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ACCIDENT TO SM 95 (...)
FEB. - JUNE 1947

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18/2/47.

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Accident to S. 17. 95 Number 3
of Italian Air Ministry on
15/2/44 at Terracina, Italy

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From : Air Force Branch, A.F.H.Q., Rome.

To : Italian Air Ministry,
Minister's Cabinet.

Ref : IMAS/754/1/F1/AF.

Date : 17th June 1947.

Ext : 5/6.

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ACCIDENT OF THE SAVOIA MARCHETTI 95.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter 5/07/872/Col1 dated 11th June 1947 enclosing a copy of the findings of the Commission which was appointed to investigate the above accident.

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C.M.E. GRECE W/Cdr.,
for Air Commodore,
Director,
Air Force Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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From : Italian Air Ministry
Minister's Cabinet

To : A.F.B. A.F.H.Q.

Ref. : 5407/872 Coll

Date : 11th June 1947

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ACCIDENT OF THE SAVOIA MARCHETTI 95

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Reference to letter IMAS/754/1/P.1/AF dated 18/2/47, we forward here copy attached of the relative report regarding the accident of the aircraft in subject made by the Enquiry Commission.

for the GENERAL SECRETARY

Translated by Sgt. FARRUGIA

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16/6. *[Signature]*
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Discrete. Let me see when translated. D 17/6

D.D. Document, which is in Italian, has been passed to Colonel Basata for perusal & advice as to findings.

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17/6/47.

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA

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ALL'A.F.H.Q. AIR FORCES BRANCH
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Oggetto: Incidente Savoia Marchetti 95

In riferimento al foglio n° IMAS/754/1/P.1/AF
 in data 18/2/1947, si trasmette copia della rela-
 zione compilata dalla Commissione d'inchiesta
 sull'incidente del velivolo in oggetto.

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p. IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE f. f.

Ten. Col. Polverio

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FROM: AIR COMMODORE A.C. BISHOP, CBE, AFC.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

AIR FORCES BRANCH,

APO 794.

31st March, 1947.

AFB/754/1/P.1.

I beg to refer to this office letter of the 17th February, 1947, and to state that as salvage operations have been so difficult that it is doubtful whether or not any useful information will be obtained, as the result of the flying accident under consideration, I have no objection if you desire that the ban on the flying of the S.M.95 be removed for all purposes.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

[Handwritten note]
10/4/47

Generale Airone Cat,
Capo di Stato Maggiore,
Aeronautica Militare.

[Handwritten initials]
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Air Forces Sub Section
 Italian Military Affairs Section
A.F.M.S. R.E.C.

1st March 1947.

RAT:- 1845/754/L/P.L/AF.

1. It is directed to inform you that the ban on flying all Savoia Marchetti 95 aircraft imposed by this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 17th February 1947 has now been lifted to the extent that official test flights and trials by the Company and by the L.A.F. may now take place.

2. The ban on passenger carrying by these aircraft is to remain until further notice.

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C.M.E. WOOD 3/44,
 for Air Vice Marshal,
 Director,
 Air Forces Sub Section.

TO : Chief of the State Maggiore
 Italian Air Ministry.

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
DELL'AERONAUTICA MILITARE

Roma, li 19 febbraio 1947

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Caro Maresciallo,

Ringrazio di cuore Lei ed il personale dell'Air Forces Sub Section anche a nome del personale tutto dell'Aeronautica Militare e delle famiglie dei caduti per la premurosa e affettuosa partecipazione al nostro cordoglio, in occasione del tragico incidente occorso all'S.M. 95.-

D.D. tenente F.M. 20/2

Angelo J.M.

Chubb. 24/2

All'Air Vice Marshall
I.E. BRODIE, O.B.E.
Director Air Forces Sub
Section
I.M.A.S.

R O M A

Dear Sir,

On behalf of all the Italian Air Force,
the families of the deceased and myself,
I thank you and the personnel of the
Air Forces Sub Section, cordially for your
sympathetic outbursts on the occasion
of the tragic accident to the SM 95.
Yours affectionately (signed) *AMONE CAT*

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From : Italian Air Force "Stato Maggiore"
3rd Services Department, Technical Section Rome

To : A.F.H.Q. I.M.A.S. A.F.S.S. Rome
(Ref. your 824/4/ENG/A F dated 17/2/47)

Ref. : 370359/ST 3/15/315 Coll.

