

October 26, 2021

## Thai Enquirer Summary

### **Economic News**

- The planned opening of the country by November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 seems to be getting some cold shoulder from the people as a recent polls indicates that as many as 94% of the people are ‘concerned’ about the planned opening and its impact on the people’s health.
  - ❖ The survey conducted by Department of Health between October 16-20 showed that
    - 28% of the people thought that the disease can be under control
    - 72% of those surveyed felt that more measures needed to be undertaken to protect the people’s health.
    - 60% want tighter control of illegal entry through the porous borders



- As part of their move to gain traction and momentum among the population, the government of 2014 coup leader Prayut Chan-o-cha, has decided offer subsidies to farmers in various sectors although the farmers will only get 15% of the promised funds due to the constraints of the budget.

- ❖ Rice @ 131.66 billion baht
- ❖ Corn for feedmill @ 1.86 billion baht
- ❖ Tapioca @ 7.10 billion baht



- Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn, Minister of Tourism and Sports, revealed that the response to the opening of the country on November 1, 2021, from the tourism sector is considered very good and in the past.
  - ❖ The number of foreign tourists requested for Certificate of Entry (COE) and bookings for Phuket Sandbox Project in November increased more than any month since Phuket Sandbox opened and when announcing the opening of the country by cancelling the COE request, switching to submitting all documents 'Thailand Pass' instead is an easier process.
    - This is expected to help drive the number of foreign tourists to continue to increase.
  - ❖ Thani Saengrat, Director-General of the Department of Information and a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that the Department of Consular Affairs has coordinated with Thai embassies and consulates around the world about the Thailand Pass platform, which is a way to register to enter Thailand through the website [www.tp.consular.go.th](http://www.tp.consular.go.th) and it takes 3-5 days to process.
- Minister of Tourism and Sports Phiphat spoke about the 2022 countdown event in Phuket, now 'Lisa Blackpink' or Lalisa Manoban, a Thai female K-pop artist and Andrea Boselli, a singer. famous Italian opera also confirmed to attend the countdown event in Phuket, with an official contract signing soon.

- ❖ The event is scheduled for 3 hours on the night of December 31, 2021, across the new era, January 1, 2022, and it will take place at Sarasin bridge in Phuket.
- ❖ As for the cost of Lisa and Andrea, it will cost a total of \$3 million, or about 100 million baht by the Ministry of Tourism. will offer the central budget From the Cabinet (Cabinet) only the fees of both artists in the meeting of the Cabinet in Krabi Province.
- Wisit Limluecha, Vice President of the Thai Chamber of Commerce and the president of the Ready Food Producers Association revealed that he wants the government to speed up business and country rehabilitation, and there must be a clearer plan or measures to restore the country.
  - ❖ He said that there must be more activities to help the small & medium sized industry (SME) and to protect the people's health.
  - ❖ The SME sector needs to be revived, he said, because if they are not revived then economic recovery may be delayed. At least the state must prepare a budget of 300-400 billion baht per quarter to stimulate, heal and rehabilitate after opening the country.
- There are news reports from the Land Transport Federation of Thailand states that on October 27 at 10:00 a.m., a press conference will be held at Rama Gardens Hotel to raise the demand for diesel fuel prices continue to rise after the federation and its members organized a Truck Power event, more than 1,000 trucks were driven on 6 roads and 7 spots on the October 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - ❖ But the Energy Policy Executive Committee resolved to freeze the diesel price at no more than 30 baht per liter, while the federation offered to freeze the price of no more than 25 baht per liter.
  - ❖ If the government does not consider Truck operators may have to halt their trucking services nationwide by 40%.
- Yesterday, Bangkok Bank's share price (BBL) rose against the market, closing up 1.50 baht to 123.50 baht +1.23%, with a trading value of more than 2,514 million baht.
  - ❖ The shares rose after reports from Thai Enquirer stated that BBL was one of the leading contenders for the retail operations of Citibank (Thailand).
  - ❖ During the day, the price went up to a maximum of 124.50 baht (+2.50 baht) and as low as 123.00 baht, in response to the news of being the bidder to buy the

assets of Citibank (Thailand) for the highest price of more than US\$2 billion, or more than 68 billion baht, from four bidders on October 22.

