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BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

October 20, 1978

The Board of Regents met on the above date in the Edward L. Pine Auditorium, Jot Travis Student Union, University of Nevada, Reno.

Members present: Fred M. Anderson, M. D.

Mr. James L. Buchanan, II

Mr. John Buchanan

Mrs. Lilly Fong

Mrs. Molly Knudtsen

Louis E. Lombardi, M. D.

Miss Brenda D. Mason

Mr. John Tom Ross

Members absent: Mr. Chris Karamanos

Others present: Chancellor Donald H. Baepler

President William Berg, NNCC

President Joseph Crowley, UNR

President Jack Davis, WNCC

President Brock Dixon, UNLV

President Paul Kreider, CCCC

President Lloyd Smith, DRI

General Counsel Larry Lessly

Secretary Bonnie Smotony

Also present were Senate representatives Blauert (WNCC/N), Leland (DRI), Mattson (UNLV), Page (UNR), Reed (Unit), Rosich (CCCC), and student association representatives Braxton (WNCC/N), Caesar (CCCC), Neuweiler (ASUN), Schefcik (USUNS), Schenk (WNCC/S), and White (CSUN).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Buchanan at 9:50 A.M.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chancellor Baepler voted that the agenda had been prepared in a different format, using a Consent Agenda including several items which required Board approval but which, in the opinion of the Administration, did not require individual

presentation and discussion, and could be acted upon in a single motion. Dr. Baepler pointed out, however, that any item appearing on the Consent Agenda could, if requested by a Regent, be removed from the Consent agenda to the Action Agenda for discussion and separate action.

Chancellor Baepler recommended approval of the following items contained on the Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes of the September 22, 1978 meeting.

B. Concurrence by the Board in the 1978-79 UNS Capital Improvement Program Request (Ref. C-1, filed with permanent minutes), revised to reflect State Public Works Board final cost estimates and recommendations for funding sources. Order of priority remains the same as that previously approved by the Board of Regents. Projects 5, 13, 14 and 15 are not recommended by the State Public Works Board for funding in this biennium; however, they will continue to be an integral part of the University's request for capital improvements. Concurrence by the Board with the source of funding reflected on the revised request will allow the final document to be prepared for presentation to the Gover-

nor and the 1979 Legislature.

C. Acceptance of the gifts and grants as reflected in

Ref. C-2 (filed with permanent minutes).

D. Allocation of \$5,000 from the Board of Regents Special

Projects Account to supplement the Board of Regents Host

Account for 1978-79. This Host Account is used for meal

and coffee service provided in conjunction with Board

meetings and Committee meetings, as well as official en-

tertainment on behalf of the Board.

E. Proposed Amendment of Purchasing Policy to require that

advertisement of bids for purchase of materials, sup-

plies and equipment shall be placed not less than 4 days

prior to opening of bids, rather than 10 days as pres-

ently required.

F. Write off of \$2,563.61 in uncollectible loans at UNLV.

UNLV annual report reflected the following loans out-

standing:

NDSL	\$2,040,132.95
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Nursing	307,301.00
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University Loans	10,067.63
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CCCC report reflected the following loans outstanding,

none of which is considered uncollectible:

NDSL	\$368,217.80
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College loans	2,987.80
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G. Amendment of lease agreement with the Environmental

Protection Agency whereby UNLV will provide janitorial

services and pay utilities, in return for which EPA will

increase their annual rent sufficiently to allow the

University to add six janitorial positions and to cover

utility costs, plus approximately \$20,000 in overhead.

