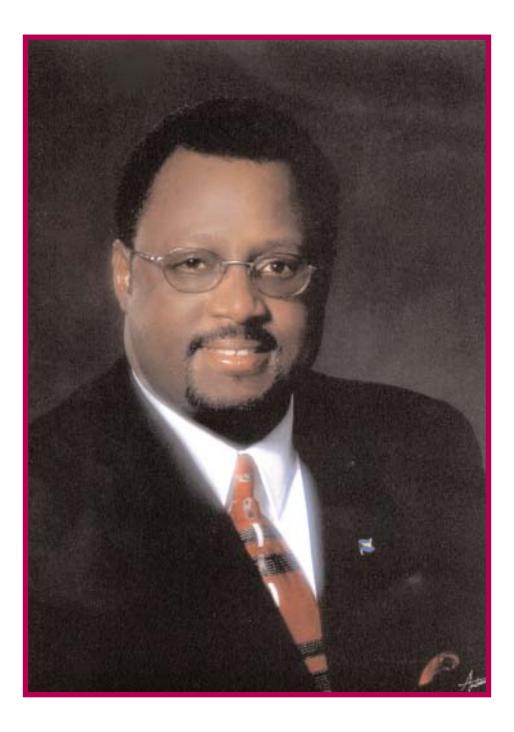


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### Pastor Keith D. Albury, Ed.D., J.P.

President, North Bahamas Mission of Seventh-day Adventists (Former President of the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists)

> Sunday, February 12, 2006 Freeport Seventh-day Adventist Church Grounds Beachway & Gambia Drive Freeport, Grand Bahama Commonwealth of The Bahamas



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#### **Officiating Ministers:**

Pastor Patrick L. Allen Pastor Leslie V. McMillan Pastor Errol B. Tinker Pastor Leonard A. Johnson Pastor Silas N. McKinney

Organist:

Franz Scott

**Ministering Artists:** 

North Bahamas Mission of Sevent-day Adventists Combined Choir Meistersingers Claudine Seymour, Keturah Bryan & Harold Dorsett Jasmine Thomas Christine Finley

> Chorister Cecil Thompson

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

Henceforth is laid up for me a crown of righteousness Which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day:

and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." .....Il Timothy 4:7-8

"Longevity in life is a worthy goal, but eternity with God is more precious"

....Keith D. Albury, January 9, 2006

Interview with Dr. Jeffrey Thompson: If you could write your epitaph what would it be? "K.D. Albury, knew and loved His Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

.....Echo Magazine 2001

### Life Sketch

*"If I can help somebody as I pass along... Then my living shall not be in vain.."* 

Twenty-six-and-a-half years ago on June 11, 1979, Keith Densel Albury walked into The Bahamas Conference office located on Shirley Street to begin what would be a spiritually rewarding journey of great exploits for the Lord. He had prepared himself for service by studying at West Indies College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology in May, 1979.

As a little boy, he was considered active and challenging at times, but praying hands were laid upon him by a resident of his home town, better known as "Briland." This lady prophesied that he would become a preacher of God's Word someday. His mother, Fannette Albury, recalls that moment and now believes that way back then God had set aside her child for the gospel ministry.

Pastor Albury's first assignment as a young intern minister was at the Johnson Park Seventhday Adventist Church, working with Pastor Leon H. Browne. Six months after entering ministry, on December 23, 1979, Keith Albury was united in holy matrimony with his college love, Ann Brennen. Immediately after their honeymoon, in January of 1980, he was assigned to the Mother Church, Centreville, then under the leadership of Pastor Hugh A. Roach. There he was groomed by a veteran minister who provided many opportunities for him to grow. He was also given the opportunity to assist Pastor Leslie V. McMillan, from whom he learned his many principles of evangelism at the Grant's Town Church.

In September of 1981, he was given a new assignment to become the district pastor on the Island of Eleuthera. He moved there with his wife and their son, Keith Anson. The Island had four churches that covered a territory from Rock Sound in the south to Bluff in the north. As an energetic, vibrant young man, he developed a vision for his ministry in Eleuthera. Over the four-and-a-half years he was stationed there, he was responsible for refurbishing two of the existing churches and started companies in James Cistern. One company is now a full church with its own dedicated building, and one is in his home town, "Briland." For the first time in many years, in 1983, a canvas cathedral was pitched on the Island of Eleuthera, down by the bay where Pastor Albury preached the Word. The Lord blessed Pastor Albury's ministry in Eleuthera in spite of the many challenges that presented themselves. His family accompanied him on many journeys from one end of the island to the other in their small mini Morris. The special music was often rendered by his wife, Ann, who often had to contend also with the challenge of playing the pump organs in a few of the churches.

