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Subject: Another Wisconsin Matter

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-Steven Biskupic  
U.S. Attorney  
E.D. Wisconsin

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## Simmons, Nancy

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**From:** Simmons, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2005 1:34 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Another Wisconsin Matter

Steven, I apologize for not getting back to you earlier on your note. And I'm happy to be the default setting for your district's matters! (Craig's been traveling a lot -- in fact, he's now wandering through the Middle East -- rough life, right?)

Your coordination with the state authorities on this matter sounds just right to me. At this point I don't see an election matter, but who knows what may turn up. Thanks for letting us know about the matter.

Nancy

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**From:** Biskupic, Steven  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2005 5:52 PM  
**To:** Simmons, Nancy  
**Subject:** Another Wisconsin Matter

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**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION RECORD**

TO: Stephen Sinnott  
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FAX NO.: (608) 264-5172

DATE: January 25, 2006

FROM: STEVEN M. BISKUPIC, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
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RE: United States v. Georgia Thompson, Case No. 06-CR-20. Indictment.

Sent by: Nancy Zepnick, Legal Secretary  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 08-CR-20 (RTR)

GEORGIA THOMPSON,

Defendant.

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INDICTMENT

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**The Grand Jury Charges:**

Allegations Common to All Counts

1. At all times relevant to the Indictment, Georgia Thompson was an employee of the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration.
2. As part of her employment, Thompson was involved in the selection process for travel agency contracts.
3. As part of the selection process, Thompson and others made up a committee that evaluated proposals from various travel agencies.
4. The evaluation process involved a review of multiple factors, including written proposals, costs and oral presentations.

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5. The selection process involved six separate state contracts, referred to as: (a) Partner; (b) Athletics; (c) Student; (d) Online Booking; (e) Group/Meeting; and (f) Business Alliance.

6. Partner was the largest contract, covering approximately 40 percent of the State's travel business.

7. During a one-year period encompassing March 2005 and the time frame of the other activities described herein, the State of Wisconsin received in excess of \$10,000 under federal programs involving grants, contracts, subsidies and other forms of federal assistance.

8. In fiscal year 2004, the State of Wisconsin spent approximately \$75 million on travel-related expenses. Of that amount, approximately \$18 million was covered through federal funds.

9. Adelman Travel Group (hereafter "Adelman") was one of the vendors seeking a state contract for travel agency services.

#### Travel Contract Selection Process

10. During the selection process for the State of Wisconsin travel contracts described herein, Thompson and the others on the evaluation committee agreed to and were otherwise obligated under state law, regulations and procedures to evaluate and recommend contract award recipients using approved criteria of a scoring system.

11. This obligation included the duty of Thompson and the others on the committee to provide honest services in the evaluation and selection process.

12. This obligation also included the duty to refrain from using political considerations to evaluate and select contract recipients.

Misuse of Position

13. During the time period described herein, Thompson misused her position by using political considerations to:

- (a) intentionally inflate her scores for Adelman during the oral presentation portion of the Partner contract selection;
- (b) state to other evaluators that she had intentionally inflated her scores for another travel agency during the oral presentation portion of the Athletics contract and to do so in order to use that score as a negotiating tool in favor of Adelman in dealings with other members of the committee on the Partner contract;
- (c) prevent the otherwise unanimous determination of the other committee members that the Partner contract be awarded to a recipient other than Adelman; and
- (d) suggest committee members change the scores evaluating the Partner contract.

Resulting Contractual Obligations

14. As a result of the actions of Thompson, an additional evaluation step was utilized that resulted in the Partner contract being awarded to Adelman by the State of Wisconsin.

15. The obligation of the State of Wisconsin under the Partner contract to Adelman was of a value in excess of \$5,000.

**The Grand Jury Further Charges:**

**COUNT ONE**

1. Between on or about February 28, 2005, and on or about March 18, 2005, in the State and Eastern District of Wisconsin, and elsewhere,

**Georgla Thompson,**

through the factual allegations described above, did knowingly and intentionally cause the misapplication of funds under the care, custody and control of the State of Wisconsin.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, sections 2 and 666(a)(1)(A).