Amendment of the lease agreement required the following

revision of the Estimative Budget for the EPA lease:

	Amendment	Amended
	Budget Requested	Budget

Revenue

Opening Cash Balance	\$ 24,146	\$ 2,777-	\$ 21,369
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Revenue	84,525	249,075	333,600
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Total	\$108,671	\$246,298	\$354,969
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Expenditures

Classified Comp.	\$ 68,971	\$ 72,461	\$141,432
Operating	24,700	173,837	198,537
Ending Fund Balance	15,000		15,000
Total	\$108,671	\$246,298	\$354,969

H. Approval of following Estimative Budget for 1978-79 for

Atmospheric Sciences Center Electronics Services Group:

Revenue

Sales	\$ 72,477
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Expenditures

Professional Salaries	\$20,218
Technical Salaries	32,222
Wages	6,000
Fringe Benefits	11,537
Operating	2,500
Total Expenditures	\$ 72,477

I. Award of bid to Ian Mc Sween for \$87,788 for construction of the north porch of Morrill Hall. Other bids received were as follows:

Ken Bugica	\$ 89,420.18
Nevada Builders	91,873.00
Capriotti Construction	108,150.00

Mrs. Fong requested that Item E of the Consent Agenda be removed to the Action Agenda.

Mr. John Buchanan moved approval of the Consent Agenda except Item E. Motion seconded by Mr. Ross, carried without dissent.

2. Proposed Amendment of Purchasing Policy

Chancellor Baepler recommended that the Board's policy on purchasing be amended to require that advertisement of bids for purchase of materials, supplies and equipment shall be placed not less than four days prior to opening of bids.

The present policy states not less than ten days. This requested change will decrease the number of days required for the Purchasing Department to respond to the procurement needs of the University.

Approval of this recommendation would result in the following amendment to Chapter 3, Section 1, of Title 4 of the

Board of Regents Handbook:

5. Basic Purchasing Procedure. All materials, supplies and equipment shall be purchased from the lowest and best bidder after giving due consideration to quality, availability and service.

(a) Single item or conglomerate purchases from a single vendor, the established cost of which exceeds \$2,500, shall be purchased after the Purchasing Department:

(1) advertises for bids at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the Campus to be supplied and not less than four days prior to opening bids;

In response to a question from Mrs. Fong, Chancellor Baepler assured the Board that this change in policy would not be restrictive to prospective bidders but was intended only to allow the University to respond more quickly to the needs of the Campus. Purchase of items requiring more lead time to the bidder would be advertised earlier than the minimum of four days permitted by this proposed change.

Mrs. Fong moved approval. Motion seconded by Miss Mason, carried without dissent.

3. Proposal for Modification of Retirement Options for Faculty

Chancellor Baepler reported that the UNR Faculty Senate has proposed that a study be conducted by the Public Employees Retirement System Board of the feasibility of some type of retirement programs that encourage early retirement or phasing into retirement. Details of the proposal contained in Ref. B, filed with permanent minutes.

Dr. Baepler reported that he and the other Officers endorse this proposal and recommended that the Board of Regents take the following actions:

- (1) approve a request by the University of Nevada System to the PERS Board to study the possibilities of implementing a "phase-in" retirement program in the near future;
and
- (2) approve a request to the Legislative Counsel Bureau to study the effects of allowing public agencies to par-

ticipate in a plan to allow phasing into retirement.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs.

Knudtsen, carried without dissent.

4. Request for Allocation to USUNS

Chancellor Baepler recalled in 1975 the Board of Regents had recognized the organization of Nevada College Students Government Council, which has subsequently been renamed the United Students of University of Nevada System (USUNS), and allocated \$1,000 from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account to assist in payment of travel expenses for their annual meeting. In 1977 the organization increased its meetings to 4 each year and the Board of Regents increased its allocation to \$2,000.

Chancellor Baepler endorsed a request from Larry Schefcik, USUNS President, that the Board allocate \$3,000 for funding for this organization this year and recommended that this allocation be provided from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account.

Miss Mason moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs.

Knudtsen, carried without dissent.

5. Approval of Sale of Property in San Bernardino County

President Smith recalled that in 1973, the Desert Science Foundation deeded 60 acres of land in San Bernardino County, California to the Desert Research Institute. He noted that the Institute does not foresee a use of this land and requested authorization from the Board to begin the procedures for its sale. Chancellor Baepler recommended approval.

