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JULY: HOTTER AND DRIER THAN USUAL

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LAST MONTH WAS THE SECOND HOTTEST JULY SINCE 1884, WITH 33.6 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JULY 11 AS THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL IN JULY, MEASURING 131.2 MM, WAS ONLY ABOUT 41 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL FIGURE. IT WAS THE FIRST MONTH IN THE YEAR WITH BELOW AVERAGE RAINFALL AND WAS THE FOURTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH.

BUT THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, MEASURING 1 865.9 MM, WAS STILL 42 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

JULY WAS HOTTER AND LESS HUMID THAN USUAL, WITH THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 27.5 DEGREES CELSIUS BEING THE HIGHEST, AND THE MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 78 PER CENT THE THIRD LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH.

THE MONTH STARTED WITH A FINE SPELL WHICH PERSISTED UNTIL JULY 11, WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS DURING THE FIRST NINE DAYS.

SCATTERED SHOWERS OCCURRED ON JULY 12 AND 13 AS SEVERE TROPICAL STORM TIP MOVED ACROSS THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THE SHOWERS BECAME LIGHT AND ISOLATED ON JULY 14 AND THE WEATHER WAS FINE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE WEATHER ON JULY 16-17 WAS AFFECTED BY TYPHOON VERA. SCATTERED SHOWERS OCCURRED ON THE MORNING OF JULY 16 AND WINDS WERE FRESH EAST-NORTHEASTERLY. SHOWERS BECAME MORE FREQUENT DURING THE DAY AND THERE WERE ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS AT NIGHT. MEANWHILE, WINDS VEERED TO THE EAST AND BECAME STRONG IN EXPOSED AREAS.

SHOWERS CONTINUED ON JULY 17 WHILE WINDS TURNED SOUTHEASTERLY AND GRADUALLY MODERATED.

THE WEATHER REMAINED SHOWERY ON JULY 18. HOWEVER, IT WAS FINE FROM JULY 19 TO 24 APART FROM SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS BETWEEN JULY 22 AND 24.

CLOUDY WEATHER SET IN DURING THE DAY ON JULY 25. SHOWERS STARTED AROUND MIDNIGHT ON JULY 26 AND BECAME HEAVY AND THUNDERY THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

MORE SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON JULY 28, BUT THE WEATHER IMPROVED RAPIDLY IN THE AFTERNOON.

APART FROM SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS, THE WEATHER WAS FINE FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH.

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DURING THE MONTH, THREE TROPICAL CYCLONES FORMED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND CAME WITHIN 400 NAUTICAL MILES OF HONG KONG. TROPICAL CYCLONE SIGNALS WERE HOISTED ON ALL THREE OCCASIONS.

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM TIP DEVELOPED OVER THE PHILIPPINES ABOUT 130 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF MANILA ON JULY 10. IT MOVED NORTHWESTWARDS, ACROSS THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND EVENTUALLY DISSIPATED NEAR ZHANJIANG ON JULY 13.

TYPHOON VERA ORIGINATED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC ABOUT 700 NAUTICAL MILES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF MANILA ON JULY 12. IT SWEEP ACROSS THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BETWEEN JULY 14 AND 16 AND LANDED AT NORTH-EASTERN HAINAN ON JULY 17. IT FINALLY DISSIPATED ABOUT 200 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF HANOI EARLY ON JULY 19.

TYPHOON WAYNE DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC ABOUT 510 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF GUAM ON JULY 22. IT PASSED THROUGH THE BASHI CHANNEL EARLY ON JULY 25 AND LANDED NEAR XIAMEN IN SOUTHEAST CHINA LATER DURING THE DAY. IT EVENTUALLY DISSIPATED INLAND EARLY ON JULY 26.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF DAMAGE IN HONG KONG.

DURING THE MONTH, NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 16, 17, 27 AND 28 WHILE A FLOOD WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JULY 27. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS :

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
SEVERE TROPICAL STORM TIP	1	JULY 12 6 AM	JULY 13 2 PM
TYPHOON VERA	1 3	JULY 16 6.30 AM JULY 16 4 PM	JULY 16 4 PM JULY 17 4.05 PM
TYPHOON WAYNE	1	JULY 24 9.50 PM	JULY 25 4.10 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE :

SUNSHINE	268.4 HOURS = 37.5 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
RAINFALL	131.2 MM = 185.6 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	63 PER CENT = 3 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	78 PER CENT = 3 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL

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MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	32 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	29.4 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.8 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	27.5 DEGREES CELSIUS = 1.2 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	25.2 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	174.3 MM = 4.3 MM BELOW NORMAL

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 33.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JULY 11 AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.4 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JULY 17.

