seat by myself.

2 Q. Okay. Second seat from the rear?

3 A. That is correct.

4 Q. All right. We're getting a pretty good idea of where  
5 everybody was sitting by now. And you were by yourself. Okay.  
6 And how old are you, sir?

7 A. I'm 72.

8 Q. All right. And what I'd like you to do next, please, is  
9 to just walk us through the events of that day as best you can  
10 remember and I'll just -- we'll all follow up with any questions  
11 we might have after that.

12 A. Okay. We had our grandson staying with us down at the  
13 shore where we live for a couple of weeks and he was scheduled to  
14 fly back home on Friday morning. So we decided to go to  
15 Philadelphia, get a hotel near the airport where we would stay for  
16 a couple of nights and we'd be able to shuttle him over to the  
17 airport early in the morning on Friday. When we got to  
18 Philadelphia on Wednesday, which was our first day, we immediately  
19 went down into town to the Visitor's Center -- it's 6th and Market  
20 Street -- and we parked the car and -- I have a little difficulty  
21 walking. My wife got me a wheelchair and wheeled me around the  
22 Visitor's Center and the Independence Bell area and then we went  
23 out. And we had already pre-purchased DUKW tickets from our  
24 township recreation department where we live, so we had them  
25 available.

1           We then went out and we stood at Zone 1 for the DUKW  
2 boarding, and they put the gate down in the back and the steps,  
3 and I had a Quad cane at that point that I used to go from the  
4 wheelchair over to the DUKW, and I was able to get up the steps,  
5 and immediately took that second seat from the rear on the left,  
6 and my wife and my eight year old grandson went past me. He just  
7 ran and he wanted to sit up further, nearer to the front. They  
8 were like four or five rows back but on the starboard side and the  
9 two of them sat together.

10           And we then took off and the operator of the DUKW  
11 instructed us where the life jackets were. We could see them.  
12 They were right above us, children on one side, adults on the  
13 other. And he was an excellent narrator of the historic area of  
14 Philadelphia, and for about an hour we wandered through the  
15 streets down in that area and he said we're now going to go down  
16 into the Delaware River, and we did.

17           We went down the boat ramp and we proceeded in a  
18 southerly direction, heading downstream, and while we were  
19 beginning to take that route he identified a young fellow who was  
20 his assistant. I look upon him, I guess as an intern, and he put  
21 him behind the wheel and -- but he was right next to the kid at  
22 all times. And we were driving along and we had pretty much  
23 completed the circuit, from what I understand, or from what I can  
24 surmise. We had turned around and we're heading back to the  
25 landing and I guess we were just two or three minutes away from

1 that landing when I began to smell an odd aroma, odor, and then  
2 white smoke was coming up from the starboard side forward, in  
3 front of my wife.

4           It wasn't real thick but it was thick enough that a few  
5 people up there were coughing and trying to avoid it from hitting  
6 them. And he immediately -- I thought I saw him bend down and he  
7 turned the engine off, and just a moment after he did that the  
8 smoke dissipated and I saw him have the microphone in his hand and  
9 he announced to all of us that he had just called into his  
10 headquarters, dispatch or whatever, to ask for a tow because we  
11 were now unable to go anywhere, and he apparently told his  
12 assistant to throw the anchor. The kid went out up on to the  
13 front deck and I saw him take the anchor and throw it over, and  
14 now we're anchored.

15           Now, I know that the current was heading downstream,  
16 heading south, because the boat swung on that anchor and most of  
17 us had our backs to the approach of the barge. And the operator  
18 was seated like on the platform at the front with his legs hanging  
19 inside and he was looking in the direction, apparently, of that  
20 barge because I saw a look on his face, like his eyes opened up  
21 real wide and I think I heard him say something like, oh no. And  
22 he then used the radio, and I remember distinctly him saying  
23 something like, barge coming northbound, we are dead in the water.  
24 We cannot move. And then he -- he then repeated that again a  
25 second time and I didn't hear any responses came back and I never

1 heard a distress call to any police, fire, Coast Guard, anyone,  
2 only that he was calling out to the barge.

