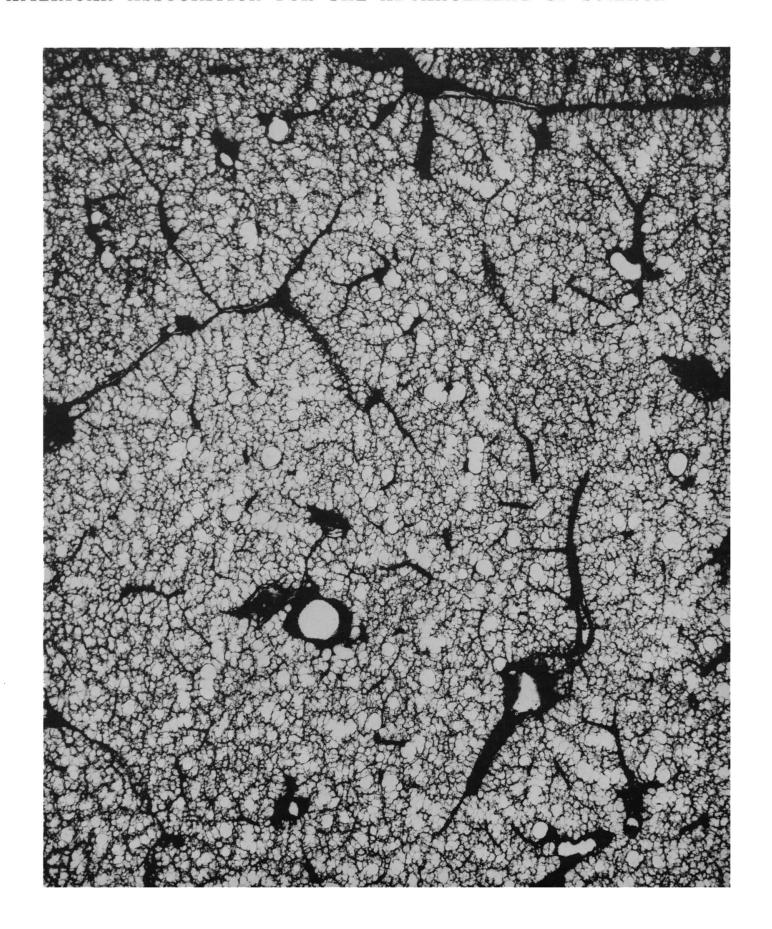


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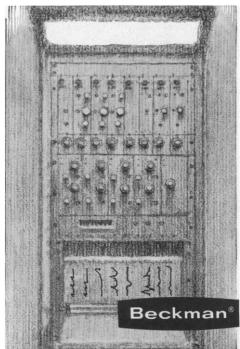
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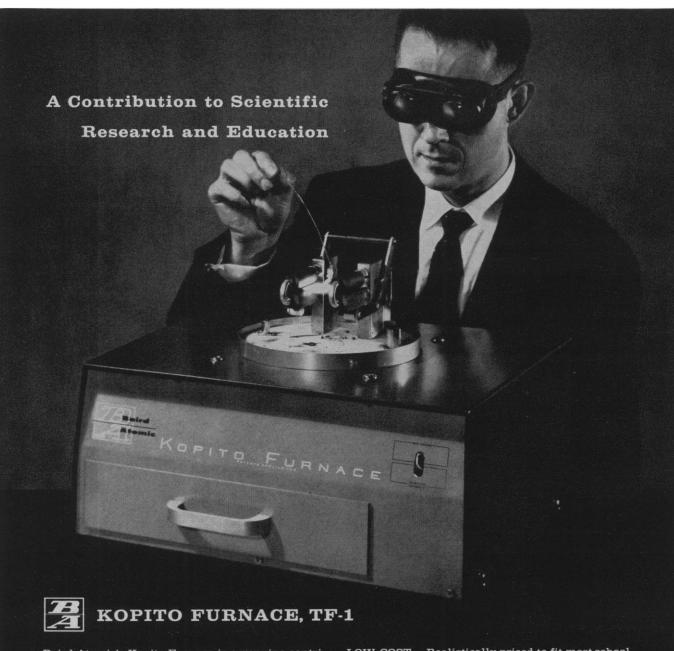
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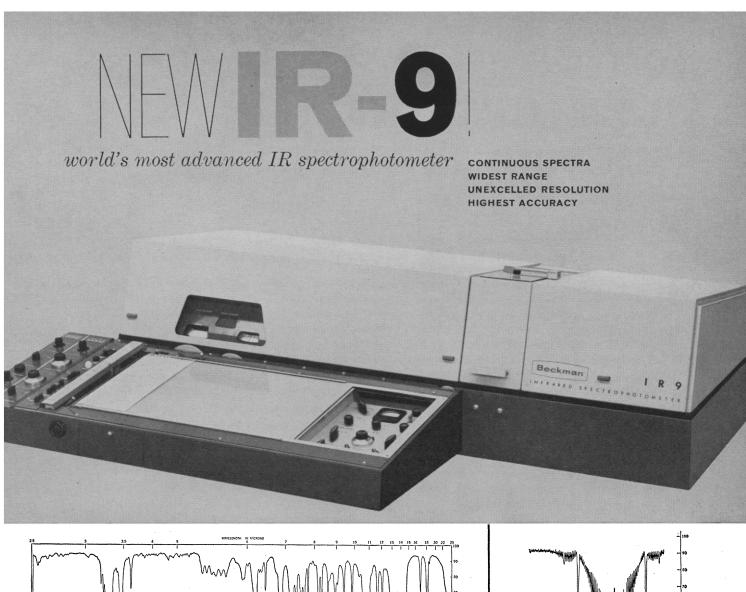
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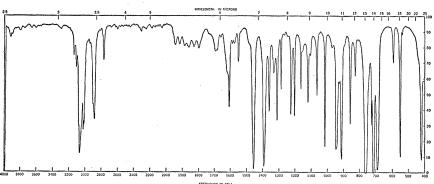
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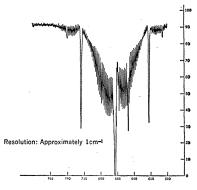
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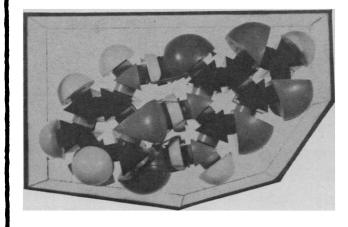
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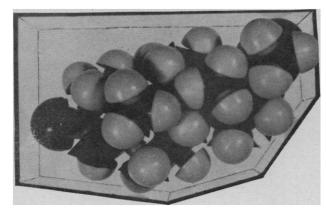
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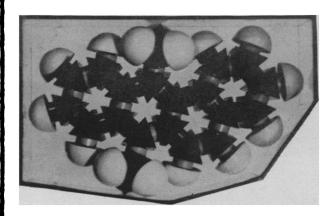
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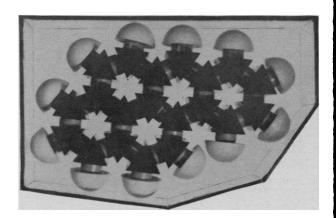
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On Withholding Information

The letter from P. D. Wall [Science 136, 173 (13 Apr. 1962)] stating that he refused information to the CIA concerning the status of foreign work in the field of neurophysiology has some shocking implications. Surely our total scientific know-how is becoming, quite properly, a major national resource. Our very heavy federal support of university research, and hence indirectly of universities themselves, is based ultimately on the faith that a strong scientific base means a stronger and healthier country. How then can any reputable scientist refuse to provide technical information on the state of his field to any government agencythe CIA or the National Bureau of Standards-which in its judgment would find such information helpful?

Wall states that his cooperation with a government agency might limit his freedom of discussion with foreign colleagues, or make them view him as a "government agent." Now surely no foreign scientist would exchange technical information with an American with the understanding that such information would be withheld, if requested, from a branch of the U.S. government! What a terribly embarrassing position in which to place a colleague! Further, if responding to any request for assistance by a government agency makes someone a government agent, then every citizen of the U.S. is an "agent" on call.

I feel that Wall is confusing a legitimate concern over possible security restrictions on his activities with the obligation that every citizen has to assist his government when called upon. There are recognized exceptions, such as practicing pacifists in time of war, but that is another argument and is not the main theme of Wall's letter. The complete cooperation of scientists in making available their technical knowledge to a branch of the U.S. government under reasonable conditions does not seem to endanger academic freedom.

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Wall is to be congratulated for not simply reporting this traumatic experience to his lawyer or ambassador and then trying to forget it. By baring his breast in the columns of *Science* he has once again reminded the general public (which would have reacted in a smaller manner) that his community transcends national boundaries and therefore is not responsible to any particular nation.

