

Crystal City Chatter
SPECIAL REUNION EDITION

July 1996

Editor's Column

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Since several weeks ago, when the #30 Issue of the Chatter was sent out, I've had several thoughts that came to my mind...so much is happening around us today, and we see such pressure put upon families and individuals each day...I have noticed that we're very fortunate in many ways...noticing many friends and their background, their childhood...we Niseis, have had our share of many stresses and struggles...yet, our Issei parents have given us so much in family values.

So many in America are losing this important ingredient in our lives...today, more people are into self-indulging, self-satisfying than the selfless "sacrifice" that our parents gave to us...our education, our future were what our folks gave to us at high cost...and many Niseis also reciprocated with "Oyakoko" acts (to be good to your parents)...especially the CC Niseis...were extremely "Oyakoko".

Listening to many "insecure" people today...family values, parental love and care seemed to have been lacking in their formative years...today...I watch and look upon the young people, filling their own needs, desires instead of having respect and care for themselves makes me shudder as to the families that will be built from this...

As strict as my folks were, and the teachings of many of our Japanese school teachers in CC...I'm very grateful for the values they taught us...and lived themselves.

It shows in our children and in our grandchildren's lives...and I must say, they're really doing so great...and to see them "Ichi nin mai"..(independent, self-supporting) is really something!

Watching the many Niseis, Sanseis, Yonseis being so responsible and "Oyakoko"..."kanshin" (commendable)..makes me feel "Manzoku"... (very pleased; satisfied) Amen.

OUR FINAL REUNION

This will be our last reunion...I know that many of the relocation camp groups have reunion after reunion, and have success in drawing many to these functions but our working committee are always the same group, and although this is our second here in So. Cal, and the last reunion was very, very successful in Monterey, held by the Northern California CC friends, our group feel that it's not only time consuming, and exhausting but let's face it...many of us are just getting a bit older and haven't the energy to keep things going.

Therefore, we're putting out this special edition out so those of you who would like to join in on our last "HURRAH", so to speak, can still do so...we are keeping the registration open so you can join in yet!!!

It's not that we don't want the reunion...but as you know, "THE SPIRIT IS WILLING, BUT THE BODY IS NOT."... so, please sign in for banquet, picnic or both...we really would like to enjoy this time together!

COME...HAVE FUN WITH US!...THE FOOD IS GREAT!!!
and we have great guests and entertainment lined up!!!

HOWEVER...IF ANYONE OR ANY GROUP WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A REUNION...WE WELCOME IT, AND WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO JOIN YOU...SO, DON'T "ENRYO"...(hesitate)...

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ATTENTION GOLFERS!

TEE OFF TIME IS 8:20 am...CHECK IN HALF AN HOUR PRIOR TO TEE OFF TIME, OKAY?

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ONDO AND LINE DANCE PRACTICE

Reiko Ikemiya will teach the ondo this year...practices will be held at Yuki Nonoguchi and Tomo Mizukami's backyard....

August 6, Tuesday 7:00pm at Yuki's

West Los Angeles

August 9, Friday 7:00pm at Tomo's

Gardena

Paula Shimatsu will have Sachi Maehara and May Hamada to teach line dancing so join us...it will be held after the ondo practice.

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JOINING IN ON BON ODORI

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Saturday, July 20th, at Oxnard Buddhist Temple, I visited their Obon festivities...the Kinnara Taiko group performed twice, and I met with Rev. Kodani and some of the Taiko players...to thank them for the

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C.C. Friends attending Banquet &/or Picnic

