

VIETNAM
Tan Son Nhut Air Base
Towers and Bunkers

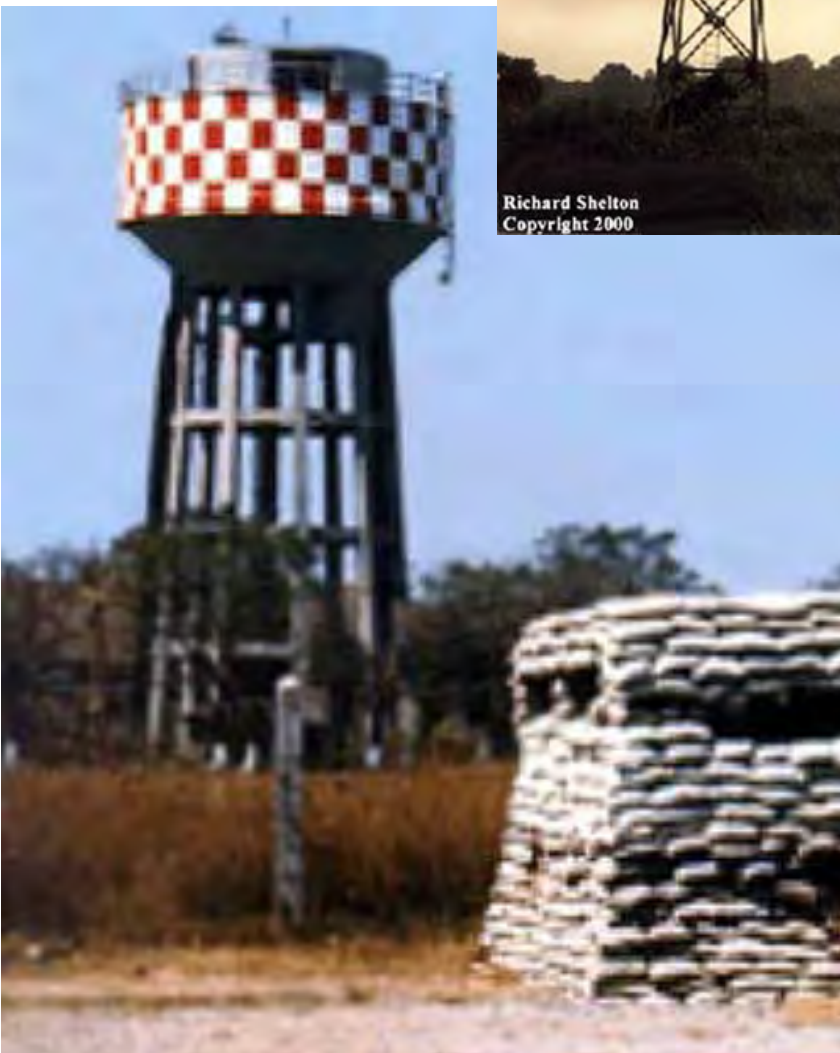
37th SPS (c.1 Aug 1966 - 31 Mar 1970); 1041st CSPS(T) (Jan-Jul 1967); 12th SPS (31 Mar 1970 - 17 Nov 1971)

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1. Tan Son Nhut AB, Perimeter Tower. 1966.

Photo by Richard Shelton, TSN,
377th SPS; BT, 632nd SPS.
1965-1966.



2. Tan Son Nhut AB, Hotel-3, Tango-1 Tower. 1967.

Photo by Steven Rivers, LM 482, TSN,
377th SPS, Tango-1; AFOSI, Dist 51
Bangkok. 1967-1968; 1973-1975.