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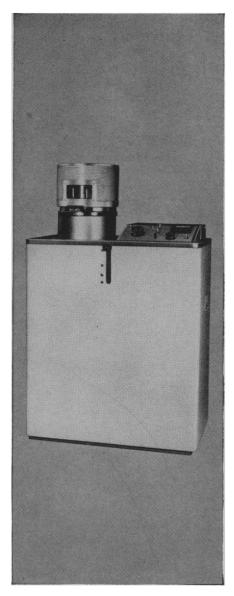
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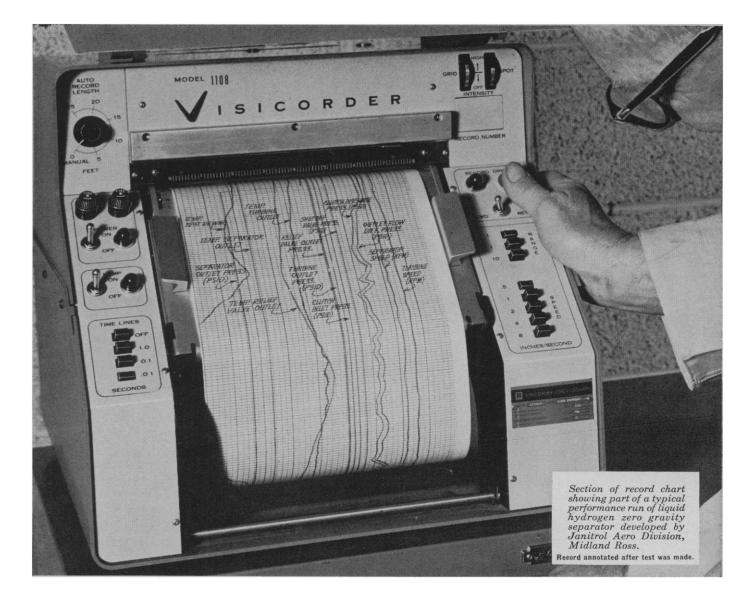
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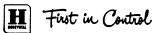
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Where Shall We Meet?

Inviting a friend to come to Lake Como, Pliny the Younger wrote: "Why not . . . hand over to others the cares of daily life, and, in this lofty, shaded retreat, dedicate yourself to intellectual pursuits." Now, at Lake Como and at a few other places in Europe and America, there are magnificent homes that former owners have given to universities or foundations to be used as study centers, intellectual retreats or conference sites.

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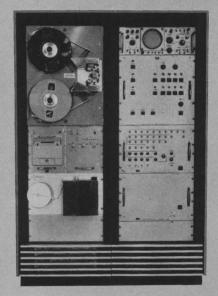
Living for a time in one of these homes that have been turned into conference centers sets one to contemplating the question of the ideal setting for a scholarly conference. Inevitably one thinks of the contrast between the attention that has been given to typography, illustrations, layout, abstracting, indexing, and other means of improving the effectiveness of written communication and the relatively little attention that is devoted to the analogous problems of improving facilities for oral communication.

Books and journals are designed, but meetings are held wherever there are enough beds and chairs. Large meetings are held on a campus in rooms designed for classroom instruction, or in hotels in rooms designed to serve for wedding receptions, bridge luncheons, sales displays, and dances, as well as meetings. Small conferences have the same choices, plus resorts, country inns, institutional offices, motels located near major air terminals, and, sometimes, an estate turned conference center. With a few exceptions, all facilities for large meetings or small conferences have in common the characteristic that they were intended for something else.

