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p-404

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«nameline»

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«organization1»

«organization2»

«address1»

«address2»

«address3»

«address4»

«city», «statelong» «zip9»

Dear«salutation1»:

Thank you for writing to me regarding the use of marijuana for medical purposes. I appreciate knowing your views. My Administration has worked very hard to ensure that Americans have access to safe and effective medicine.

My Administration strongly opposes the California and Arizona drug legalization measures because they contradict our federal law and our national drug control strategy. They disregard the medical and scientific process by which our nation evaluates and approves safe and effective medicines. And, most important, they send the wrong message to our children -- undermining the efforts of parents, educators, elected leaders, and countless others who are working to ensure a healthy, drug-free society.

However, in response to anecdotal claims about marijuana's medical benefits, the Office of National Drug Control Policy is funding a comprehensive research review by the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine. The purpose of this study is to ensure that good science remains the basis of our drug control policy.

As we work to protect the health of children and our nation, I appreciate your interest in this issue.

Sincerely,

*Barack Obama*

### Form Letter Information

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.1160335.....Send.Mail.Message.....

To: ALICEP  
AMIL  
ANNIES  
BARBARAG  
BOBBYH

Post Date: 04/08/1999  
Post Time: 10:54AM  
Expires...: 04/23/1999  
Type.....: MAIL  
Hold.....: N

Subject: P-411

.....Message.....

The following Presidential Letter is on HOLD:

P-411 -- MARIJUANA/MEDICAL PURPOSES

The Master Form Letter Index has been UPDATED.

.....Personal		.....Text.Information.....	
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Robert C. Houser

04/08/99 10:57:35 AM

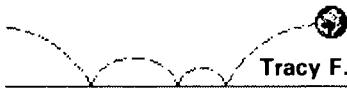


Record Type: Record

To: Sharon R. Lewis/WHO/EOP  
cc: Sang W. Lee/WHO/EOP  
Subject: Re: P-411 Medical Marijuana

Sharon, good catch. Please put the P-411 on hold.  
bob


----- Forwarded by Robert C. Houser/WHO/EOP on 04/08/99 10:58 AM -----



Tracy F. Sisser

04/08/99 10:50:53 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Robert C. Houser/WHO/EOP  
cc:  
Subject: Re: P-411 Medical Marijuana 

Took a look at the article...I'll have one of our interns work on this letter with ONDCP. Please put it on hold. Thanks for pointing this out.

Tracy

.1133086.....Send.Mail.Message.....

AARONP  
ALICEP  
ANNAC  
ANNAW  
ANNIES

Post Date: 05/13/1997  
Post Time: 11:01AM  
Expires...: 05/28/1997  
Type.....: MAIL  
Hold.....: N

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Subject: P-400; P-411; P-501

.....Message.....

The following Presidential Letters have been RELEASED:

- P-400 -- HEALTH CARE REFORM
- ~~P-411~~ -- MARIJUANA/MEDICAL PURPOSES
- P-501 -- VIEW RE BOSNIA

The Master Form Letter Index has been UPDATED.

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# Form Letter Tracking

Code: p-411

Topic: Marijuana/Medical Uses

PLM Writer: Sarah Freeman

Draft name/Directory location:  
slr/draft/medmarijuana.sf

Cleared by: Dennis Burke, DPC 4116197  
Leanne Shimabukuro, DPC 4116197

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**New Form  
Revision**

4/30/97  
 cleared by  
 Jennifer Brown (ONDPC)  
*clear on 5/1/97*

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LJ	Hold/ <u>Created</u>	<u>1/23</u>	<u>SF</u>
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	Cleared	<u>4/16</u>	<u>SF</u>
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MA	Entered	<u>5/9/97</u> <del>4/21</del>	<u>[Signature]</u>
LJ	To Director	<u>4/21</u>	<u>W.W.</u>
JAD	Director's Approval	<u>4/21</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
LJ	To JAD for West Wing	<u>5/8</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
WW	West Wing Approval	<u>5/8</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
MH	To MA for Activation	<u>5/13</u> <u>5/12</u>	<u>W.W. [Signature]</u>
MA	Activated	<u>5/13</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1997

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for writing to me regarding the use of marijuana for medical purposes. I appreciate knowing your views. My Administration has worked very hard to ensure that Americans have access to safe and effective medicine.

