GAO Investigation of Ticks/Vector-Borne Agents’ Biowarfare Experiments Passes House

Kris Newby, Standford University Science Writer, “Bitten”

Update July 29, 2020: The Bill and passed amendments such as this one (below) has now moved to the conference committee where the House and Senate will work to decide what language goes into the final product. The LDA provided input into the amendment language and has been working to get Senators to champion the inclusion of this GAO Investigation Amendment into the final bill.

Said LDA president Pat Smith: “We thank Congressmen Smith & Peterson for championing this investigation. Lyme and tick-borne diseases (TBD) patients and the public are entitled to know the truth about what past government research may reveal not only about the documented tick releases along the Atlantic bird flyway but also about research on the mysterious ‘Swiss agent’ which Dr. Willy Burgdorfer identified as a new Rickettsia strain in his work for the US Government– at Rocky
Mountain Labs and in Switzerland. Perhaps it may uncover clues to help stop this epidemic of tick-borne diseases.”

Rep. Smith (NJ-04) NDAA FY 2021 Lyme Disease Amendment Floor Speech
Jul 21, 2020

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Congressman Christopher H. Smith (NJ-04)

**July 23, 2020:** The House voted this week to pass a number of amendments to the NDAA, National Defense Authorization Act, including a Chris Smith/Collin Peterson amendment, # 587 –The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of whether the Department of Defense experimented with ticks, other insects, airborne releases of tick-borne bacteria, viruses, pathogens, or any other tick-borne agents regarding use as a biological weapon between the years of 1950 and 1977. ([https://rules.house.gov/bill/116/hr-6395](https://rules.house.gov/bill/116/hr-6395)).

There is information in various publications that such activities did occur, especially in the book “Bitten” by Kris Newby– a science writer at Stanford University–a book, which explores the evidence through actual government documents and interviews with some researchers who were involved that
document such experiments.

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Some things author Newby revealed for the first time were: that ticks were developed and deployed as stealth biological weapons during the Cold War, and that Willy Burgdorfer, the scientist the Lyme bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, was named after, was at the center of this program. According to Newby, specific revelations she makes in book include:

- A 1962 pilot study where infected ticks were dropped on Cuba sugar workers.
- Releases of hundreds of thousands of radioactive, aggressive Lone Star ticks on the Atlantic coastal bird flyway.
- Omissions of other microbes transmitted with Lyme-carrying ticks during the original outbreak (“Swiss Agent”).
- Documentation of military studies where live disease-causing bacteria, some which can be spread by ticks, were sprayed from planes, boats and vehicles on the unsuspecting American public.
In 2019, a similar amendment was introduced and passed the House unanimously but there was no senate support for it.

The Lyme Disease Association (LDA) has been encouraging Lyme advocates across the country to contact both of their US Senators to champion and support this amendment. It is being heard in the Senate this week. LDA thanks those leaders who have made calls and sent emails to garner support.

More Information

New Jersey Globe: House passes Chris Smith measure to probe if government turned ticks into bioweapons

Chris Smith website: Chris Smith’s Lyme Disease Amendment Passes House, Tells DOD IG to Investigate the ‘Bioweaponization’ of Ticks


MoreMonmouthMusings.net: House passes Smith’s Amendment which could lead to a Lyme disease cure

Here is a very similar Smith amendment that passed the House unanimously in 2019 but did not make it through the Senate.

https://lymediseaseassociation.org/government/urgent-help-needed-for-biowarfare-investigation/

Kris Newby’s Bitten: LDA book review

All about Kris Newby, the book and access some of the documents used in book.
Update: US House Lyme Disease Caucus Letters

In February 2020, the Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (LDA) asked you to contact your Congress Member and request that he/she sign on to two important letters from the US House Lyme Disease Caucus. The language in the bipartisan letters was developed with input from the LDA and other TBD advocates.


