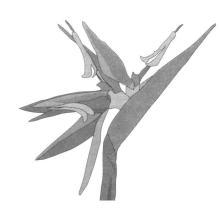
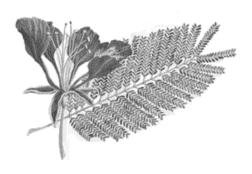
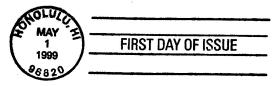
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JULY 1999

7/12	H.P.S. Regular Meeting	Nuuanu YMCA, Doors open around 7 PM
7/17	H.P.S. Stampers Youth Club	Manoa School, 3155 Manoa Rd. 1 PM - 3 PM
7/19	Winward Oahu Philatelic Soc.	Lois Opedal, 241 Kaha St., Kailua, 7:30 PM
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7/26 H.P.S. Executive Board Meeting Nuuanu YMCA, Doors open around 7PM, Board Meets around 7:15 PM

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8/9	H.P.S. Regular Meeting	Nuuanu YMCA, Doors open around 7 PM
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8/23	H.P.S. Executive Board Meeting	Nillianii YMCA Doors open around 7PM Board Meets around 7:15

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9/20	H.P.S. Stampers Youth Club	Manoa School, 3155 Manoa Rd. 1 PM - 3 PM
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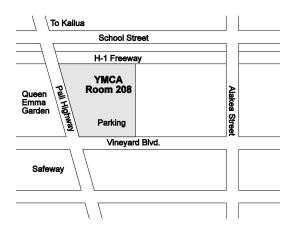
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Editor's Notes By Greg Chang, Editor

Aloha! Welcome to another edition of the PO'OLEKA O HAWAII. My apologies for getting this issue out late. It truly has been a busy summer. I should be back on track with the next issue.

To start things off, I would like to thank the members who have contributed articles to this issue. Remember, your contribution of articles, ideas, and comments are always welcomed.

As you may have noticed with the last issue of the PO'OLEKA (No. 58), we have a new printer for our publication. Unfortunately, they started off by reversing the front and back covers. Hopefully, things will improve with this issue.

Have several good articles in this issue. Burt Fadich discusses a recent find of an undiscovered town postmark. Great to know that there may be more town cancels to be found. Also, have some information regarding the tropical flower issue that had its first day ceremony in Honolulu last May. It is interesting to note that the first day cancels applied at the gardens had the incorrect zip code. Finally, Fred Gregory provides his insights regarding barred oval cancellations.

With the year halfway gone, the year 2000 is almost upon us. Hope you are enjoying the rest of the summer as well as the century.

Until next time....

Greg Chang

Editor



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Fascination of Discovery - Unreported Hawaiian Town Cancel Surfaces

Burton E. Fadich HPS Member #861202

Amazingly a previously unreported Hawaiian town cancel has come to light more than a century after its use in a small town in the Old Kingdom of Hawaii. The author/stamp collector and discoverer began saving Hawaiian stamps about 20 years ago and became interested in town cancels in the 90's. Several years ago the discoverer acquired a number of stamps with town cancels and among them was one that did not appear to fit the sales description.

The author wrote letters to two knowledgeable individuals seeking their advice but did not receive a reply. Undaunted, he relied on his library of philatelic information which includes a book by Meyer & Harris, The Stamps of Hawaii (M-H) and two volumes by Burns, Additions To Hawaiian Postal History (Burns). Furthermore, a series of excellent articles on town cancels in the Po'oleka O Hawaii peeked the author's interest (Issues Nos. 49 to 53, edited by Louis Loucks).

Further research convinced him he had found an unreported cancel that finally drove him to send the patient to the Hawaiian Philatelic Society (HPS) for expertization and received a certificate dated 3/25/99 authenticating the cancel (**Figure 1**). Included as **Figure 2** is an enlarged copy of the stamp to allow the reader closer inspection. Along with the certificate Mr. Kay H. Hoke, present Treasurer of the HPS sent a letter indicating that there does not appear to be any previous report of this cancel. Mr. Hoke suggested that writing an article in the Society's magazine might be of interest.

