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- Dorothy Huyck: 00:00 The date is September 19th, 1978. I am Dorothy Huyck. I will be interviewing Melinda Gallegos, M-E-L-I-N-D-A, G-A-L-L-E-G-O-S, who is an accounting technician in the Southwest Regional Office, Santa Fe. Can I ask you how you first became acquainted with the National Park Service?
- Melinda Gallagos: 00:38 Well, it was about 14 years ago. The early years of our married life, we lived in Arizona. I didn't work then, we had two children, a son and a daughter, and they were little. When World War II came on, then we went to California to the West Coast. And then I started working for the Department of Defense. I worked for about three or four years, but then my daughter had asthmatic problems, so I quit my job and stayed home for a few years. Then I went out and worked in private industry for a while in California, in San Pedro, California, the Harbor, della Sanchez Harbor. We lived there 15 years. So, in the early 60s, our children were grown, and we decided we wanted to come back home. We are originally from here and we had property in [inaudible] where we live.
- Melinda Gallagos: 01:38 And so we made our decision that we were going to come back to New Mexico. And I thought I'll rest for a little while, but my husband got ill. He has the rheumatic heart and during '63 he had a slight stroke, which of course he is a carpenter by trade, and of course that meant he could not continue his trade. And that's when I said, "Well, the sooner I get back to work, the better for me, for both of us." So, I came to the Civil Service office that was here in the post office and I inquired about federal openings. They sent me here. This was in spring of '64. And all they had at the time was a part-time clerk-typist job with the Division of Property Management, Contracting Property Management. So, I said, "Yes, I'll take it," hoping that there will be something permanent. Well, that same fall in October, there was an opening in the Division of Finance, transferred over and I've been in the Division of Finance 14 years.
- Dorothy Huyck: 02:49 At what grade did you originally enter the Park Service?
- Melinda Gallagos: 02:54 The Park Service?

- Dorothy Huyck: 02:54 Yes.
- Melinda Gallagos: 02:54 At a grade 4, temporary grade 4 for clerk-typist. Then I transferred to a grade 5 voucher examiner. And I was there for, I would say maybe six, seven years that I worked in the voucher section. And I went up to a grade 6, which is about the limit, the level there. And then there was an opening for an accounting technician, grade 7 in the division of – No, sorry, not the division, in the account's maintenance branch. I stayed within the Division of Finance all this time. And I have been there now three, four years, I guess. Then we became automated until we went into this program of the national management system. So, I became the supervisor of the ADP branch.
- Dorothy Huyck: 03:55 What is your title now?
- Melinda Gallagos: 03:59 Well, I didn't want to get out of my series, accounting technician series, but I am an ADP supervisor. But officially I am in the accounting technician series. I am still a grade 7. That is the level there. There has been chances of promotions elsewhere, but I am not mobile because of my husband's health. We have our home here. We feel that he comes first for me, of course. And I feel that within five, six years, I will retire. If I do not have this other responsibilities, I feel that in this last year, I would have had a chance at higher promotion because the possibilities are there now that didn't exist when I was a young girl and still was out first working. Looking back, I cannot say that I did not have the chance of going higher. It is that for personal reasons, I have had to pull back, but I enjoy my work. It is very interesting, and every day is different. It's all different situations and challenging.
- Dorothy Huyck: 05:25 As ADP supervisor, what in particular are you concerned with?
- Melinda Gallagos: 05:30 We have three key punch operators. Well, one, besides being a key punch operator is really the computer technician that operates the terminal that we connect with the main computers in Washington. My responsibilities are of course, to supervise these employees to meet deadlines. And we do have rigid deadlines with the computer centers. We work with more than one system because we do all the input for, we have various users. So therefore, our work is quite varied, it's not just PFMS, not just our accounting

part that we do for the division of finance. We also of course do the DIPS, the paper, which is a separate system of its own. We do all the input and retrieval for the land acquisition, which is a very, very big system of its own. So, our work is very varied, and my main responsibilities are of course, to see that these deadlines are met, that our users are all given a fair chance of input. As you know in many cases, we all want to be first sometimes. So that's one of my responsibilities to see that priority-wise, everyone gets a fair turn.