In January of 1985, six days after his second son Alden Densel was born, Pastor Albury was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Grant's Town Seventh-Day Adventist Church. This brought about added responsibilities as he was transferred into Nassau to pastor the Englerston Church on East Street. Again his high level of creative energies, coupled with the unction of the Holy Spirit, led him to work with the members to complete the beautiful edifice, now called Hillview, on Harold Road. This major project and transition resulted in the creation of two churches, Hillview and the New Englerston Churches. Hillview was completed and

dedicated debt-free April 16, 1989. During his tenure as pastor of the Hillview and New Englerston Churches, Pastor Albury also served as the first Church Ministries director of The Bahamas Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.

Pastor Albury and his family, now with Brendon Evan added to the clan, were ready to conquer new territories for God. In January 1990, he was assigned to the New Providence Church, where he served for a short ten months before being asked to assume pastoral leadership of the largest church in the Conference, the Grant's Town Church.

As his journey of service continued, this servant of the Lord was called to lead out in the administration of the organization in this part of God's vineyard. On January 12, 1996, Pastor Keith Albury was elected president of The Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the youngest leader in its history, along with a young team of administrators and departmental directors.

This was the beginning of seven years of dynamic growth and development for the Church in The Bahamas. One of the first accomplishments during his first term in the presidency, his administration with the guidance of the Holy Spirit sought to set a course, create a vision, and develop a strategic plan. The plan was titled, "VISION 2000."

Under this plan, the following is a sample of some of the achievements:

- The establishment of eleven new churches and companies;
- The building of a new academy in Grand Bahama, officially opened by the former Prime Minister, the Honorable Hubert Ingraham;
- The construction and dedication of the new headquarters on Harrold Road
- The construction of a new technical and vocational center on the campus of Bahamas Academy Secondary Division.
- Substantial increase in educational subsidies to our schools. Moving from three percent to ten percent of the tithes;
- The purchase and operation of a mobile community services van;
- The signing of an agreement with the Government of The Bahamas to manage the Mary Ingraham Intergenerational Facility, which serves senior citizens and preschool children;
- The establishment of the Conference's website;
- The establishment of a professional counseling service unit for the church membership;
- The establishment of a counseling and psychological unit for the educational system of the Conference;
- The building, completion, and dedication of more than eight churches in The Bahamas;
- The signing of an agreement with Cable Bahamas to Provide 3ABN to the Bahama Islands;
- The employment of nine young ministers;
- The planning for the division of the Bahamas into two fields, creating a mission.

Pastor Albury's passion to study the Word of God led his administration to commence an

annual Bible Conference for the membership. Many well-known bible scholars and authors of the Adventist Church where brought in to conduct in-depth studies on various Biblical topics.

On January 13, 2003, Pastor Albury demitted the office of the presidency of The Bahamas Conference and accepted the call by the West Indies Union Executive Committee to serve as the first president of the newly-formed North Bahamas Mission. He came to this new field with the same fervor, vision, and commitment that actuated his ministry for the first twenty-two years.

In his three years as president of the North Bahamas Mission, he once again allowed the Holy Spirit to anoint his ministry, and the blessings are evident in the phenomenal growth during this short period. Among the many blessings we have seen are:

- The completion of a multipurpose building at Grand Bahama Academy;
- The addition of a ninth grade to Grand Bahama Academy;
- An increase in the overall churches membership from 1200 to 0ver 1700 members
- An increase in tithes of 57 percent over three years;
- The ground breaking and laying of the foundation of the Sunrise Church in Hawksbill Creek;
- The ground breaking and building of the Mission's headquarters;
- The ground breaking for a new church in a new in North Abaco;
- The ground breaking for the Community Services Depot;
- The formation of a New Church—from the Cooper's Town Company to the
- North Abaco Church;
- Beginning development of the Youth Campsite;
- The establishment of the North Bahamas Mission Pathfinder Band.