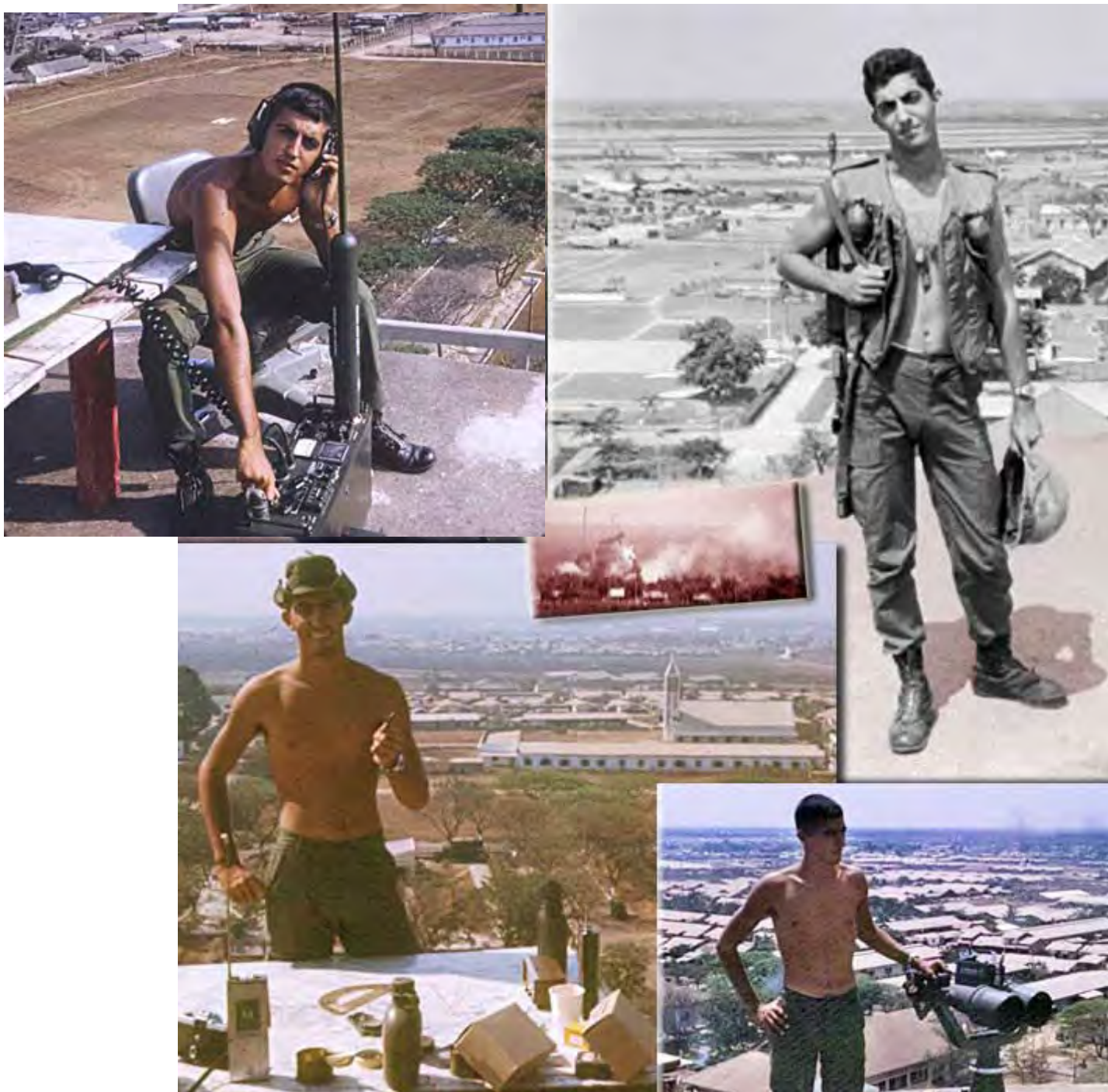


3. Photo Left. Tan Son Nhut AB, Hotel-3, Tango-1 Tower. Note Airman at top-center. 1968. Photo by Steven Rivers, LM 482, TSN, 377th SPS, Tango-1; AFOSI, Dist 51 Bangkok. 1967-1968; 1973-1975.



4. Tan Son Nhut AB, Hotel-3, Tango-1 Tower. 1968. Photo by Steven Rivers, LM 482, TSN, 377th SPS, Tango-1; AFOSI, Dist 51 Bangkok. 1967-1968; 1973-1975.