- Dorothy Huyck: 07:04 Since the advent of the computer, you had to meet rigid deadlines?
- Melinda Gallagos: 07:08 Right.
- Dorothy Huyck: 07:09 Is that a change in operation, I suspect a change as compared with pre-computer times?
- Melinda Gallagos: 07:15 Yes, I believe it has, because when we were in manual systems, of course we had deadlines, but they were long-range deadlines, they were not sharp cutoff as they are now. We operate in a time-sharing computer, so therefore, if our work is not in and out and corrected when necessary, within a given timeframe, we are the losers.
- Dorothy Huyck: 07:43 Have you had to assist your employees and people that you supervise in adapting to such a rigid schedule?
- Melinda Gallagos: 07:52 Two of the girls that work there had done key punch work for the bank here, they were used to even more frequent to deadlines with the local banks and a small business, they had far more deadlines. They were used to pressure work. One other girl that also works with us now, was not. So yes, I've had to review within myself and see that I'm being fair to them, not push them, not pressure them. And they respond marvelously. They know their work, so it's just a matter of seeing that all this work is done. And of course, I am responsible for the corrections, taking the corrections that come back, I definitely have assistance, of course, but it's my responsibility to see that the corrections are done in a proper manner and back into the computer within the given timeframe that they have.
- Dorothy Huyck: 08:58 And you're supervising three employees, is that correct?

Melinda Gallagos: 09:02 Yes.

Dorothy Huyck: 09:04 Let me go back a minute and ask, were you born here in Santa Fe?

Melinda Gallagos: 09:07 I was born in Pecos, New Mexico.

Dorothy Huyck: 09:07 And may I ask when?

Melinda Gallagos: 09:09 February the 11th, 1921.

Dorothy Huyck: 09:16 Were you an only child?

Melinda Gallagos: 09:18 Oh no, I am one of seven. I have four brothers and two sisters; one has since passed away.

Dorothy Huyck: 09:26 Are you by any chance the oldest of those children?

Melinda Gallagos: 09:30 No, I am in the middle.

Dorothy Huyck: 09:34 Did you go grow up in Pecos then?

Melinda Gallagos: 09:35 Yes. My school years until through high school.

Dorothy Huyck: 09:40 In other words, you attended high school there?

Melinda Gallagos: 09:42 Oh yes. I grew up in that village.

Dorothy Huyck: 09:46 And did you have further education after high school?

Melinda Gallagos: 09:48 Very little. Not formal, I didn't go to college. I took two years of business school here in Santa Fe and then I started to work and then I would go to night school for bookkeeping. And later on, here in the Park Service, I've had courses for supervisory training.

Dorothy Huyck: 10:11 You have a variety of courses under the Park Service?

Melinda Gallagos: 10:14 Oh yes.

Dorothy Huyck: 10:15 All here in Santa Fe?

Melinda Gallagos: 10:16 No. I have gone to Albuquerque. In fact, I haven't had any here Santa Fe. They have been through the Park Service, but not located here in Santa Fe. In Albuquerque, in Dallas, and two correspondence courses.

Dorothy Huyck: 10:38 In each of these instances of additional coursework, you've been studying supervisory methods?

Melinda Gallagos: 10:45 Oh yes. Management.

Dorothy Huyck: 10:45 I heard you went to business school here in Santa Fe. When was that?

Melinda Gallagos: 10:50 Right after I finished high school.

Dorothy Huyck: 10:57 Were there people who were particularly encouraging to you during high school and then those two years of business school?

Melinda Gallagos: 11:03 Yes. My teachers. The school that I attended was what we considered a parochial school, taught by the Sisters of the Divine Providence from San Antonio, Texas. And it was a little discouraging to be told, "You are college material, but the money was not there to go." But I will remember one sister, especially Sister Irma, who always encouraged me, "You can always learn. You can always try on your own." And I've always believed like that. You can improve yourself to the best that you can, without having the formal education that I could not have.

Dorothy Huyck: 11:43 Did she in any way encourage you to apply for a scholarship at a college or university?

Melinda Gallagos: 11:48 Yes, but way back in the late '30s, the Depression.

Dorothy Huyck: 11:53 They were hard to find.

Melinda Gallagos: 11:54 And they went to men primarily.

Dorothy Huyck: 11:57 Yes. You knew men that got scholarships.

Melinda Gallagos: 12:00 Yes.