Date : 19th February 1947

S.M. 95 AIRCRAFT.

Your telephone communication referring to your above mentioned letter, was received after instructions had already been issued on the matter.

The instructions will be effective until such time as the investigation will come to an end.

CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF.

Translated by Sgt. J. CUMEO

Copy on file IMAS/824/4/ENG/AF. (attached original)

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Dal :- Vice-Maresciallo I.R. HODIN, O.B.M.

Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces Sub Section
R O M A

Al :- Generale AJOMONE-CAT,
Capo di Stato Maggiore,
Ministero dell'Aeronautica.

17 Febbraio 1947

Ref :- IMAS/754/1/P.1/AF.

Ritengo che la conversazione telefonica di oggi possa considerarsi
la conferma che gli apparecchi S.M. 95 resteranno a terra fino a che l'inchiesta
ufficiale sia condotta a termine.

U.S. GROUP
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION.

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1. Nature and constitution and briefing of the investigating Committee into the accident.
2. Weather conditions on the route.
3. Nature of net briefing.
4. Serviceability of aircraft prior to flight.
5. Authority from Allies for passage of aircraft crew and passengers.
6. Whether other SM 95 is grounded and whether it is serviceable. AVM thinks it should be grounded.
7. Reports from eye witnesses.
8. Evidence from remains.
9. Allied officer to have watching brief on behalf of A.V.M. Brodie and Admiral Stone.
10. Nature of all Radio communications with aircraft prior to crash.

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LIST OF OFFICERS SERVING ON INVESTIGATION BOARD EXPANDED CRASH OF B-52 AIRCRAFT

General	PERCE	(President)
Col. (Asst.)	ARMSTRONG	
Br. Col. (Asst.)	SMITH	
" " "	COHEN	
Col. (Pilot)	CIGHE	
Major (Met.)	ROBERTS	
Capt. (Pilot)	WISMAN	
Capt. (Medical)	THAYER	
Doct.	LEWIS	(Aeronautical Registry)
Also an official of the Aeronautical Industry (name not at hand)		

TO : Director Air Force Sub Section (Through Air 1)

DATE : 10th February 1967.

REF. : FAS/MSA/1/21/AF.

FURTHER DETAILS ON CRASH OF SM-97 AIR CRAFT
ON 15 FEB 67 AT TERRACINA.

In response to the following enquiries of the Italian Air Ministry the following facts have been ascertained.

1) Name, composition and briefing of the investigating Commission into the accident. The board is made up with the undermentioned members:-

General	PRIZZI (President)
Col (Eng)	AMMONIARZI
Lt Col (Eng)	SANTAMONICA
Lt Col (Eng)	COLINNA
Col (Pilot)	GIUGIANNI
Major (Med)	MONTANARI
Capt (Pilot)	LIZARDI
Capt (Medical)	FRAYSSIA
Doct.	FINIQU (Seminational Registry)

Also an official of the Foreign Ministry (name not yet known)

2) Weather condition enroute. The weather according to the IAW was low clouds, cloud base 500 ft, raining below clouds, with the 0° isotherm at 4500 ft. However we are obtaining a route forecast and areas section drawing from Giampino for the day and time of the accident.

3) Nature of last briefing. Unknown. It will be necessary to hear the findings of the board.

4) Service history of aircraft prior to flight. Unknown at the Air Ministry.

5) Authority from Allies for passenger of aircraft crew and passengers. Unknown at the Air Ministry.

6) Whether the SM-97 type is approved. Italian Chief of operations stated no could see no necessity for such a step.

7) Reports from eye witnesses. The Italians have charged 7.16Z and state they told us in one or two particulars. They say that as one saw the aircraft in flight, although one fishing boat saw it plunge into the sea. They also saw

in flight, although all witnesses

In response to the following enquiries at the Italian Air Ministry the following facts have been ascertained.

