

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name 69th Regiment Armory

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 68 Lexington Avenue

[] not for publication

city New York City

[] vicinity

state New York code NY county New York code 061 zip code 10010-1830

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Julia S. Stohr

Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

12/8/93

Date

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:

[X] entered in the National Register.

[] See continuation sheet.

[] determined eligible for the National Register. [] see continuation sheet.

[] determined not eligible for the National Register.

[] removed from the National Register.

[] other: _____

Signature of keeper

Date of Action

Beth A. Savage

1-28-94

5. Classification**Ownership of Property/Category of Property/Number of Resources within Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply) (check box) (do not include previously listed resources in the count)

☐ private	☒ building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
☐ public-local	☐ district	1	buildings
☒ public-State	☐ site		sites
☐ public-Federal	☐ structure		structures
	☐ object		objects
		1	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: NA

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM:

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORIES IN NEW YORK STATE

6. Function or Use**Historic Function**

DEFENSE; Armory

Current Function

DEFENSE; Armory

7. Description**Architectural Classification**

(enter categories from instructions)

EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY

Beaux Arts

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick with limestone trim

roof slate shingles

other

Narrative Description

See attached continuation sheets.

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68 Lexington Avenue, New York City

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Description

The 69th Regiment Armory, designed in 1906 by Hunt & Hunt, is an imposing, classically inspired edifice on the west side of Lexington Avenue, a broad and fashionable boulevard lined with elegant, turn of the century buildings. Located in densely built-up, mid-town Manhattan, the armory is surrounded by primarily high rise residential, commercial and professional buildings. The armory occupies its entire 63,235 square-foot lot (slightly more than one acre), bounded by Lexington Avenue, 25th Street, 26th Street and Park Avenue to the east, south, north and west, respectively, and is bordered by concrete sidewalks abutting the streets.

The armory consists of a three-story, Mansard-roofed administration building with an attached, barrel-vaulted drill shed. Both sections are constructed of structural steel framing sheathed with brick curtain walls and limestone trim (including, e.g., a water table and a wide beltcourse above the first-story windows). The administration building consists of a symmetrical, five-bay, center-hall main block flanked by slightly projecting, three-story corner pavilions. The entire administration building is encircled by a brick parapet with narrow stone coping and a wide frieze embellished with large limestone brackets. Fenestration throughout the administration building is symmetrical. The first story features tall, narrow windows with protective iron bars, and the second story features tripartite groups of tall, narrow, double-hung sash (with transom lights) and stone-trimmed oriels. The slate and copper-covered Mansard roof is pierced by paired, rectangular windows with pedimented lintels and paired, round-arched windows with keystone label molds.

The end pavilions are distinguished by quoin-like brickwork and massive limestone plaques engraved with the regiment's various military campaigns. The entrance portal, centrally placed on the front facade, consists of a massive, round-arched brick sally port with an iron portcullis protecting a deeply recessed doorway. The sally port is surmounted by a limestone arch embellished with an eagle motif keystone.

The drill shed, measuring approximately 200' x 170' (34,000 square feet), extends on an east-west axis behind (west of) the

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administration building. The buttressed, barrel-vaulted roof of the drill shed rises nearly 130 feet from the one-story, buttressed brick and stone side walls.

The interior survives with a remarkably high degree of integrity of design, materials and craftsmanship. Interior features are bold, austere and classically inspired, with occasional references to the Art Nouveau vocabulary. Although ornamentation is minimal, elegance prevails throughout the facility.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

Criteria Considerations: NA

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

See attached continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached continuation sheets

Previous documentation on file (NPS): Primary location of additional data:

- | | |
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| ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested | ☒ State historic preservation office |
| ☐ previously listed in the National Register | ☐ Other State agency |
| ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register | ☐ Federal agency |
| ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark | ☐ Local government |
| ☐ recorded by Historic American Building Survey # _____ | ☐ University |
| ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____ | ☐ Other |

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Military History

Architecture

Art

Period of Significance

ca. 1906 - ca. 1913

Significant Dates

ca. 1906; ca. 1913

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

na

Cultural Affiliation

na

Architect/Builder

Hunt & Hunt

Name of repository:

Division for Historic Preservation

United States Department of the Interior
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Statement of Significance

The 69th Regiment Armory, designed in 1906 by the renowned New York City firm of Hunt & Hunt, is architecturally and historically significant as a remarkably intact, representative example of an early twentieth century National Guard armory in New York State. The building retains a high degree of integrity of design, materials and craftsmanship and embodies the three distinctive characteristics of the building type as defined in the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for Army National Guard Armories in New York State (May 1993). 1: In terms of function, the armory serves as both a military facility and a social clubhouse for a local unit of the National Guard, as well as an imposing civic monument to military and government strength and presence within the community. 2: In terms of plan, the armory consists of an administration building with an attached drill shed at ground level. 3: In terms of design and decoration, the armory represents a departure from the fortress-like, castellated style that characterized many late nineteenth century armories and is, instead, a more classically flavored interpretation of late Tudor military architecture.