Dorothy Huyck: 12:01 But you do not know women in high school that got scholarships?

Melinda Gallagos: 12:06 At all. They would try for us, but of course, the field that would be available would be for the young men. Some of them, I suppose, one of the ideas behind that was that the girls would get married and would start families and then we would not benefit from these. That was the thought. In

fact, my own father believed like that, I still have him. And my oldest brother, he said, "I can give you a start. I can help you the first year." Highlands in Las Vegas was the closest we could go for, for more higher education than in high school. And my sister was before me, had gone to Highlands to study to be a teacher. And then I had another brother that decided he didn't want anything; he was going to be a mechanic and then I came myself. And I remember my parents telling me, "We can give you a start, like we gave your older brother and your sister. We can send you to Las Vegas to become a teacher."

- Melinda Gallagos: 13:17 And I said, "I do not want to be a teacher. I want to learn how to keep books." And my father said, "That is man's work." At the time it was really, especially in smaller places like this. So, then he said, "The next best thing then, if you want to go, there was a small business school here in Santa Fe." So, I came and attended two years, and then I got married.
- Dorothy Huyck: 13:40 You were married in what year?
- Melinda Gallagos: 13:45 In 1939 before I continued. In '38 through '40, I went to business school, but I got married in between.
- Dorothy Huyck: 13:54 So you remained in business school after you were married?
- Melinda Gallagos: 13:57 Yes, I remained until at the end of the two years.
- Dorothy Huyck: 13:59 So your parents were not among the people who were particularly encouraging. It was more the Sisters at your high school?
- Melinda Gallagos: 14:04 I would say so, yes. My parents were still of the old school of the days. They had four sons, which they thought should get a better education than the three daughters. I don't have any ill feeling about it because that's what they felt was. It even was in the larger cities, much less in little villages, like where we lived. So, we happened to live in those days. And I'm not bitter about it, I'm glad that finally, through the years, there has been more recognition that women are as capable, or if not more, in many of the fields that were considered male fields, I think World War II brought that out very much so, that women were just as able to rear a family, have a home, well, be the main keeper of a home,

keep the home together for your family, and also have a career. I think to me, that was the starting point.

- Dorothy Huyck: 15:14 Now, you worked during World War II?
- Melinda Gallagos: 15:16 Yes.
- Dorothy Huyck: 15:16 What were you doing then?
- Melinda Gallagos: 15:18 It was a clerk-typist job.
- Dorothy Huyck: 15:21 In California?
- Melinda Gallagos: 15:22 In California, yes.
- Dorothy Huyck: 15:23 For the Defense?
- Melinda Gallagos: 15:24 For the Department of Defense, for a little while for the Department of the Navy. And then I moved over to the Department of the Army because it was closer to where I lived. There was an installation that was just within two miles of the town where we lived. So, it was to my convenience to move closer.
- Dorothy Huyck: 15:44 Was your husband in the armed forces during the war?
- Melinda Gallagos: 15:47 No, because as I said, he had a rheumatic heart. He was not accepted into the service, but he worked in the shipyards.
- Dorothy Huyck: 15:57 Going back just for a minute to the period when you were growing up. Were you by any chance thought to be a tomboy?
- Melinda Gallagos: 16:07 Nope.
- Dorothy Huyck: 16:10 You were referring to the improving attitudes or increasing generosity toward women being able to undertake jobs that used to be considered men jobs. Have you had that experience in Park Service?
- Melinda Gallagos: 16:24 How do you mean?
- Dorothy Huyck: 16:27 Well, let's put it this way. Have your supervisors been encouraging to you in your jobs?
- Melinda Gallagos: 16:34 Oh, yes.