Aihara, Yae	Both	Sakato, Henry & Fujiko (Tanida) Banquet
Barnes, Bill/Fumi(Miyoshi)	Banquet	Sakurai, Ruby (Fukunaga) Both
Cook, Helen	Both	Sera, Tako & Aki Shiroyama "
Dyo, Sei & Yets	Both	Shimatsu, Sumi & Families "
Eshita, Miyo (Takeuchi)	"	Shimizu, Grace Picnic
Fukuma, Marion (Gosho)	"	Shiozaki, Isamu Both
Fukunaga, Chiyo	"	Shiozaki, Yutaka "
Fukunaga, Betty	"	Tajii, Min & Kazie (Ogawa) Picnic
Hamada, May (Kaneko)	"	Takahashi, Shig & Kim (Hayakawa) Both
Hatanaka, Sam & Dottie	"	Takeuchi, Kenji & Setsuko Picnic
Hatanaka, Tilly, Hanako	Picnic	Takeuchi, Tak & Emi Both
Higashi, Dr. Jimmie & Mabel (Higashi)	Banq.	Takeuchi, Yone "
Higashi, Nicole	"	Tanaka, Jim & Tomi (Matoba) "
Hiratzka, Jordan & Maru (Okazaki)	Both	Tanida, Barney & Aileen (Oki)Banquet
Hori, Kazuo & Emily (Chieko Dyo)	Banq.	Taniguchi, Izumi & Barbara Both
Horie, Henry & Umeko	Both	Tomita, Tomoko Toni (Takeuchi) "
Hosaka, George	"	Tsubota, Bill & Terry Picnic
Hosaka, Mae	"	Uyeji, Kikuo Both
Ichikawa, Kazuya & Fusako	"	Uyeji, Saburo "
Ikeda, Sus & Sadako (Kai)	Banquet	Watanabe, Hector & Isayo Picnic
Ikemiya, Edward & Chiyoko	"	Yamada, Sumiko (Makimoto) "
Ikemiya, Tom & Reiko (Kawata)	"	Yamada, Henry & Sue (Makimoto)Both
Inouye, Roger & Betty (Kaneko)	Picnic	Yamada, Isabel (Nagao) Banquet
Ito, Bill & Grace (Kodama)	Banquet	Yamagishi, Mamo & Ami (Morita)Both
Kami, Emi (Oda) & Seiji	Both	Yamagishi, Ray & Judy "
Kanegawa, Kazuko & Robert	Picnic	Yamaguchi, Sumiko (Koketsu) "
Kaneko, Aki & Mas	Both	Yamakoshi, Aya, Vivian "
Kanogawa, Stogie & Massie	"	Yamamoto, Libia "
Kasai, George & Florence	"	Yamane, Ken & Doris (Kawahira)Banquet
Katsura, Blanca & Amy	Banquet	Yasuda, Yosh & Akemi (Morita) Both
Kawata, Tedd & Etsu (Osako)	"	Yonekura, Aki & Mildred "
Kodama, George	Both	Yoshida, Shigeko & Nobu Picnic
Kodama, Harold	"	Yuge Iku (Yoshida) "
Koketsu, Mas & Karlene	"	Hoshiyama, Fred Banquet
Kubo, Dr. Sumio & Sayo (Hosaka)	Both	Ochi, Florence "
Kubota, Masako	Picnic	
Kurashige, Taye & Kazuo	"	Guests:
Maehara, Sachi (Sasaki)	Both	Bishop Yamashita
Masumoto, George & Chiyoko (Hayakawa)	Both	Reiko, Tesshu and Hiromi Yamashita Both
Matsumoto, Akiko (Alice Nishii)	Banquet	Mrs. Lunz "
McDonald, Jim Raymond & Itsu (Takeuchi)	Both	Karen Riley "
Miyakawa, Mits & Muts	Picnic	
Mizukami, Ted & Tomo (Uzhashi)	Both	<u>Banquet Menu</u> L.B. Marriott
Muraoka, Roy & Aiko (Fujii)	"	A choice of Prime Rib or Salmon dinner...
Nakagawa, Tosh & Jim	Picnic	* * * *
Nakamura, Sam & Hatsie (Matoba)	Both	<u>Picnic Menu</u> Azuma Restaurant
Nakamura, Ty & Fumi	"	Goichi-san
Nishiii, Nobue	Banquet	Rice
Nishijima, Kanji	Both	Chashu
Nishikawa, Henry (Isao)	"	Niku Dango
Nenoguchi, Hajime & Yuki	"	Karaage Chichen Wings
Ohashi, Mamoru & Ken	"	Chicken Fumi Yaki
Okabe, George & Masako	"	Teriyaki Beef
Okabe, Dr. Mas & Shirley	Banquet	Yaki Ika
Okamura, Dr. H.O. & Kazie (Mitsuhashi)	Both	Smelt Nambanzuke
Okazaki, Sid & Yukie	Both	Nishime
Okazaki, Terumi	Picnic	Sunomono
Oshima, Dorothy	Banquet	Tsukemono