3 Well, my wife looked over her shoulder and then looked  
4 at me with a terrified look on her face because, like I said, she  
5 was up ahead of me, and she said look back, and when I looked back  
6 I was just flabbergasted. This thing looked like -- it looked  
7 like an aircraft carrier. I mean, it was huge. It was coming  
8 right at us. It was close. It was putting out a bit of a bow  
9 wave and I wasn't able to see the top deck -- it was so high.  
10 Somebody said there was an observer up there. But I think if  
11 there had been, they certainly would have been able to tell the  
12 captain of the tugboat, hey, you know, move out of the way,  
13 there's somebody in front of us. But I don't know. I can't  
14 attest to that. I really did not see that.

15 But in any event, the little bow wave came up on us and  
16 I think the, I think the barge hit me first because we were a bit  
17 on an angle and me being back there on the left hand side, I put  
18 my arms up. I don't know why the hell I did that. I guess just  
19 natural instinct, my arms will shoot up, and it just pushed us  
20 forward.

21 And our anchor must have been really caught on down on  
22 the bottom because, as I said, it pushed us and it -- maybe if we  
23 weren't anchored we would have been pushed out of the way. But  
24 the fact that we were anchored, we like stopped short and the boat  
25 started to tip over, going to the right, starboard side going

1 down, and then we just got pushed down under the water, and the  
2 first thought I had in my mind is my wife and my grandson and I  
3 are dead. And I just started clawing. I'm a big guy and those  
4 seats are not real wide. They're like airplane seats.

5           And I thought, oh, man, I'm going to get trapped in this  
6 boat, in this DUKW, and I just started clawing my way up and it  
7 was pitch dark. As everybody says, the water was murky, and I  
8 didn't know how far down I had gone. And the next thought that  
9 went through my mind is, where are the hell are those propellers  
10 on that tugboat, because I knew there had to be a tug pushing the  
11 barge. I didn't know if I was going to come right up into the  
12 propellers. So I didn't know if it was on the left -- the  
13 starboard side, the port side, or directly in the rear and I kept  
14 thinking I'm dead. I'm going. My wife is going to drown. My  
15 grandson was going -- you're going to have to excuse me for a  
16 minute.

17           Q.    Sir, if you want to take a break at any time --

18           A.    Yeah, let me, let me take a break.

19           Q.    Sure. Not a problem at all.

20           A.    I began to see light and I knew I was getting closer to  
21 the surface. I got up and the very first thing out of my mouth  
22 was -- that's probably why I swallowed the water. I was starting  
23 to call for my wife immediately. I just kept yelling Jan, Jan,  
24 Jan, because I couldn't see her. And none of us had life jackets  
25 on. Nobody told us to put them on, and frankly, there wasn't

1 enough time. I think there may have been one or two people who  
2 looked back earlier, only by 30 seconds, who had enough time  
3 perhaps to grab them. But I don't know if anybody had them  
4 actually tied around them. They had them maybe over their heads,  
5 but that's about all. And I saw her with my grandson floating  
6 about 75 feet away from me, and she had two life jackets, which I  
7 later found floated passed her and she grabbed them.

8           And like I said, I've lived at the shore all my life and  
9 she's afraid to go beyond her waist, and here she is and she got  
10 up out of wherever the hell down as deep as she went. She just  
11 knew enough to kick and my grandson kicked and they got to the  
12 surface and she grabbed those life jackets and held onto them, and  
13 he was holding onto her neck. And I ran -- I ran. I got over to  
14 them and I just put my arms around the two of them and just  
15 started kicking myself, propelling them to, to the nearest rescue  
16 boat, and I can't compliment more the Coast Guard, the fire  
17 department, the police department. Thank God we were close to  
18 Washington Avenue where, where I believe all those boats are kept,  
19 because they were there like immediately.