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END OF TAI HANG TRAFFIC JAMS SEEN  
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TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE BOTTOM OF TAI HANG ROAD DURING PEAK HOURS WILL END WHEN THE NEW TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER IS COMPLETED IN JUST OVER TWO MONTHS.

MR H.S. KWONG, GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE SAID: +WORK ON THE 550-METRE FLYOVER, WHICH RUNS FROM THE LOWER END OF TAI HANG ROAD, THROUGH MORETON TERRACE, ACROSS CAUSEWAY ROAD TO JOIN GLOUCESTER ROAD ON THE WEST SIDE OF VICTORIA PARK, IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE.

+IT IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT THE END OF OCTOBER,+ HE SAID.

IN RECENT YEARS, MR KWONG SAID, INTENSIVE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS SERVED BY TAI HANG ROAD HAD GENERATED A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI HANG ROAD, TUNG LO WAN ROAD AND EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD.

HE SAID THAT THE SITUATION WOULD IMPROVE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE FLYOVER, AS TRAFFIC COMING DOWN OR GOING UP TAI HANG ROAD COULD AVOID A NUMBER OF ROAD JUNCTIONS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THE AREA.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 35-METRE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE SPANNING CAUSEWAY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SHELTER STREET.

MR KWONG SAID IT WOULD ALSO BE COMPLETED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FLYOVER.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED ABOUT FLOATING HOLIDAY

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY FIXED THE DATE OF THE SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY FOR THIS YEAR AND THEIR EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT REQUESTED THAT IT BE ADDED TO THEIR PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, THEY SHOULD GIVE EMPLOYEES THE SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY ON MONDAY (AUGUST 29).

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, EMPLOYERS HAD TO FIX THE TWO FLOATING HOLIDAYS AND NOTIFY EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED AT A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BEFORE THE END OF THE PRECEDING YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS EMPLOYED LOCALLY OR FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$7 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, INCLUDING WAGES AND ALLOWANCES, BUT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY, PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY.

IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638; KOWLOON WEST 3-201652; KOWLOON SOUTH 3-319454; KWUN TONG 3-898520; TSUEN WAN 0-4980100; TAI PO 0-6577111 EXT. 114; TUEN MUN 0-818443; HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) 5-268671 AND HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST) 5-282523.

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MORE MARKET FACILITIES FOR SAI KUNG

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A TWO-STOREY MARKET-BAZAAR BUILDING WILL SOON BE BUILT IN YI CHUN STREET, SAI KUNG, TO MEET THE INCREASING LOCAL DEMAND FOR MARKET FACILITIES AND TO REDUCE ON-STREET TRADING IN THE TOWN.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT.

THE NEW BUILDING, OCCUPYING A SITE AREA OF ABOUT 2 500 SQUARE METRES, WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING MARKET NEAR HOI PONG STREET.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE BUILDING WILL INCLUDE A TOTAL OF 230 DRY AND WET GOODS STALLS, A MARKET MANAGEMENT OFFICE, A STORE ROOM AND A STAFF QUARTERS.

A GOODS LIFT AND A PASSENGER ESCALATOR WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED TO FACILITATE GOODS AND PASSENGER MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO FLOORS.

WORKS WILL START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR BRIDGE, ROAD PROJECT

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THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SITE FORMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE, ROADS AND THE ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT COVERS THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 12 HECTARES OF LAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN SIU LEK YUEN VALLEY AND A BRIDGE OVER SIU LEK YUEN NULLAH.