- ❖ The four bidders for the assets of Citibank (Thailand) are BBL, Bank of Ayudhya (BAY), TMB Bank (TTB) and United Overseas Bank (UOB).
- Total Access Communication Plc (DTAC), revealed the results of the Q3 2021 with a net profit of 832 million baht, a decrease of 42% from same quarter last year with a net profit of 1.44 billion baht and a 45.6% decrease from the previous quarter with a net profit of 1.53 billion baht due to a decline in EBITDA in 3Q21 at 7.44 billion baht, a decrease of 4% from the same quarter of the previous year. Due to the weakening of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- SCGP Plc (SCGP) will announce the results of the Q3 2021 by analysts of KGI Securities (Thailand) Public Company Limited. SCGP's Q3/21 is expected to have a net profit of 1.58 billion baht, an increase of 18.2% compared to the same period last year.
  - ❖ This is because revenue is expected to increase 18% compared to the same period last year. from business expansion by leaps and bounds after acquiring business in Vietnam in 1Q21, SCGP's earnings in 4Q21 are expected to grow. Compared to the Q3 of the year, according to the increase in revenue. After the Covid-19 situation in ASEAN.
- Dr. Nada Wasi, Head of Research Group the Puey Ungphakorn Institute for Economic Research, Bank of Thailand (BOT) revealed a research article on the Elderly Income Management System that Thailand is entering an aging society in the next 20 years and in the future, the living expenses of the government sector tends to increase due to the number of elderly people and rising inflation.
  - ❖ The government has to increase the value added tax (VAT) from 7% to 9% under the 600 baht per month pension per person per month.
  - ❖ The long-term part If the government wants to reduce poverty the pension must be adjusted according to the inflation rate and the poverty line at 3,000 baht per person per month. Maintaining the public debt ratio at 60%, the government must increase the VAT by more than 2 times or an average of 16.9%.
- Believe in astrology ?
- - ❖ Well fun facts for you.
  - ❖ Did you know that there are 3 million people who see their astrology via LINE in Thailand each day.

- The day they see the most is on 1<sup>st</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.
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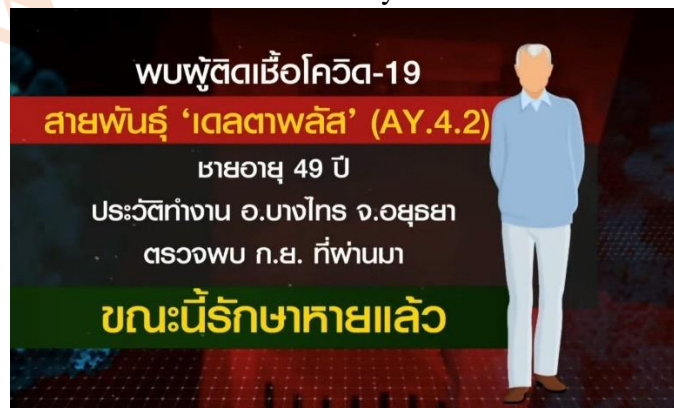
## **Political News**

- The ruling Palang Pracharat party (PPRP) seems to be heading for a major revamp today after the party executive committee is set to resign today to pave the way for a major revamp of the party.
  - ❖ The events are shaping up after the signs from the Government House indicates of a possible bigger change.
  - ❖ The indication of such changes comes after 2014 coup leader – Prayut Chan—o-cha came out to invite a large faction of the PPRP people to a ‘private’ meeting without the presence of the party leader or its powerful secretary general.
  - ❖ The meeting yesterday took place between Prayut and members of Saam Mitr (3 friends) Group.
    - Supattanapong Panmeechaow, Deputy Prime Minister and Energy Minister
    - Suriya Juangroongruangkit the Industry Minister
    - Somsak Thepsutin the Justice Minister
    - Chaiwut Thanakmanusorn the Minister of Digital Economy and Society
    - Suchart Chomklin the Labor Minister
    - Santi Prompat the Deputy Finance Minister
    - Anucha Nakasai the Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office
- The discussions went on for an hour on issues within the PPRP, both in the case of Capt. Thammanat Phromphao, party secretary conducting a poll to measure the popularity of MPs, which creates dissatisfaction and may cause more problems to escalate.
- ❖ The meeting agreed to restructure the party again and half of the 26-member party executive committee will submit their resignations today (Oct. 26) to pave the way for a meeting to elect a new party ruling body that Gen Prayut can hold.
- ❖ Gen. Prawit Wongsuwan, Deputy Prime Minister who is the party leader insisted that if there was a problem then he would take care of himself.

