

FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOCIETY SPEAKER CONFERENCE CONVENOR APPLICATION (& INTERVIEW) BRIEF

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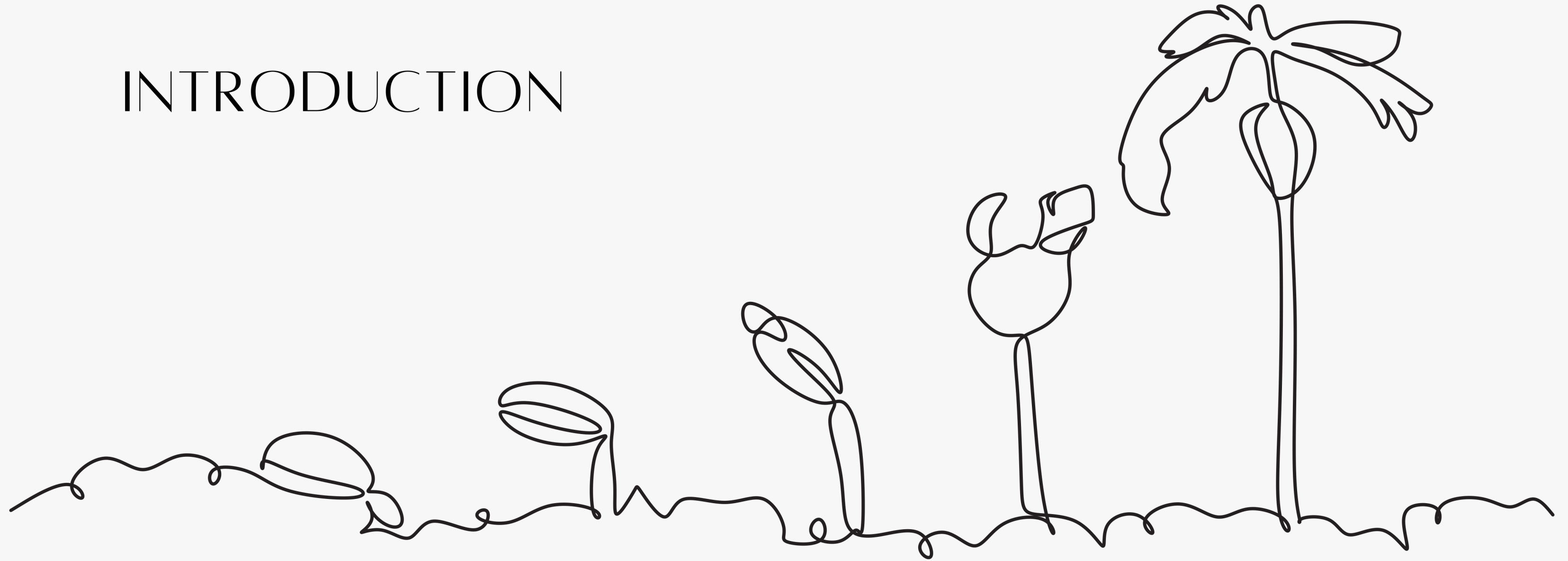
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A brief outline of how I am intending to do fulfil
the role, et cetera.

#1:

INTRODUCTION.

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A BIT ABOUT ME

- Boray/Borya Deniz Taspinar-Sherifovsky
- Born as the unlikely child of a half-Greek-half-Macedonian mother and a half-Turkish-half-Armenian father, who was a diplomat for Turkey:)
- 2nd year CS & Philosophy student
- Amateur Filmmaker