- Dorothy Huyck: 16:35 They have not been discouraging?
- Melinda Gallagos: 16:36 Oh no, they have been very encouraging. And I believe many times I'm older than they are, many times some of my varied experience will help situations where I have been asked, not necessarily for advice, but for my opinion. And I appreciate it. Sometimes of course, it's not what is needed, but still, because I have always been an outspoken person, I even tell my supervisor now about ERA, sometimes we discussed that and I say, "Well, I always believed that even when I was out-numbered." I said, "I have worked in offices where one particular place, I was the only Roman Catholic, the only one that did not smoke, and the only one that was of Spanish descent. And you better believe I had to stand on my own two feet at different times on many issues."
- Melinda Gallagos: 17:45 So it's just my nature. I believe in speaking out my opinion and I'm very appreciative of other people's opinions. I learn a lot from other people too. I have encouraged my children in that way. We learn from one another.
- Dorothy Huyck: 18:05 How many children do you have?
- Melinda Gallagos: 18:06 Two, a son and a daughter.
- Dorothy Huyck: 18:08 And how old are they?
- Melinda Gallagos: 18:10 Our son is 38 years old and our daughter is 35.
- Dorothy Huyck: 18:19 We were talking for a minute about supervisors. Have your supervisors been entirely men or have you also—
- Melinda Gallagos: 18:26 Oh no, I have had women. I have had women supervisors, especially in the early years that I started to work.
- Dorothy Huyck: 18:31 But during the period you've been with the Park Services?
- Melinda Gallagos: 18:35 Just one woman. She's still supervising the accounts payable section. We were first coworkers and when there was an opening, she got the supervisor position. So, I work with her.
- Dorothy Huyck: 18:47 And has your supervisor, throughout your years with the Park Service, always been a women?

- Melinda Gallagos: 18:53 Yes. Oh yes. Yes. In fact, she has been the only one in the Park Service.
- Dorothy Huyck: 18:58 And men?
- Melinda Gallagos: 19:00 There has been two men.
- Dorothy Huyck: 19:02 Two men?
- Melinda Gallagos: 19:02 Yes. In my years here in the Park Service, have only been this last 14, and they have been mostly in the Division of Finance here. But earlier in other jobs that I had; I have had women supervisors. I have had some that have been very encouraging to us when we were young. And as I grew older and had a little more wisdom, I realized and understood a lot of the advice that they gave us then. I think that if today there are women, similar typist, two especially that I can remember, I hope that a lot of the young girls will take the advice that we didn't take just then, it came on later. Sometimes you don't really understand maybe the advice when you're that young. But I have tried now that I have subordinates. I have tried to help them in the sense that I got help. And for the most part, I guess it has paid off because I feel that they also have confidence in me as a supervisor. It's very gratifying, really. It really is.
- Dorothy Huyck: 20:32 There are some people who think that the National Park Service is a male-oriented organization. Do you?
- Melinda Gallagos: 20:42 Before I was a part of it, yes. My feeling was park rangers, they take care of the parks. And not having been any in any way associated with it before, yes, I believe like that too. In fact, many people, and not that I didn't think it this way, I knew that, but many people think that the Park Service and Forest Service are about the same thing. But yes, I think that before I worked here, when I only knew that there was a Park Service, yes, I felt that it was a male-dominated type of work.
- Dorothy Huyck: 21:22 And since you have worked for the Park Service?
- Melinda Gallagos: 21:25 Oh no. And more and more we're even getting women superintendents. But even before that, there were the park guides, interpreters, even rangers that were female. I really think that when I lived in California and I started visiting some of the parks there is when I first started seeing girls

that were guides and rangers that I guess I started changing my opinion, my thinking that it can be, it's just like everything else.

- Dorothy Huyck: 22:00 When did you first notice that change?
- Melinda Gallagos: 22:03 Actually, I think I didn't really think about it until I was involved here. If I saw it before, it didn't really mean that much to me.
- Dorothy Huyck: 22:11 So before you actually became employed with the Park Service, you had visited some of the parks?
- Melinda Gallagos: 22:16 Oh, yes, especially in California. I'm quite familiar with many of them as a visitor.
- Dorothy Huyck: 22:25 How do you see the longer range outlook for women in Park Service, say in the next, well, just the next five years?
- Melinda Gallagos: 22:34 You mean as far as opportunities?
- Dorothy Huyck: 22:37 Opportunities for increased responsibility?
- Melinda Gallagos: 22:39 Well, I think that more and more, the women that are involved have proven to be reliable. So, I believe that the fields will broaden. We are being more and more accepted even by the stricter line of males that didn't think a woman should be out in some of the jobs that we see them today. I think that more and more, the whole outlook is changing for, of course, benefit of women and I think benefit of all, we all benefit from good things.
- Dorothy Huyck: 23:21 Not just women.
- Melinda Gallagos: 23:22 Everyone, yes. Everyone benefits from it, I think. Our standard of living gets better in every way. So, the young women now have more fields that they can consider if they wish to get into them.
- Dorothy Huyck: 23:41 Are there any kinds of jobs within the Park Service you think a woman should not undertake?
- Melinda Gallagos: 23:47 Not really. Especially if out in private industry, you see what they call women's splicers. I have a niece who surprised me, she is the oldest daughter of my youngest brother. So, they do try to have her go to college. Naturally,