**The Grand Jury Further Charges:**

**COUNT TWO**

1. Between on or about February 28, 2005, and on or about March 18, 2005, in the State and Eastern District of Wisconsin, and elsewhere,

**Georgia Thompson,**

through the factual allegations described above, did knowingly devise and participate in a scheme to defraud the State of Wisconsin of the right of honest services.

2. The scheme to defraud included the false material pretenses and representations described above.

3. Thompson intended her actions to cause political advantage for her supervisors.

4. The actions of Thompson also helped and were intended to help her job security.

5. On or about March 10, 2005, in the State and Eastern District of Wisconsin, and elsewhere, in furtherance of the scheme to defraud, Georgia Thompson did cause a communication to be delivered, according to the directions thereon, by a private interstate carrier. The communication was a correspondence from the State of Wisconsin to Adelman for a "best and final" offer on the Partner contract.

All In violation of Title 18, United States Code, sections 2, 1341, and 1346.

A TRUE BILL:

/s/ 05 - 01

FOREPERSON

Dated: January 24, 2006

/s/ Steven M. Biskupic  
Steven M. Biskupic  
United States Attorney



U.S. Department of Justice

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January 31, 2006

Honorable William E. Callahan, Jr.  
United States Magistrate Judge  
517 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Re: United States v. Georgia Thompson  
Case No. 06-CR-20

Dear Magistrate Judge Callahan:

The above-named matter is scheduled for arraignment and scheduling conference on Friday, February 3, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. In anticipation of the hearing, I wish to bring a couple of matters to the attention of the Court and counsel.

First, the investigation of this matter was jointly undertaken by multiple agencies: the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (including the Division of Criminal Investigation), and the United States Attorney's Offices for Eastern and Western Wisconsin. The investigation focused, in part, on allegations relating to a contract awarded to Adelman Travel Group. The owners of Adelman include relatives of a federal judge in this district. As such, during the investigation of this matter, the U.S. Department of Justice assigned Stephen Sinnott, the United States Attorney for the Western District, as the federal official tasked with making any final litigation decision relating to the owners/employees of Adelman Travel. The Indictment in this case, however, does not contain allegations of wrongdoing alleged against any individual owners/employees of Adelman Travel. As a result, the trial of Georgia Thompson will be litigated by attorneys from the Eastern District United States Attorney's Office under my direction. If, however, during any pretrial or trial matter an issue arises requiring a litigation decision affecting Adelman Travel, then United States Attorney Sinnott will need to be included and will make any necessary decision. United States Attorney Sinnott has been authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice to act in the Eastern District under these circumstances. We respectfully request the Court's consideration if such a situation were to arise.

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Honorable William E. Callahan, Jr.

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Second, Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott J. Campbell has been assigned to this matter as well. Assistant U.S. Attorney Campbell has contacted the Clerk of Court so his name will be added to the electronic filing list. Also, Assistant U.S. Attorney Campbell will handle Friday's arraignment and scheduling conference for the government.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

s/STEVEN M. BISKUPIC  
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United States Attorney Stephen Sinnott  
Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott J. Campbell  
Counsel for Adelman Travel Group

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**Other Documents**

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**U.S. District Court**

**Eastern District of Wisconsin**

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**2:06-cr-20-1 Notice will be delivered by other means to:**

**Moschella, William**

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**From:** Boote, John  
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**To:** Taylor, Jeffrey (OAG); Scolinos, Tasia; Goodling, Monica; Oldham, Jeffrey L; Pacold, Martha M; Sours, Raquel; Nichols, Grant W; Sampson, Kyle; Elwood, Courtney; Beach, Andrew; Boote, John; Moschella, William  
**Cc:** Walker, Shelia M; Bennett, Catherine T; Sellers, Kiahna (OAG); Washington, Tracy T  
**Subject:** Briefing Materials for 4/21/06