Mr. Ross moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

6. Appointment of Scientific Information Officer and Executive Director, DRI

President Smith reported that the procedures for the appointment of a Scientific Information Officer for the Institute and an Executive Director for the Energy Systems Center were not completed and he requested the matter be withdrawn from the agenda.

7. Authorization to Sell University Property

President Dixon recalled that in August the Board had authorized the sale of approximately 54 acres of land which had been donated to the University in 1962 by Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hall. 3 bids were received with the low bidder requesting that his bid be withdrawn and the earnest money check returned to him. The following 2 bids were considered:

Lewis Homes, Las Vegas	\$513,000
Chism Homes, Las Vegas	515,000

President Dixon reported that the bid from Lewis Homes stipulated a \$100,000 down payment with the remainder to be paid in four annual installments at 8% per year, with a prorata reasonable release provision as principal payments are made. The bid from Chism Homes was for cash payment at the close of escrow. Neither bid included payment of a commission to a real estate broker.

President Dixon recommended the bid of Chism Homes for \$515,000 in cash be accepted. Chancellor Baepler concurred, noting that sale of this property also requires concurrence of the Governor.

Miss Mason moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

8. Request for Name Change, UNLV

President Dixon presented, with his endorsement, a request from the Department of Secondary Education for a name change to Department of Secondary, Postsecondary and Vocational Education, to reflect the Department's involvement in all three areas. Chancellor Baepler concurred.

Mrs. Fong moved approval. Motion seconded by Miss Mason, carried without dissent.

9. Proposed Change in Out-Of-State Tuition for Medical Students, UNR

President Crowley reported that the nonresident tuition for medical students at UNR is \$6,000 per semester, plus \$1,200 in-State registration fee. In most instances, he noted, this nonresident tuition is paid by the sending state under the WICHE compact and was the rationale in its original establishment. However, it is anticipated that the

Medical School will have additional nonresident students in the future who will not be receiving the WICHE support and the \$6,000 semester tuition is considered excessive for such students and imposes an enormous hardship.

President Crowley endorsed a recommendation by the Medical School that the \$6,000 per semester tuition be retained for students receiving WICHE support, but for other nonresident students, the tuition be established at \$1,800 per semester. In each case, he noted, this tuition is in addition to the in-State registration fee of \$1,200 per semester.

In the discussion following, Dean Scully cited some comparative figures from other medical schools supporting the concern that UNR's nonresident tuition was far in excess of that charged by other State-supported schools. There was also concern expressed that this difference between the tuition to be charged WICHE-supported students and those not receiving WICHE support might be challenged at some point in the future.

Chancellor Baepler recommended approval of the change in tuition, effective Fall semester 1978, as requested by the Medical School and endorsed by President Crowley, noting

that should a challenge to the fee differential be received at some future point, it could be dealt with at the time, pointing out that this same differential exists in other states with regard to WICHE-supported and other nonresident students and had not been challenged in those instances.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

10. Main Station Farm Parcel #3

Chancellor Baepler recalled that in September the Board had approved a recommendation by President Crowley that new bid specifications be developed for Parcel #3 of Main Station Farm and that a proposed course of action be brought back to the Board at its October meeting. Accordingly, the UNR Administration determined that it wished to offer Parcel #3 for lease and the necessary documentation had been prepared; however, it was not completed until the preceding day.

Chancellor Baepler recommended that action on this be deferred until December to permit adequate review by the Regents of the lease documents and bid specifications prior to action by the Board.

Mrs. Fong moved that this matter be deferred until December.

Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried without dissent.

11. Approval of New Departments, CCCC

President Kreider requested approval of the following new

Departments for Clark County Community College:

Department of Mathematics

Department of Science

Department of Hotel/Food Service Technology

Chancellor Baepler recommended approval.

Miss Mason moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong,
carried without dissent.