- Today the PPRP is set to hold a meeting regarding the polling that was taken in the southern provinces which said that only 4 out of the 14 MPs would make it if elections were held again.
  - ❖ The Australian drug convicted secretary general of PPRP – Capt. Thammanat, reportedly had said that his party leader – Gen. Prawit wanted the polls, but the millions of dollars watch borrower from his dead friend – Prawit, came out to say that he had only suggested this move and that he had not ordered it as there are no elections planned at the moment, so there is no use to hold polls right now.
- The upheaval in the PPRP is likely to have major implications on the coalition or even the survival of the government.
  - ❖ Capt. Thammanat and his supporters may have something in their bag in case their fate is sealed by the manoeuvrings in the PPRP.

### COVID-19 News

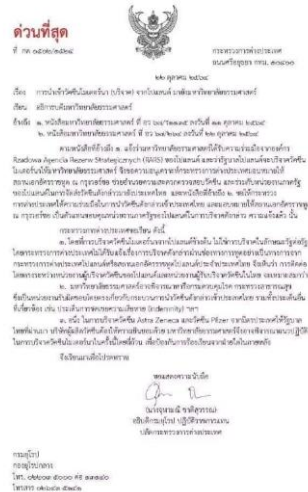
- Thailand records 1<sup>st</sup> case of A.Y.4.2 (DELTA PLUS) in September but no clue on how it has come in and comes just days ahead of the planned opening of Thai border to 46 countries on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.
  - ❖ Delta Plus is reportedly 15-20% faster spreading than the normal Delta variant that has wreaked havoc in the country and around the world.
  - ❖ The 49-year old man who was diagnosed lives in Bangsai in Ayuthaya and has recovered now.
  - ❖ Authorities say that they have tried to look for others who may have been infected but none have been detected yet.





- The issue of not accepting vaccines continues to haunt Thailand and the latest is that as much as 3 million doses of mRNA vaccine was rejected by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH).

❖ Reports have emerged that MOPH rejected as many as 3 million doses of Moderna vaccine that Poland had agreed to send to Thammasart University's hospital.



- Thailand's infection data falls to below 8,000 level for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since July 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

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The infection data for the 'Delta' variant for today is as follows

Infection data for today are as follows

Total New Infections = 7,706

Community Infection = 7,578

Prison Infection = 128

Total positive cases (ATK/Antigen) = 2,304

Total New Death = 66

Total New Recovery = 9,532

Total Infection including ATK = 10,010

Total infections so far since outbreak = 1,866,863

Total deaths so far since outbreak = 18,865

Total in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) = 2,414

Total number on life support (ventilator) 544

The government's data on 'Positive testing' numbers as a percentage of the tests it undertakes stands at 14.00% as of October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Details of data for each day can be found @ <https://ddc.moph.go.th/covid19-dashboard/> (All information is in Thai language)

**Inoculation Drive**





- The data shows as of October 18<sup>th</sup> vaccination are as follows

Total	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	-	328,533 doses total of	40,436,856 doses
	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	-	330,534 doses total of	28,830,021 doses
	3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	-	35,697 doses total of	2,141,937 doses

- Only a handful of provinces are vaccinated above the 70% mark to make them safe for foreign visitors to enter the country.

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'พื้นที่ 17 จังหวัดนำร่องท่องเที่ยว'			
ครอบคลุมเกิน 50% [6 จังหวัด]			
กรุงเทพฯ	72.72%	กระบี่	36.65%
ภูเก็ต	85.74%	เพชรบุรี	47.78%
สมุทรปราการ	59.58%	เชียงใหม่	35.48%
พังงา	58.29%	ประจวบคีรีขันธ์	45.18%
ชลบุรี	54.01%	บุรีรัมย์	45.07%
ระนอง	56.98%	หนองคาย	34.32%
		อุดรธานี	32.83%
		เลย	31.59%
		ระยอง	47.74%
		ตราด	42.75%
		สุราษฎร์ธานี	40.75%

- Bangkok @ 72.72%
- Phuket @ 85.74%
- Samut Prakarn @ 59.58%
- Phangna @ 58.29%
- Chonburi @ 54.01%
- Ranong @ 56.98%

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## **Flooding & Other News**

- Varawut Silapa Acha, the minister of environment and the MP from Suphanburi, the hometown of the Silapa Acha family, has come out to say that the flooding in his hometown is the worst he has seen in the nearly 48-years of his life.
- The flooding is now going down stream to the provinces such as Nakorn Pathom and Nakorn Chaisi which fall in the zone of Tha Chin river.
- More migrant workers were apprehended yesterday.
  - ❖ A group of 175 new group of migrant workers from Myanmar were caught in Kanchanburi yesterday.
  - ❖ This comes a day after 125 were apprehended and unknown have managed to sneak into the country.
    - Each paid 20,000 to the middleman to be able to enter the country and head to Bangkok, Samut Sakorn, and even to the south of Thailand to work.



