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DX ITALIA

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by **I2MQP**

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RED = Important operation GREEN = Details not yet fixed

ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA OR A ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL
5T	Mauritania	Now - Dec 31	ON8RA/5T0JL will be on as 5T0ITU Will sign 5T3MM during next days	ON8RA PY4KL
5V	Togo	May 21 - Jul 28	OK1FCJ & OK6DJ will be on all bands and modes	LoTW & OK6DJ
5U	Niger	NOW	F5PRU is on as 5U7RK during free time for a few months	H.C. LoTW & ClubLog
5X	Uganda	Now	ON6NL is now on as 5X8C	H.C. dir Bur
5Z	Kenya	NOW till 2019	DL2RMC will sign /5Z4	H.C.
7X	Algeria	May 15 - May 18	7X2VFK will be on as 7Y9TWD	7X2DD dir
8J	Antartica	All 2017	JG2MLI will be on from 8J1RL. Will also use 8J60JARE	H.C. LoTW
8R	Guyana	May 10 - Jun 8	KC0W will be on /8R1 CW only	H.C. dir

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9Q	Congo	Now	EA4BB has received a license and has started operating as 9Q6BB with low power	W3HMK
A7	Qatar	May 4 - May 18	MW0BRO will be /A7	H.C. dir
BY	China AS-137	May 11 - May 15	BD4TS, BH4TVU and BU4SCC will sign /5	H.C.
CN	Morocco	May 5 - May 12	DL3YM will be in Agadir and will sign CN2YM CW	DL3YM
CN	Morocco	Now - May 20	OE9SBD is active CW only as CN2SB	H.C.
D4	Cape Verde AF-005	May 3 - Jun 8	DF2WO as D44TWO	M0OXO
DL	Germany EU-127	May 14 - May 21	DL3LBP will be /p	H.C. LoTW
DU	Philippines OC-130	Apr 4 - May 24	ON5SM will be /DU9	H.C.dir & bur
DU	Philippines OC-235	May 9 - May 16	SP5APW will be /DU9	H.C.
E3	Eritres	May 19 - May 29	JH1AJT and his group will be again on as E31AA and E39DI	
E4	Palestine	May 16 - May 30	SP9FIH will sign E44WE	H.C & ClubLog
EA9	Ceuta & Melilla	May 20 . May 21	EG9TOR will be on ED9T will be in the contest	EA4PN
E5/S	S.Cook	Apr 28 - May 13	W6HB as E51AND, KG7MXL as E51JD, KI7DLK as E51BQ	
E5/S	S.Cook OC-013	Apr 30 - May 12	AD7MM as E71BAS W6HB as E51DL	H.C.
E5/n	N.Cook OC-098	May 9 -May 23	VE3LYC will be on CW & SSB signing E51LYC	H.C.
EA6	Balearic Is,	May 5 - May 14	DL1ATZ will operate /EA6	H.C
EA9	Ceuta & Melilla	May 20 . May 21	EG9TOR will be on ED9T will be in the contest	EA4PN
FO	French Polynesia & Marquesas	May 1 - Jul 31	IZ2ZTQ will be on from OC-027, 046, 066, 067. Details on the schedule not yet known	H.C. LoTW
FS	St. Martin NA-105	May 1 - May 15	K9EL will be on /FS	H.C. LoTW ClubLog
FT	Antartica AN-017	Dec 2016 Feb 2018	F4HLT will sign FT3YL from AN-017	F6KPQ & ClubLog
GJ	Jersey EU-013	May 5 - May 11	PA1AW, PA3EWP, PA9JO and PB5X will sign /MJ	ClubLog LoTW
HC8	Galpagos SA-004	May 1 - May 29	LW9EOC is signin /HC8	H.C. LoTW

