

Pressto Graphics Building
SM-705
21865 Three Notch Road (MD 235)
Lexington Park vicinity
Circa 1930
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-705

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Pressto Graphics Building

2. Location

street & number 21865 Three Notch Road (MD 235) not for publication

city, town Lexington Park X vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jerome A. Karsh

street & number 283 Three Notch Road telephone

city, town Lexington Park state and zip code MD

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 43A(60)/101

city, town Leonardtwn liber and folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category		Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count		
		<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure		<input type="checkbox"/> both		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site				<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object				<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	Total
				<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
				<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
				<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			

**Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory**

 0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The former residence (currently a gift shop) at 21865 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 25 feet west of the road in an area characterized primarily by commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house. A paved driveway and parking area surround the house.

The two-story rectangular stucco-covered building has an asphalt shingle gable roof with wood soffits. A central brick chimney rises through the ridge of the roof. A one-story gable-roof entry porch with square wood posts and wood railing projects from the center of the east elevation. A one-story gable-roof ell extends from the southwest corner of the building and a gable-roof entry porch projects from the northwest corner of the building. Windows throughout the house consist primarily of six-over-six double-hung sash with concrete sills.

The east, or main, elevation is symmetrical and contains three bays in both the first and second stories. The first story contains a central entry with decorative wood shutters flanked on either side by a large fixed sash plate glass window. The second story contains three six-over-over six windows with decorative wood shutters. The north elevation contains three bays in the first story: a central entry is flanked on either side by a single six-over-six window. A modern wood ramp leads to the door. The second story includes two six-over-six windows. A louvered vent is located in the gable. The first story of the west elevation contains the gable-roof addition at the south end and an entry with a gable-roof porch at the north end. The addition includes a central door flanked on either side by a single fixed sash window; a set of paired fixed sash windows are located in the north and south sides of the addition. The second story of the west elevation is asymmetrical and contains three six-over-six windows. The south elevation contains two six-over-six windows in both the first and second stories. A louvered vent is located in the gable.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> maritime	
			<input type="checkbox"/> history	
			<input type="checkbox"/> military	

Specific dates Circa 1930 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling, location, and setting. Conversion of the dwelling for use as a store has somewhat compromised its integrity of design, materials, and workmanship.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>	9/29/98
Reviewer, NR program	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>	4/6/98

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. SM-671 705

Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 7,556 sq. ft.
Acreage surveyed 7,556 sq. ft.
Quadrangle name Solomons's Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 43A(60) , Map 101 , Grid 4

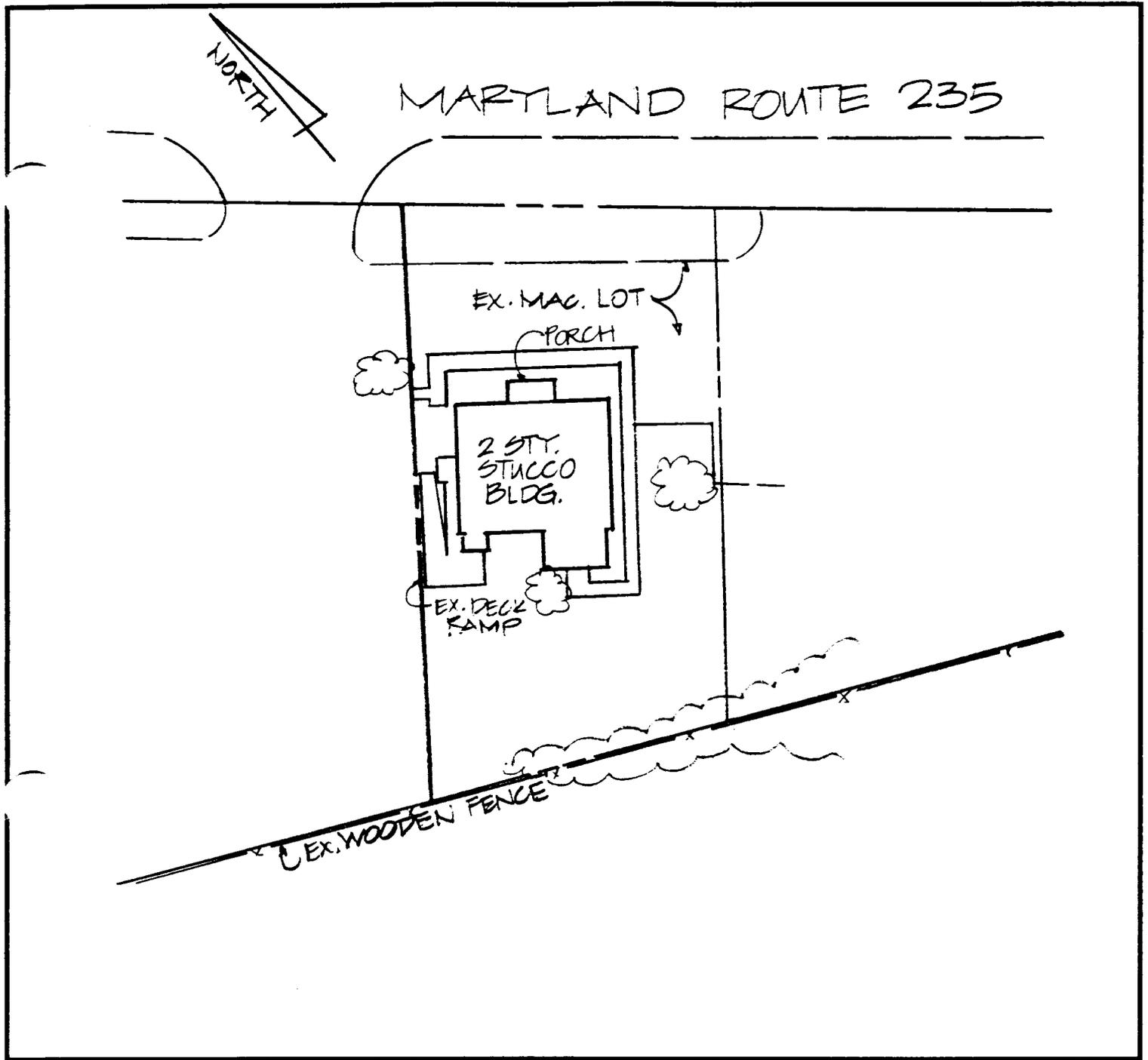
11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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 21865 Three Notch Road
 Lexington Park, St. Mary's Co.
 Resource Sketch Map