12. University of Louisville v. UNLV Litigation

President Dixon recommended settlement of the University of
Louisville versus UNLV litigation by payment of the sum of
\$15,000 plus costs of the suit. Chancellor Baepler con-
curred, specifying that the costs of the settlement would
be paid from funds available to UNLV.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Ross, carried without dissent.

13. Request for Reservation of Season Basketball Tickets, UNLV

President Dixon recalled that at the September meeting, a motion by Miss Mason that 100 season basketball tickets at UNLV be reserved for the black community was tabled until the October meeting. A report was included with the agenda containing a response from President Dixon to that request and to questions subsequently raised in a letter from Regent Mason. (Report identified as Ref. S-1 and filed with permanent minutes.)

Chairman Buchanan noted the inclusion on the supplemental agenda of a recommendation for the selection of an architect for the UNLV Sports Pavilion and suggested that construction of this facility would resolve the problem of lack of tickets cited by Miss Mason.

14. Request for Discussion of Housing Policy for Dormitory

Residents, UNR

President Crowley noted that Mrs. Fong had raised certain questions concerning the housing policy for UNR dormitory residents and had requested a discussion of this matter at the Board meeting. He noted that a report had been sent to Mrs. Fong previous to the meeting and offered to respond to any further concerns she might have.

Mrs. Fong stated that the questions she had raised had essentially been resolved by the report sent to her by President Crowley but expressed further concern that it had taken so long to get a response from the staff responsible for the housing program at UNR.

15. Fall Enrollment Report

Chancellor Baepler distributed the Fall Enrollment report showing Fall 1978 net FTE students, compared with the Fall 1977 net FTE students, as follows:

Percent		
1977-78 (2)	1978-79 (1)	Increase
Fall	Fall	Decrease

Lower Division	3,759	3,618	-3.75
Upper Division	1,789	1,749	-2.24
Graduate	844	756	-10.43
Total	6,392	6,123	-4.21

School of Medical Sciences 96 134 39.58

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Lower Division	3,587	3,473	-3.18
Upper Division	1,551	1,468	-5.35
Graduate	689	642	-6.82
Total	5,827	5,583	-4.19

Clark County Community College

Occupational	1,329	1,661 (3)	24.98
Liberal Arts	1,063	1,254	17.97
Developmental	173	167	-3.47
Total	2,565	3,082	20.16

Northern Nevada Community College

Occupational	151	157	3.97
Liberal Arts	195	234	20.00
Developmental	11	8	-27.27
Total	357	399	11.76

Western Nevada Community College-South

Occupational	353	424	20.11
Liberal Arts	283	344	21.55
Developmental	41	33	-19.51
Total	677	801	18.32

Western Nevada Community College-North

Occupational	757	785 (4)	3.70
Liberal Arts	565	585	3.54
Developmental	69	82	18.84
Total	1,391	1,452	4.39

SYSTEM TOTAL 17,305 17,574 1.55

(1) University enrollments are Fall totals; Community

College enrollments are Fall totals, but estimates of

Fall alternate semesters have been used, since these

registrations have not been completely tallied.

(2) For purposes of comparison, Fall 1977 enrollments have

been converted to 15 undergraduate and 8 graduate cred-

its equals 1 FTE student.

(3) Excludes 93 FTE apprenticeship enrollments.

(4) Excludes 99 FTE apprenticeship enrollments.

Chancellor Baepler pointed out that these are FTE figures only and are considered final for the two Universities. He noted the decline in enrollment for UNR and UNLV of approximately 4%, suggesting that this, for the first time in Nevada, reflects the national trend in declining enrollments in higher education. He further suggested, however, that given the rapid population growth which Nevada is now experiencing, it is anticipated that this decline will reverse itself over the next two years.

Dr. Baepler suggested that the decline in enrollment at the two Universities can also be attributed, especially in the Reno area, to the very favorable employment market.