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HR	Honduras NA-057	May 13 - May 27	AD8J will sign /HR9 mainly CW	H.C.dir & LoTW
J2	Djibouti	Now	S53T has a license valid to the end of 2019	S57DX
JD	Minami Torishima	May 15 - Jul 15	JG8NQJ will be /JD1 from OC-073	JA8CJY
JT	Mongolia	May 9 - May 31	JT5MA will be used by RN5M	LY5W dir
PJ7	S.Maarten	May 19 - May 23	PH2M will be /PJ7	Bur LoTW ClubLog
PY0F	F.de Noronha	May 5 - May 15	PY4NY will be on as PY0NY	H.C. dir
RI1	Antartica	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	UA1OJL will be on as RI1ANO All bands and modes	RN1ON dir & Bur LoTW ClubLog
S7	Seychelles AF-024	May 2 - May 10	LZ1PJ will sign S79J	H.C. dir bur LoTW
S0	Western Sahara	May 11 - May 15	5 7X operators will be on as S07X	
T8	Palau	May 12 - May 19	JH0CKF will sign T88MZ JJ0RIK will sign TK9KA JA8VE will sign T8VE	H.C. ClubLog
TA	Turkey AS-159	May 19 - May 21	TC0M group will be on	
TG	Guatelama	Apr 21 - May 15	VE7VZ will sign /TG9 or TG9BBV	VE7BV dir bur LoTW
TR8	Gabon	May 18 - Jun 3	F8EN will sign TR8CR	F6AJA
V3	Belize NA-073	May 5 - May 14	VO1OK will sign V31OK After May 9 will be in NA-073	H.C. dir LoTW
VK	Australia OC-267	May - Jun 2017	VK5MAV Will sign VK9MAV Details will follow	RN3RQ bur ClubLog
VK9N	Norfolk	NOW	G0PWH has moved to Norfolk and will be there as VK9PH	QRZ.COM
VP2M	Montserrat	May 25 - May 29	KD2MDG will sign VP2MDG	H.C. dir only
VP9	Bermuda	May 10 - May 15	CX4CR & CX3AN will be /VP9	EB7DX
VQ9	Chagos AF-006	NOW	ND9M will be again on from Chagos signing VQ6JC or VQ17JC	
VU	Laccadives AS-011	May 15 - May 19	W4VKU & VU2PAI will be on signing VU7KP	ClubLog W4VKU LoTW
W	USA NA-083	May 13 - May 15	W4WFF group will be /p	

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XE	Mexico NA-221-224	Dec 2016 & all 2017	XF2L call will be used by AREPAC group from NA-221 & NA224	XE1SOV
ZL7	Chatham OC-038	May 2017	ZL2DX and his wife ZL7QT will be on as ZL7DX and ZL7QT for 3 years	Dir
ZS8	Marion Island	Dec 26 - Dec 31 2017	ZS1BCE as ZS8Z will be on for more than one year	ZS1LS

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
3B7	St. Brandon	Oct 2017	Rumors are circulating about a French operations	
3B9	Rodriguez	Nov 23 - Dec 12	G0CKV will sign again as 3B9HA	M0OXO & LoTW
3X	Guinea	Oct 27 - Nov 6	F5RAV & F5NVF will sign 3XY4D	F5RAV dir only
3Y	Bouvet	Jan 20 2018 - Feb 28 2018	K0IR K4UEE & LA6VM are announcing their operation	
4O	Montenegro	Jun 18 - Jun 28	IK5WWA will sign 4O7GD	H,c, Dir & Bur
7X	Algeria	Sep 18 - Sep 25	EA7JX will use the call 7U1X	H.C ClubLog
9L	Sierra Leone AF-O%&	Mar 4 - Mar 17	Italian team will be on with 4 stations and 8 operators	Y2YSB OQRS & LoTW
9M0	Spratly	March 2018	YT1AD will organize and expedition with the call 9M0W	
A2	Botswana	Sep 7 - Sep 15	IW5ELA will be on as A25AL	H.C.
C6	Bahamas	Jun 7 - Jun 16	K6KLY (C6ALY), K8CC (C6ACC) and Ken/K2KW (C6ATA) will be active mainly VHF	H.C. & LoTW
CT9	Madeira	Oct 3 - Oct 17	DL8JS, DF6QP and DJ8VC will be active /CT9	H.C.
D2	Angola AF-108	Jun 2017	8 Operators will be on from AF-108 Details will follow	
DU	Philippines OC-128	Aug 18 - Aug 22	KE0BRZ will be /DU1 from OC-128	H.C. dir LoTW