The cancel, using the M-H's Dewey decimal system, appears to be 282.04. The 282 refers to

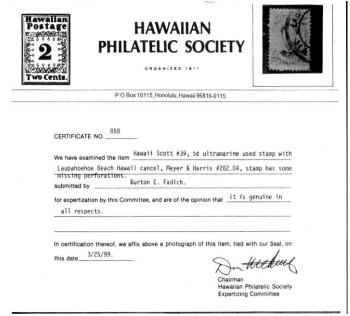


Figure 1 - HPS Certificate

the markings of a rubber circular date cancel, approximately 32mm in circumference with double-lined outer circles and a single-lined inner circle. There is evidence of a date in the



Figure 2 - Close Up of Stamp

space at the center from traces of the cancel along the right side perforations. The .04 indicates the town lettering above is sans serifs and the name of the island below is with serifs and there are no ornaments between.

The town name is clearly in small block letters and the larger letters of Hawaii that can be seen are definitely with serifs. The cancel itself is purple. According to Burns' modification of the M-H rarity classification system numbered from 1 to 10 with 1 being very rare, the cancel would be 1RRRR, the rarest based on current knowledge. No other towns are reported to have used this cancel.

According to M-H, Laupahoehoe an ancient Hawaiian settlement, had a post office from 1859 to 1871. Then again from 1880 to 1884 and 1888 through 1900 the end of the postal service of Hawaii. In the missing period from 1884 through 1888, apparently beach was added to the cancel and "Laupahoehoe Beach" was used. The certificate indicates the cancel was used during the latter period.

It appears there has been only one other cancel reported for Laupahoehoe Beach, which is a 282.02, a rarity 3 and not common. The town is located on the large island of Hawaii about 25 miles by highway northwest of Hilo (**Figure 3**). The Internet indicates a present day population of about 500.

The stamp itself is a relatively common Scott #39, a 5c colored ultramarine featuring the portrait of King Kamehameha V. It replaced Scott #32, issued in 1865 with the same image but greenish blue in color, and in 1882 was in short supply. Reportedly the printer, American Bank Note Company, produced the Scott #39 from the earlier plates, and it was issued about July 1, 1882 in the new color.

The continuation of the 5c rate apparently was needed to comply with the Universal Postal

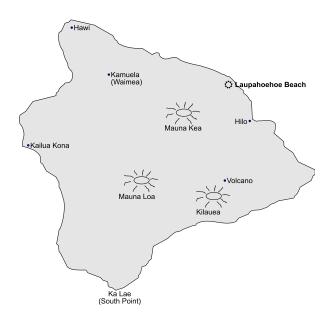


Figure 3 - Map Locating Laupahoehoe Beach

Union which Hawaii had joined the first of 1882. The 5c rate paid for half ounce letters to

Canada, U.S. and Mexico. Quite possibly the stamp was used on a letter to North America.

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- 3. Each item must be accompanied by a separate expertization form. The item should not be physically attached to the form. A pane, sheet or block is considered to be a single item.
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		value under \$1,000	value \$1,000 or more			
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Hawaii Town Marks		\$15.00	\$40.00			
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Documents		\$20.00	\$50.00			

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- 14. A large self-addressed stamped envelope (9 ½ X 4 inches) or larger, must accompany each item sent to the Committee for expertization. This envelope will be used for returning the owner's material along with the Committee's certificate of opinion. This envelope **must** have affixed sufficient postage to cover both mailing and registration. No insurance against loss in the mail will be provided by the Committee or the Hawaiian Philatelic Society.
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Tropical Flowers Booklet Release

Based on notes of Victoria Bannan and USPS Stamp News Release No. 99-048

On May 1st, the United States Postal Service released a set of four self-adhesive stamps featuring tropical flowers. First day ceremonies took place at the Foster Botanical Gardens in Honolulu. The Hawaiian Philatelic Society, HPS, was an active participant.