20           I remember thinking to myself -- when we got up, I  
21 thought I heard sirens and here comes boats coming up river with  
22 their blue lights on and with their sirens going and they were,  
23 they were barreling along at us and they came right in on us, and  
24 then the Seals -- man, those guys are unbelievable. I don't know  
25 where the hell they came from. But they just came up in this

1 raft, motorized raft, and just start lifting us out of the water.  
2 Not me, but I mean, others. They were just grabbing -- just  
3 putting their arms down and just hauling them up. And as I said,  
4 I propelled my wife and my grandson over to a Philadelphia Police  
5 boat and they got my wife and my grandson on that boat, and I was  
6 exhausted at this point because I had been fighting the current  
7 and I'm not a young kid anymore. And they put a ladder over for  
8 me to try to get up and I just could not pull myself up.

9           So they had another boat there -- I think it was another  
10 Philadelphia Police boat -- with a ramp that goes down and I was  
11 able to get onto the ramp and they pulled me across the ramp onto  
12 the main part of the boat and they then got us into land. They  
13 picked me up and dropped me on a gurney and wheeled me into the  
14 Visitor's Center or museum there, and I found my grandson inside  
15 already, couldn't find my wife, and I couldn't understand that,  
16 because I was there when she was pulled onto the boat, and I had  
17 half the police department looking for her. Find out, she was the  
18 last person on the rescue boat and they were asked to go right  
19 back out for a couple more survivors, or at least they thought  
20 there were a couple more, and they asked if she would mind going.  
21 She said, of course not. So she stayed on the rescue boat helping  
22 them. She was watching the sonar screen for what she claims are  
23 anomalies. She learned something.

24           So anyway, she was out there for an extended time and  
25 then finally she comes in and everybody says, are you Jan Keen,

1 are you Jan Keen? The Red Cross was super. The Salvation Army  
2 was super. Office of Emergency Management did a great job. I  
3 couldn't say anything more, better, about all the agencies, and I  
4 just remember -- I have a sense of humor. I'm a jokester. When  
5 Mayor Nutter came in, he was real nice. He came over with a  
6 couple of his deputies and he was talking to me and he and -- I  
7 was basically telling him my version real quick and I said I  
8 compliment your fire, your police, and -- but I do have one  
9 complaint. And he said what's that? I said your Delaware River  
10 tastes like shit.

11 (Laughter.)

12 MR. KEEN: I go, I swallowed half of that damn river, my  
13 wife did.

14 We've already been to a doctor to be checked out from  
15 that standpoint and I got a tetanus shot because my arms are real  
16 screwed up and I've had nightmares. Last night I slept because I  
17 have Xanax. That's the first night I've slept since the incident,  
18 and every time I think about it and I think -- I thought -- but I  
19 thought -- oh, hold on a minute. I thought we were going to die,  
20 or at least that my wife and child [sic] was going to die. That's  
21 the worst part.

22 And my back is absolutely killing me. I mean, I've got  
23 a bad back to begin with, but nothing like this. It's all the way  
24 down my legs. So I'm going to the doctor for that tomorrow -- or,  
25 what is today? Yeah, tomorrow, Monday. And that's, that's about

1 it. I don't know. If there's anything you want to ask me, go  
2 ahead, feel free.

3 BY MR. LARUE:

4 Q. Yeah. What I'll do is I'm going to kind of just walk  
5 back through and I just have a few questions.

6 A. Sure.

7 Q. Thank you again for going through that. I know it's not  
8 easy to relive that. First question, you said you smelled an odd  
9 odor. What did it smell like?

10 A. You know what? I thought that I would smell burning  
11 rubber, that perhaps it was electrical in nature. I didn't smell  
12 that. My wife claimed it smelled like burning sugar, and my eight  
13 year old, he turned around and said it smelled like, for some  
14 reason, pretzels.

15 Q. That's not the first person that's said that, actually.

16 A. Really?

17 Q. Yeah.

18 A. Oh. Well then he wasn't crazy. All right. Okay. So  
19 there you have that. I -- and it dissipated immediately. As soon  
20 as he turned it off, within a minute it stopped.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And by the way, I do remember -- I don't know, I would  
23 assume that this DUKW has a horn. I did not hear a horn. I heard  
24 no distress signal of any sort. But like I said, this happened  
25 quickly, but I don't know.

