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and organized pressure from black Americans, and that neither Obama
nor any political figure is likely to be in the fo