Throughout Keith's journey his quest for excellence was unwavering. In 1990, he completed his Master's Degree in Religion with emphasis in New Testament Studies from Andrews University, Michigan. On July 7, 2004, he defended his doctoral dissertation successfully on "An Analysis of Factors of Pastoral Leadership and Church Growth among Churches within The Bahamas Conference and North Bahamas Mission of Seventh-Day Adventists." On November 13, 2004, his entire family witnessed him receiving his Doctoral Degree in Education at Argosy University, Sarasota, Florida.

Pastor Albury was an avid reader and versed on many subjects. He just loved to learn.

His life's accomplishments are not of his own strength, but rather evidence of the empowering work of the Holy Spirit transforming someone willing to be used of the Lord to carry out the mandate of the gospel of Matthew to "go ye into to all the world." Many would have not believed that this young rebel in Government High School would eventually be an instrument to be used by God. It is our prayer that his life be a testimony of the working of the Holy Spirit empowering a willing servant to follow God's leading in completing His divine purpose. For those of us who are left behind, may his words be the sentiments of our hearts: "May our confidence about the future rest on the assurance of God's word that outlines the

glorious destiny of this worldwide remnant church of which we are a part. We will press forward investing our energies, talents, and resources in proclaiming the everlasting gospel of a wonderful Saviour who is mighty to save. Indeed we shall not rest until every hamlet, every town and every island is illuminated with the light of the truth of God's Word for these times. We request prayers even as we join hands with you in one faith, one mission, and one blessed hope of a day when we will stand on the sea of glass and glorious sing that song of freedom: The song of Moses and the Lamb. May the blessings of Almighty God be upon us all as we renew our commitment to be faithful to Him until that Day." *North Bahamas Mission Report, November 2005.* 

If anyone asked Pastor Albury how he would like to be remembered, he would not have given you an account of all these accomplishments that the Lord has worked through him to achieve. Rather, as he said on many occasions, "I would rather be remembered as someone who made a positive difference for the Lord wherever I served."

Awaiting his resurrection is his beloved wife, Ann ; three sons, Keith Anson, Alden Densel, & Brendon Evan; his mother, Fannette Albury and father, Wendell Albury; fourteen sisters, Darlene Deveaux, Jannell Cherrington, Tammy Pratt, Wendy Butler, Dawn Albury, Adapha Beach, Judy Beach-Miller, Mitzi Beach-Smith, Carol Thomas, Pamela Beach-Akel, Debra Beach, Michelle Beach, Monique Beach Robergeau, Tominica Beach-Bankole, Donna Barr-Burrell; nine brothers, Londell Albury, Anthony Beach, Ricardo Beach, Mark Beach, Tyrone Beach, David Beach, Paul Beach, Samuel Beach, Kendal Davis: father-in-law, Alfred Brennen and mother-in-law, Mary Catalyn Brennen; sisters-in-law, Deardra Albury, Claudia Seymour, Judith Edwards, Annick Brennen; brothers-in-law, Kenny Deveaux, Ron Pratt, Peter Butler, Norman Seymour, Winston Edwards and Barrington Brennen; aunts, Annie Sawyer, Rose Major, Nollie Higgs and Alsaida Higgs (deceased), nieces, Vernessa, Keturah, Christina, Marguerite, Jodi, Jessica, Danielle, Amber Delcine, Troyce, Alair, Jackie, Nakita, Nadia, Cinnamon, Jasmine, Yasmeen, Shanay, Teirrah, Nashea, Nicole, Sheaneaker, Janette, Bridgette, Keli and Kaili; nephews: Donnie, Jonathan, Adam, Gerard, James, Ken, Ta'Ron, Trinard, Shannon, Reese, Diondre, Nicholas, Jerome, Joey, Joel, Daniel, Niko, Ednal, Marco, Yousef, Abdu, Elijah, Jermaine, Jonathan, Maxwell, Kenny and Troy; grand nieces, Ane and Anisha; grand nephews, Ansel, Andrew and Dauntez; and cousins and other relatives too numerous to mention. Friends, Pastor & Mrs. Leslie V. McMillan, Pastor & Mrs. Silas N. McKinney, Pedro and Sheryl Rolle, Drs. Leon and Alvira Higgs, Pastor Jeffrey and Denise Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Ethel Evans, Roger and Cassandra Forbes, Mr & Mrs. willard Barr, Mr. & Mrs Lionel Johnson, Ena Cooper, Keith Major, Jeff Rogers, Edith Roach, Virginia Butler, Maureen and Andrew Gilbert, Percy and Rosita Miller, Pendolyn Thompson, David and Theresa Knowles, Dudley and Cynthia Lightbourne, Isaac and Jackie Collie, Eleanor and Lawrence Palmer, Dale and Carleta Carolina, the entire Jervis family, Dr. Patrick Vincent and the membership of Mount Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tampa; the administration and staff of West Indies Union Conference; the administration, pastors and membership of the North Bahamas Mission; the administration, staff and students of Grand Bahama Academy, the Freeport Seventh-day Adventist Church; the administration and staff of The Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the entire membership at large; the administration, staff and students of Bahamas Academy; the administration and staff of the East, West and Central Jamaica Conferences, and the North Jamaica Mission; Cayman Islands Conference, and Turks and Caicos Mission.

