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im-next time I'm in or first time someone who can take the tape to you is here I'll send it with a carbon of this to indicate to Carmen's daughter the parts that we should have verbatim. I've fixed the tape against accidental erasure.