1 Q. Well, you just took one of my questions, so let's see  
2 here. You said you heard them -- the captain talking on the radio  
3 and, you know, specifically he definitely identified that, you  
4 know, that he was talking to the barge coming northbound?

5 A. Well, the only transmissions is the first transmission,  
6 which he claims was to his dispatcher. I couldn't hear that  
7 discussion because he was talking quite low.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. But then when he got done he said they're sending a tow  
10 out to us, so that's -- so I'm assuming that's who he was talking  
11 to. The next transmission, and the only other transmissions were  
12 the repeat of barge coming north on the Delaware. We're dead in  
13 the water in front of you. And he said it twice. And I heard no  
14 response, so I don't know if that message got out or not.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. I heard no call to the Coast Guard. I'm an old member  
17 of the Coast Guard auxiliary. I was listening to that. I was  
18 listening for him to get on and call on channel 16 and give a  
19 Mayday or to say anything that we were in distress. I didn't hear  
20 anything.

21 Q. Okay. So you think he made two calls out?

22 A. We heard him repeat twice to the barge coming  
23 northbound. We're dead in the water in front of you.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. And the only exclamation out of his voice was oh, no --

1 either oh, my God, or oh, no, something -- I don't remember which  
2 he said, but something along those lines.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And that was right before it hit.

5 Q. Moving forward to the rescue, so you got pulled out by a  
6 different boat than your wife and grandson? I just want to  
7 confirm that.

8 A. Yes, yes. They put me on a boat that had a ramp that  
9 lowered down, and of course, with my sense of humor, I said I  
10 think you need a bigger boat. I'm 350 pounds, but three mooses  
11 just picked me straight on up.

12 Q. Did you end up going to a hospital?

13 A. I should have, but I didn't. My adrenaline kicked in,  
14 which I'm sure everyone's did, and I just sat there shivering in a  
15 Red Cross blanket, and I just wanted to just be safe and sitting  
16 there, and I didn't want to separate from my wife and my grandson.

17 So they kept asking me over and over, do you have any  
18 chest pain? Are you having trouble breathing? I mean, they were  
19 absolutely super, the EMS people that were there. And I didn't  
20 realize that my arms were all scrapped up and bleeding. I  
21 couldn't, I couldn't -- obviously they couldn't because my arms  
22 were down at my sides. My wife got hit on the head and she's now  
23 finding bruises all over her body because she was sitting -- now  
24 that we've seen the pictures, she was seated where the canopy came  
25 down onto her. She said that's got to be what hit me in the head.

1           But you know what? There were other people that I  
2 thought needed that hospital treatment more so than I did. I was  
3 breathing, I was alive and I was there. So I said hey, you know,  
4 take them and I'll manage.

5           Q.    Okay. Two more things before I pass it off.

6           A.    Okay.

7           Q.    The first one is, they did recover your cane.

8           A.    Oh, they did?

9           Q.    Yep.

10          A.    Oh God, I just bought a new one yesterday.

11          Q.    Did you keep the receipt?

12          A.    Oh, yes, I sure did, and I figured the cane would be  
13 stuck in the thing because it's got a four pronger, and when I put  
14 it down in front of me, I knew it was going to be stuck in there  
15 somehow because of the prongs and oh, okay.

16                And I think my wife's pocketbook floated down the river.  
17 We had to cancel out a couple of credit cards and they found her  
18 passport in there and she had that because she was putting her  
19 grandson on the airplane by himself and in order to go to the gate  
20 with him she needed that passport. If she hadn't had that we  
21 would have had a problem getting him home, and my driver -- her  
22 driver's license was kept because of the person who kept it for  
23 the wheelchair. That was the collateral for it, so -- but  
24 everything else was gone. No money, no keys. We're having the  
25 locks changed on the house just in case somebody got the keys and

1 saw our address. We were a little leery about that.

