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between fully determined objects of preferences and general ends,

between comparison and agreement.