Dr. Baepler noted that the Community College figures are estimates, reflecting the actual Fall enrollments but the alternate semester enrollments are not yet known. He suggested that part of the decreased enrollments at the Universities may be reflected in the substantial increases realized by the Community Colleges, particularly CCCC and WNCC/S.

Chancellor Baepler also commented on the decline in graduate enrollments at both UNR and UNLV, suggesting that several factors might be identified as the cause: the employment market, particularly in Reno, causing many people to take fewer credits and work more hours; and the yet-to-be-assessed impact of the offerings in Nevada of graduate courses by out-of-state institutions.

He suggested that the net effect of the enrollment figures will be a significant reduction in the budget request for the two Universities, particularly as it pertains to addition of faculty positions. The budget request for the Community Colleges should not require revision since a substantial increase for those instructional units was built into the request when it was originally developed.

16. Phase II Proposal - Master of Science in Land Use Planning,

UNR

President Crowley recalled that in September the Board received a Phase II proposal for a Master of Science in Land Use Planning to be offered by UNR, and action by the Board was tabled until October to allow further consultation con-

cerning some of the questions raised, specifically those raised by Mr. John Buchanan. Subsequently, Mr. Buchanan had met with the Committee charged with developing the program, and several changes had been agreed upon.

Dr. Glen Atkinson, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following changes made in the Phase II proposal:

- a. Title Page: . . .With Options In: A) Policy, B) Environmental and Land Use Law, C) Economics, D) Planning and Administration, and E) Environmental. . .was added
- b. Page One: The last sentence of the main paragraph was omitted. It read: The intent is to admit students who have completed an undergraduate program in a relevant technical field and offer them an education in policy analysis.
- c. Page Three: Under "c" item 1 was changed to read:
Baccalaureate degree with a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale.
- d. Page Four: Numbers 3-6 were changed to i-iv under a new

number 3 which was inserted. It reads: The following requirements must be met by all students.

Applicants who do not meet all of these curricular requirements, but who have developed competency through relevant professional experiences, may become eligible for entry into the program through satisfactory performance by examination and interview.

e. Page Five: Line two under "Fields of Specialization"

was changed to read: . . .additional courses in two of the five options of Principles of Land. .

f. Page Five: The asterisk was omitted, along with the respective notation.

g. Page Six: The "s" was removed from each of the five options listed, making them "Option" (singular).

Mr. John Buchanan expressed satisfaction with the results of his meeting with the Committee, adding that although he still had a few concerns about this particular program, he did not believe it should be prevented from being implemented. Rather, he said, he hoped that his concerns would be

considered in the further development of the program. Mr.

Buchanan cited the following areas of concern:

(1) The term, "Land Use Planning", was a bit narrow for what is actually offered in this particular planning curriculum.

(2) The transition between the disciplines; i. e., the possibility of planning students taking engineering courses with other engineering students without the instructor being aware of their specialization in planning.

(3) Lack of sufficient option courses to strengthen the specializations proposed.

(4) Lack of accreditation goals for the program.

(5) Insufficient number of credits required for the master's degree. Suggest at least 45 hours.

Mr. John Buchanan again emphasized that his concerns were meant to be constructive and he hoped that the program could be strengthened sufficiently to provide the means to bring

all types of disciplines together to produce the kind of professional planners needed.

Mr. John Buchanan moved approval of the Phase II Proposal with the changes as agreed upon by the Committee and discussed by Dr. Atkinson and himself. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

17. Design Development Drawings, Addition to Dickinson Library, UNLV

Mr. Harry Wood, System Architect, reviewed the proposed addition to and remodeling of the existing library structure, noting that the project also included site development work surrounding both structures. The project will add approximately 60,000 net assignable square feet to the existing 60,000 net assignable square feet. Funding for the project is as follows:

Higher Education Capital Construction Fund	\$1,827,000
Capital Improvement Fee Revenue Bonds	5,100,000
	\$6,927,000

The construction budget is \$5,596,000 and the budget for

furnishings and equipment is \$546,000.