- 1) The Commission, constituted on 21st April 1954, has been investigating the accident. The board is made up with the following members:-

General	FEZZI (President)
Col (Gen)	AMMENDI
Lt Col (Gen)	SANTARELLI
Lt Col (Gen)	COLOMBO
Col (Pilot)	CHERAZZI
Major (Gen)	MONTANARI
Capt (Pilot)	DE LUCA
Capt (Technical)	TRAVIOLA
Det.	LIMONE (Aeronautical Engineer)

Also an official of the Foreign Ministry (name not known)
- 2) The Commission is working. The weather according to the IAG was low clouds, about 500 ft, raining below clouds, with the temperature at 4500 ft. However no one has obtained a radio forecast and some section drawing from Clamping for the day and time of the accident.
- 3) Details of the briefing. Unknown. It will be necessary to hear the findings of the board.
- 4) Serviceability of aircraft prior to flight. Unknown at the Air Ministry.
- 5) Authority from Allied for manager of aircraft crew and passengers. Unknown at the Air Ministry.
- 6) Whether the SA-95 type is grounded. Italian Chief of operations stated he could see no possibility for such a step.
- 7) Reports from eye witnesses. The Italians have changed the story they told us in one or two particulars. They now say that as one was the aircraft in flight, although one fishing boat saw it plunge into the sea. They also state that the aircraft did not explode and burn in flight, although all witnesses remarked on the loudness of the sound on the aircraft plunged into the sea. One witness saying he saw under the impression that a surface vessel had struck a mine.
- 8) Evidence from witnesses. Of all the remains so far recovered the deduction has been ballistic impact but no fire.
- 9) They also go on to state that they believe the fuselage to be fairly intact due to its metal construction. However no piece of the wings larger than 2 ft by 2 ft have been recovered. As seen in the sketch points the way is going to put down over us the wreckage lay in 100 ft of water and it is possible they will raise it with balloons.

F. H. BROWN
 Air Lt. Air Corps
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Italian Air Ministry.

ISAS/754/1/P.1/AF.

Accident to Savoia Marchetti 95.

18th February 1947.

Reference is made to the recent accident to Savoia Marchetti 95 number 1-ASM whilst en route from Rome to Cairo.

2. This Section is most anxious to follow the progress of the committee investigating this accident and Lt. Irwin U.S.A.A.F. has been designated by the Chief of I.M.A.S. to hold a watching brief at the investigation of your committee.

2. You are therefore asked to give to this officer every facility and to keep him informed as to the progress of your investigation.



C.M.R. GREECE W/CDR.
for Air Vice Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Section.

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Information on crash of Italian A/C SM 95.

Aircraft Type... SM.95. (G.12)

" NO ... Number 3.

International Letters... I-ABQH.

Unit..... Attached to Italian Air Ministry.

Base..... Guidonia (Temporary)

Position of crash.....In the sea 6 kilometers off shore opposite

TERRACINA approx position given as:-

41° 14'N. 13° 15'E.

Time of crash..... Between 0830A and 0900A. on Feb 15th 1947.

Time of Take Off.....0815A from Guidonia.

RouteDirect to Carlo.

Last Radio contact.....At 0925A. message received read as follows:-

"Climbing on to course between two layers of

cloud. Height 1500 meters."

Italian Air Ministry notified at 1300.A. by Carabinieri at Terracina.
Action taken.....A.S.R. service informed and commenced to search
for any wreckage..... General Briganti proceeded
to Terracina to carry out an investigation.

Reports.....^{7.4.47}Sound of aircraft engines heard by the carabinieri
and also the sound of an explosion...Time.....?

Sound of aircraft engines and explosion heard by
fishermen off shore opposite Terracina..... They

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Reports.....⁷⁴⁶² Sound of aircraft engines heard by the carabinieri and also the sound of an explosion...Time.....?

Sound of aircraft engines and explosion heard by fishermen off shore opposite Terracina..... They stated they saw the aircraft crash into the sea in flames and in pieces...they proceeded to the spot at once but the only wreckage they were able to recover were (1) one wheel (2) part of the jacket of Lt Villani (3) personal papers belonging to Lt Villani.

Air Forces Sub Section first informed at ...1400A.

F/O Boulton and Lt Irwin " " ...1430A. Instructions

Instructions Given..... Report to the Italian Air Ministry and obtain
all information.. Signal results to M.A.A.C.
Secretariat Caserta.