The letter to the Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies requests significant increases for CDC Lyme disease programs. The request includes $20 million for a new program that would allow CDC to enter into cooperative agreements with State and Tribal health departments to improve data collection and analysis of Lyme and other TBD. The letter also requests a funding increase for the Office of the Secretary of HHS, enabling the agency to enter agreements and enhance resources to accelerate breakthroughs/solutions for Lyme disease. The Caucus also outlined a number of important language specifications to be made to the Committee report.

The letter to the Subcommittee on Defense requested that the Committee provide an increase from $7 million to $10 million
in the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) for research on Lyme and TBD. The Caucus clarifies that the goal is to make enhancements and meet the demand of an increasing number of (underreported) Lyme disease cases. The letter suggests important language specifications for the Committee report and calls attention to the increased risk and impact of TBD on military members and military readiness.

LDA thanks everyone who provided input on the letters, those who contacted their Congress Member, and the members who signed on.

Click here to view the letter to the Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies/House Committee on Appropriations.

Click here to view the letter to the Subcommittee on Defense/House Committee on Appropriations.

Visit Congressman Chris Smith’s Leadership on Lyme webpage.

Researchers! CDMRP Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2020
The FY20 Tick-Borne Disease Research Program (TBDRP) Program Announcements managed by the Department of Defense (DOD) office of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) are now posted to the grants.gov (search grants by CFDA Number 12.420) and on the CDMRP website.

FY20 funding opportunities include the following:

- Career Development Award
- Idea Development Award

Pre-Applications are due May 27, 2020 and invited Applications due August 27, 2020.

Click here to view the Synopsis of FY20 TBDRP Award Mechanisms

Click here to view the CDMRP TBD flyer with program highlights.

Descriptions of each of the funding opportunities, eligibility, key mechanism elements, and funding can be found in the Program pre-announcement. FY20 pre-announcements can be found on the CDMRP home page.

Point of Contact:

CDMRP Public Affairs
301-619-9783
usarmy.detrick.medcom-cdmrp.mbx.cdmrp-public-affairs@mail.mil

NOTE from Lyme Disease Association: Please do not contact us for information. Contact the CDMRP TBDRP directly. Thank you!
Lyme Disease Needs Your Congressmen to Sign Onto Letters NOW!

ISSUE

At this time the Lyme Disease Association, Inc. is asking you to contact your Congress Member to ask him/her to sign on to 2 important letters from the US House Lyme Disease Caucus.

These bipartisan letters provide details that the Lyme Caucus is asking the 2 Appropriations Committees to include in their reports on FY 2021 Appropriations. This language will help provide direction for the monies and was developed with input from Lyme/TBD advocates.
LETTER LHHS Appropriations Committee (sign-on deadline 3/10)

LETTER DoD Appropriations Committee Lyme/CDMRP (sign-on deadline 3/13)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Determine Who Your Congress Member Is

   Click on “Find Your Rep” box below

   Type in zip code (your Member or a Member who serves your group’s area, your work area, etc.)

   FIND YOUR REP

2. Congress Members Already Signed on Letter as of March 6, 2020/ Do Not Contact

   Christopher H. Smith (NJ), Caucus Co-Chair
   Collin Peterson (MN), Caucus Co-Chair
   Antonio R. Delgado (NY)
   Brian Fitzpatrick (PA)
   Tom Malinowski (NJ)
   Chellie Pingree (ME)
   Bill Posey (FL)
   Max Rose (NY)
   Elise M. Stefanik (NY)
   Jennifer Wexton (VA)
   Vicky Hartzler (MO)

3. Email or Call Your Congress Member’s DC office.

   A. Below is an example of what you need to say to your Congress Member. Here are some examples of how you can identify yourself: I am a Lyme patient, family member, friend of, person concerned about Lyme, doctor, Lyme group leader, etc.