Mr. Bob Fielden, of the firm of Jack Miller and Associates, presented the design development drawings and requested approval and authorization to proceed with construction documents.

In the discussion following, there was some objection offered to the red color treatment proposed for the exterior staircases and the pedestrian concourse between the existing Library and the proposed addition; however, a motion to change the red to an earth tone was subsequently withdrawn.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval of the design development drawings as presented. Motion seconded by Miss Mason, carried with Mrs. Fong opposing.

18. Investment of Howard Contribution to Medical School

President Crowley reported that Mr. Claude Howard had requested consideration of investment of funds which he had contributed to the University for the benefit of the Medical School and requested that the Board consider this as an emergency item.

Mr. John Buchanan recommended this be added to the agenda as an emergency item. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

Dr. Crowley explained that Mr. Howard had requested that the University purchase two \$1 million Certificates of Deposit for one year at 9% interest, from accounts established through his contributions. He noted that one of these accounts is a passbook savings account for \$1,234,000 at 5% interest, the second is a first deed of trust for \$924,000 at 8.5% interest. Mr. Howard has requested that \$1 million be taken from the savings account for the purchase of one Certificate of Deposit, and that \$76,000 from this savings account be added to the deed of trust for purchase of the second Certificate of Deposit. An additional \$159,000 remaining in the savings account may be used by the Medical School for equipment. Chancellor Baepler recommended approval.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

tration Building

Mr. Harry Wood, System Architect, reviewed the proposed new College of Business Administration building, and adjacent site developments. The project consists of approximately 47,000 net assignable square feet. Funding for the project is as follows:

Higher Education Capital Construction Fund \$1,892,000

Capital Improvement Fee Fund Revenue Bonds 4,000,000

\$5,892,000

The construction budget is \$4,862,000 and the budget for furnishings and equipment is \$402,000.

Following presentation of the design development drawings for the project, there was discussion concerning the width of the walkways through and to the sides of the building, proposed to carry pedestrian traffic between the south and north sides of the Campus. Mr. Ross expressed concern that 8-foot walkways were inadequate and would cause congestion in the movement of traffic through that part of the Campus.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval of the plans as presented with

consideration of widening the walkways on each side of the building. Motion seconded by Mr. Ross, carried without dissent.

20. Selection of Architect for Sports Pavilion, UNLV

President Dixon reported that Congress had approved legislation giving Nevada the slot machine tax rebate which had been anticipated in the planning for sports pavilions for Reno and Las Vegas. He noted that sufficient progress had been made at UNLV in advance planning for the project intended for Las Vegas, that it is now appropriate that action be taken to nominate an architect to the State Public Works Board. Accordingly, President Dixon recommended the firm of W2C Architects (John Carl Warnecke, Art Cambeiro and Domingo Cambeiro) be nominated to the State Public Works Board as the project architects for the Sports Pavilion for UNLV, noting that this project can proceed if the federal legislation passed by Congress is subsequently approved by President Carter and assuming approval for the project is forthcoming from the 1979 Nevada Legislature. Chancellor Baepler concurred.

Mr. William Morris, President of the UNLV Rebels Boosters,

spoke concerning the involvement of that organization in the advance planning for this project and their interest in its construction on the UNLV Campus. Mr. Morris reported that he had been authorized by Mr. Parry Thomas and Mr. Jerome Mack to assure the Board that any or all of their pledged contribution of \$1 million could be advanced toward the architectural fees for this project while waiting action by the Nevada Legislature.

Mr. Ross moved approval of the nomination of the Firm of W2C Architects to the State Public Works Board as the architects for this project. Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried without dissent.

President Crowley reported that UNR is at the stage where feasibility studies and market analysis are being done and will probably be ready for review by the Board at the February meeting, together with a proposal as to the nature of the special events facility to be provided in Reno and its approximate costs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Bonnie M. Smotony

Secretary to the Board

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