The stamps are arranged in a booklet of 20 stamps. This is the first US booklet to have stamps located on both sides (8 on one side and 12 on the other - **Figure 1**). Each of the four stamps feature a tropical flower - Bird of Paradise, Chinese Hibiscus, Royal Poinciana, and Gloriosa Lily.



Figure 1 - Front and Back of Booklet

A week before the event, Kay Hoke and several other HPS members began applying stamps in blocks and singles onto cachet envelopes. The cachet was designed by John Dawson, the designer of the Sonora Desert stamps and were printed on both #6 ¾ and #10 envelopes.

One technique learned in applying self-adhesive blocks of stamps to envelopes is to use NUMBER 59 removable tape. It is similar to Scotch tape, but with the adhesiveness of Post-Its. First, the tape is placed over the stamps, next, the stamps are removed as a block, then the block is placed on the envelope, and finally, the tape is removed. Voila, a perfectly placed block of four. A lot easier than trying to reassemble the block one stamp at a time in the right place.

Kay Hoke, Charlie Adcock, Wayne Yakuma, Victoria Bannan, and sever other HPS members were present for the first day ceremony. Wayne took photographs that he used with his presentation at the May membership meeting. The ceremony was combined with the botanical garden's annual plant sale. There was a lot of excitement, so much that the event coordinator for the Foster Botanical Gardens, Robert Boom, decided to return to stamp collecting as well as joining the HPS. Welcome Robert!

The ceremony featured members of the US Postal Service and Foster Gardens as well as a local music group. Those in attendance received a nicely illustrated ceremony program (**Figure 2**). The Foster Botanical Gardens sold the stamped cacheted envelopes (**Figure 3**; also featured on the back cover of the PO'OLEKA) as well as printed tee shirts and handbags. The HPS sold only the cacheted envelopes.

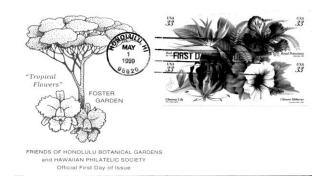


Figure 2 - Cachet First Day Cover

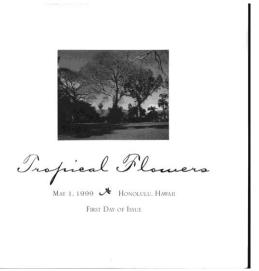


Figure 3 - Cover of Ceremony Program

After the ceremony, participants of the ceremony program were available for autographs. The postal service then sold stamps along with other tropical flower related items (note cards, stationary, etc.). With every booklet purchased, the USPS gave a free money order envelope.

Kay had 3,000 - #6 ¾ and 150 - #10 cacheted envelopes printed. All blank cachets were sold. The HPS helped the Foster Botanical Gardens place and cancel 650 blocks of four onto cacheted envelopes. The postal service estimated that 3,000 to 4,000 cancels were applied that day.

One interesting item to note is that the first day cancellation stamps used that day all had incorrect zip codes. Instead of 96820, they had 98620, the zip for Goldendale, Washington (**Figure 4**). It is also interesting to note that the covers processed in Kansas City had the same Zip Code.

TECHNICAL DETAILS:

Issue: Tropical Flowers USPS Item Number: 662700 Denomination & Type of Issue: 33-cent Commemorative Format: Convertible Booklet of 20 (4 designs) Issue Date & City: May 1, 1999, Honolulu, HI 96820 Illustrator: Steve Buchanan, Winsted, CT Designer: Carl Herrman, Laguna Niguel, CA Engraver: Armotek Industries Art Director: Carl Herrman, Laguna Niguel, CA Typographer: John Boyd, New York, NY Modeler: Donald H. Woo Manufacturing Process: Gravure Printer: Sennett Security Products (SSP) Printed at: American Packaging Corporation, Columbus, WI Press Type: Cerruti, 1942 Stamps Per Booklet: 20 Print Quantity: 1.5 billion stamps Paper Type: Pre-phosphored Type I Gum Type: Self-adhesive Processed at: Unique Binders, Fredericksburg, VA Colors (PMS Colors): Magenta, Yellow, Cyan, Black, PMS 349 (Green) Stamp Orientation: Horizontal Image Area (w x h): 1.41 x 0.84 in. / 35.81 x 21.33 mm Overall Size (w x h): 1.56 x 0.99 in. / $39.62 \times 25.14 \text{ mm}$ Full Pane Size (w x h): $3.125 \times 6.44 \text{ in.}$ 79.37 x 163.57 mm Plate Size: 224 (front), 336 (back) stamps per revolution Plate Numbers: "S" followed by five (5) single digits Marginal Markings: "Ó USPS 1998" · Plate Numbers USPS Catalog Item Number(s): 662740 Self-Adhesive Booklet of 20 - \$6.60, 662763 First Day Cover (set of 4) - \$2.16



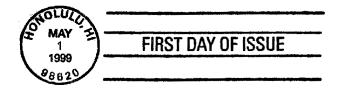


Figure 4 - First day cancelation with wrong zip

Honolulu Barred Ovals

By Fred Gregory

arred oval duplex postmarks and cancels were in use elsewhere long before they were adopted in Honolulu in 1889. San Francisco, for example, was using barred ovals in the late 1870's. Duplex cancel devices were set up with a stamp cancel and postmark affixed alongside each other on a single handle, allowing the clerk to cancel the stamp and postmark the cover with one stroke. Honolulu had a five circle duplex handstamp in the mid-1880's (type 237.02). In April, 1889, Honolulu put in use its first pair of duplex barred oval markers. Three such handstamps were used at Honolulu before the Hawaiian postal service was absorbed by the United States Post Office Department on June 14, 1900.

The Bash/Davey numbering system for town cancels published in Meyer and Harris classifies these three duplex markers as types 231.72, 231.82 and 232.92. The first two have 23 mm circular date postmarks and fully barred ovals to the right surrounding a number "1" or "2." The last, type 232.92, has a 24 mm circular date postmark and the barred oval is solid in the middle where it surrounds a number "1." (See **Figures 1, 2, and 3**). In types 231.72 and 231.82, the barred oval is 1 mm to the right of the postmark and is 31 mm in length but in type 232.92, the spacing is 2.5 mm and the oval is 33.5 mm long.

Unquestionably. among Hawaiian town markings these ovals are the commonest, far outstripping any other town mark in quantity. For this reason, little attention has been paid to It is far more exciting to study the extremely rare than the exceptionally ordinary. However, these cancels were the primary first class postmarks used at Honolulu from 1889 to 1900, a period of remarkable historical interest during which Hawaii transformed from a constitutional monarchy governing an independent kingdom to a territory of the United States. In the process, Hawaii went through a revolution on January 17, 1893, followed by a provisional government and, later, a republic. In the heat of the Spanish American War, Hawaii was annexed to the United States on August 12, 1898, but its independent postal service lived on until June 14, 1900, when it was absorbed by the United States Post Office Department. No other postmarks witnessed such dramatic change in Hawaiian governance as these barred ovals. Only the early Honolulu postmark type 243.03, with its eighteen year usage period from September, 1859 to November, 1877, served for a longer period of time as the principal first class mail marker in Honolulu.

Collectors, myself included, typically acquire a barred oval cancel incidentally when seeking something else. These types are found on the later Bank Note issues, the overprinted issues of 1893 and the Republic issues of 1894 and 1899.



Figure 1 - Type 231.72 Cancellation



Figure 2 - Type 231.82 Cancellation



Figure 3 - Type 232.92 Cancellation

I find well over 500 examples of the barred oval cancels in my collection. Studying them yields some interesting information.