THE LAND FORMED WOULD BE USED TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 30 000 PEOPLE FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISION OF ROADS AND A BRIDGE WOULD HELP ENHANCE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE AREA AS WELL AS IMPROVE ROAD FACILITIES FOR THE EXISTING VILLAGES IN THE VALLEY.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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EARLY WELFARE PAYMENT  
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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES HOLDING CASH COUPONS MAY BE PAID EARLIER IF THEIR PAYMENT DATES FALL ON THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THOSE WHO ARE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT ON AUGUST 27, 28 AND 29 CAN CASH THEIR COUPONS ON AUGUST 24, 25 AND 26 RESPECTIVELY OR AFTER AT DESIGNATED POST OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES OR TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

PEOPLE WHO ARE RECEIVING SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES THROUGH BANKS WILL BE PAID ACCORDING TO THEIR ORIGINAL PAY DATES, HE ADDED.

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HOUSEHOLD REFUSE POINTS TO BE OPENED  
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FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), SOME 700 REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, JUNK COLLECTION POINTS AND BIN SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR DISPOSAL OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD JUNK AND BULKY ARTICLES.

HOWEVER, TRADE OR INDUSTRIAL WASTES FROM BUSINESS FIRMS AND FACTORIES WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY DISPOSE OF ANY KIND OF HOUSEHOLD JUNK AT ANY NEARBY REFUSE OR JUNK COLLECTION POINT OR BIN SITE IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT HOUSEHOLD JUNK INCLUDED USED FURNITURE, SUCH AS WOODEN OR METAL SOFAS, CHAIRS, TABLES, CABINETS, SPRING MATTRESS OR RUG.

NEW TOWN RESIDENTS AND RURAL VILLAGERS MAY ALSO DISCARD SUCH ARTICLES AS TV AND RADIO SETS, AIR CONDITIONERS, REFRIGERATORS, AND WASHING MACHINES, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT IS AIMED AT FURTHER IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN THE NEW TOWNS AND VILLAGES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR RESIDENTS TO DISCARD ARTICLES ON THE STAIRCASE AND COMMON PARTS OF THEIR MULTI-STOREY BUILDING OR AT STREET CORNERS, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

THIS NOT ONLY CAUSES NUISANCE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, BUT ALSO CREATES AN UNHYGIENIC ENVIRONMENT, AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DISCARD ANY HOUSEHOLD JUNK IN PUBLIC PLACE AND AN OFFENDER FACED A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND A POSSIBLE SIX-MONTH JAIL SENTENCE.

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'COLOURED ROWING BOATS' TO COMPETE  
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OVER 1 600 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN +COLOURED BOAT+ ROWING COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18 (SUNDAY).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT (RCD) AND CHEUNG CHAU COLOURED BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION, THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT CHEUNG CHAU BAY FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

+IT IS A RIGOROUS SPORT DEMANDING SKILL, STRENGTH AND COOPERATION AMONG CREW MEMBERS+, SAID A RCD SPOKESMAN.

+FOUR YEARS AGO IT WAS AN ACTIVITY KNOWN TO CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS, AND NOW IT HAS ATTRACTED TERRITORY-WIDE PARTICIPATION.+

THE COMPETITION, SPONSORED BY LIU CHONG HING BANK, WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES. THE OPEN TEAM CATEGORY WILL BE FOR MEN, WOMEN, STUDENTS AND FISHERMEN'S GROUPS. EACH TEAM WILL BE MADE UP OF TEN MEMBERS.

THE INVITATIONAL TEAM CATEGORY WILL INCLUDE TEAMS FROM BANKS, THE EIGHT ISLANDS DISTRICTS, SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS AND COLOURED BOAT ASSOCIATION.

EACH APPLICANT CAN ENROL IN ONE OPEN GROUP TEAM AND ONE INVITATIONAL TEAM.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS AUGUST 26. THE ENTRY FEE PER TEAM IS \$5.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (ISLAND OFFICE) ON 2/F, CONNAUGHT BUILDING, 55 CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-423085 OR 5-423609.

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DISTRICT OFFICE HELPS DISTRIBUTE TICKETS  
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TICKETS FOR FREE PERFORMANCES ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN THE KO SHAN ROAD THEATRE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

FOR EACH PERFORMANCE, 200 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE, AND THERE WILL BE AN AVERAGE OF 10 PERFORMANCES EVERY MONTH, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID.

THE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LAST 10 DAYS OF EACH MONTH AT THE MAIN OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER AT 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD IN TO KWA WAN.

TICKETS FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

+WE SHALL ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SERVICE AFTER 12 MONTHS AND MAKE ANY CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS IF NECESSARY,+ HE SAID.

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