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## **Political News Headlines in Thai Media**

- For this week's Big Interview, we caught up with anti-government activist and political figure, Thanat "Luknut" Thanakitamnuay. He's a former supporter of the country's powerful establishment. But now, he's had a complete transformation.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/34326/the-big-interview-thanat-luknut-thanakitamnuay/>
- Human rights defender Angkhana Neelaphaijit on Monday called for improvements in the country's justice system and for the political willpower to hold to account those responsible for the deaths of more than 80 Muslim protesters in Tak Bai in 2004.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2203903/justice-still-sought-for-tak-bai-deaths>
- Palang Pracharath Party leader (PPRP) Prawit Wongsuwon distanced himself from an internal popularity poll, which reportedly showed the popularity of some MPs in the South had declined.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2203947/prawit-says-no-role-in-pprp-poll>
- Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha will press to promote and strengthen Asean's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and build a sustainable post-pandemic future at the 38th and 39th Asean and related summits this week.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2203967/recovery-to-dominate-asean-talks>
- A call to remove the decades-old Phra Kiao parade featured in the annual football event of Chulalongkorn University is targeting the celebration of inequality, not the symbolic coronet itself, president of the student union told Thai Enquirer Monday.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/34306/chula-student-union-defends-move-to-ditch-palanquin-parade/>

- The chairman of Minor International has penned an open letter to Bangkok Governor Asawin Kwanmuang and the government to ease restriction on alcohol sales and to continue vaccination efforts in Bangkok.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/34328/an-open-letter-from-bill-heinecke-to-the-bangkok-governor/>
- Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha has ordered a further probe into tens of millions of counterfeit medical gloves reportedly imported into the US from Thailand, following an investigative report by CNN.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2203879/probe-into-bogus-exports>
- A low-cost housing project, which will see a million houses built for low-income health volunteers in 27 provinces, has been launched with the construction of the first such houses beginning recently in Chachoengsao.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2203959/low-cost-houses-for-health-volunteers>
- Related parties share a common view that the security bar must be further raised by both users and service operators to prevent cybercrime regarding online payment transactions.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2204167/conceiving-safer-payments>
- Thailand's used car market is expected to continue growing, thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic which boosted its growth to 20-30%, said the Association of Used Cars.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2204155/used-car-market-likely-to-enjoy-continued-growth>
- The new Tour Teaw Thai, which helps subsidise 40% of tour packages of up to 5,000 baht to one million people, received lukewarm feedback from both travellers and tour operators despite the start of new travel season.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2204159/new-tour-teaw-thai-gets-tepid-response>

- The Finance Ministry stands ready to approve measures to promote the use of electric vehicles (EV), which is expected to significantly bring down the prices of imported EVs, said a source on the National Electric Vehicle Policy Committee.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2204147/state-preps-incentives-to-spur-ev-demand>
- The Cabinet approved measures amounting to THB131.6 billion to guarantee income for rice farmers and parallel measures to help rice growers during production year 2021/2022, as proposed by the Commerce Ministry after a decision by the National Rice Policy Committee.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/in-focus/40007959>
- A border patrol arrested 48 Myanmar nationals who illegally crossed the border into Thailand in two groups, in Sai Yok district on Monday.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2203815/more-job-seekers-arrested-for-illegal-entry>
- The cabinet on Monday approved a draft decree to regulate digital platform service businesses to maintain financial and commercial stability and to prevent damage to the public, government spokesman Thanakorn Wangboonkongchana said.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2203835/thailand-to-regulate-digital-platform-service-businesses>
- ‘Khunying Korkaew Boonyachinda’ discloses evidence from The Hong Kong High Court’s verdict revealing that the shares from Wind Energy Holding were correctly acquired and that Mr. Kasem sued in bad faith, resulting in the court ordering for Mr. Kasem to pay for full damages. The Hong Kong High Court also ordered Mr. Kasem to not sue again citing that ‘there is no valid reason why he should be left with the liberty to commence a fresh action’.
  - Link- <https://www.khaosodenglish.com/news/business/2021/10/25/hk-high-court-reveals-khunying-korkaew-was-correct-in-her-acquisition-of-weh-shares-singling-out-mr-kasem-for-misinforming-the-court/>