Type 231.72 was put in use in April, 1889. The earliest date I record is April 26, 1889, but there are probably earlier dates. This type was used until December 31, 1898, according to the last date I have. Early in its life, the left side of the circular postmark began to deteriorate and became progressively worse. I see left side deterioration as early as July, 1889, with noticeable wear apparent by April, 1890 (Figures 4 and 4a). This mark was used consistently through 1896, but was used rarely in 1897 and sparingly in 1898. Bash/Davey and Ed Burns, whose postmark studies followed Bash/Davey and advanced our knowledge of Hawaiian postmarks immensely, record this cancel only in black ink. However, it also was used in purple. I find purple or purplish black strikes from October 3, 1896 to March 7, 1897.



Figures 4 and 4a - Type 231.72 with signs of wear

Type 231.82 was also put in use in April, 1889, according to Bash and Burns, although the earliest date I have seen is May 12, 1889. Remarkably, this device was used until June, 1900, the latest date I have being June 15, 1900, under United States administration. Like type 231.72, Bash and Burns record only black ink but purple ink was used as well. I record purple or blackish purple strikes from October 11, 1896 to April 4, 1897, in the midst of which I record a perfectly black strike on February 14, 1897. A break occurred at the bottom of the circular date stamp between August 30, 1893 and September 24, 1893. (**Figure 5**)



Figure 5 - Type 231.82 with break to circle

Type 232.92 was put into use in early January, 1899, and replaced type 231.72. The first date I record for type 232.92 is January 3, 1899. Type 232.92 is found only in black, so far as I have seen. The latest use I record is June 28, 1900, under United States administration. I have noted no breaks or deterioration altering the appearance of this type.

In addition to serving as postmarks on first class domestic and foreign mail, the barred ovals are seen also on drop letters, unsealed printed circular covers and wrappers for books and other printed matter. Other postmarks were used as the primary cancels for second class matter so use of the barred ovals in this fashion was unusual.

The table below (**Table 1**) shows how 490 strikes were distributed among the three types each year. Types 231.82 and 231.72 were used more or less evenly from 1889 through 1893. Type 231.82 is scarce in 1894 and 1895 and type 231.72 is scarce in 1897 and 1898. These findings are far from scientific since my reason for acquiring the strikes was for other purposes. Still, a fair conclusion can be drawn that for one reason or another the Honolulu office was primarily using type 231.72 in 1894-1895 and was using type 231.82 as its primary marking device in 1897 and 1898. Once type 232.92 was put in use type 231.72 usage stopped. Thereafter, type 232.92 appears to have been somewhat favored over type 231.82, although the latter was frequently used as well. Dates I record when two types were used on the same day are: June 21, 1893, October 1, 1893, June 9, 1898, June 28, 1898, July 8, 1898, August 3,

Table 1 - Distribution of 490 Strikes By Type And By Year

Year	231.72	231.82	232.92	Year	231.72	231.82	232.92
1889	6	9	0	1895	34	2	0
1890	16	8	0	1896	31	12	0
1891	8	6	0	1897	3	47	0
1892	12	13	0	1898	9	69	0
1893	23	21	0	1899	0	23	52
1894	30	3	0	1900	0	19	32

1898, September 3, 1898, November 9, 1898, April 16, 1899, June 9, 1899, September 3, 1899 and May 29, 1900. Since type 231.72 was retired on December 31, 1898 and type 232.92 started on January 3, there are no dates when three types were used.

Why two numerals exist is a matter of speculation. If the different devices were assigned to different clerks, one would expect to see each device appearing rather evenly in comparison to the other. Instead, we see whole years when one or another of the markers was

hardly used. It may have been an early intent to assign the devices to different clerks, but if so the practice must have given way to convenience since no great need existed to identify the canceling clerk.

Other collectors who can fill in additional details about these postmarks are encouraged to do so. Information about earlier or later dates, dates of simultaneous use of two devices, dates to pin down the break in type 231.82 or to expand the purple strike marks would be most welcome.