   B. Cut & paste the red text below into an email to your
Congress Member OR call and say the following verbally over the phone to your Congress Member:

Dear Congress Member,

I ask that you please sign onto the two letters from the bipartisan House of Representatives Lyme Disease Caucus – co-chairs Christopher Smith (NJ) and Collin Peterson (MN) – to the LHHS Appropriations Committee and to the DoD Appropriations Committee (Lyme/CDMRP). The important language in these letters will help Lyme patients across the country. Here are links to the draft letters:

- LHHS [bit.ly/2Vk21vt](bit.ly/2Vk21vt) signatures due March 10
- DoD (Lyme/CDMRP) [bit.ly/3bQGz77](bit.ly/3bQGz77) signatures due March 13

Please call or email Kelsey Griswold Kelsey.Griswold@mail.house.gov at the Office of Christopher Smith for information or to have your signature added. Thank you so much for your support on this important issue affecting hundreds of thousands of people in the US.

Sincerely, INSERT YOUR NAME, HERE

C. PLEASE NOTE: You are NOT supposed to email Kelsey Griswold. You are to instruct your Congress Person to email her directly.
Researchers! Fiscal Year 2020 Preannouncement for TBDRP is Posted
The FY20 Tick-Borne Disease Research Program (TBDRP) Program managed by the Department of Defense (DOD) office of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) has issued a preannouncement for the FY20 funding opportunity.

The link to the preannouncement can be found here: https://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/press/2020/20tbdrppreann

FY20 funding opportunities available for the Tick-Borne Disease Research Program (TBDRP) include a Career Development Award and an Idea Development Award. Descriptions of each of the funding opportunities, eligibility, key mechanism elements, and funding can be found in the Program pre-announcement.

Submission deadlines will not be available until the Program Announcements are released.

Flyer on CDMRP TBD program highlights:

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301-619-9783
usarmy.detrick.medcom-cdmrp.mbx.cdmrp-public-affairs@mail.mil

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House Lyme Disease Caucus 2020

The House Lyme Disease Caucus is a bi-partisan group working together in Congress to take action on Lyme & tick-borne diseases. Under the leadership of Congressmen Chris Smith (NJ) and co-chair Colin Peterson (MN), it has initiated letters and actions to benefit Lyme patients, such as the inclusion of the monies for Lyme & tick-borne diseases into the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) and language and Lyme monies into Appropriations over the years and initiated favorable legislation. Additionally, it has queried government agencies over policies not favorable to patients. This has reminded the agencies that someone is looking over their shoulder. Many meetings have been held and educational sessions in DC for Congress.

If Representatives are interested in signing up they can contact the offices of Congressman Christopher Smith (NJ) or Colin Peterson (MN).

Pat Smith, President & Rich Smith, Vice President of the LDA met in Wall, NJ, with Congressman Chris
Smith, Co-Chair of the House Lyme Caucus, to discuss what actions can be taken in DC to help those with Lyme and to stop the spread of Lyme & other tick-borne diseases, 4/19/2017

List of Current House Lyme Disease Caucus

Smith, Christopher H. (R-NJ-04), Co-chair
Peterson, Collin C. (D-MN-7), Co-chair
Cohen, Steve (D-TN-9)
Connolly, Gerald E. (D-VA-11)
Courtney, Joe (D-CT-2)
DeGette, Diana (D-CO-1)
Delgado, Antonio (D-NY-19)
Hartzler, Vicky (R-MO-04)
Higgins, Brian (D-NY-26)
Holmes Norton, Eleanor (D-DC)
Keating, William R. (D-MA-9)
Kennedy, Joseph P. (D-MA-4)
King, Pete (R-NY-02)
Krishnamoorthi, Raja (D-IL-08)
Langevin, James R. (D-RI-02)
Lofgren, Zoe (D-CA-19)
Malinowski, Tom (D-NJ-7)
Maloney, Sean Patrick (D-NY-18)
McGovern, James P. (D-MA-02)
Moulton, Seth (D-MA-06)
Peters, Scott (D-CA-52)
Pingree, Chellie (D-ME-01)
Pocan, Mark (D-WI-02)
Posey, Bill (R-FL-8)
Reed, Tom (R-NY)
Rose, Max (D-NY-11)
More about the Caucus

The bipartisan Congressional Lyme Disease Task Force, co-chaired by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN), is dedicated to educating Members of Congress and staff about Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, as well as advancing initiatives that are designed to help the estimated 400,000 Americans who develop Lyme disease each year and all of those living with the disease.