Crew..... Lt Pilot..... Villani Mario.
W/O " Pressenda Renato.
T.Col " (Nav) Dentice D'Accadia Luigi.
Capt (Traffic Officer) Garfagnini Michele.
Serg (W.O.P.) Cesca Giovanni
Serg (Rigger) Giaconelli Antoino.
Serg (Eng:) Arico Michele.

Passengers.....H.R.H. Amena Amen BARONTZ.(Sister of King Farouk...?)
Mrs Jeane CARON. (Lady in Waiting.)
Mrs MARTINELLI.
Mrs MENELAO.
Mrs AMBROM.
Mrs Albina HECOX.
Mr Sahab Almas BEI. (Chief of the Egyptian Acad in Rome)
Mr ALAMGIA (Egyptian Engineer.)
Mr Saint BANCAT.
Mr Phillip PRESCOT.

Information obtained from.....Major Bellini and Major Carlucci of
the Italian Air Ministry. 7-11-10

SM - 05 Civil Version.

The following are the leading particulars.

Type. Four engined low wing monoplane.

Weight (empty) 28,600 lbs.

Total weight (loaded) 46,200 lbs.

Total weight if full of petrol and oil.

Weight (empty) 28,600 lbs.

Passengers & crew & baggage 3,729.5 lbs.

Petrol 2970 gallons (full tanks) 21,384 "

Oil 140 gallons. 1,260 "

Normal all up weight 54,973.5 "

Overload if filled to capacity 3935.3 kilos

3-935 Italian tons.

1. The following letter AFSC/24/4/Eng dated 28th June 46, enclosing handling and maintenance notes on the SM-95 as received from Farmborough was forwarded to I.A.M. drawing attention to the main points, and also a request that any action taken would be notified to this H.Q.

2. The following letter AFSC/24/1/Air dated 6th October 1946 drawing attention to overloading aircraft.

This is report of C.T.O. of A.F.S.S. on 17 February 1947

Copy on file IM43/56/1/Air/AF.

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Chief of Italian Military Affairs Section.

PMAS/754/T.1/AT.

Crash of Italian Aircraft at Terracina on
15th February 1947.

17 February 1947.

At 1400H, on 15th February 1947 the Duty Officer of this Sub Section was informed by the Italian Air Ministry that an Italian aircraft enroute to Cairo had crashed into the sea. At 1730H two officers of the Air Staff, P/O Bault and Lt. Train, were detailed to go to the Air Ministry immediately and investigate. At the Air Ministry the investigating officers were met by Major Bellini and Major Carlucci of the State Maggiore and the following facts ascertained.

An SM-95 aircraft attached to the Italian Air Ministry with the International letters I-2114 had departed Guidonia Airfield at approximately 0815H for Cairo, Egypt. Last radio contact with the craft was at approximately 0825H when the following message was received:-

' Climbing on course between two cloud layers. Height 1000 metres.'

The only reports available at the time were by some fishermen of the area who stated that their attention was attracted by the sound of engines, looking up they saw the aircraft. A moment later there was a loud explosion and the aircraft was enveloped in flame and fell into the sea. The Carabinieri at Terracina also stated that they had heard the sound of engines and an explosion. Due to the position of the craft (41° 14' 13" 15E) the time of the accident was presumed to have been between 0830H and 0900H. The fishermen proceeded to the area of the crash and recovered a sleeve of the pilot's jacket, some personal papers of the pilot and a wheel from the aircraft.

Although the flight had been cleared by this Sub Section, of the passengers and crew on board at the time of the accident only three of the crew members were authorized to be on the flight.

Further investigations are proceeding

[Signature]
I.E. SMITH,
Air Vice Marshal, 7395
Director,
Air Forces Sub Section.

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Dal : Vice-Maresciallo I.E. BRODIE, O.B.E.

Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces Sub Section
R O M A

Al : Generale ADAME-CAT,
Capo di Stato Maggiore,
Ministero dell'Aeronautica.

17 febbraio 1947.

Ref. IMAS 24/4/ENG/AF.