the first ones, you have a little better chance after you have so many. And she didn't like it. She went to Colorado Springs, she was going to study oceanography is what she was fascinated with. She decided to go into electronics. So now she works for some company as a project supervisor where they're building a dam somewhere in Nevada. So, I think that it depends on the individual. Some women might like what we would call rough work or hard work. I don't see any reason why there should be a limit of what, yes, women can do this, women cannot do that. I think it's up to the individuals. I know I couldn't do a lot of the things that some of the women can or wouldn't want to really. Again, it's a free world and I think women should have the same freedom of choice than males do.

- Dorothy Huyck: 25:22 Now, in your own experience, do you think that your specific abilities and talents are well-used by the Park Service?
- Melinda Gallagos: 25:30 Yes, I believe so, yes. For what I have to offer, I think that I have been rewarded.
- Dorothy Huyck: 25:41 If a young woman came to you and said, "I'm thinking about joining the National Park Service," would you encourage you to do so? Would you anticipate that it would be a career that she would find fulfilling?
- Melinda Gallagos: 25:54 Well, I guess it would depend on what her field, her chosen field. But yes, I believe that I would encourage any young woman that was interested. And I would encourage her to take advantage of the trainings that are offered, because I believe that more and more, there is more opportunity in training than there was before.
- Dorothy Huyck: 26:21 You experienced that yourself?
- Melinda Gallagos: 26:22 Yes, right.
- Dorothy Huyck: 26:24 And the training opportunities really provided you with an opportunity to grow?
- Melinda Gallagos: 26:28 To be able to grow. You are right. And more and more the training is increasing. The scale of types of training definitely have increased to the point where, unless someone's not interested, you don't have the opportunities, the way I believe, especially for the younger ones. Again,

for myself, I am limited. These last years, I believe that my husband's health comes first to me. It would not be feasible for us to move because I think that he would not be – for a doctor, he would not have the confidence to have to go and find a doctor to take care of his health as we have here. And that means a lot to his state of mind, his peace of mind means a lot to his health, and of course, to me too.

- Dorothy Huyck: 27:33 For how long have you been the primary supporter?
- Melinda Gallagos: 27:38 Since I have worked here.
- Dorothy Huyck: 27:40 So the last 14 years?
- Melinda Gallagos: 27:41 Yes. Of course, he was put on disability, he gets his disability check. It's not just the only income we have, but he has not been able to continue his profession as a carpenter after his condition worsened. So, since he was a carpenter for many years, he receives a pension from the carpenters trust plan besides his disability. And our children are grown, we have our own home. I could stay home really, but I think it's more interesting to wait until I can really retire. We have many plans to travel when I retire. Hopefully, it will be fulfilled.
- Dorothy Huyck: 28:32 I've been asking you quite a collection of questions. Is there anything we have not talked about with regard to the Park Service and your experience with the Park Service that you'd like to comment on?
- Melinda Gallagos: 28:51 Well, I suppose, yes. Why has it taken so long for women who are capable of being able to achieve the higher graded positions? It has only been in the last years that they have this big training programs like in Washington for leaders, for potential leaders, and it had been predominantly men. Lately, it has only been women. Do you also suppose that at the higher level, the same obstacles were there against women?
- Dorothy Huyck: 29:27 And do you have any answers to that question?
- Melinda Gallagos: 29:32 I think, yes. I think that the obstacles, unfortunately, the obstacles had been at different levels, which it took a while for the higher-level—