As co-chairs of the bipartisan Task Force, Rep. Smith and Rep. Peterson lead annual appropriations requests in support of Lyme disease research through the Department of Health and Human Services and for research funding at the Department of Defense. In 2015, the caucus secured for the first time ever, $5 million in funding in the House Appropriations Committee annual military spending legislation, which was adopted in the Fiscal Year 2016 funding bill which was signed into law, and will provide resources for Lyme disease research through DOD’s innovative, high-risk, high-reward program. Subsequently, the CDMRP continued to be funded, and $7 million was secured for 2020.

The caucus helped advocates secure another major win for Lyme disease. In December of 2016, the United States House of Representatives passed, and former-President Obama signed, the 21st Century Cures Act. The Cures Act included language – similar to a bill that Rep. Smith introduced previously – which created the interagency Tick-Borne Disease Working
Group. Specifically, the Working Group (WG) under the auspices of HHS, is comprised of federal and non-federal members tasked with reporting to Congress on scientific advances, research questions, surveillance activities and emerging strains in species of pathogenic organisms. Patients, advocates and treating physicians sit at the same table with government officials. In 2018, the WG sent a report to Congress with recommendations on Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

Lyme Research $$ in DoD Health Program

Congressman Chris Smith (NJ-4) announced today that Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) funds for Lyme disease have been included in the Department of Defense Appropriations bill which passed the Defense Subcommittee last week, and the bill passed the full Appropriations Committee today. It will now move to the floor of the House. Click here for Congressman Smith’s Release

“Good news on two fronts,” said LDA President Pat Smith: “not only does the inclusion recognize the seriousness of Lyme disease Congressman Chris Smith and LDA President Pat Smith for the military and provide $5 million dollars for Lyme disease research for FY2016, but it also means Lyme disease most likely will be included in the CDMRP program in succeeding years, with an opportunity to perhaps get increased funding.”

The Lyme Disease Association (LDA) thanks House Lyme Caucus Co-Chairs Congressmen
Chris Smith (NJ-4), Collin Peterson (MN-7), Lyme Caucus Members and Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, DoD Subcommittee Chair (NJ-11), for their efforts to get Lyme disease included on this CDMRP list. Click here for House Lyme Caucus Letter to Defense Appropriations Subcommittee

Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen

Congressman Smith has been working on having Lyme included into the program for several years, a difficult feat. The LDA has worked with him on the issue over time and also sent in letters to the Committee and had meetings with Congressmen to try to educate them to problems faced by the military due to Lyme disease and to get Lyme on the list of diseases to be funded under the Defense Health Program.

According to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center report, confirmed cases of Lyme disease in the services were diagnosed at more than 120 locations worldwide. Air Force (AF) aeromedical concerns may require flyers to receive a waiver to fly if they have Lyme disease.

According to the AF, “As with all infectious diseases, if recognized and treated early with full resolution of symptoms, return to flight status is appropriate. However, if untreated, then aeromedical concerns of this disease are its debilitating effects in regards to the neurologic, cardiovascular, and arthritides that may result. Neurocognitive impairment, cardiac arrhythmias and arthritic pain are all manifestations that could impact the safety of the individual and mission.”

Click here for LDA’s Lyme Disease And Armed Services Briefing Paper

These new funds will help not only those in the military affected by Lyme disease, but also all of those outside the military.

Colleen Nicholson, leader of Military Lyme Support, an LDA partner organization, said “For years we hoped and prayed that something would change allowing Military service members and their families to receive appropriate care. Today, thanks to the tireless efforts of Congressman Smith and the LDA, that hope is a reality. This new funding will begin to tip the scales in favor of the Military Lyme patient, allowing them access to proper care and treatment, and hopefully lead to eradication of these debilitating diseases.”
Nicole Malachowski: Unfit for Duty from Debilitating Tick-Borne Disease

From Department of Defense – CDMRP:

Nicole Malachowski recently medically retired from the US Air Force as a Colonel after 21 years of service as a career fighter pilot. She was the first woman in history to fly with the Thunderbirds (US Air Force Demonstration Squadron) and went on to be the Commander of the 333rd Fighter Squadron, where she trained more than 200 students to fly the F-15E fighter jet. She later served as the Deputy Director for US Air Force Readiness and Training for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. In addition, she served in the White House: first, as a fellow for the U.S. General Services Administration (2008-2009), then as the executive director of the White House “Joining Forces” Initiative (2015-2016). Ms. Malachowski was at the peak of a long and promising career.