5. Photo Top-Left. Tan Son Nhut AB, Hotel-3, Tango-1 Tower. 1968.
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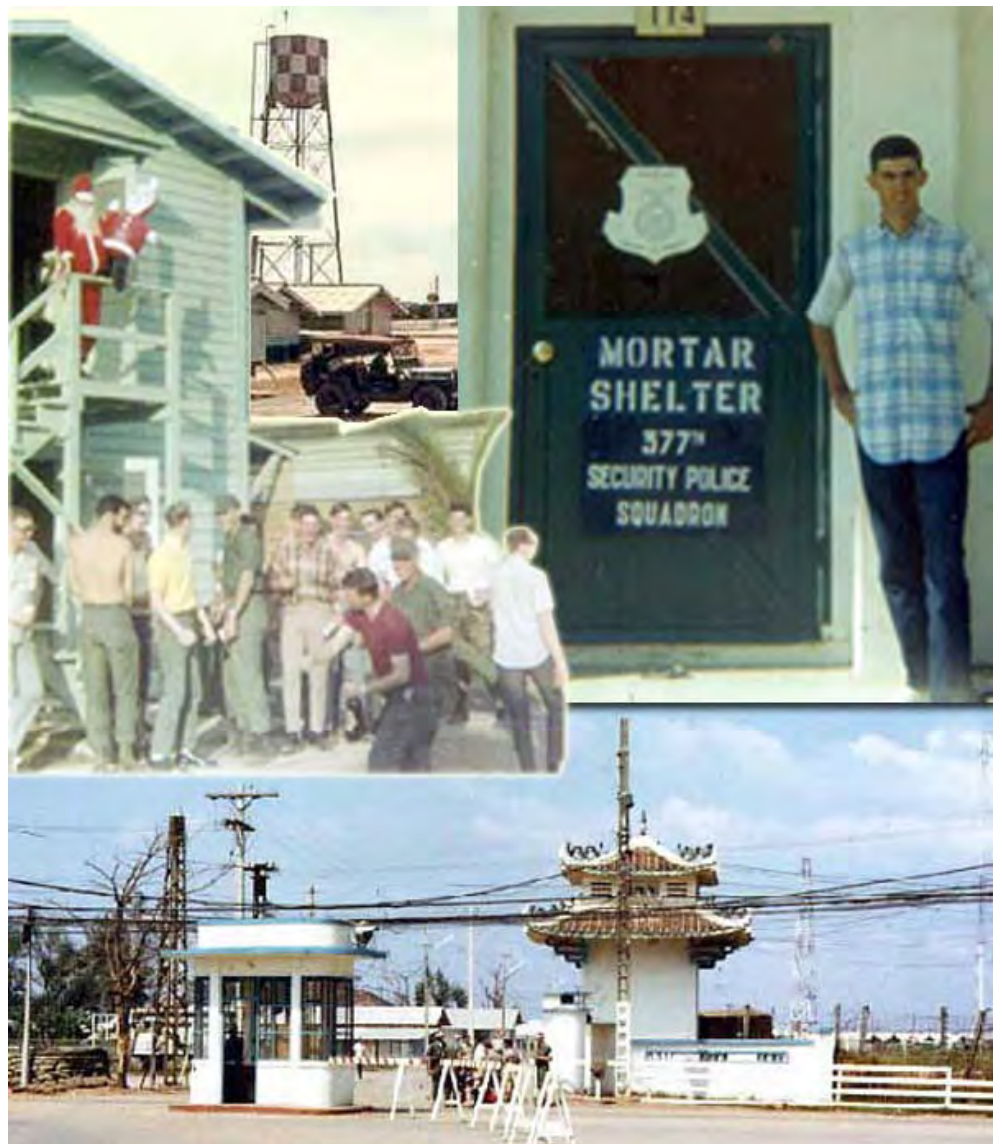


7. Tan Son Nhut AB, Hotel-3, Tango-1 Tower, and Jeeps. 1968.

Photo by Steven Rivers, LM 482, TSN, 377th SPS, Tango-1; AFOSI, Dist 51 Bangkok. 1967-1968; 1973-1975.

8. Tan Son Nhut AB, Tango-1 Tower, Main Gate. 1968.

Photo by Steven Rivers, LM 482, TSN, 377th SPS, Tango-1; AFOSI, Dist 51 Bangkok. 1967-1968; 1973-1975.





9. Tan Son Nhut AB, Tango-Tower. 1968.
Photo by Steven Rivers, LM 482, TSN, 377th SPS, Tango-1;
AFOSI, Dist 51 Bangkok. 1967-1968; 1973-1975.

10. Left. Tan Son Nhut AB, Control Tower. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, Control Tower. 122 mm Rocket direct hit. Photo by unknown.



11. Below. Tan Son Nhut AB, Perimeter Tower. 1968. Photo by David Dowdell, LM 144, TSN, 377th SPS; DET 1/621st TCS/SP VT, 1967-1968.





12. Above. Tan Son Nhut AB, ARVN paratrooper training Tower. Photo by unknown.

13. Right.
Tan Son Nhut AB,
377th SPS.
M60 Bunker,
manned by
A1C David C. Doyle
(deceased).

Photo by
Randy Snyder,
CRB, 483rd SPS; BH,
3rd SPS; TSN 377th
SPS, 1972-1973.