**Attachments:** EDWI Briefing Memo.doc; Eastern District of Wisconsin at a Glance.doc; Significant Case Listing for the Eastern District of WI.doc; Biography of U.S. Attorney Steven Biskupic.doc; wie.pdf; Latino Community Center\_042106.doc; Student Meeting Talking Points.doc; BP re Milwaukee Anti-Gang Roundtable 4.21.06REVISED.doc; List of Audience Members.doc; Milwaukee Press Conference\_042106REVISED.doc; Local Milwaukee Q&As.wpd; Issue Specific Q&As.wpd; General DOJ Q&As\_042106.doc; AG Briefing Memo.Awards CeremonyREVISED.rtf; Biographies of Award Recipients.doc; Biographies of Regina Schofield and John Gillis.doc; 04-19-06.xls

Please find attached the briefing materials for 4/21/06

**Meeting with DOJ Staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin**

      
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**Latino Community Center Visit**

   
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**Roundtable Meeting with Law Enforcement and Community Leaders**

   
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**Press Conference to Announce Anti-Gang Grant and Strategy**

     
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**National Crime Victims' Rights Week Awards Ceremony**

    
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**MEETING WITH DOJ STAFF OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**  
U.S. Attorney's Office; Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
April 21, 2006; 8:25 a.m.- 8:55 a.m.  
Taylor/Stephanie Kennedy Smith

**I. PURPOSE**

Meet with Department of Justice staff of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

**II. BACKGROUND**

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

The Eastern District of Wisconsin, consisting of roughly the eastern third of the State of Wisconsin, contains 28 counties and a population of approximately three million. The district contains three major metropolitan areas: the Milwaukee metropolitan area with a population of 1.56 million; the Fox River Valley/Green Bay area with a population of 514,000; and Kenosha County with a population of 138,000.

The district includes the Menominee Indian Reservation, with a population of approximately 4,000, over which there is exclusive federal jurisdiction. The United States Attorney's Office (USAO), which is located in Milwaukee, functions as the prosecutor for all felonies and serious misdemeanors occurring on the Reservation. A Department of Veterans Affairs medical center is located within the district, which generates a number of Federal Tort Claims Act medical malpractice cases. The district borders the Northern District of Illinois, and the office reports that Chicago crime infiltrates the district.

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

Steven Biskupic, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Wisconsin  
Department of Justice Staff, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District  
of Wisconsin

**IV. PRESS PLAN**

Closed Press

**V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

- You will meet with DOJ staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

**VI. REMARKS**

(None)

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Eastern District of Wisconsin at a Glance
2. Significant Case Listing for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
3. Biography of U.S. Attorney Steven M. Biskupic
4. Phone List for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

## EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN AT A GLANCE

### DISTRICT'S EVALUATION REPORT:

The last evaluation took place the week of August 4, 2003. The Honorable Steven M. Biskupic was serving as United States Attorney (USA) during the time of the evaluation. USA Biskupic and his senior management team were well-respected by the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) staff, the agencies, and the judiciary. The USAO had established strategic goals that were appropriate to meet the priorities of the Department and the District.

Overall, the Criminal Division was staffed with a balanced mix of new and experienced AUSAs, who were competent, motivated, and effective litigators. The Criminal Division was appropriately supervised by competent and qualified supervisors. Some AUSAs had the perception that the Criminal Chief, Deputy Criminal Chief, and the Narcotics Chief were interchangeable when seeking supervisory approval or advice, and there were some indications that forum-shopping was occurring. It was recommended that United States Attorney Biskupic consider defining the roles of supervisory criminal AUSAs more clearly. At the follow-up visit, USAO management advised that they considered implementing the recommendation, but expressed confidence that the present structure was working well. The USAO's procedures for case intake, assignment, review, and declinations provided adequate review of new cases. The USAO's policies and procedures for review of criminal complaints detention requests and preliminary hearings were effective. The USAO's plea agreement, sentencing, and post-conviction practices were generally appropriate and managed effectively.

