

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Rinehart-Miller-Bush House Survey Number: <sup>CARR-</sup>~~CR~~-1357

Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property known as the Rinehart-Miller-Bush House, located on the Old Westminster Road east of Westminster near the village of Reese, in Carroll County, MD., is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The property consists of a late 19th-century farmhouse and period smokehouse and a modern garage. The farmhouse is a two-story, three-bay stone gable-roof dwelling with a two-story frame ell addition. The dwelling is representative of the vernacular domestic building of the period and lacks the distinction necessary to qualify it for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A frame smokehouse is located immediately behind the main house; other than the smokehouse, no other period domestic outbuildings survive. The property is not known to have any associations with events or persons significant to our past and is thus not eligible for listing under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

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Elizabeth Hannold and Kim Williams 2/26/96  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Pak 4/21/97  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Rinehart - Miller - Bush House  
Westminster  
Carroll County

CARR-1357

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Agriculture  
Architecture

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1357

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rinehart-Miller-Bush House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 1405 Old Westminster Road  not for publication

city, town Westminster  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

ate  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION 7.1

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	ca. 1855	Builder/Architect	Unknown				
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D			
and/or							
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state	<input type="checkbox"/> local				

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION 8.1

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-1357

Land and Equity Records, Carroll County.  
Personal Communication with Mrs. Hook.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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Rinehart-Miller-Bush House  
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This modest, ell-shaped dwelling is located on the Old Westminster Road east of Westminster near the village of Reese. The principal block, built of stone, is three bays wide and one bay deep, with a full width one-story porch on the north facing principle facade. This stone section has been heavily stuccoed and white washed on the exterior. There are two rooms on each floor, with access to the upper floor by means of open stair on the east wall. The dwelling is entered through a centered door which gives access to the principal east room. The wall between this room and that on the west has been removed.

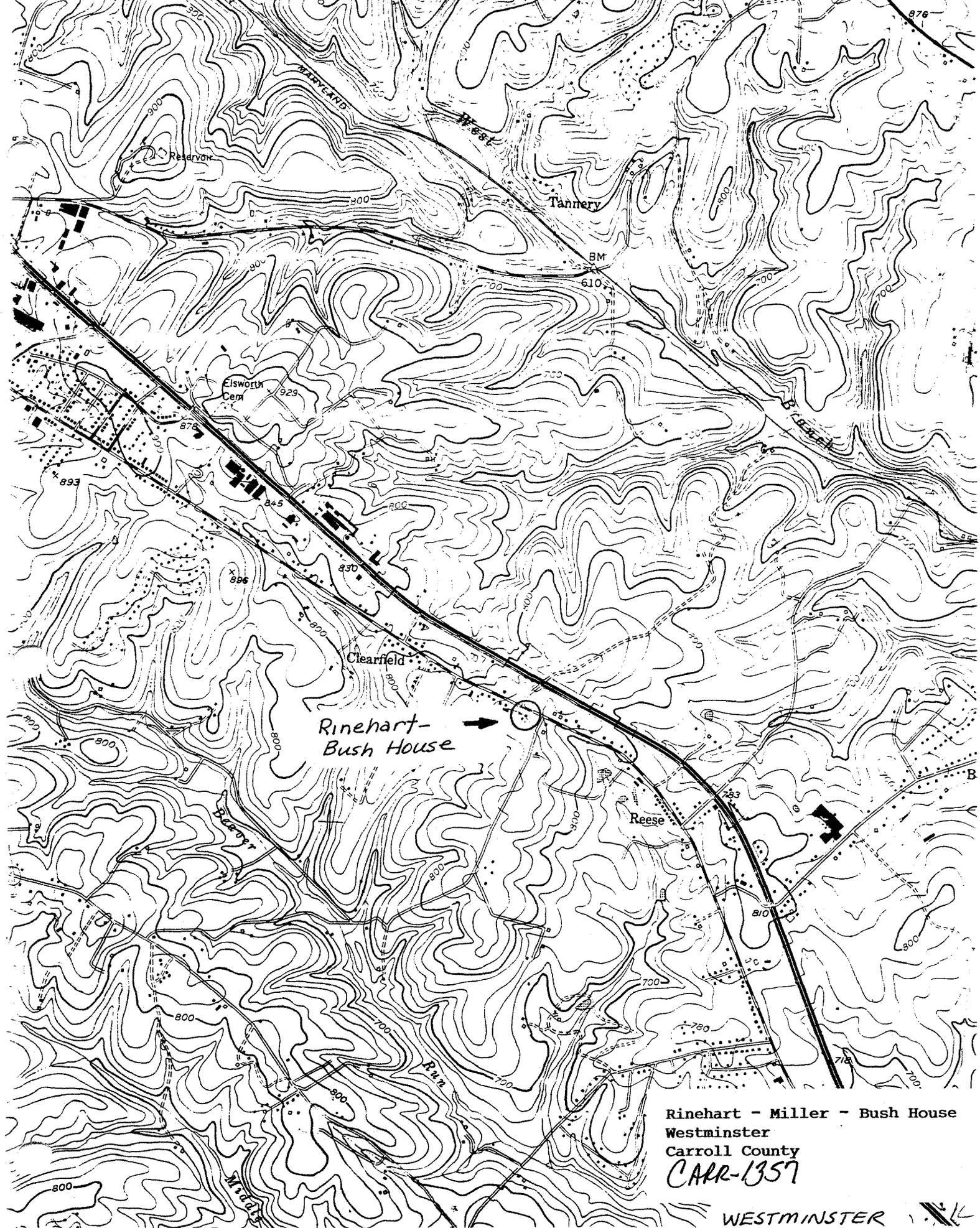
A large frame ell, now sheathed with vinyl siding, was added to the rear of this principal block, continuing the west side wall. In the east angle of the main block and an ell, Francis Bush, the father of the present owner, built a one-story shed-roofed addition, which was later extended beyond the plane of the east wall of the main block. A vinyl sided garage and shed are located in back of the property. The interior of the ell portion has been heavily altered with the addition of modern facilities, wall paneling and similar elements.