Manning a USAF M-60 machinegun defensive bunker position at Tan Son Nhut AB is A1C David Doyle of the 377th Security Police Squadron.



14. Tan Son Nhut AB, Perimeter M60 Bunker Row. 1972.
Photo by Randy Snyder, CRB, 483rd SPS; BH, 3rd SPS; TSN 377th SPS,
1972-1973.



15. Tan Son Nhut AB, APC cruising Perimeter road along M60 Bunkers. 1972.
Photo by Randy Snyder, CRB, 483rd SPS; BH, 3rd SPS; TSN 377th SPS,
1972-1973.

TSgt Olbert Hiatt
TDY to Tan Son Nhut
Dec 4-5, 1966, "Attack On Tan Son Nhut"
Awarded the Bronze Star



16. Photo *Right*: Tan Son Nhut AB, TSgt Olbert Hiatt, TDY to TSN AB, Dec 4-5, 1966, 'Attack on Tan Son Nhut' awarded the BSM w/V. 1966. Photo by unknown.



17. Tan Son Nhut AB, SP engage in Firefight! Tower backlite by explosion. Photo by unknown.



18. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, Perimeter Bunker Airman challenges unknowns at the wire.
Graphic Art by Photo by Don Poss., LM 37, DN, 23rd ABG/APS; 6252nd APS; 35th APS;
366th SPS K9. 1965-1966

19. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, Bunker. Tet 1968. Photo by Steven Rivers, LM 482, TSN, 377th SPS, Tango-1; AFOSI, Dist 51 Bangkok. 1967-1968; 1973-1975.



377th SPS fought through the night of Tet '68, blunting the strong enemy attack of over 1,400 VC & NVA soldiers.



Members of the 377th SPS, supported by armor, move to resecure Tan Son Nhut AB after penetration by Communist forces on January 31st, 1968.

20. Above. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, Bunkers and defense. 1968.

21. Right. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, Hotel-3, Tango-1 Tower. 1968. Photo by unknown.

22. Below. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, Perimeter Bunker Row and Towers. 1968.



377th Security Police view the bodies of Communist forces killed in the attack on Tan Son Nhut Air Base during Tet Offensive.





23. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, O-51 recaptured. Four Security Police KIA. Tet 1968.



24. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, O-51 Bunker, captured by VC and NVA, received air-strikes and artillery rounds before being retaken. Tet 1968. Photo by unknown.



25. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, O-51 recaptured. Security Police (Air Force Infantry) stand guard. Tet 1968. Photo by McKegney. 1968.



26. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB, Battle damaged O-51 Bunker. Tet 1968. Photo by Steven Shelt, PC 37th; PK, 633rd SPS. 1967-1968.



27. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB Airborne Gate: APCs, Bunkers, and Radar Tower. Photo by: Russ Colombo, LM 275, TSN, 377th SPS, 1969-1970.