- Some 94 per cent of Thais are still concerned about the Covid-19 situation once the country reopens from November 1, according to a survey conducted by the Department of Health from October 14 to 20.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/in-focus/40007956>
- The Ministry of Tourism and Sports is planning to ask the Cabinet to approve a budget of around Bt100 million to hire celebrities to grace the New Year Countdown 2022 event, Deputy Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said on Monday.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40007949>
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index closed at 1,634.20 on Monday, down 9.22 points or 0.56 per cent. Transactions totalled 65 billion baht with an index high of 1,645.91 and a low of 1,631.29.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/40007954>

### **Issues to be watched out for**

- October 2021 – Initial plans for Bangkok governor elections.
- October 29, 2021 – The Bank of Thailand makes its monthly economic data available for the month of August 2021
- November 9, 2021 – The Bangkok Civil Court is scheduled to inquire a class action lawsuit filed by 39 restaurateurs against Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-O-Cha and his government demanding 50 million baht in compensation for damage to their businesses caused by lockdown restrictions imposed under the Emergency Decree.
- November 15, 2021 – The National Economic & Social Development Council (NESDC) announces the GDP data of Q3 2021
- November 30, 2021 – The Bank of Thailand makes its monthly economic data available for the month of September 2021
- December 14, 2021 – The Constitutional Court is set to rule on same-sex-marriage case that has been bumped around since 2017 in the judicial process.



- December 30, 2021 – The Bank of Thailand makes its monthly economic data available for the month of October 2021

### **Key Data**

<b>SET Index</b>	<b>1,634.20</b>	<b>-9.22</b>
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Link - [https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming\\_ipo\\_set.html](https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming_ipo_set.html)

### **Global Commodities**

Metal -Link <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/commodities/futures/metals/>

Energy -Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/energy/>

Baltic Dry Index (BDI)-Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND>

### **Global Equity Market's Movements**

Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/asia-pacific/>

### **Asian Equity Markets Movement**

Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/>

### **Information on October 25, 2021**

#### **Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management**

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
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INSIDERS' TRANSACTIONS REPORTED ON 25-10-21				MTD
Company Name	Shares	Price	Amount	Price
STAR UNIVERSAL NETWORK PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED (STAR)	9,996,400	1.10	11,073,288	18,435,112
DHOUSE PATTANA PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED (DHOUSE)	65,000	1.32	-85,800	-85,800
EXOTIC FOOD PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED (XO)	25,500,000	0.00	3	0
T ENGINEERING CORPORATION PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED (T)	9,500,000	0.51	4,915,000	4,915,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45,061,400</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>15,902,491</b>	
Value in baht, MTD transactions shown only for the companies with transations on 25-Oct-21				



### **XD, XE or XM or other notifications**

For list of Companies that have dividend payment and AGM meeting schedules click on <https://www.set.or.th/set/xcalendar.do>

### **Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand**

INVESTOR TRADING DATA						
Type	BUY	(%)	SELL	(%)	Net	Last 10 days
Daily as of 25-Oct-21						
Local Institutions	3,725	5.7%	4,969	7.6%	-1,244	
Foreign Institutions	28,163	43.2%	30,269	46.4%	-2,106	
Retail Investors	26,392	40.5%	23,611	36.2%	2,781	
Brokers' Portfolio	6,897	10.6%	6,328	9.7%	569	
Turnover					65,177	
Month to Date						
Local Institutions	77,019	6.1%	92,632	7.3%	-15,613	
Foreign Institutions	533,960	42.3%	513,358	40.7%	20,602	
Retail Investors	522,112	41.4%	532,139	42.2%	-10,027	
Brokers' Portfolio	128,745	10.2%	123,706	9.8%	5,039	
Turnover					1,261,835	
Year to Date						
Local Institutions	1,227,164	6.9%	1,283,719	7.3%	-56,555	
Foreign Institutions	6,765,398	38.2%	6,821,502	38.6%	-56,104	
Retail Investors	7,935,986	44.9%	7,841,093	44.3%	94,893	
Brokers' Portfolio	1,761,343	10.0%	1,743,577	9.9%	17,766	
Turnover					17,689,891	
Value in Baht Million, Source: SET						

### **Background Information –**

The strength of each party in the Thai Parliament as of May 8, 2019 as per the report by the Election Commission of Thailand. Elections took place on March 24, 2019

- [https://www.ect.go.th/ect\\_th/news\\_all.php?cid=24](https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/news_all.php?cid=24)

- List of MPs - [https://www.ect.go.th/ect\\_th/download/article/article\\_20190508184334.pdf](https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/download/article/article_20190508184334.pdf)

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