My Administration strongly opposes the California and Arizona drug legalization measures because they contradict our federal law and our national drug control strategy. They disregard the medical and scientific process by which our nation evaluates and approves safe and effective medicines. And, most important, they send the wrong message to our children -- undermining the efforts of parents, educators, elected leaders, and countless others who are working to ensure a healthy, drug-free society.

However, in response to anecdotal claims about marijuana's medical benefits, the Office of National Drug Control Policy is funding a comprehensive research review by the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine. The purpose of this study is to ensure that good science remains the basis of our drug control policy.

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Sincerely,



(5/9/97)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1997

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

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Sincerely,

*Bill Clinton*


(4/21/97)

#  
good


**Jennifer Brown**

04/29/97 06:16:34 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sarah S. Freeman/WHO/EOP  
cc:  
bcc:  
Subject: Re: Medical Marijuana 

I ran your letter by our Demand Reduction staff. They said it looks fine. Thanks for clearing it with ONDCP before sending it out. Jennifer.  
Sarah S. Freeman

 Sarah S. Freeman  
04/29/97 05:14:01 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jennifer Brown/ONDCP/EOP  
cc:  
Subject: Medical Marijuana

Jennifer,  
Leanne Shimabukuro said you could help me out with this. I need someone in ONDCP to clear the President's form letter on medical marijuana. Can you please forward this to the appropriate person and let me know who I should contact? Leanne and Dennis Burke already signed off on this.  
Thanks. Sarah x65514

**p-411 Medical Marijuana**

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medical benefits, the Office of National Drug Control Policy is funding a comprehensive research review by the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine. The purpose of this study is to protect the American people by ensuring that science remains the basis of our drug control policy.

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p-411  
Marijuana/Medical Uses  
slr/draft/medmarijuana.sf  
Sarah Freeman  
April 16, 1997

Thank you for writing to me regarding the use of marijuana for medical purposes. I appreciate knowing your views on this matter. My Administration has worked very hard to ensure that Americans have access to safe and effective medicine.

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However, in response to anecdotal claims about marijuana's medical benefits, the Office of National Drug Control Policy is funding a comprehensive research review by the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine. The purpose of this study is to protect the American people by ensuring that science remains the basis of our drug control policy.

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## A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

Columbia University found that a twelve to seventeen-year-old who smokes marijuana is eighty-five times more likely to use cocaine than a non-marijuana smoking peer.<sup>36</sup> Clearly, if we want to reduce the rate of teenage drug use and prevent American youth from using dangerous drugs like cocaine, we must continue to oppose efforts to legalize marijuana.

Marijuana is a Schedule I drug under the provisions of the Controlled Substance Act, Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970. It is similarly controlled on an international basis through inclusion on Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs. Marijuana is placed in Schedule I because it has a high potential for abuse and no currently accepted medical use in the United States.

Nonetheless, our medical-scientific process should not close the door on any substance that could have therapeutic uses. Thus, in response to anecdotal claims about marijuana's medicinal effectiveness, the Office of National Drug Control Strategy is funding a comprehensive review of the drug by the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine. This review will consider scientific evidence of marijuana's pharmacological effects; the state of current scientific knowledge; the drug's psychic or physiological dependence liability; risks posed to public health by marijuana; its history and current pattern of abuse; and the scope, duration, and significance of abuse. The ultimate purpose of this review is to protect the American people by ensuring that science, not ideology, is the basis of drug control policy. The government has an obligation to ensure that regulatory systems do not prevent safe and effective medicines from being made quickly available to the sick. It also has a responsibility to protect the American people from unsafe, ineffective medicines.

### Integrating Ideas, Concepts, and Strategies

In the national effort to counter the effects of illegal drugs and substance abuse, there has been no shortage of proposals, ideas, and papers. The

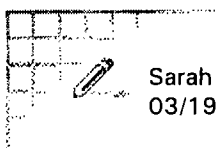
plethora of studies is an indication of the degree to which the country is troubled by the issue and determined to confront it. As such, the energy displayed is a healthy and helpful approach to common goals.

However, such efforts would be more fruitful if coordinated. There is no room for parochialism in the endeavor to reduce illegal drugs and their consequence. Drug abuse is a national problem that must be solved through collective efforts. While argumentation among good people is merely ideas in the making, there comes a time when different perspectives must be synthesized and channeled into a cooperative venture.