The USAO had an active and effective Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council. The USAO had a successful Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. The USAO's anti-drug trafficking program was well-managed, including the OCDETF program. The USAO had a demonstrable commitment to criminal civil rights enforcement. The USAO maintained active and effective criminal health care fraud (HCF), immigration, and computer crimes programs. After the evaluation, there was increased outreach to the local community in the area of computer crimes. The USAO was adequately addressing the prosecution of crimes against children and Indian Reservation crimes.

The civil AUSAs were experienced and competent litigators. The USAO's affirmative civil enforcement and civil HCF programs were productive and effectively managed. Overall, the Financial Litigation Unit (FLU) was appropriately managed and productive. However, the evaluators felt that the FLU staff would benefit from some additional training and a partial redistribution of the workload. Additional training was provided after the evaluation.

The USAO effectively managed its appellate practice. The USAO had an effective asset forfeiture program. Communications within the USAO were generally effective.

Generally, the USAO maintained an excellent level of security. USAO employees

reported that the administrative staff was well organized and responsive to the mission of the office.

**STAFFING:**

FY 2006

In FY 2006, the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) in the Eastern District of Wisconsin received an allocation of \$7,300,700 to fund and support 78 positions.

FY 2005

In FY 2005, the USAO in the Eastern District of Wisconsin received an allocation of \$7,218,200 to fund and support 78 positions.

FY 2004

In FY 2004, the USAO in the Eastern District of Wisconsin received an allocation of \$6,880,400 (which included one-time increases totaling \$9,500) to fund and support 78 positions.

Below is a summary by position type:

Attorney (including the USA)	39
Paralegal	7
Support (including analysts)	<u>32</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>

**SPECIAL ISSUES/CONSIDERATIONS:**

As of April 11, 2006, the General Counsel's Office, EOUSA, is aware of the following employment litigation matter.

- has a management employee relations matter pending.

Facilities

**Green Bay:** Staffed Branch Office - Congress recently approved opening a staffed branch office in Green Bay. The renovations have been completed and occupancy has started.

**SIGNIFICANT CASE LISTING FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

**I. Criminal Division**

**United States v. Jefferson Calimlim, et al:** In September of 2004, agents from ICE and FBI freed a Filipino woman, who had been working in a suburban Milwaukee home as a maid since 1985. The defendants, who are doctors, were charged with civil rights and immigration violations. This is a joint prosecution between the United States Attorney's Office and DOJ-Civil Rights.

**United States v. Vallejo, et al:** Latin King RICO indictment charged 49 defendants with murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, arson, and various crimes of violence and intimidation. The majority of the racketeering acts occurred between 2002 and 2005. The indictment alleges five homicides and over twenty attempted homicides with an additional four homicides to be included in the proposed superseding indictment. The indictment targeted the leaders and most violent members of the 19<sup>th</sup> Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and Wild Walker Latin King Street gangs in Milwaukee. Several defendants are from Chicago and part of the regional leadership.

**United States v. Dale Huff, et al:** This is a similar prosecution to the Latin Kings. The 33 defendants are members of a gang (Cherry Street Mob) on Milwaukee's north side and are charged with crimes of violence and drug dealing.

**United States v. Trenton Gray, et al and United States v. Elisha Fowler, et al:** Twelve defendants were indicted in February 2006, in two indictments, for their roles in a drug conspiracy stemming from a violent Milwaukee Street gang, the "2-4's." The defendants were obtaining large quantities of cocaine from out-of-state sources and were distributing it in the Milwaukee area since at least 2001.

**United States v. Robert Brownell, et al:** This is the largest white-collar crime case currently pending in the district. It involves a \$20 million fraud scheme that has led to the conviction of ten defendants, including the former CEO of a large real estate development firm and a partner at a major Milwaukee law firm. The case also involves money laundering and illegal political campaign contributions.