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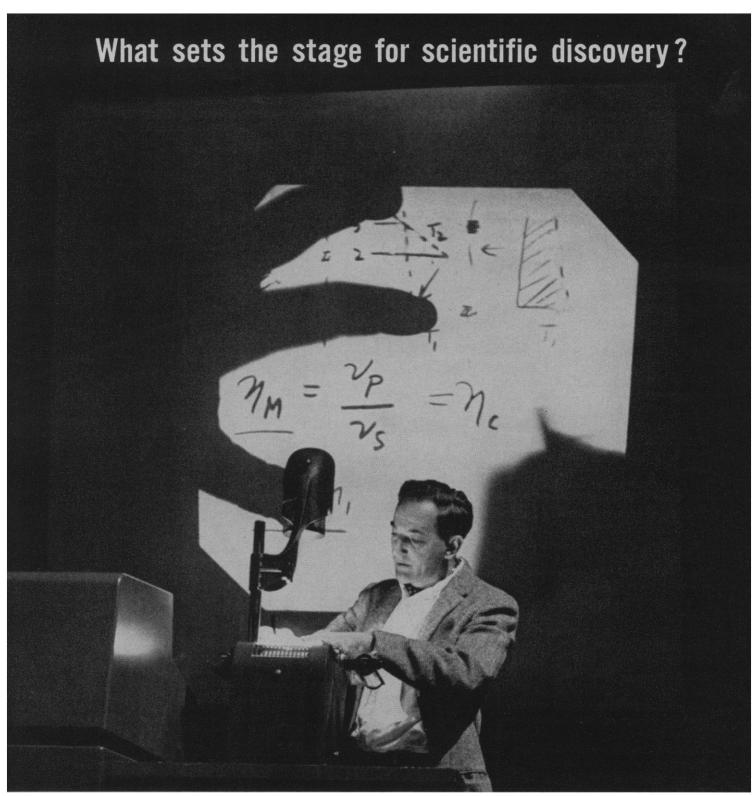
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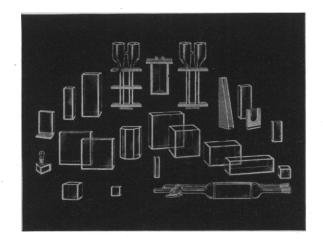
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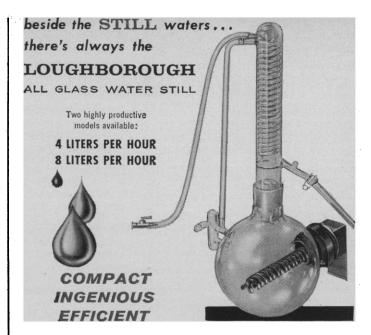
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Moorland Research, intern. 5-10. congr., Bremen, Germany. (Internationale Gesellschaft für Moorforschung, Hauptstr. 26, Vaduz, Liechtenstein)

6-7. American Acad. of Psychotherapists, annual conf., Chicago, Ill. (A. Ellis, Parc Vendome, 333 W. 56 St., New York 19)

6-7. Parathyroid Insufficiency and Chronic Tetany, intern. symp., Paris, France. (H. P. Klotz, Hôpital Bichat, 170 Boulevard Ney, Paris 18°)

6-12. Electronic Computers in Civil Engineering, symp., Lisbon, Portugal. (M. Rocha, Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil, Av. do Brasil, Lisbon)

7-9. Neurology and Neurological Sciences, congr., Tokyo, Japan. (Japanese Organizing Committee, c/o 3rd Dept. of Internal Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Tokyo, Hongo, Tokyo)

7-10. Process Engineers, annual, Mainz, Germany. (Verfahrenstechnische Gesellschaft, Verein Deutscher Ingenieure, Rheingau-Allee 25, Frankfurt am Main, Germany)

7-10. Society of Petroleum Engineers, Los Angeles, Calif. (SPE, 345 E. 47 St., New York 17)

7-13. Cardiology, intern. congr., Mexico City, Mexico. (I. Costero, Instituto Nacional de Cardiologia, Ave. Cuauhtemoc 300, Mexico 7, D.F.)

8-10. Electronics, natl. conf., Chicago, Ill. (National Electronics Conf., 228 N. La Salle St., Chicago 1)

8-11. Allergy, congr., Basel, Switzerland. (R. Schuppli, c/o Dermatologische Universitäts-Klinik, Basel)

8-11. Infectious Pathology, congr., Bucharest, Rumania. (N. Cajal, Str. Dumbrava, Rossie 23, Bucharest)

8-11. Otorhinolaryngology, congr., Paris, France. (H. Guillon, French Soc. of Otorhinolaryngology, 6 Avenue Mac-Mahon, Paris 17°)

8-11. Water Pollution Control Federation, annual, Toronto, Canada. (R. E. Fuhrman, Executive Secretary, WPCF, 4435 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington 16, D.C.)

8-12. American Soc. of Civil Engineers, Detroit, Mich. (W. H. Wisely, 345 E.

47 St., New York 17) 8-12. Industrial Forestry, seminar, St. Paul, Minn. (Z. W. White, Yale School of Forestry, 205 Prospect St., New Haven

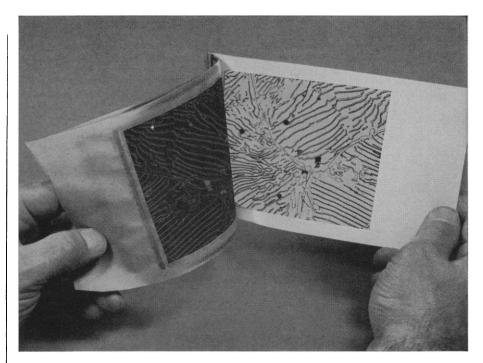
8-12. Instruments and Research Equipment, symp. and exhibit, Bethesda, Md. (L. Heiss, American Instrument Co., Inc., 8030 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.)