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EA9	Ceuta & Melilla	May 25 - May 26	EA9LZ will be in the contest as EF9R	EA5KB dir & LoTW
EI	Ireland EU-121	Jul 29 - Jul 30	ON6QR will be in the contest	H.C.
FG	Guadeloupe	May 22 - Jun 7	DL2AAZ will sign /FG	H.C. dir & bur
FJ	S.Barthelemy NA-146	Oct 17 - Oct 26	AI5AP will be /FJ N0KV will sign /FJ	H.C. LoTW
FO	French Polynesia	Jun - Sep	F6CTF will sign /FO from Thaiti	H.C: dor
FO	French Polynesia OC-131	Jun 11 - Jun 19	TX5EG group will be on	F6BCW
FO	French Polynesia OC-067	Jun 29 - Jul 17	TX5EG group will be on	F6BCW
FO	French Polynesia OC-046	Aug 15 - Sep 5	TX5EG group will be on	F6BCW
FP	St. Pierre NA-032	Jul 4 - Jul 18	KV1J plans to be /FP 1.8 to 50 MHz	KV1J & LoTW
FP	St. Pierre NA-032	Sep 17 - Sep 23	M0WUT and others will sign /FP	H.C.
FR	Reunion AF-016	Jun 4 - Jun 16	F4HPX will sign /FR	H.C. LoTW ClubLog
FT4X	Kerguelen	Nov / Dec	An expedition is planned for the last part of the year	
GD	Isle of Man	Jul 29 - Jul 30	MM0GOR will sign MD1E	M0OXO
GD	Isle of Man	Jul 29 - Jul 30	M0UTD will sign MD1U	M0OXO
H4	Temotu	Oct 3 - Oct 17	LZ1GC will be again on as H40GC	ClubLog LoTW
HB0	Liechtenstein	May 27 - Jun 3	ON5UR will be /HB0	H.C.
HB0	Liechtenstein	Jun 1 - Jun 6	A GM group will be on. Call to be fixed	M0OXO
HC8	Galapagos	Aug 1 - Oct 31	G8OFQ will sign /HC8	H.C.LoTW
HC8	Galapagos	Sep 14 - Sep 21	HD8M multinational team will be on all bands	WB2REM OQRS
J5	Guinea Bissau AF-020	Nov 15 - Nov 30	Italian team will be on with 4 stations and 8 operators	Y2YSB OQRS & LoTW
KH1	Baker & Howland	Sep 1 - Sep 14	YT1AD and his group are planning an operation during Sept/Oct	