This document constitutes the overall strategy for the nation's effort against drug abuse. It leaves room for growth, incorporation of new advances in science and technology, better operations, intellectual expansion, and logical rejection of well-intentioned but counterproductive activities. The National Drug Control Strategy will undoubtedly adapt over the years as conditions change. It will, however, organize our efforts toward the stated goals and objectives.

### Endnotes

1. Lloyd Johnston, *Monitoring the Future Study - 1996*, press release.
2. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Preliminary Estimates from the 1995 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse*.
3. Lloyd Johnston, *Monitoring the Future Study - 1996*, press release.
4. Office on Smoking and Health, *Preventing Tobacco Use Among Young People. A Report of the Surgeon General*.
5. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Unpublished Data from the 1995 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse*.
6. *Ibid.*
7. J.C. Merrill, K. Fox, S.R. Lewis, and G.E. Pulver, *Cigarettes, Alcohol, Marijuana: Gateways to Illicit Drug Use*.
8. National Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education, Inc. (PRIDE). *Pride 1995-96 National Summary Grades 6 through 12* (Atlanta, Ga.: PRIDE, August 1996).



Sarah S. Freeman  
03/19/97 12:39:00 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP  
cc: Dennis K. Burke/OPD/EOP  
Subject: Medical Marijuana

Here's my revised draft of the medical marijuana form letter. I incorporated the Drug Control Policy language, but I think we still need to address Proposition 200-215. Let me know if you disagree. Please send me your clearance or changes ASAP. Thanks! Sarah

**Medical Marijuana form letter**

Thank you for writing to me regarding the use of marijuana for medical purposes. I appreciate knowing your views on this matter.

~~Definite anecdotal information/scientific research has not found smoked marijuana to be a safe, effective treatment, and my Administration strongly opposes the California and Arizona drug legalization measures.~~

*worked very hard to ensure that am. have access to safe + effective medicine.*

~~Proposition 200/215 both contradict our federal law and our national drug control strategy. They <sup>disrupt</sup> ~~violate~~ the medical and scientific process by which our nation evaluates and approves safe and effective medicines. And, most importantly, they send the wrong message to our children -- undermining the efforts of parents, educators, elected leaders, and countless others who are working to ensure a healthy, drug-free society.~~

*Study to investigate*

~~It is important to note that THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, has been available for years through prescription under the name Marinol. Marinol is not carcinogenic - unlike crude marijuana.~~

*because they*

~~My office of National Drug Control Policy and the Food and Drug Administration base drug decisions on science, not ideology. Marijuana is illegal under federal law because it is not good medicine, is detrimental to the health and safety of our citizens, and puts children at risk.~~

*Nonetheless;*

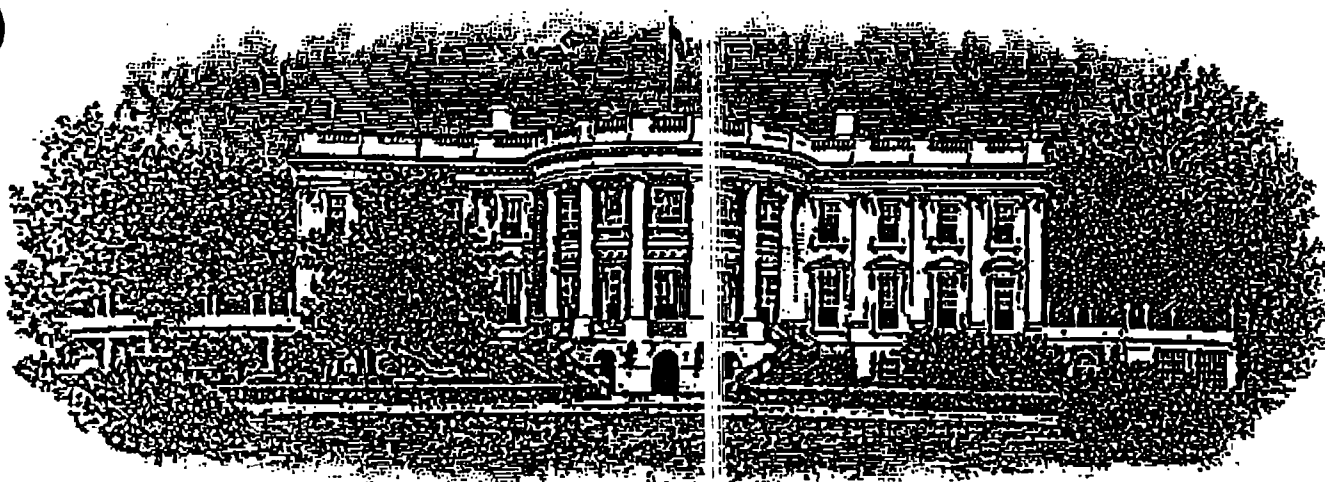
As we work to protect the health of children and our nation, I appreciate your interest in this issue.