2 Q. Yeah. Last thing is, I'm still trying to nail down, you  
3 know, where everybody was seated. Are you absolutely certain you  
4 were in the second to last seat?

5 A. 99 percent sure. In fact, before you called I checked  
6 with my wife. I said, you looked back at me. Was I on the second  
7 seat from the back? She said yes, you were. Because the very  
8 last seat was partially blocked because of a gate type thing that  
9 they put across the opening. So that didn't leave a lot of room  
10 for anybody to sit down in, so I went one seat forward. The most  
11 I could have been is the second row up rather than the first row  
12 up. But yeah, I was -- it was -- I don't think there was anybody  
13 behind me.

14 Q. Okay. That was my next question. Do you remember who  
15 was behind you?

16 A. God, no, I don't. I can't answer that because I really  
17 don't remember and I don't want to give you a maybe.

18 Q. Right.

19 A. I don't want to assume something I'm not 100 percent  
20 sure of.

21 Q. Did you happen to look and see who was sitting across  
22 from you?

23 A. There was an older woman by herself seated across from  
24 me. I think she was alone, unless she was one of the teachers.  
25 But I looked across and there was -- she may have been slightly

1 ahead of me by a row and then slightly -- the next row in front of  
2 her, there was a kid with a -- one of the Hungarian kids with a  
3 ponytail.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. And then a couple rows in front of them was my wife and  
6 my grandson and there were a bunch of the Hungarian girls. They  
7 were like all over the, all over the boat.

8 Q. Right. I was just trying to remember if -- trying to  
9 see if you remember if it was Hungarian people across from you or  
10 if it was Americans.

11 A. Well, the one kid with the ponytail, like two rows  
12 forward on the opposite side, he was Hungarian because they were  
13 speaking in their native tongue among themselves. They could  
14 speak English but they were also communicating in their native  
15 tongue. So I knew that he was part of their group.

16 Q. All right, great. Well --

17 A. They were all a very nice group. I mean, they were very  
18 respectful. They were courteous. They were helpful. They were  
19 just nice kids.

20 Q. Yeah. Well, I'm going to see if any of the other  
21 gentlemen here have any questions.

22 A. Okay.

23 BY CWO GLADISH:

24 Q. Sir, this is Chief Warrant Officer Gladish with the  
25 Coast Guard Investigations Office right here on Washington Avenue.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. With the smoke, was there -- you said it smelled like --  
3 you described it several different ways. Your grandson, pretzels,  
4 and -- have you ever smelled anything like that before?

5 A. No, no. And you know, years ago I was a volunteer  
6 fireman, so you know, you sort of get used to fresh wood fire or  
7 barbecue grills and rubber and things like that, and I was trying  
8 to identify it myself and I could not identify what that aroma  
9 was. Although my wife says sugar and my kid said pretzels. Okay,  
10 fine, if that's what you thought it was. But they were right next  
11 to it.

12 Q. Right.

13 A. It was like blowing in their face.

14 Q. Right. And it didn't last very long, the smoke?

15 A. No, no. When it first started it only lasted, oh, no  
16 more than I'd say a minute, and then he turned it off and it --  
17 within 30 seconds it was dissipated.

18 Q. Thank you, sir. I'm going to pass it along the table.

19 A. Okay.

20 BY MR. LAWRENCE:

21 Q. This is John Lawrence speaking.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. And I'm from K-Sea Transportation, the tug company.  
24 Just a couple quick questions. First of all, too, is how is your  
25 wife and grandson doing?

1           A.    Well, our grandson -- his other grandfather flew up from  
2 Baton Rouge where they reside to get him, which he wasn't going to  
3 do.  But when he knew what happened, he did not want his grandson  
4 to fly alone and I don't blame him.  And they are now on an RV  
5 vacation.  I don't even think you'd be able to reach him.  They're  
6 out on the road for, I think the next 30 days.