This property was owned in the mid-nineteenth century by John Rinehart, who acquired land on the south side of Old Westminster Pike just west of its intersection with Beaver Run County Road, now known as Arnold Road. He resided on a large, 138 acre farm in the middle decades of the century, during which he divided off five lots from his farm, two for his sons Jacob and William along Beaver Dam Road, and three along the south side of Old Westminster Pike, two of which he built on before his death around 1869. This property is what is referred to as the third parcel in Equity Case 1027 (between Maggie A. Little and others versus Jacob Rinehart, et.al, Admrs, and others, of July 16, 1869). It was described in the Democratic Advocate in the weeks prior to January 16, 1869 as "one lot containing 1 acre, 2 roods, and 2 perches of land, more or less, improved with a comfortable two story stone house with cellar." Prior to the sale of the land as required by the Court of Equity, Rinehart probably rented it to tenants. By 1877 it was owned by F. Miller, and in 1916 by Warren Bush, from whom the current owner descends.

Rinehart-Miller-Bush House  
Continuation 8.1

Significance

This modest historic site, originating with John Rinehart in the middle decades of the nineteenth century, is composed of a stone house, extended to the south with a frame ell, and a period meathouse. All of the domestic and agricultural outbuildings other than the frame meathouse, have been removed, according to the current owner, Mrs. Hook, who grew up on the property. Considerable alteration on the interior of the dwelling has lessened its integrity.

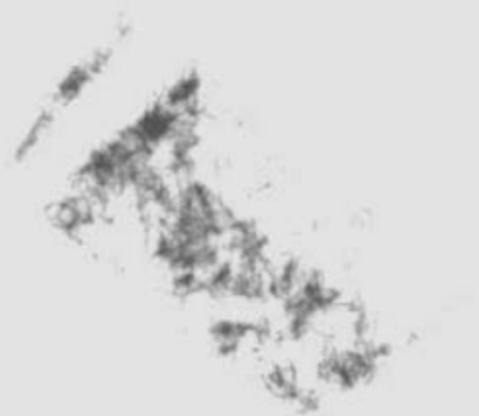


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QUADRANGLE



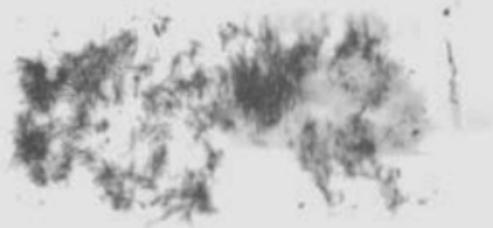
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