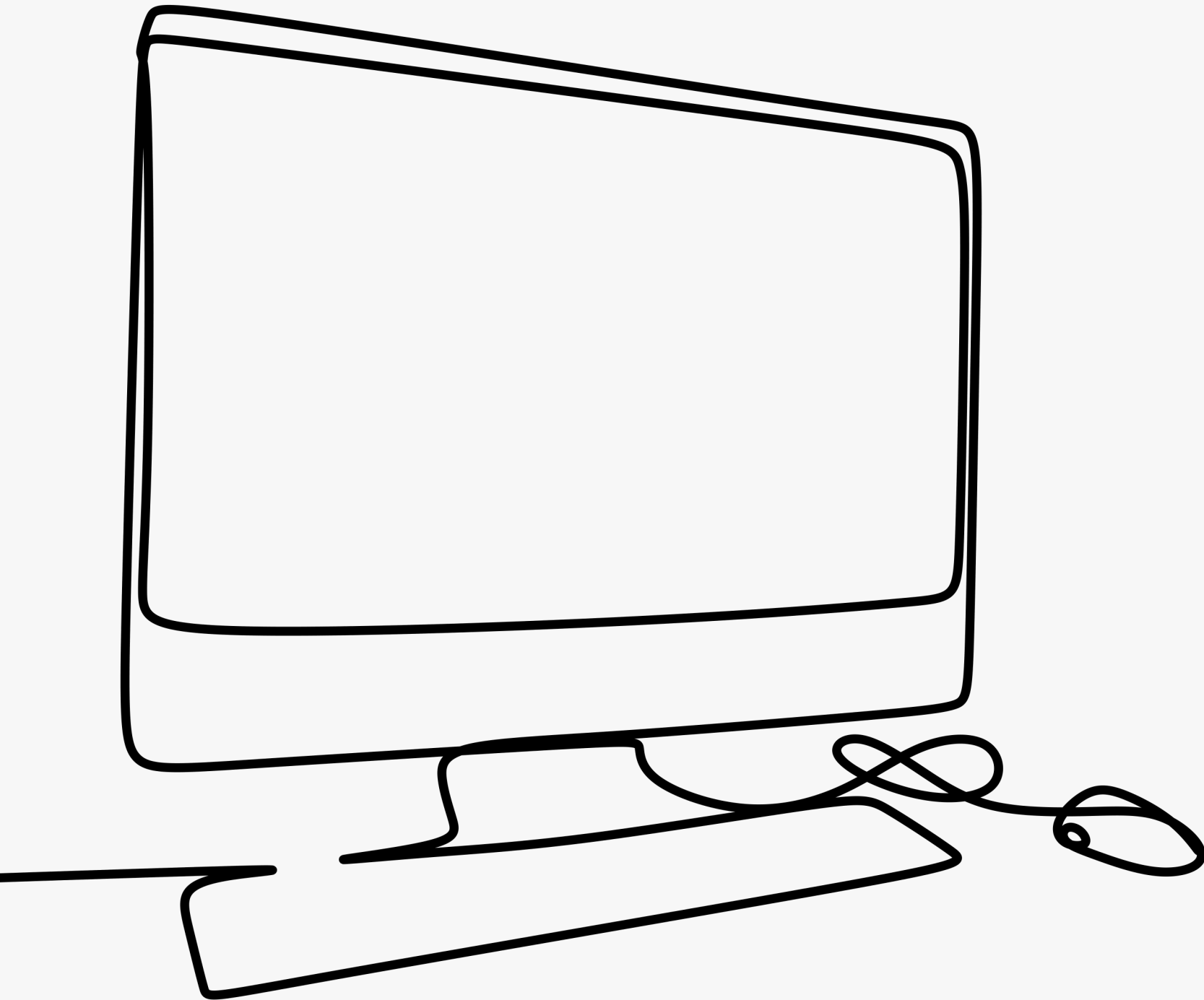
BUT WHY ME?

...AND HOW?

CONFERENCE IDEA

#1:

MICROCHIP GEOPOLITICS AND TAIWAN-CHINA RELATIONS



on TSMC, Taiwan, Chinese Taipei



THREE SETS OF EXAMPLES TO CONSIDER

#1:

**Taiwanese Ambassadors
in lower-attention
countries**

Unlike representatives in say, the UK or the US, foreign dignitaries to countries with lesser diplomatic traffic tend to have a more open agenda, and

#2:

**Industry Insiders (e.g. a
TSMC Representative)**

Unique industrial insight and the possibility of wider engagement.

#3:

PRC Representation

This will be difficult, given the potential for ROC representation, but with external society help not impossible.

CONFERENCE IDEA

#2:

"FLAWED DEMOCRACIES" &
MINORITIES:
SOME THOUGHTS ON THE
STATE OF MINORITY RIGHTS
IN OUR AGE.

A relatively easier event to organise, with
almost 100% chance of success.



SOME PEOPLE TO CONSIDER



#1:

**Current head of the
Minority Societies
Confederation in Turkey**

Will not be exceptionally
challenging to arrange.

#2:

**Last head of the
Minority Societies
Confederation in Turkey**

A Family Friend, and a
very approachable
person

Already confirmed his
desire to speak!

#3:

UNPFII Participation

Representatives from the
The United Nations
Permanent Forum on
Indigenous Issues
(UNPFII) too can be
approached in this
regard.

STRATEGY: EXPLORING DIFFERENT CHANNELS, SIMULTANEOUSLY.

**Some people simply do not have the time. Or
else they may not care. Should that stop us
from having a great range of speakers? NO!**

In recognition of the fact that the World is not perfect (why else should we ever need so much IR?), we will focus on event topics, rather than speakers. This is the methodology I've followed in my earlier documentary work, and one which yielded much efficiency. It is also why subcommittee members, or others who may join me in this work, will be so integral to our work; with each member responsible for one of the connections, we can avoid a single point of failure.

GENERAL STRATEGY



- Online-focus to increase probability of attendance.
 - in-person events more likely to materialise with returning speakers.
- Assign List of Names/persons/organisations to myself & each sub-committee member to focus on
- Bombardment of emails & cold calls through all existing channels; but with a schedule & with much patience.
- Where easiest, leverage family contacts.
- keep initial email short; there is no point lamenting for pages if they will not respond. However research & attempt every channel of inquiry.
- "Quantity over quality" in the initial instance, then careful & focused approach.