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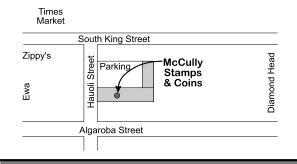


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Marshall Islands Tropical Flowers of the Pacific

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On February 18, 1999, the Marshall Islands Postal Service celebrated Flowers of the Pacific with six new postage stamps. Prized for their beauty and fragrance, these beautiful flowers are often used to make leis.

Traditionally, women in the Marshall Islands would accentuate their beauty during formal ceremonies by wearing leis around their heads. The men, however, would drape the blossoms around their necks.

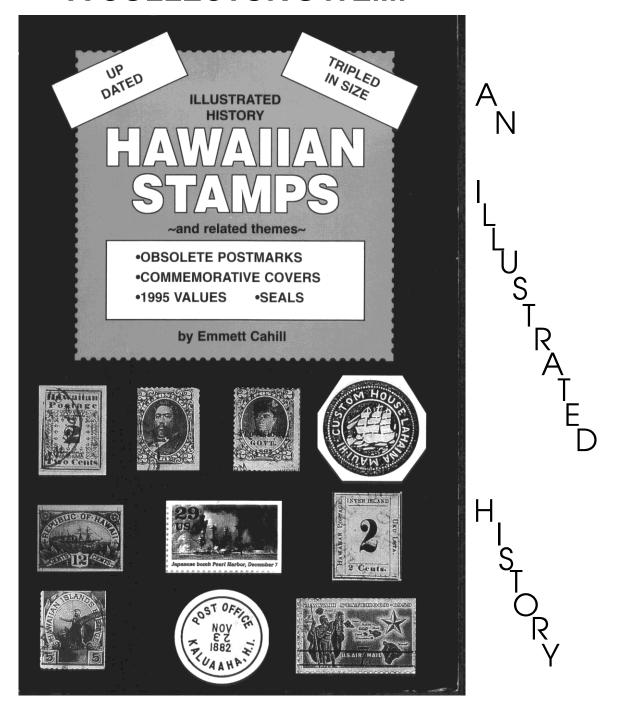
Located between Hawaii and Australia, southeast of Japan, and comprising more than 1,200 tropical islands and islets, the Republic of the Marshall Islands celebrates the breathtaking flowers of the Pacific with these detailed stamps. Designed by renowned artist Herb Kawainui Kane, each stamp depicts an exotic flower that is native to the Pacific islands.

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    Issue Date: February 18, 1999
    Issue Place: Majuro
    Designer: Herb Kawainui Kane
    Project Manager: Leigh Vosler, Stamp
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    Printing Process: Cyan, black, magenta and
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                                 lithography on
unwatermarked gummed paper
   Printer: Unicover Corporation, Cheyenne,
Wyoming, U.S.A.
    Stamp Format: Horizontal
    Stamps per Sheet: 12
    Number of Designs per Sheet: 6
    Overall Sheet Size: 190mm x 123mm
    Size of Stamps: 40mm x 31mm
    Issue Number: C144
(6-1) Plumeria - Apocynaceae
     (6-2) Vanda - Orchidaceae
     (6-3) Ilima - Malvaceae
     (6-4) Tiare - Rubiaceae
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     (6-6) Hibiscus - Malvaceae
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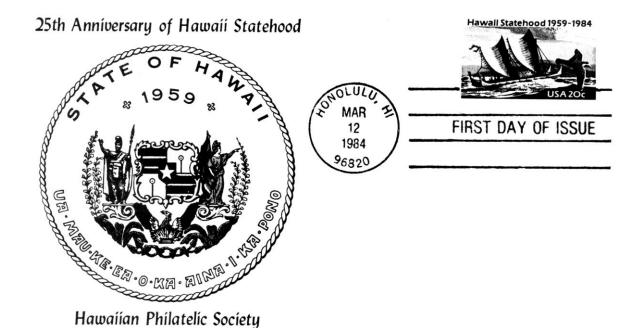


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