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Special Reunion Edition

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 16, 1996

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:20 AM - 3:00 PM	Golf Tournament	Rio Hondo Country Club 10627 Old River School Rd Downey, CA 90241
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Hospitality Room	Long Beach Airport Marriott 4700 Airport Plaza Dr Long Beach, Ca 90815
6:00 PM	Social Hour	Banquet Room Foyer
7:00 PM	DINNER	Banquet Room
8:00 PM	Program	

GUEST of HONOR: Bishop Yamashita and family

SPECIAL GUESTS: Karen Riley and Leona Lunz

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: All Isseis in attendance

Saturday, August 17, 1996

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00 AM	Registration	Long Beach Police Park 7390 E. Carson Long Beach, CA 90810
11:15 AM	Kinnara Taiko Group	
11:45 AM	LUNCH	
12:45 PM	Games	
2:25 PM	Ondo, Line Dancing	
3:00 PM	Raffle Drawing	
4:00 PM	Closing	

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: NISEI WEEK ACTIVITIES IN LITTLE TOKYO

There will be cultural exhibits and demonstrations celebrating the Nisei Week Festival in Little Tokyo in downtown Los Angeles on August 17 and 18. Kimekomi Dolls, Calligraphy, Sumi-e, Ceramics, Textile Dyeing, Japanese Swords, Kamon (Family Crests), Bonsai, and Photography exhibits, to mention a few, will be displayed at various sites within walking distance of each other in Little Tokyo. Hours at most locations are from 10 AM to 5 PM. A Carnival, Street Arts Festival and special exhibits and demonstrations at the Japanese National Museum are also scheduled, culminating in a street ondo at 6PM on SUNDAY. We hope you out-of-towners as well as local folks will have an opportunity to enjoy some of these events.

CULTURAL EXHIBITS

August 17/18	100th/442nd/MIS Nisei Veterans Exhibit JVP Community Room #210 Japanese Village Plaza	350 E. 2nd St.	10:00am-5:00pm
" "	Japanese Calligraphy Union Church	501 E. 3rd St.	10:00am-5:00pm
" "	Japanese Textile Dyeing JACCC North Gallery	244 S. San Pedro St.	" "
" "	Kimekomi Doll Exhibit JACCC, 2nd Floor	244 S. San Pedro St.	" "
" "	Sumi-e Brush Painting JACCC, B-4	244 S. San Pedro St.	" "
" "	Knitting & Handcrafts JACCC, B-4	244 S. San Pedro St.	" "
" 10-18	Ceramics Exhibit "Splash of Color" JACCC Doizaki Gallery	244 S. San Pedro St.	11:00am-5:00pm
" 17/18	Japanese Sword Exhibit JACCC, 2nd Floor	244 S. San Pedro St.	" "
" "	Kamon (Family Crests) & Surnames Higashi Honganji, Room 5	505 E. 3rd St.	10:00am-5:00pm
" "	Aiseki (Gem) & Bonsai Exhibit Higashi Honganji, Basement	505 E. 3rd St.	10:00am-4:00pm
" "	Bonsai Exhibit '96 JACCC Doizaki Gallery	244 S. San Pedro St.	" "
" "	U.S. 101 Photo Club Exhibit Higashi Honganji	505 E. 3rd St.	10:00am-5:00pm Sat. 10:00am-3:00pm Sun.
August 10-18	Various Exhibitions & Demonstrations Japanese Village Plaza	350 E. 2nd St.	
" "	Japanese American National Museum Special exhibits & Demonstrations	369 E. 1st St.	Call (213) 625-0414 for information
" "	Aikido & Swordsmanship Demo Japanese Village Plaza	350 E. 2nd St.	Noon - 4:00pm
August 18	So-Cal Kendo Federation Tourney Nishi Hongwanji Gymnasium	815 E. 1st St.	9:00am-6:00pm