In addition to its historical and architectural significance as a military facility, the 69th Regiment is historically significant at the national level in the area of ART as the site of the world-renowned 1913 Armory Show, the first major exhibit of modern art in America and, therefore, as one of the most significant events in the history of modern art.

Completed in 1906, the 69th Regiment Armory is one of several armories built in New York City during the first decade of the twentieth century that abandoned the fortress-like, medieval-inspired, castellated style popularized during the 1880s and 1890s. Instead, the 69th Regiment Armory reflects the influence of the late Tudor and Beaux Arts styles, in its bold massing, symmetrical fenestration, and regular proportions as well as its Mansard roof and pedimented and round-arched moldings above the attic windows. However, references to its military function as well as to medieval Gothic architecture include the massive, stone-trimmed sally port with iron portcullis, the raised and

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slightly battered foundation, the narrow windows with protective iron bars and the massive buttresses supporting the walls of the drill shed.

The armory is additionally historically significant for its association with the 69th Regiment, a renowned local unit of the New York National Guard composed of a variety of prominent members of Irish descent. The "Fighting 69th" served with distinction during World War I and World War II. Like all other local units of New York's volunteer militia, the 69th Regiment embodies an integral component of American military history. (The history of the National Guard is discussed at length in the Historic Overview [Section E] of the MPDF.)

In addition to its architectural and historical significance as a military facility, the armory is also significant as the site of the 1913 Armory Show, the first major exhibit of modern art in America and one of the most significant events in the history of modern art. Nearly 1,000 works of modern art, most of which were highly controversial at the time, were on display between February 17th and March 17th, 1913; more than 100,000 visitors viewed the show. The Armory Show marked the debut of New York City as the art capital of the world, a distinction previously enjoyed by Paris, France.

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10. Geographical DataAcreage of property 1.45**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is drawn to encompass the entire lot presently occupied by the armory.
(See attached map.)

Boundary Justification

The boundary was drawn to encompass the fullest extent of land historically and presently associated with the nominated armory which, in this case, coincides with the entire lot on which the armory is sited.

11. Form Prepared Byname/title Nancy L. Todd, Program Analyst (and E. Prol; see continuation sheet)organization NYSHPO, Division for Historic Preservation date December 1993street & number Peebles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.**Additional items**

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA)street & number 330 Old Niskayuna Roadcity or town Latham state NY zip code 12110

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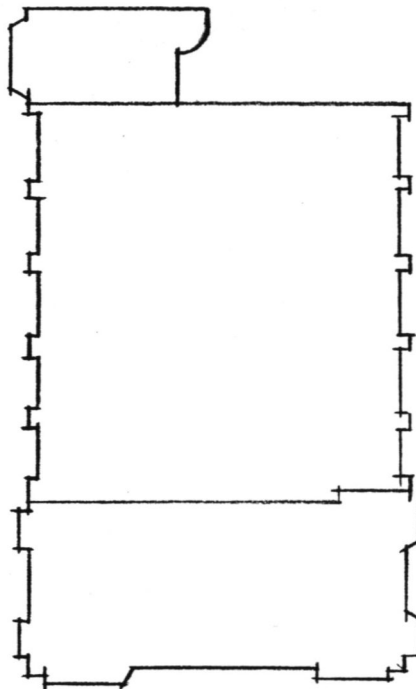
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Preliminary research and draft National Register nomination form
prepared by:

Elbertus Prol, Curator
Ringwood Manor
Ringwood, New Jersey 07456

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LEXINGTON AVE

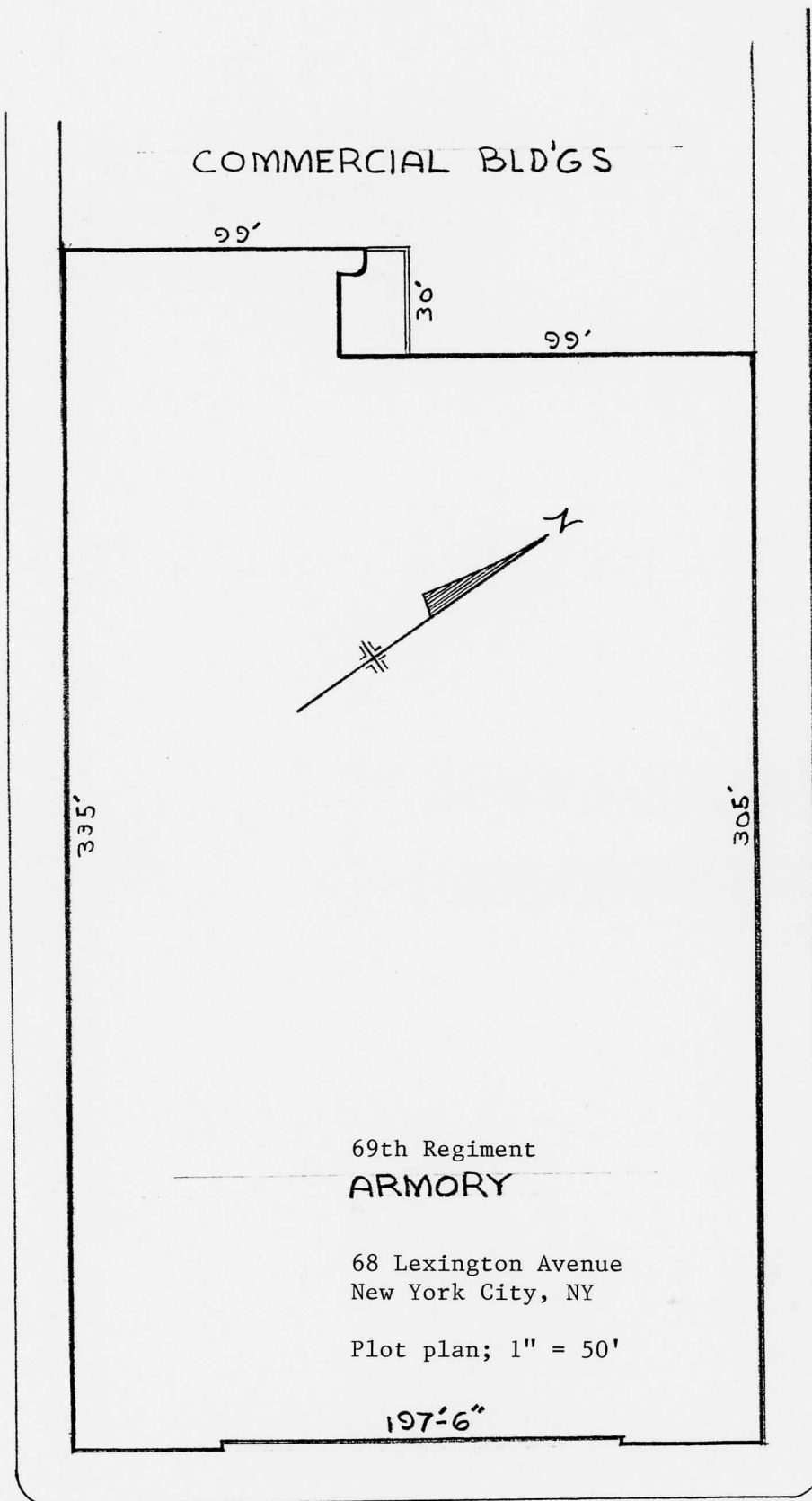
69th Regiment Armory
68 Lexington Avenue
New York City, NY

STATE ARMORY
68 LEXINGTON AVE
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STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SECTION
112 STATE STREET
ALBANY, N. Y.

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E. 26TH ST.

ARMORY LOCATED IN RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL AREA

LEXINGTON AVE.

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Army National Guard Armories in New York State MPS
NEW YORK

Date Listed

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93001538 69th Regiment Armory
93001536 New Scotland Avenue (Troop B) Armory
93001539 Tonawanda (25th Separate Company) Armory

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY 69th Regiment Armory
NAME:

MULTIPLE Army National Guard Armories in New York State MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, New York

DATE RECEIVED: 12/16/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/28/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/13/94 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/30/94
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001538

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 1/28/94 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Completed in 1906, the 69th Regiment Armory retains an outstanding degree of the Original design by Hunt & Hunt. In addition to its historic and architectural importance as an intact early 20th-century armory, the building is significant in the area of Art as the location of the world-renowned 1913 Armory Show, the first major exhibit of modern art in the United States.

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

DATE

Accept A+C
Savage
Architectural History
1-28-94

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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Lexington Avenue, New York City, NY
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View:
Front facade

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69th Regiment Armory

Lexington Avenue, New York City, NY

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View:

Side elevations of administration building
and drill shed

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69th Regiment Armory
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View:
Entrance pavilion

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69th Regiment Armory
Lexington Avenue, New York City, NY
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View:
Entrance hall

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NEW YORK STATE
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NEW YORK
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68 Lexington Avenue
New York City, N.Y.
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1975 revisions by F. G. Califano



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

SCALE 1:24,000



Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum.

1000-meter ticks based on the New York Transverse Mercator grid.
Between 72° and 78° West Longitude, this grid is identical to Zone 18 of the Universal Transverse Mercator grid. Areas east of 72° and west of 78° are direct mathematical extensions of Zone 18.

10,000-foot ticks based on the New York Plane Coordinate grid,
Long Island Zone.

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Contours, at 10-foot intervals, shown unrevised from 1961 U.S.
Geological Survey map. Dashed lines represent 5-foot contours.
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BOUNDARIES:

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ROADS:

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County road (C)
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Divided highways and streets:
Wide mail
Narrow mail or barrier
Undivided highways and streets:
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Vehicle track; trail

BROOKLYN QUADRANGLE
SECOND EDITION - 1975

69th Regiment Armory

(Resource Name)

93001538

(Reference Number[s])

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