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its profound impact on children's television programs and movies, for

paving the way for later eco-films, the history of environmental

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