Order of Service			
Praise and WorshipPraise			
Opening RemarksPastor Errol B. Tinker Executive Secretary - North Bahamas Mission of Seventh-day Adventists			
Hymn	"My Hope is Built on Nothi William B	ng Less"Elder Aileen Sands radbury	
My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.		When darkness seems to veil His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.	
His oath, His covenant, and blood, Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.		When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; Clad in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.	
CHORUS: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.			
Prayer of IntercessionPastor Silas N. McKinney Former President – West Indies Union Conference			
Musical Tribute	The Bahamas Adventist Me We Shall Behold Him -	istersingersPastor Ricardo V. Bain - <i>Rambo/Clydesdale</i>	
Responsive Scripture Reading(Isaiah 40:28-31)Shannon Butler Nephew			
Leader:	Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding.		
Congregation:	He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak.		
Leader:	Even youths will be exhausted, and young men will give up.		
ALL:	But those who wait on the Lor	d will find new strength. They will fly high on	

wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. William Ogden Tributes: Grand Bahama Christian Council.....Bishop Richardo A.Grant, President St. Paul's Methodist Church ......Rev. J. Emmette Weir Member of Parliament for Marco City......Miss Pleasant M.M.Bridgewater, M.P. The Grand Bahama Port Authority Ltd ......Mrs.Willie A.M. Moss, Deputy Chairman *My Tribute - Andrea Crouch* Tributes from the Seventh-day Adventist Church ......Elder Roderick Sands Inter-American Division ......Dr. Eli Henry, Vice President West Indies Union Conference......Pastor Derek Bignall, Executive Secretary North Bahamas Mission.....Pastor Errol B. Tinker, Executive Secretary Bahamas Conference......Pastor Leonard A. Johnson. President Musical Tribute West Indies Union Conference Elder Steve Burrows Cayman Islands Conference......Pastor Jeffrey K. Thompson, President West Jamaica Conference ......Pastor Glen O. Samuels, President Northern Caribbean University.....Dr. Herbert Thompson, President Grand Bahama Academy ......Mrs. Desiree Forbes, Principal Shepherdess International ......Mrs. Patricia Allen, Coordinator Musical Tribute Claudia Seymour, Keturah Bryan & Harold Dorsett......Pastor H. Roger Moncur Sister-in-law. Niece and Friend Friend...... Elder Isaac Collie (Friend) Family ......Darlene Deveaux (Sister) Family ..... Carol Beach (Sister) Official Opposition Leader Prime Minister – The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Thomas Campbell

And can it be that I should gain, An int'rest in the Saviour's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee. He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.

> No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne, And daim the crown, through Christ my own.