- Dorothy Huyck: 29:49 In other words, at each level of supervision, you think there were obstacles imposed by supervisors of all grades?
- Melinda Gallagos: 29:57 Of all grades.
- Dorothy Huyck: 29:57 I stated that correctly?
- Melinda Gallagos: 29:58 Yes. I think that that might have been the reason because it has taken so long. If it had been just lower-level obstacles, once those were overcome, it could have been easier sailing, which it hasn't been. So, therefore there must have been obstacles, which I think now are being torn down. And I'm very glad to be able to see that in my own lifetime for the younger women.
- Dorothy Huyck: 30:26 What is it that you see that is tearing down those obstacles?
- Melinda Gallagos: 30:30 Well, a lot of the laws that have become enacted regarding discrimination and opportunities, of course, upward mobility, I suppose, what would I call it? Opportunity, I suppose. I think the younger generation of women also—
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- Melinda Gallagos: 37:12 They have been able to see more of this opportunity. So, I think they have more self confidence in pursuing their goals. So therefore, that has helped to tear down obstacles, I'm sure, within every level.
- Dorothy Huyck: 37:25 Do you see women helping each other at all in terms of growth and tearing down obstacles?
- Melinda Gallagos: 37:32 Yes, I think so. I think that maybe that was one of the reasons before that we were not united. The working woman for many years was in the minority, but as more women left, not necessarily left their home, but also decided to go out and seek a career, there's strength in numbers. So, I think that has helped.
- Dorothy Huyck: 37:58 And have you seen, within Park Service, women giving assistance or suggestions to each other?
- Melinda Gallagos: 38:02 Oh, yes.
- Dorothy Huyck: 38:04 In what way?

- Melinda Gallagos: 38:07 There have been, for example, my own experience, hearing personnel. There have been women who have had the variety of background experience that I personally have gone to one individual with different situations. And yes, I have always received a lot of assistance and encouragement. And in a sense sometimes to another woman, you can bare your soul a little better, of why the situation, why it exists. I think that's my opinion. And yes, I have had very good relations with women that are higher graded because I have sought their help and they have given me their advice.
- Dorothy Huyck: 39:04 Anything else we should know about?
- Melinda Gallagos: 39:05 I don't think so. I think that I talked myself away. You're welcome.
- Dorothy Huyck: 39:12 We were talking about you living in Pecos. And I gather that you knew of Jean Pinkley, the archeologist.
- Melinda Gallagos: 39:18 Yes. Being that I grew up in Pecos, of course my interests are always to go back and at one time, now I don't remember what year she passed away, but she was very involved with a second excavation of the mission church because the earlier excavations that had been made did not agree with the reports that the Spaniards had left of the mission. When they made the first excavations and discovered all these rooms, it was not in agreement with those manuscripts. So, when other archeologists came in, Jean Pinkley was very much involved. I do not know what her title was, but she was very much involved and very encouraging to some of other archeologists, that they should pursue the diggings more. And that is when they discovered that there had been an earlier church, they went deeper and discovered that there had been an earlier, bigger church that agreed with the manuscripts that the Franciscans had written about and left. So, she was a very vivacious type of person.
- Melinda Gallagos: 40:50 We would go down to a coffee and she would just talk to everybody. And she was so enthusiastic. And she would tell us as we were sat there, maybe we were interested in all of this, but it was her heart, it was her life and she wanted to share it. And in fact, we were very sad when she took sick whilst she was here in her office right here in the regional office. And within a few days, she had passed

away. We were all saddened because as a person, she was a very charming individual, very willing to share her joys with anyone. And that was very interesting, as far as I'm concerned, when the second discovery was made, because it meant a lot to us who come from our ancestors were from that part of the country. And we always wondered, "Why did they exaggerate that the church was so big if it wasn't?"

- Melinda Gallagos: 41:52 So I think it was a find that had a lot of archeological value and she was very much involved. And credit goes to her for her [inaudible].
- Dorothy Huyck: 42:06 Her enthusiasm was shared by people such as yourself.
- Melinda Gallagos: 42:10 Yes. Her field, which of course we do not understand, but she would come down to coffee and tell us things about how this room was like this. It practically became alive. So being from that area and as a child going and seeing those ruins and everything, part of it, it meant a lot to me, and I would be one of the listeners. We were very saddened when she was suddenly taken sick and died.
- Dorothy Huyck: 42:49 Anything else that you remember about Mrs. Pinkley?
- Melinda Gallagos: 42:51 Not really. No, I only knew her as part of that second excavation.
- Dorothy Huyck: 42:56 Thank you again.
- Melinda Gallagos: 42:57 You're welcome.

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