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OJ0	Market reef EU-005	Jul 1 - Jul 7	OJ0V team will be on	ON5TC
OY	Faroe	Jun 14 - Jun 25	K2HVN will be /OY	h.C: dir & bur
P4	Aruba	May 27 - May 28	W2GD will be on as P44W	N2MM & LoTW
P4	Aruba	Jul 22 - Aug 6	P40X group will be active	DL8UD & ClubLog
PJ5	Saba	May 31 - Jun 4	PH2M Will be /PJ5	Bur LoTW ClubLog
PJ6	St.Estatius	May 24 - May 30	PH2M will be / PJ6	Bur LoTW ClubLog
PJ7	S.Maarten	Jun 14 - Jun 28 2017	K9UK, K9N, W9AEB, W9DR and W9KXQ will be /PJ7	H.C.
PJ7	S.Maarten	Oct 24 - Nov 4	PJ7T by a LU DX group	LU1FM dir LoTW
RI1	F.J. Land EU-190	Late Septembr	RI1F group of 12 operators will be on	ClubLog
S9	Sao Tome	Oct 12 - Oct 21	EA5IDQ will sign S95CQ	H.C.
T8	Palau OC-009	Jun 9 - Jun 18	JH0IXE will sign T8CW	H.C. dir JA0Fbur
T8	Palau OC-009	Jun 16 - Jun 23	JA6UBY as T88RR, JO3LVG as T88MK, JH6DUL as T88VV, JL1HYH as T88HY, JM1LIG as T88FM, JI6NCY as T88NC;	
T8	Palau OC-009	Jun 28 - Jul 2	JF1FKR will operate as T88TJ	Bur
T8	Palau OC-009	Oct 11 - Oct 17	T88UW by JH7IPR	H.C. LoTW
T30	W.Kiribati	Dec 2017	VK3FY plans to be in Tarawa before the end of the year as T30T	M00XO
TI	Costa Rica NA-116	Jun 8 - Jun 12	TI2CC, TI2CDA, TI2JFF, KM4HI and N3KS will be active as TE8DX from Chira Island	TI2CDA
TK	Corsica	May 23 - May 28	F4GHS will be /TK	H.C. dir & Bur
TN	Congo	May 25 - Jun 4	TN5E will be on frequency by LA7GIA	M00XO & LoTW
TZ	Mali	Aug - Feb 2019	F5IXR will be on as TZ5XR	F5MXH & LoTW
UA	AS. Russia	Jul 20 - Jul 24	R7AL, RA1ZZ, RW5D and RK8A will operate as RI0LI from AS-022	
V2	Antigua	Mid July	KG4ZNX will be on operating as V21XN	Dir LoTW
V2	Antigua	Jul 23 - Aug 7	VE6SH will sign V29SH	H.C. Lotw

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V2	Antigua	Jul 23 - Aug 7	VE6SH will be again on as V26SH	
V4	St. Kitts	Jul 1 - Jul 9	KE1B & W6NN will be /V4	H,C,
V6	Micronesia OC-011	Aug 28 - Sep 4	V63KS by JA6REX all bands and modes	LoTW
VE	Canada NA-128	Jul 27 - Jul 30	CG2I will be on including the contest	VE2EBK ClubLoG LoTW
VE	Canada NA-174	Jul 28 - Jul 30	VY0/VA2NDX will be in the contest	F4BHW
VE	Canada NA-128	Jul 29 - Jul 30	VA2SG will be in the contest	VE2TLH
VK	Australia OC-216	Nov 6 - Nov 12	VK5CE will sign /9 from OC-216	H.C. dir burClubLo
VK9X	Christmas OC-002	Jun 24 - Jul 1	HL1AHS will sign VK9AA	H.C.dir LoTW
VK9X	Christmas OC-002	Oct 1 - Oct 10	VK3FY, VK3GK & VK3TZ will be on as VK9XI	M0OXO
VK9X	Christmas OC-002	Oct 2 - Oct 19	W7GJ will be on mainly EME 6 meters signing VK9XGJ	H.C.
VK9C	Cocos Keeling OC-003	Oct 10 - Oct 17	VK3FY, VK3GK & VK3TZ will be on as VK9CI	M0OXO
VK9C	Cocos Keeling OC-003	Sep 12 - Sep 28	W7GJ will be on mainly EME 6 meters signing VK9CGJ	H.C.
VK9C	Cocos Keeling OC-003	Oct 23 - Nov 6	GM3WOJ & GM4YXI will sign VK9CZ	N3SL
VP2E	Anguilla	Nov 21 - Dec 2	OH3JR & OH1VR will be on as VO2EHC & VP2ESM	H.C. dir
VP2V	British Virgin Is	Nov 23 - Nov 29	N2DXX & AA7V will be /VP2V	NR6M
W	U.S.A. NA-085	Jun 3 - Jun 10	K5TEN will be on from Dog Island signing K4D	H.C dir
YJ	Vanatu	Jul 5 - Jul 13	ZL3GA will operate again as YJ0GA	
ZA	Albania EU-169	Jun 10 - Jun 20	ZA/IK7JWX group will be on	H.C. dir & bur

SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES

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7X	Algeria	May 15 - May 18	7Y9TWD	7X2DD
9H	Malta	Now - Jun 30	9H2017EU	9H1SP dir
CT	Portugal	May 27 - May 28	CR6K	CT1ILT
DL	Germany	All 2017 All 2017 All 2017 All 2017 All 2017	DR1517LU, DR500MLE, DR5LUTHER DC500LS, DL500ML DM5LUTHER DR25MDK DR60SAL DR60VKL DK60HERTEN DL60NEU	Bur Bur Bur Bur Bur DC1MAS
DL	Germany	All 2017 All 2017 All 2017 All 2017 May 1 - Apr 30 Jun 21 - Jun 25	DR0HARZ DB20ENERGY DL40MFR DM1517L DL0TELF DL0DFE	DF7AA DM1DX Bur Bur Bur
DL	Germany	May 1 - Jul 31	DL2017TDF	Bureau
EV	Belarus	Now - Jun 22	EV145O	QRZ
F	France	Apr 22 - Oct 20 May 13 - May 14 MAY Now - Jun 3	TM160BF TM27REF TM18HSG TM62ISS	Bur F6KFI F8DXZ F5INJ
G	England	May 13 - May 14	GB6MW	G4DFI
HA	Hungary	Now - Aug end	HG17EYOF	Dir
HB	Switzerland	Apr - Dec	HB600NFV	HB9JOE
I	Italy	Now - Jun 30 Apr 1 - Jul 31	I11TON I2ARI	ClubLog I2MQP
JA	Japan	NOW Apr 1 - Oct 31 April - June Apr - Mar 2018 Apr - Mar 2018	8J2A 8J2016Y 8J1IP 8J1YAC 8N60JLRS	Bur Bur JE1XUZ JF6FQI
JA	Japan	Apr 26 - Jun 30 NOW Now - Aug 31	8J4VLP, 8J6VLP, 8J8VLP, 8J9VLP 8J7FESTA	Bur Bur Bur
LA	Norway	2017	LM80Q, LM80REX	LA9VDA
LY	Lithuania	May - Jun	LY17PM	LY2KM
LZ	Bulgaria	2017 2017 May 2017	LZ45YE LZ73TRC LZ395SG	LZ1YE LZ1YE LZ1KCP

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OM	Slovak rep	2017	OM685RADOLA OM42KYSUCE OM500R	OM3CND OM3CND QRX
ON	Belgium	2017	OP17HC	ON7PP
OX	Greenland	2017	OX90EDR, OZ90EDR, OV90EDR, 5P90EDR	OZ1ACB
PA	Netherland	2017 Now Now May 21 - Jun 6 May 27 - May 28 May 27 - May 28 May	PG400TH PC55C PA5FR PH00GEVEEN PA10A PA150LIM PA125V	PA3ETC PD7YY Bureau Bureau LoTW PD0MHZ Bur
S5	Slovenia	ALL 2017	S557E	Dir & Bur
SM	Sweden	Now - Dec 31	SC90SM	Bureau
SP	Poland	May 11 - May 23	HF79GT	SP5PPK
UA	Russia	Apr 23 - May 22 Apr 2017	RA36GS RT60RT	RN3FY RN9A
UR	Ukraine	2017	EN90IWA	
VE	Canada	2017 2017	CG9NC XM1150CAN	VE9NC Bur
VK	Australia	Now - May 26	VI100TRF	ClubLog
YO	Romania	Now - May 28	YP7TP	Bureau
YV	Venezuela	2017	YV50ARV	W4DTA