REF: IMAS 754/1/PI

Ritengo che la conversazione telefonica di oggi possa considerarsi la
conferma che gli apparecchi S.M. 95 resteranno a terra fino a che l'inchiesta
ufficiale sia condotta a termine.

Frank E. March
Lt. Col., in Corps
for
I.E. BRODIE,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Section, IMAS.

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Serial No. 2213.

DATE: DNG 151130A

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FROM:-- MAAC SECRETARIAT RAF LIAISON SECTION WITH SACRED ANTH QUERY
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ACTION:-- HQ RAF MEDIE: (R) AIR MINISTRY (R) AIR FORCES SUB SECTION
ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION A/O 79L.

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM LAST ADDRESSEE.

QUOTE. UNCLASSIFIED. A.31. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM THE ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY. ITALIAN AIRCRAFT SM.95
NUMBER 3 ATTACHED TO ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY UNIT INTERNATIONAL
LETTERS 1-ABQH CRASHED IN PLACES 6 KILOMETRES OFF SHORE OFFSHORE
TERRACINA POSITION 44(519) DEGREES 14 MINUTES NORTH 13 DEGREES
15 MINUTES EAST. CREW AND LT VILLADI ? PILOT WO PRESSEDA PILOT
SERGEANT. ARICA ENGINEER SERGEANT CESCA WOP SERGEANT. GIACOMELLI
RIGHER COLI DEFTICE NAVIGATOR CAPTAIN. GARFAGLINI TRAFFIC OFFICER PASSENGERS
MR ANTONIO ALON BARGONE (KING PAROUK SISTER) MRS JEANE CARON (LADY
IN WAITING) MR SAHAB ALMAS DEI MRS MARICELLA MRS BENNELLO IR ALLAGIA
MRS ANTHON MRS ALBINA DECOX MR SAINT BAUCAT MR FILIPPO FRESCOTT.
UNQUOTE.

PARA 2. PRESUME THIRD A DRESSEE HAS DEIGNED ENITIAN AUTHORITIES ROCE.

PARA 3. ANY FURTHER NEWS WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS - ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION -
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION - APO 794.

(1) HQ, RAF, MEDIE (2) AIR MINISTRY, LONDON (3) PAC SECRETARIAT
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AMQ (REAR) CASERTA, ITALY.

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Referende our Signal A.31, February and Third Addressee's Signal
A.31 February. The following corrections are made: Her Royal
Highness Andina Anem Baronts, cousin of King Farouk: NOT repeat NOT
sister. Aircraft did not repeat not crash in flames.

Cause of crash unknown. First addressee please inform Egyptian Government.

DIAS/24/6/Air.

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TRANSLATE.

ORGANISATION.

A.G. SALTER. S/L.

A.C. JENNISON. P/O.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY PD ITALIAN AIRCRAFT
SAVOLA MARCHETTI NINE FIVE NUMBER THREE ATTACHED TO ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY UNIT WITH
INTERNATIONAL LETTERS ITEM NUMBER ABLE BAKER QUEEN HW (CRASHED IN FLAMES) SIX
KILOMETERS OFF SHORE OPPOSITE TERRACINA POSITION FOUR ONE DEGREES ONE FOUR MINUTES
NORTH ONE THREE DEGREES ONE FIVE MINUTES EAST PD ALL PASSENGERS AND THE CREW
PRESUMED KILLED PD NAMES OF PASSENGERS AND CREW AS FOLLOWS PD CREW LIEUTENANT
VILLANI PILOT WARRANT OFFICER PRESSANDA PILOT SERGEANT ARICO ENGINEER SERGEANT
SESCA WIRELESS OPERATOR SERGEANT GIACCHIELLI PILOT COLONEL DENTICE NAVIGATOR
CAPTAIN GARSAGNINI TRAFFIC OFFICER PD PASSENGERS HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ALMA AMEN
BARONTZ PAREN (SISTER OF KING BANCHE) PAREN MRS JEANE CARON PAREN LADY IN WAITING
PAREN MR SARAH ALMAS BEL MRS MARTINELLI MRS MENDELAY MR ALMAGIA MRS AMBROS MRS ALMIRA MRS
BROOK MR SAINT BANCAT MR PHILIP FRESCOTT PD

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AIR III (A.S.O)

Eric Boulton
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