8-12. Lead and Radiation Shielding Problems, intern. conf., London, England. (J. Oldroyd, Lead Development Assoc., 34 Berkeley Square, London, W.1)

8-13. Treatment and Storage of High-Level Radioactive Wastes, symp., Vienna, Austria. (Intern. Atomic Energy Agency,

11 Kärntner Ring, Vienna 1) 8-20. Statistical Forecasting, training seminar, Paris, France. (World Meteorological Organization, 41 Avenue Giuseppe Motta, Geneva, Switzerland)

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9-11. International Assoc. of Food Analysts, symp., Bordeaux, France. (L. de Saint Rat, 18 Avenue de Villars, Paris 7^e, France)

9-11. Nuclear Reactor Chemistry, conf., Gatlinburg, Tenn. (W. R. Grimes, Oak Ridge Natl. Laboratory, P.O. Box X, Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

9-12. American Dietetic Assoc., annual, Miami Beach, Fla. (V. F. Harger, Dept. of Home Economics, Ohio State Univ., Columbus 10)

9-12. Scientific Soc. for Aviation, an-

nual, Brunswick, Germany. (Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Luftfahrt, Martinstr. 40-42, Cologne, Germany)

10-12. Comparative Medicine, intern. symp., New York, N.Y. (J. D. Bech, Animal Medical Center, 350 Lafayette St., New York 12)

12. Biochemical Aspects of Hormone Action, symp., St. Louis, Mo. (A. B. Eisenstein, Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, 216 S. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis 10)

12-13 American Medical Writers' Assoc., Washington, D.C. (S. O. Waife, P.O. Box 1796, Indianapolis 6, Ind.)

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13. Metabolic and Structural Alterations in Pre-Diabetes, symp., New York, N.Y. (R. Levine, New York Diabetes Assoc., 104 E. 40 St., New York 16)

13-14. Fundamental Nature of Living Matter, symp., Cleveland, Ohio. (Dedication Committee Office, Allen Memorial Library, 11000 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 6) (13-14. International Federation of

Surgical Colleges, annual, Atlantic City, N.J. (I. S. Ravdin, American College of Surgeons, 3400 Spruce St., Philadelphia 4, Pa.)

13-14. Society for Psychophysiological Research, annual, Denver, Colo. (S. G. Margolin, Dept. of Psychophysiology, Univ. of Colorado, Denver 20)

13-21. Electronics Telecommunications,

Automation, and Nucleonics, intern. fair, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia. (Gospodarsko Razstavišče, Ljubljana)

14-17. Electrical Insulation, Hershey, Pa. (L. J. Frisco, Div. of Engineering and Industrial Research, Natl. Acad. of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington 25)

14-19. Dentistry Teaching, seminar, Bogota, Colombia. (Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Washington 6)

14-19. Pulp and Paper Engineering, conf., Montreal, Canada. (Technical Assoc. of the Pulp and Paper Industry, 360 Lexington Ave., New York 17)
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tural Chemists, annual, Washington, D.C. (W. Horwitz, Box 540, Benjamin Franklin

Station, Washington 4)
15-17. Materials Handling, conf., Cincinnati, Ohio. (American Soc. of Mechanical Engineers, 29 W. 39 St., New York 18)

15-17. Selection Problems in Plastics, Amsterdam, Netherlands. (Secretariate, Tesselschadestraat 5, Amsterdam W.)

15-17. Specialists on Antisubmarine Warfare, natl. symp., Boston, Mass. (classified secret). (T. Nussdorfer, Geophysics Corp. of America, Bedford, Mass., or Institute of the Aerospace Sciences, 2 E. 64 St., New York 21)

15-18. American Meteorological Soc., natl., New York, N.Y. (AMS, 45 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.)

15-18. Danube Research, intern. symp., Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. (L. Kneppo, Slovak Acad. of Sciences, Ul. Obrancov Mieru 41, Bratislava)

15-18. Instrument-Automation, and exhibit, New York, N.Y. (Meetings Manager, Instrument Soc. of America, Penn-Sheraton Hotel, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.)

15-18. Space Phenomena and Measurement, intern. symp., Detroit, Mich. (H. E. DeBolt, AVCO Corp., 201 Lowell St., Wilmington, Mass.)

15-19. American College of Surgeons, annual clinical congr., Atlantic City, N.J. (ACS, 40 Erie St., Chicago 11, Ill.)

15-19. American Public Health Assoc. annual, Miami Beach, Fla. (APHA, 1790 Broadway, New York, N.Y.)

15-19. Diagnosis and Treatment of Radioactive Poisoning, Vienna, Austria. (World Health Organization, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland)

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