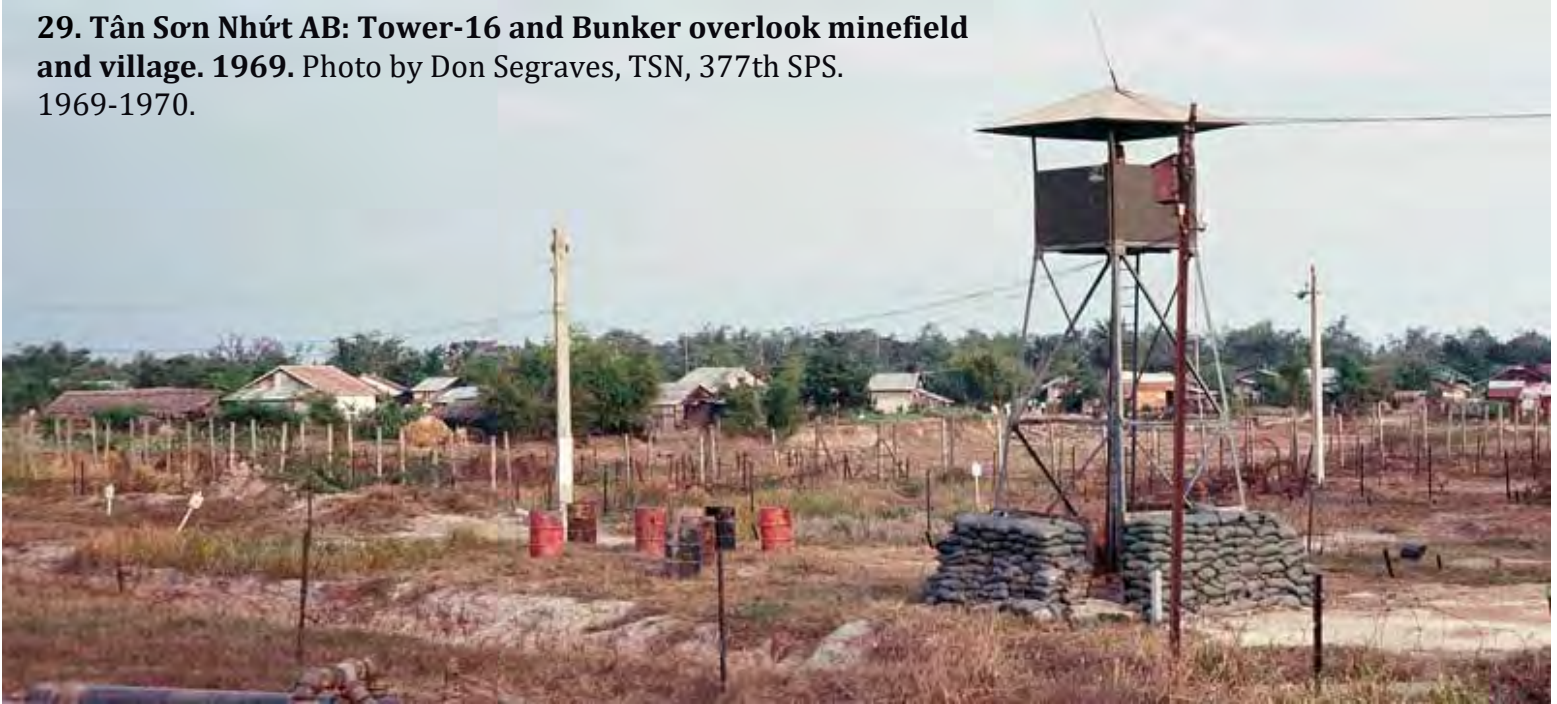


28. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Bunker BB7 (Intersection of road, below POL Tanks): Shows left side of BB7 from a distance. Notice the shell fuel tanks in the background. If they went up so would we. Oh well.

(Composite of the Below two photos)



29. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Tower-16 and Bunker overlook minefield and village. 1969. Photo by Don Segraves, TSN, 377th SPS. 1969-1970.



30. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Tower-16 and Bunker overlook minefield and village. 1969. Tower-16 showing the fence line to the right and with all the minefields in the middle. They were built by us, the French and the Japanese. Photo by Don Segraves, TSN, 377th SPS. 1969-1970.



31. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Tower-16 and Bunker overlook minefield (photo 13. Photo by Don Seagraves, TSN, 377th SPS, 1969-1970.



32. Top-Right. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Minefield Sign (Visible above in photo). 1969. Photo by Don Seagraves, TSN, 377th SPS. 1969-1970.



33. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Bunker BB7: Right side of bunker. Extra ammo can and cleaning supplies were chained up in a transfer case in the rear of the bunker.



34. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Bunker BB7: Close up left side of BB7. We had a can of white spray paint and painted the numbers on a pole. also if you look close, there was a small lizard. My companion (this is a two man bunker) sprayed the lizard and you can see the outline.



35. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Bunker BB7: This is looking inside BB7. They were made of 3/4" steel with a wall like the inside of a house with dirt in the middle. In front of the bunker were sandbags and then 55gal. steel drums. Also there was a cyclone fence surrounding it. this was to prevent mortars hitting the front.



36. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Bunker BB7: T-16 showing the fence line to the rear/right with Bravo-Bunker-8 in the rear, the two story one with the pointed roof. Towers in background.

Composite photos belows.

37. Left. and

38. Right. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Bunker BB7: 051-Bunker, viewed from rear.





39. Tân Sơn Nhứt AB: Bunker: Perimeter Road. Minefield and Floodlights to Left.



40. O-51 Bunker: Decades later, a revisiting ex-Security Police 'tourist' pestered his tour-guide for permission to stand atop their parked vehicle and raise his camera over the fence for a photo of O-51 Bunker, as it appears today. Standbags have long since melted away, but the blood of four KIA SPs and hundreds of Viet Cong and NVA remains a part of that battlefield of TET 1968. **Photo by** unknown.

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