1996 CRYSTAL CITY REUNION BANQUET

LONG BEACH AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL
4700 AIRPORT PLAZA DRIVE
LONG BEACH, CA 90815
Friday, August 16, 1996
SOCIAL HR - 6-7 PM
DINNER - 7 PM

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form per couple or per person. Make additional copies if necessary. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

_____ [] Issei
(LAST NAME) (FIRST NAME)

_____ MAIDEN NAME OF SPOUSE IF FORMER CRYSTAL
(SPOUSE - FIRST NAME) CITY RESIDENT

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

NO. OF PERSONS ATTENDING: BANQUET: _____

ENTREE SELECTION: PRIME RIB _____ SALMON _____

REGISTRATION

_____ PERSONS 1. Banquet @ \$40.00 per person \$ _____

_____ COUPLE 1A. Banquet @ \$75.00 per couple \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Send banquet form and check payable to:

CRYSTAL CITY REUNION
Sachi Maehara

La Mirada, CA 90638

RESPONSE NOW

1996 CRYSTAL CITY REUNION PICNIC

LONG BEACH POLICE PARK
7390 E. CARSON
LONG BEACH, CA 90810
Saturday, August 17, 1996
10:00 AM

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PHONE _____

NO. OF ADULTS ATTENDING: PICNIC: _____

NO. OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PICNIC: _____ BOYS: ___/___/___ GIRLS: ___/___/___
(Ages) (Ages)

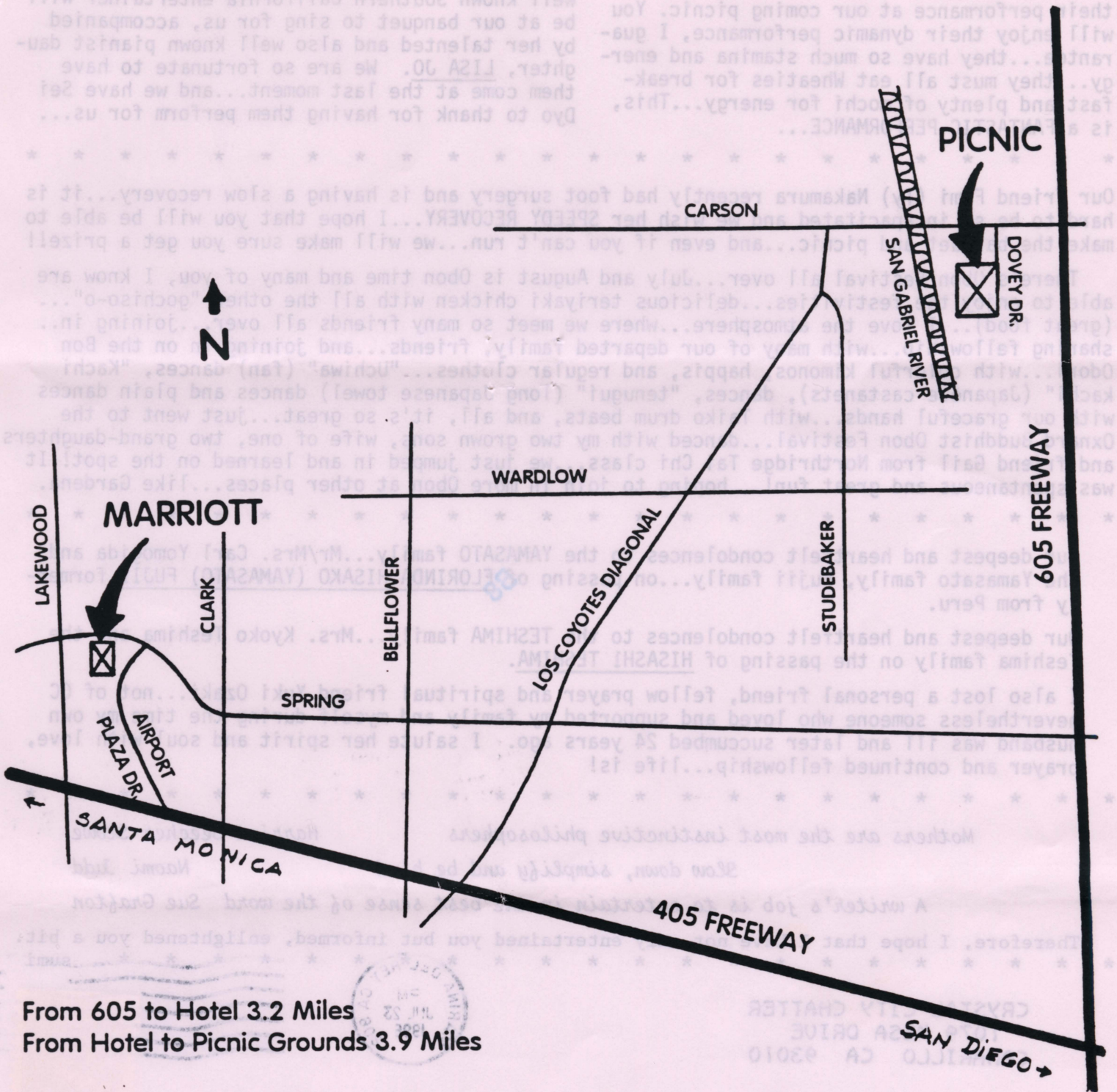
Need this information to plan for children's games and activities