Her medical retirement, however, was premature. At only 43 years old, she was deemed unfit for duty due to neurological damage from tick-borne illness.

Read full story here
Military Developing Uniform Repellent to Replace Permethrin

As part of the Pentagon’s second annual “Bug Week,” an event organized to raise awareness of insects and the diseases they carry, the Defense Department announced its plans to develop a new and improved product that will eventually replace permethrin, the repellent and insecticide currently used to soak most military combat uniforms to protect against insect bites and stings.

Officials were unable to disclose many details about the new product, which is undergoing testing and evaluation, but did comment that the new treatment could potentially be used at a lower level of toxicity, and can possibly last the entire length of a uniform’s lifetime, an improvement from permethrin’s coverage which lasts only up to 50 washes.

Dr. James English, a global health specialist with the Uniformed Services University pointed out the many shortcomings of permethrin and stated, “We are working on a new chemical ... that would also include environmental factors like sweat, ultraviolet light and abrasion, so we are trying to make it last longer.”

When it comes to vector-borne diseases, the Defense Department asserts that Lyme disease continues to be the top domestic threat to U.S. troops while mosquitoes and the diseases they carry are a major challenge overseas.
URGENT: Your Help Needed for General Investigation

TO: Lyme Disease Advocates & Patients
FROM: Lyme Disease Association, Inc.
Pat Smith, President, 8-15-19
RE: Urgent & Immediate Help Needed to Investigate Information Which Could Lead to Helping to Solve Tick-Borne Diseases Problem

ISSUE: The debate over the prevalence of Lyme disease and whether it exists in a chronic form has raged for decades. Kris Newby’s well-researched book, “Bitten,” provides documented evidence that the properties of the Lyme pathogen itself and its ally, the tick, appear to be part of our nation’s biowarfare studies. The suspicions of disease sufferers, their advocates, and treating physicians deserve investigation.

WHAT GOOD WOULD AN INVESTIGATION DO? Results of an
investigation could possibly:

- Change how tick-borne diseases are viewed.
- Change attitudes about patients.
- Have an impact on treatments.
- Have an impact on tick control.
- Lead to increased federal funding.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

BACKGROUND: Swiss-American scientist Willy Burgdorfer is acclaimed for identifying the spirochetal bacteria which causes Lyme disease. Indeed, the pathogen bears his name, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Yet, as the author discloses through filmed interviews and archival reviews, there were other aspects to Willy’s research. Employed by the US government and headquartered at Rocky Mountain Laboratories, Burgdorfer was enmeshed in biological warfare projects. Ms. Newby discusses his work in Switzerland for the American government which led to the identification of a new strain of Rickettsia, a pathogen, if crossed with Borrelia, might well complicate treatment and thus be a candidate for biowarfare. Interviews by Ms. Newby with American researchers on the topic of the Rickettsia, dubbed “the Swiss agent” by Dr. Burgdorfer, did not shed any light on the mystery pathogen whose existence seems to be buried in the past.