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

NAQCC CW Sprint: 0030Z-0230Z, Apr 11

NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, May 12

NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, May 12

Jakarta DX Contest 40m: 1000Z-2200Z, May 13

Portuguese Navy Day Contest: 1100Z, May 13 to 2300Z, May 20

VOLTA WW RTTY Contest: 1200Z, May 13 to 1200Z, May 14

CQ-M International DX Contest: 1200Z, May 13 to 1159Z, May 14

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SKCC Weekend Sprintathon: 1200Z, May 13 to 2400Z, May 14
HPC World Wide DX Contest: 1200Z, May 13 to 1159Z, May 14
MARAC County Hunters Contest: 1400Z-2400Z, May 13 and 1400Z-2400Z, May 14
Arkansas QSO Party: 1400Z, May 13 to 0200Z, May 14
FISTS Spring Unlimited Sprint: 1700Z-2100Z, May 13
50 MHz Spring Sprint: 2300Z, May 13 to 0300Z, May 14
WAB 7 MHz Phone: 1000Z-1400Z, May 14
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint: 0000Z-0200Z, May 15
Phone Fray: 0230Z-0300Z, May 17
CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, May 17 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 17 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 18

3Y0Z BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION

(Press Release #5, dated May 5th) From OPDX

The Bouvet Island DXpedition team (3Y0Z), is pleased to make an important announcement about our transportation plans to Bouvet Island.

From the beginning, we have worked with Nigel Jolly to secure safe, reliable, and affordable transportation to Bouvet. We both have struggled with the costs involved in getting Nigel's ship and a helicopter from New Zealand to the tip of South America to begin the voyage to Bouvet.

Together, we have been working to find alternatives while Nigel's vessel, the Claymore II stood ready for our use if we could not find a suitable alternative. We are announcing today that we have found an alternate vessel that eliminates the repositioning costs and at the same time adds additional margins of safety for our team.

DAP, a Chilean maritime and aviation company that took some of us to Peter I in 2006, recently acquired a vessel that is perfect for our DX-pedition to Bouvet. This company also has a fleet of 16 helicopters. Bob, K4UEE, and George, N4GRN, have just returned from Punta Arenas, Chile, where they inspected the vessel, the helicopters and discussed our requirements with DAP. Nigel Jolly supplied us with a checklist to be used while inspecting DAP's vessel and helicopter capabilities.

Based on our observations, and our discussions, and based on DAP's reputation and our personal history with DAP; we feel we have found a sound alternative and optimum means of transportation to Bouvet. DAP's ship is somewhat larger than Nigel's vessel, and they have offered us two helicopters instead of only one. They are both medium duty, twin engine BO-

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105 helicopters. We will also have two pilots and mechanics with years of Antarctic flying experience. The ship is being re-fitted with a hanger to house those two helicopters during transit and poor weather conditions..

The vessel's Captain and crew have sailed the vessel for many years and have been retained by DAP. Interestingly, one of the crew members that will accompany us to Bouvet is Alejo Contreras Staeding. He is a well known Antarctic explorer, guide, glaciologist and adventurer. We met him in 2006 on the way to Peter I. We are extremely pleased to have him join us.

We have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with DAP and a formal contract is being drafted. We will review that contract with Nigel, and expect to sign it soon. This is an important step, as the new vessel and the capabilities of DAP will fully complement our team. This is a winning partnership that helps assure not only safety for our team, but an excellent chance of a very successful DXpedition under the extreme circumstances we are expecting.

Our departure will be approximately mid-January, 2018, possibly sailing to Bouvet from King George Island. We expect 9-11 day voyage to Bouvet.

When the weather allows, we will land on the island by helicopter. Our first priority will be to inspect the terrain, select a site clear of crevasses and establish our shelters stocked with emergency supplies.

Once secured, we will bring the rest of our equipment ashore and commence radio operations as soon as possible. We expect to be at Bouvet for 21 days, and allowing for weather, hope to be on the air for 14-16 days.

This is likely the most expensive DXpedition ever attempted and the operating team has committed to fund up to 50% of the costs. We are hopeful the DX community will fund the remainder. You may follow our planning progress and see our fund-raising results on our website <www.bouvetdx.org>.

73, Ralph-K0IR

Bob-K4UEE

Erling-LA6VM

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