SEND PICNIC FORM AND DONATIONS TO:

CRYSTAL CITY ASSOCIATION
Sid Okazaki

San Gabriel, CA 91776

RESPONSE NOW



Joining in on Bon Odori...Cont'd from pg 1

SPECIAL VOCALIST FOR BANQUET NIGHT...SUE OKABE well known Southern California entertainer will be at our banquet to sing for us, accompanied by her talented and also well known pianist daughter, LISA JO. We are so fortunate to have them come at the last moment...and we have Sei Dyo to thank for having them perform for us...

their performance at our coming picnic. You will enjoy their dynamic performance, I guarantee...they have so much stamina and energy...they must all eat Wheaties for breakfast and plenty of mochi for energy...This, is a FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE...

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Our friend Fumi (Ty) Nakamura recently had foot surgery and is having a slow recovery...it is hard to be so incapacitated and we wish her SPEEDY RECOVERY...I hope that you will be able to make the banquet and picnic...and even if you can't run...we will make sure you get a prize!!

There's Obon Festival all over...July and August is Obon time and many of you, I know are able to enjoy the festivities...delicious teriyaki chicken with all the other "gochiso-o"... (great food)...I love the atmosphere...where we meet so many friends all over...joining in.. sharing fellowship...with many of our departed family, friends...and joining in on the Bon Odori...with colorful kimonos, happis, and regular clothes..."Uchiwa" (fan) dances, "Kachi kachi" (Japanese castanets), dances, "tenugui" (long Japanese towel) dances and plain dances with our graceful hands...with Taiko drum beats, and all, it's so great...just went to the Oxnard Buddhist Obon Festival...danced with my two grown sons, wife of one, two grand-daughters and friend Gail from Northridge Tai Chi class...we just jumped in and learned on the spot! It was spontaneous and great fun!...hoping to join in more Obon at other places...like Gardena.

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Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the YAMASATO family...Mr/Mrs. Carl Yomogida and the Yamasato family, Fujii family...on passing of FLORINDA HISAKO (YAMASATO) FUJII formerly from Peru.

Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the TESHIMA family...Mrs. Kyoko Teshima and the Teshima family on the passing of HISASHI TESHIMA.

I also lost a personal friend, fellow prayer and spiritual friend Yuki Ozaki...not of CC nevertheless someone who loved and supported my family and myself during the time my own husband was ill and later succumbed 24 years ago. I salute her spirit and soul with love, prayer and continued fellowship...life is!

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Mothers are the most instinctive philosophers

Harriet Beecher Stowe

Slow down, simplify and be kind

Naomi Iudd

A writer's job is to entertain in the best sense of the word Sue Grafton

Therefore, I hope that I have not only entertained you but informed, enlightened you a bit.

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