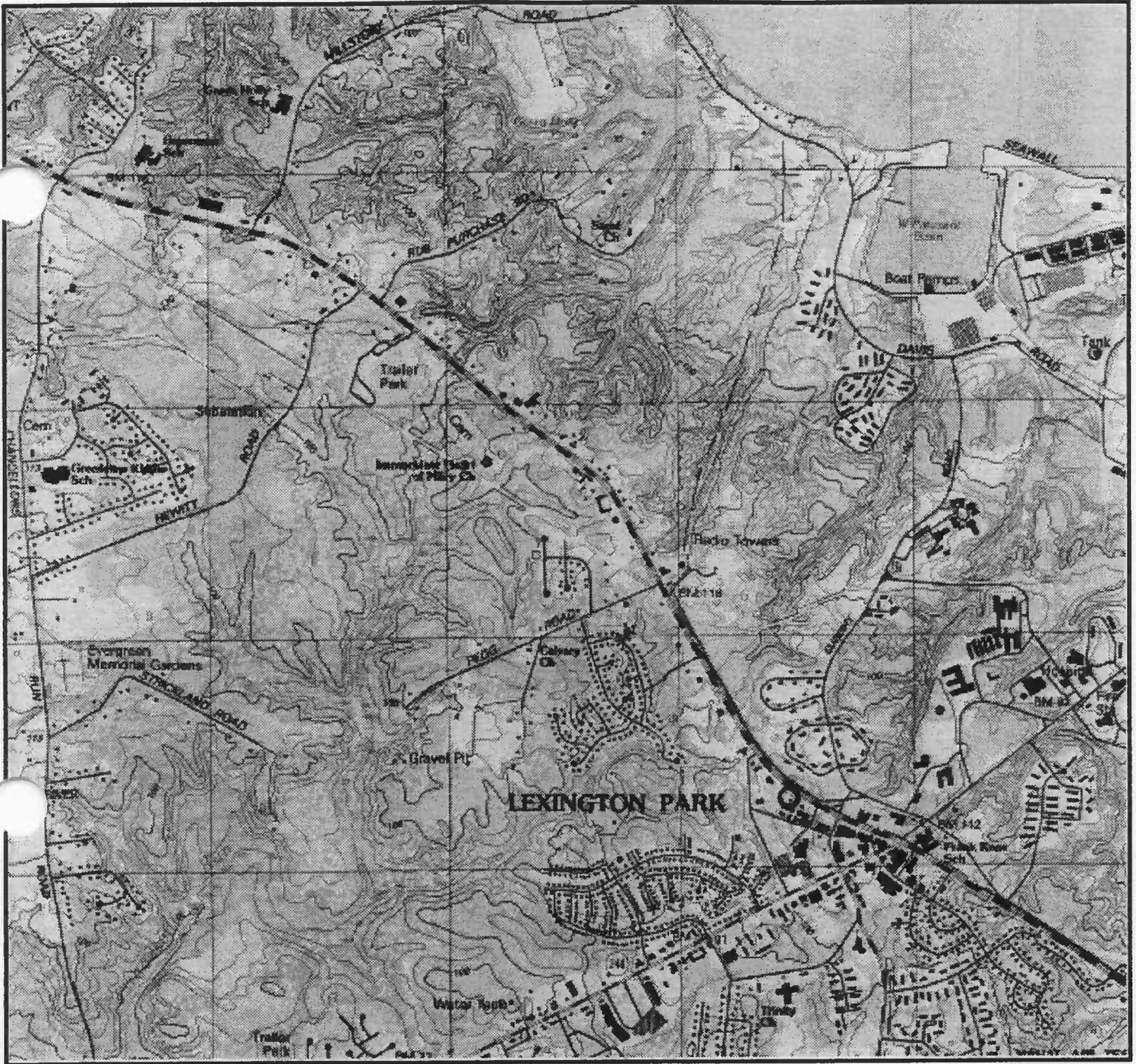


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 ADMINISTRATION**

10 NORTH PARK DRIVE
 HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030
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**MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246
 St. Mary's County, MD**

BCS 95-17A



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 Solomon's Island, MD USGS Quad
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Scale: 1"=2,000'



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S+ Marys Co.

Margaret Parker

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MIS SHPO

S+ E elev.

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SM-725

SF Marys Co.

Margaret Parker

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MD SHTP

N + W elev.

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