7           Q.    Yes.  And there's no reason for -- we're not planning on  
8 trying to reach him at this time.  I just wanted to see how he had  
9 been taking the whole thing, how he's doing.

10          A.    He, you know, like an eight year old is very resilient,  
11 and we were watching for any potential signs of problems.  There  
12 was no apparent physical injury, and mentally, who knows.  A month  
13 from now he may have -- start having nightmares, I don't know  
14 that.

15          Q.    Yeah.

16          A.    We told them all what happened.  They all know.  They  
17 saw it on TV.  So the grandparents and the parents are both going  
18 to be watching for any problems.

19          Q.    Okay.  Can I ask what your wife's age is?

20          A.    She is 67.

21          Q.    Okay, thank you.  The only other question I had,  
22 Mr. Keen, was the -- you mentioned that somebody had said that  
23 they saw -- thought they saw a lookout on the barge.  Do you  
24 remember who said that?

25          A.    Yeah, I saw it on TV.  It was on TV so many times, I

1 don't know. She was the one who had two daughters who claimed she  
2 was able to throw a life jacket over their heads, but not on her,  
3 but on their heads. And I think she's also the one that she and  
4 the two daughters were saved by the detective who jumped into the  
5 water from the bulkhead.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. And I think she's also the one who said, I saw a man on  
8 the front of the barge waving, just waving with his arm to the  
9 barge, like hey, get out of the way.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. You know, I was so close that I, even if I wanted to,  
12 couldn't look up and see the top of the barge. It was right on  
13 top of me, and I think it's a flared bow where the top is more  
14 forward than the bottom. So I was just totally unable to see it.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. And also interesting in my mind, I remember as I was  
17 floating down river, I remember looking over and seeing where that  
18 tugboat was and thinking there's no way that tugboat could have  
19 seen where we were, and I sure hope they had -- well, it didn't do  
20 any good if they did or not, but they should have had an observer  
21 in the front.

22 Q. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Keen. That's all I had.

23 A. Okay.

24 BY MR. GATLEY:

25 Q. Mr. Keen, this is Bill Gatley, Ride the Ducks. I'm glad

1 you're with us to give us your story. I really don't have any  
2 questions. Some of our people have been contacting you about your  
3 medical issues and if you need something --

4 A. You know what? Your people have been very good. I've  
5 had messages from -- messages -- I've actually talked to two of  
6 them, I think, and I've got messages from two others. Four  
7 different people have called expressing concern for my well-being  
8 and just saying is there anything we can do for you?

9 Q. Well, we'll --

10 A. They were very nice.

11 Q. We'll continue to follow up with you as things progress  
12 over the next several months or weeks, weeks --

13 A. Okay. That sounds good.

14 Q. All right, sir. I have no questions.

15 BY MR. LaRUE:

16 Q. Okay. This is Liam from NTSB again. Just the last  
17 thing, is there anything else you can think of that we haven't  
18 asked you that might be of --

19 A. Oh, God, no, I don't think so, but it's -- you know,  
20 like I said, 72 years old and I was in fire situations as a  
21 fireman and I was in other emergency services and this is  
22 absolutely, without a doubt, the scariest, scariest thing I have  
23 ever, ever been involved in, and I truly felt that we were dead,  
24 the three of us were dead, or I'd come up and find her dead and --  
25 unbelievable feeling.

1 Q. Well, we're certainly glad that you are here to talk to  
2 us today.

3 A. Yeah. And I'm just sorry that the two that didn't make  
4 it didn't make it.

5 Q. Yeah.

6 A. I'm surprised. I'm surprised that only two did not make  
7 it, and I attribute that to the fact that were it not for the fast  
8 response of everybody in the world out there, there may have been  
9 others that went down. But they got everybody quickly.

10 Q. Yeah.

11 A. So --

12 Q. All right. Very good, sir. I'm going to -- I just  
13 wanted to make sure that it was okay with you that we recorded the  
14 interview today?

15 A. Oh, absolutely. Yes, no problem.

16 Q. All right. I'm going to go off the record here.

17 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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