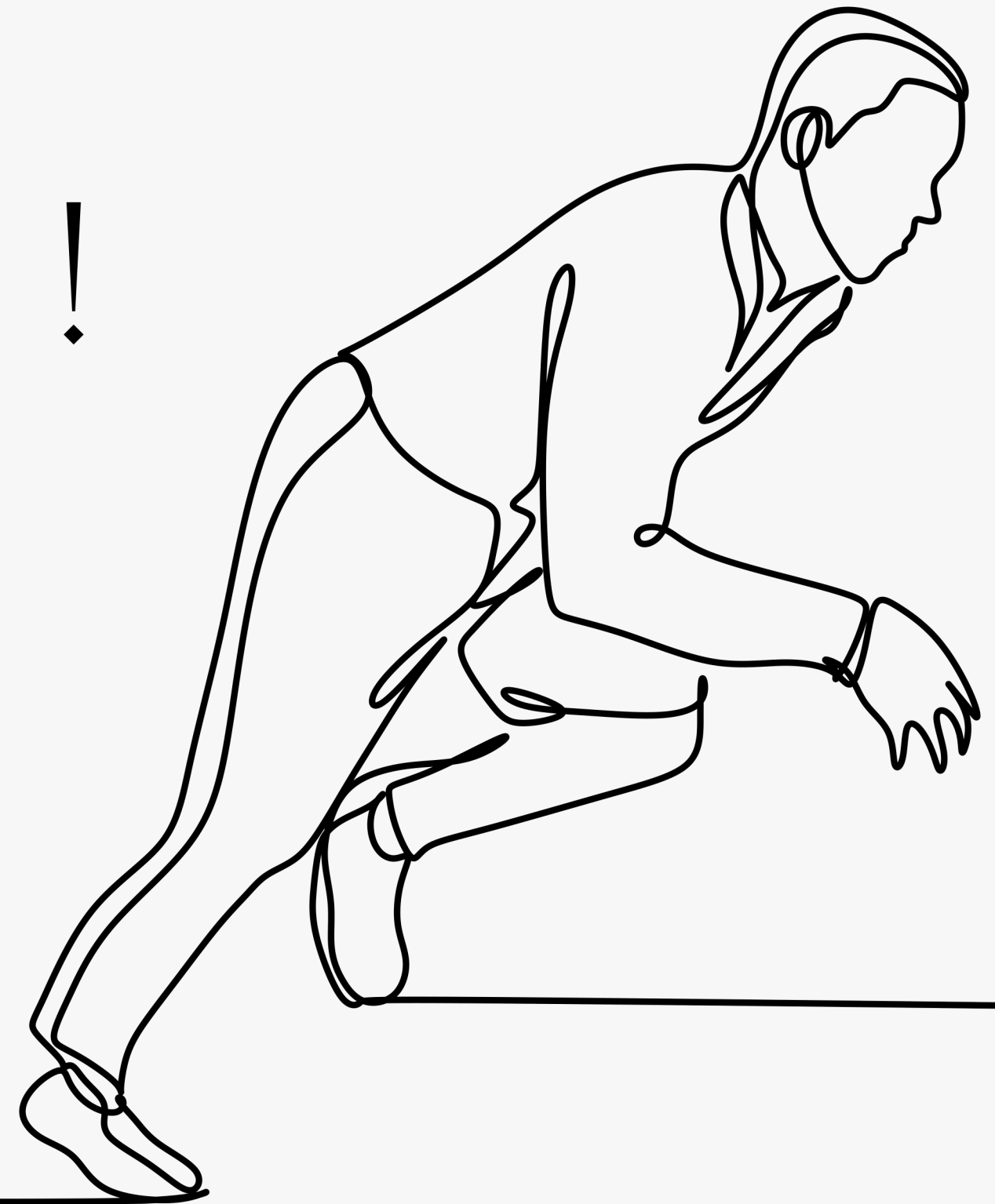
LEADING, BY BEING LEAD.

I like a vertical modal of leadership, where each subcommittee member (if there would be any, I would appreciate some clarification on this) including myself, would have tasks to do, which we would discuss together.. I've found this to be the most productive and least fractious mode of leadership in past experience. I also recognise that there will be much I will have to learn from the other committee members who have been here for much longer!

(also please kindly ignore the mansplaining infographic opposite)

READY TO START !

I am prepared to start making the necessary arrangements to organise either of these, or other speakers/speaker groups of interest, from next week onwards; so that we may have a better chance of securing the best people by term-time.





QUESTIONS?

Will be happy to answer your questions either
here or later via email!

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well you do have my email, but in any case:)

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