**United States v. Georgia Thompson:** The indictment alleges that Georgia Thompson, while a State of Wisconsin employee, rigged the bidding process for the State travel contract in favor of a locally owned travel agency, a political ally of the Governor. The case is scheduled for trial on June 5, 2006.

**United States v. Steven Parr:** The defendant is accused of threatening to blow up the Reuss Federal Building in Milwaukee. The case is set for trial on April 24, 2006. We will send an update on the case currently pending in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court

against three Milwaukee police officers, charged with felonies in the October 2004 beating of Frank Jude, Jr. outside a party in Bay View that has resulted in extensive media coverage.

## II. Civil Division

**United States v. Odyssey Healthcare, Inc.:** (civil False Claims Act matter) - A qui tam complaint was filed in this district alleging that Odyssey Healthcare, Inc., one of the nation's largest for-profit providers of hospice services, knowingly submitted claims to Medicare for hospice services for beneficiaries who did not qualify for hospice care under the Medicare guidelines. The core allegation was that Odyssey was providing hospice service to Medicare beneficiaries who were not terminally ill. A subsequent qui tam complaint was filed.

**United States v. Milwaukee Business Improvement District No. 15 ("BID"), et al:** (civil Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") matter) - This office received an ADA complaint from a local disability rights advocacy group alleging that the owners and operators of the Milwaukee Riverwalk were in violation of Title II of the ADA. The Riverwalk is a publicly accessible walkway along both sides of the Milwaukee River located in downtown Milwaukee.

**United States v. Dr. Richard Wang:** (civil violations of the Controlled Substances Act and the False Claims Act) -

## BIOGRAPHY OF U.S. ATTORNEY STEVEN M. BISKUPIC



Steven M. Biskupic was born March 26, 1961, in Evergreen Park, Illinois. He is married. He received his B.A. degree in 1983 from Marquette University and a J.D. degree from Marquette University School of Law in 1987. He was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in 1987, the Minnesota Bar in 1996, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1997, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin in 2001.

Mr. Biskupic was presidentially appointed as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin on May 16, 2002. Mr. Biskupic was the Court Appointed United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin until his Presidential appointment, 2002-2002; prior to this position Mr. Biskupic was an Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1989-2002.

**URGENT REPORT 07-04-0005**

**TO:** THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

**FROM:** Steven M. Biskupic  
United States Attorney  
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**DATE:** April 26, 2007

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**SYNOPSIS:** Yesterday, the Seventh Circuit overturned the conviction of Georgia Thompson on two counts of fraud related to abuse of public office.

**DISCUSSION:** Georgia Thompson, a Wisconsin state official working in the Governor's Office, was responsible for evaluating the awarding of a state travel contract. Last year, Thompson was convicted on two counts of fraud. Thompson was charged with manipulating the contracting process and directing the contract to a specific travel agency. The owners of the agency had made significant political contributions to the re-election campaign of Wisconsin Governor James Doyle. Thompson was sentenced to serve 18 months in prison and as of yesterday had served approximately four months.

The case was argued before the Seventh Circuit yesterday. Shortly after concluding the morning session, the court issued an order announcing its decision to vacate the convictions and direct the district court to enter judgements of acquittal. The court's final written decision will be issued in "due course," but the court ordered Thompson's immediate release on personal recognizance. Thompson was released late yesterday afternoon.

We will review the written decision for possible grounds for rehearing and/or rehearing en banc. It appears the decision rests on sufficiency of the evidence.

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**Moschella, William**

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**From:** Moschella, William  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2007 3:54 PM  
**To:** Meyer, Joan E (ODAG); Tenpas, Ronald J (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Fw: Urgent Report (Fraud Conviction Overturned)

**Attachments:** UR-07-04-0005EDWI.wpd

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**From:** USAEO-Urgent <USAEO.Urgent@usdoj.gov>  
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**Sent:** Fri Apr 06 15:51:11 2007  
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**From:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2007 11:45 AM  
**To:** Hulser, Raymond  
**Subject:** RE: Georgia Thompson opinion

Ray --

Bad facts make bad law.

How in heck did this case get brought?

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