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*response to class anecdotal. class at it - marijuana effective*

*① We are doing a lot to give safe access to people*

# The White House



DOMESTIC POLICY

## FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

TO: Sarah Freeman

FAX NUMBER: 65426

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Learnie Shimabukuro

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 65574

PAGES (INCLUDING COVER): 2

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY  
Washington, D.C. 20503**

Date

Dear XXX:

Thank you for your letter about the use of marijuana for medical purposes. Despite anecdotal information, scientific research has not found smoked marijuana to be a safe, effective treatment. Therefore, former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and the American Medical Association joined "Drug Czar" General McCaffrey in condemning initiatives that bypass medical testing and pure food and drug controls.

THC, an active ingredient in marijuana, has been available (as Marinol) for years through prescription. The real "medical marijuana," Marinol is not carcinogenic -- unlike crude marijuana.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Food and Drug Administration base drug decisions on science, not ideology. Marijuana is illegal under federal law because it is not good medicine, is deleterious to the health and safety of our citizens, and puts children at risk.

Best wishes,

XXX  
XXXXX

Name  
Address  
XXXXX



**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY  
Washington, D.C. 20503**

Date

Dear XXXXX:

Thank you for your letter about the uses of marijuana for medical purposes. Despite anecdotal information, scientific research is still lacking that would prove crude marijuana to be a safe, effective treatment compared to legal drugs with fewer side effects. Therefore, former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop joined me in condemning initiatives that bypass medical testing as well as Food and Drug Administration controls for pure products.

THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, has been available for years in pill form -- called Marinol -- for doctors to prescribe. Marinol is not carcinogenic, unlike smoked marijuana. In addition, according to Dr. Philip Kanof of the University of Arizona College of Medicine, the newer 5HT3 receptor antagonists, among other FDA-approved drugs, have excelled at providing relief in place of Marinol.

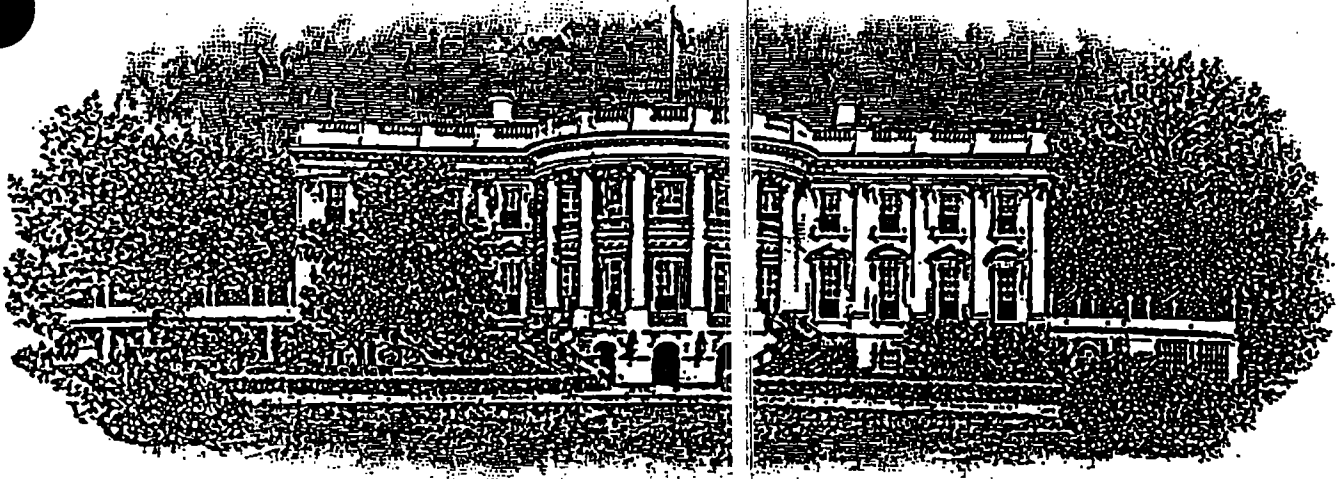
Know that the White House cares about the American public. We will continue working for all citizens.