#### CHORUS:

#### Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

- Leader: Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.
- Congregation: Because of our faith Christ has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's Glory.
- Leader: We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to endure.
- Congregation: And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation.
- Leader: And this expectation will not disappoint us. For we know how dearly God loves us, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.
- Congregation: When we were utterly helpless, Christ came just the right time and died for us sinners.
- Leader: Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good.
- Congregation: But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Leader:	And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's judgment.		
Congregation:	For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life.		
ALL:	So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.		
Keith .D. Albury Memorial Forever Learning FoundationPastor Wendell R. McMillan Field Secretary - West Indies Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists			
Musical TributeElder Lawrence Palmer Praise His Name			
Musical Tribute Combined North Bahamas Mission Adventist ChoirPastor Enell Hall Midnight Cry - Alvin Slaughter Vice President & Ministerial Secretary, West Indies Union Conference			
HomilyPastor Patrick L. Allen President, West Indies Union Conference			
Prayers of ConsolationPastor Herman Ming Treasurer- West Indies Union Conference			
Recessional Hymn			
Just over the mountain in the Promised Land, In the rolls of the prophets we have long been toldLies the Holy City built by God's own hand;Of that wondrous city with its streets of gold;As our weary footsteps gain the mountain's crest,Now with raptured vision we can see it there,We can view our homeland of eternal rest.With its walls of jasper and its mansions fair.			
Who keep God's of There we'll lift our y	hat city are the faithful few commandments – faith of Jesus, to voices through the endless days, gladness and in psalms of praise.	My brother, my sister, will you meet us there, ooln that land of sunshine where there'll be no care? Accept of God's message, and to Him be true; Then when Jesus cometh He will call for you.	
CHORUS			
We are nearing home! We are nearing home! See the splendor gleaming from the domes afar! See the glory streaming through the gates ajar!			

There we soon will enter, never more to roam,

Hear the angels singing! We are nearing home! We are nearing home.

#### Restview Memorial Mortuary & Crematorium Lawn

We shall see Jesus in all His glory, When He comes to take His people home. We shall see Jesus in all His glory On that resurrection morn. We shall see Jesus, O wondrous story, Shout and tell the nations far and wide. All eyes shall see Him in all His glory, If we in His love abide.

Chorus: No crying there, no dark despair When the saints are gathered in. We shall see Jesus in all His glory, On that resurrection morn.

COMMITTAL: ......Pastor Pastor Leslie McMillan

BENEDICTION: ......Pastor Leonard Johnson

PATHFINDER SALUTE

#### BLESSED ASSURANCE: F. Crosby/J. Napp

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

#### CHORUS:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Saviour all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Saviour all the day long.

#### COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD: *I. Watts/R. Lowry*

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord And thus surround the throne And thus surround the throne.

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets, Before we reach the heavenly fields, Before we reach the heavenly fields. Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. Let those refuse to sing, Who never knew our God; But children of the heavenly King But children of the heavenly King May speak their joys abroad May speak their joys abroad.

Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground, We're marching through Immanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high.

CHORUS: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.

#### HOW CHEERING IS THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE: S. Hibbard

How cheering is the Christian's hope, While toiling here below! It buoys us up while passing through This wilderness of woe, It buoys us up while passing through This wilderness of woe. It points us to a land of rest, Where saints with Christ will reign; Where we shall meet the loved of earth, And never part again. Where we shall meet the loved of earth, And never part again.

Fly, lingering moments, fly, O, fly, Dear Saviour, quickly come!We long to see Thee as Thou art, And reach that blissful home.



#### PALL BEARERS From the Altar to the Flat Bed

Keith Anson Albury Alden Albury Brendon Albury Kermith Harris-Smith

Londell Albury Anthony Beach Ricardo Beach Anthony Sawyer

#### From the Church to the Corner of Beachway

Pastor Patrick Allen Pastor Milton Gregory Pastor Glen Samuels Pastor Everette Brown Pastor LeslieV. McMillan Pastor Peter Kerr Pastor Derek Bignall Elder Herman Ming

#### From Beachway to Intersection of Coral Road and East Sunrise

Pastor Leonard A. Johnson Pastor Leo C. Rolle Pastor Eric. D. Clarke Pastor Hugh Roach

Pastor Jefferv K. Thompson Pastor William Oliver Elder C. Melvin Lewis Pastor Jeremiah Duncombe

#### From Coral Road Intersection to Batelco Building (traveling east)

Pastor Errol Tinker Pastor Paul Scavella Pastor Gary C. King Pastor H. Roger Moncur

Elder Roderick Sands Pastor T. Basil Sturrup Pastor Patrick Vincent Pastor Andrew Burrows

#### From Batelco Building to Round-about to Batelco Building (traveling west)

Lawrence Palmer Kenny Deveaux Ron Pratt Keith Major

Aileen Sands Peter Butler Pedro Rolle Jeff Rogers

From Batelco Building to Coral Road Intersection Steve Burrows Brian Rolle Daniel Lowe Dr. Leon Higgs Havden Hanna Brian Palmer Erskine Hutchinson Mike Augustin

#### From Coral Road Intersection to Restview Mortuary & Crematorium Lawn

Althea Jervis Halemah Osborne Wavlon Johnson Carol Been

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