Ms. Newby’s discovery of tick drops and the experimental release of ticks document ongoing biowarfare research and questions the consequences if studies go awry. The prevalence of new diseases and the expansion of tick territories are examined in the context of newly revealed government studies.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TAKEN TO DATE: The Lyme Disease Association has kept Congressman Christopher H. Smith (NJ) apprised of Lyme disease developments over the decades including the release of the book, “Bitten,” and provided him
with a pre-released copy along with our grave concerns that the quality of material and level of research merited immediate action. He read the book and took action that included educating as many in Congress as possible, which culminated with the US House of Representatives voting July 11, 2019, to pass Smith’s Amendment #355 to the National Defense Authorizations Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020 (HR 2500), directing the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to “conduct a review of whether the Department of Defense experimented with ticks and other insects regarding use as a biological weapon between the years of 1950 and 1975. HR2500, as amended, passed the House on July 12, 2019. View Amendment #355

View Congressman Smith’s Floor Speech on the Amendment

WHO OPPOSES AN INVESTIGATION TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH?: The same entities who claim there is no scientific evidence to support chronic Lyme claim— with little or no evidence— that this is a conspiracy theory perpetuated by advocates and patients. Most of them are the same individuals who have distorted information about the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease. They have debunked chronic Lyme disease for decades, despite a vast amount of new research evidence from prestigious institutions on the topic of persistent infection with the Borrelia bacteria after treatment. Like their specious arguments against chronic disease, these critics do not acknowledge nor present any verified opposition to the documents chronicled meticulously by Ms. Newby over five years of visits to the government archives, the Burgdorfer home—including interviews with Dr. Burgdorfer himself, and other places where Dr. Burgdorfer gave some records he did not want the government to have.
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Here’s What To Do & Say: Contact the Senators offices as explained in STEPS listed below

*Let them know you want him/her to support the Smith Amendment #355 to the National Defense Authorizations Act (NDAA) which requires the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to investigate a possible US biowarfare program involving ticks and other insects that may have contributed to the spread of tick-borne diseases.

*Tell them that the public has a right to know if there was such a bioweapons program and a right to be provided with the details on what, where, and when these weaponized organisms may have been released on an unsuspecting public.

*Explain that there may be information which could help in the fight of tick-borne diseases today, when about 427,000 cases of Lyme disease occurred in 2017 in the US according to the CDC, and about 20 tick-borne diseases and conditions are now found in the US.

Thank him/her.

Please contact Milena@LymeDiseaseAssociation.org with any questions.

URGENT! ACTIONS FOR YOU TO TAKE NOW:
Congress is on recess and many Members are back in their home districts.

STEPS:
Look at the US Senate Armed Services Committee Table Below

- If there is a Member who is a US Senator from your state, **Start with #1.**
- If there is NOT a Member from your state, **Start with #2.**

### 1. If there is a Member who is a US Senator from your state

- Call his/her state office (number in table below) to get a personal meeting with him/her while they are home in-state.

**OR**

- If you cannot get a personal in-state meeting with your Senator
  - Set up a meeting with a local office staff member and ask them to teleconference in the appropriate staff member from the Washington, DC office to your meeting.

**OR**

- If you cannot meet with your Senator’s office in-state, call them at the DC office number (in the table below)

After completing the above, please call as many of the remaining offices as possible at the DC number (in the table below).

*Skip #2.*

### 2. If there is NOT a member from your state

- Please call as many Armed Services Committee members on the list below, as possible at their DC office number. Ask for whoever is responsible for the
National Defense Authorizations Act (NDAA) in that office. The more Senators we contact, the better chance we have of getting an investigation.

**Tips for How to Contact U.S. Senators**

- A telephone call usually has the most impact. When addressing your U.S. Senator, always refer to them as “Senator (Name)” or “The Honorable (Name)”.
- When emailing, use the same formality as you would when writing a letter.
- When addressing an envelope or letter, always refer to your legislator as “The Honorable (Name)”.
  - For the salutation, write: “Dear Senator (Name),” so your message doesn’t look like junk mail (referenced from sbsb.com).
  - Example:
    - The Honorable (Senator’s Name)
    - United States Senate
    - Washington, D.C. 20510
- If your senator is the chairman or ranking member of a committee, type the full title under the senator’s name in the address block. Committee position information is included in the table below.
- For more information on how to contact U.S. Senators, visit www.senate.gov OR www.sbsb.com
- If you have any questions, please contact Milena@LymeDiseaseAssociation.org

**MEMBERS of SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

See above TIPS on how to contact your Senator.
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