Best wishes,

XXXXXXXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXX

Name  
Address.  
XXXXXXXXXX

# The White House



DOMESTIC POLICY

## FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

TO: Sarah Freeman

FAX NUMBER: 65426

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 65514

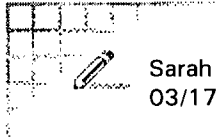
FROM: Kenne Shimabuku

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 655-74

PAGES (INCLUDING COVER): 3

COMMENTS: ONDOP letter re: medical

Maignana



Sarah S. Freeman  
03/17/97 10:51:52 AM

*only*

*cc: Dennis*

Record Type: Record

To: *Leanne Shimabukuro*  
~~Dennis K. Burke/OPD/EOP~~

cc: *↓*  
Records Management

Subject: Re: marijuana for medical uses

any word on this yet? I have a pile of letters waiting for this language. thanks.  
Dennis K. Burke

Dennis K. Burke  
03/07/97 12:06:51 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sarah S. Freeman/WHO/EOP  
cc: Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP  
Subject: Re: marijuana for medical uses

We need to show this to McCaffrey's people to insure that we are sending out the same message reflected in his outgoing correspondence. I have forwarded your draft to them and they will have input back to me by the end of the day.

MAIL: 20314707  
FROM: BOBBYH  
TO...:SARAHF  
CC...:  
Date: 23 Jan 1997  
Time: 01:55PM  
SUBJ: Marijuana Medical Letter

\*\*\* ORIGINATED BY SARAHF ON 04:15PM 01/22/1997 \*\*\*

Kyle forwarded me your letter -- I am working right now to get some language on this. Do you think we need a new form letter or do you just want to answer these as a batch for now? Please call me at x65514. Thanks, Sarah

\*\*\* ANNOTATED BY BOBBYH ON 06:31AM 01/23/1997 \*\*\*

I think we need a new form letter because of the volume. I have a box of about 500 so far and we are still reading late December. So if we can create a new letter our volunteers can put the names and addresses in the system and the analysts can code the letters they are holding on their desks. What number do you want to give it and what title? Thanks.

\*\*\* ANNOTATED BY SARAHF ON 09:31AM 01/23/1997 \*\*\*

I have the worst time sending Quorum e-mail!

OK, how about "p-403 Medical Marijuana"? (feel free to change the number if you want -- just let me know what it is.)

p.s. Bobby -- I have all of Seth's old issues (health, fda/tobacco, older americans, science and tech, and space). In the future please e-mail me if you need a new form letter for any of these. Thanks.

\*\*\* ANNOTATED BY BOBBYH ON 01:55PM 01/23/1997 \*\*\*

Let's make it the P-411 Marijuana/Medical Purposes

I will tell Sharon to create a "dummy file" so we can start inputing them. thanks.

bobbyh

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**DRYE E @ A1**  
01/23/97 02:59:00 PM

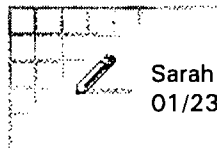
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To: Sarah S. Freeman

cc:

Subject: RE: medical marijuana

please work with Dennis Burke or Leanne Shimabukuro to clear the letter. They're both handling the issue for the DPC. THAnks.



Sarah S. Freeman  
01/23/97 03:38:18 PM

Record Type: Record

To: BURKE\_D @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY, Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: medical marijuana

Elizabeth Drye told me that you were both handling this issue for the DPC.

Right now I'm trying to draft a form letter response from the President to answer the huge number of letters we are getting on this issue. The only language I can find is from General McCaffrey's Dec.12 press briefing. Please let me know if you have anything more detailed (it's only mentioned in passing). My fax is x65426. Thanks. Sarah x65514

p.s. I'll be sending this letter to both of you for your clearance once I have a decent draft.

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thank you  
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