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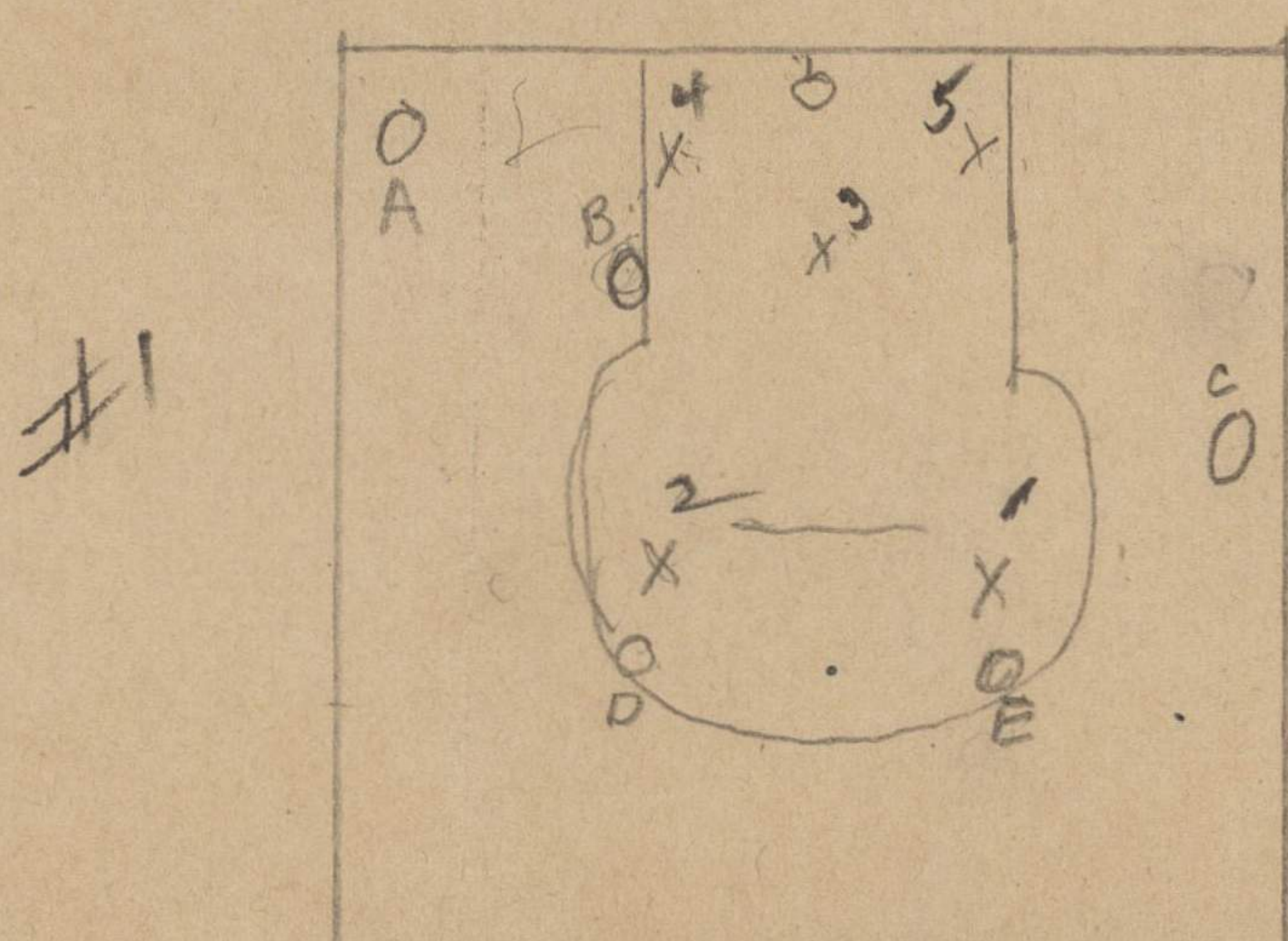
Dr. Forrest Allen,  
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Dear Dr. Allen:

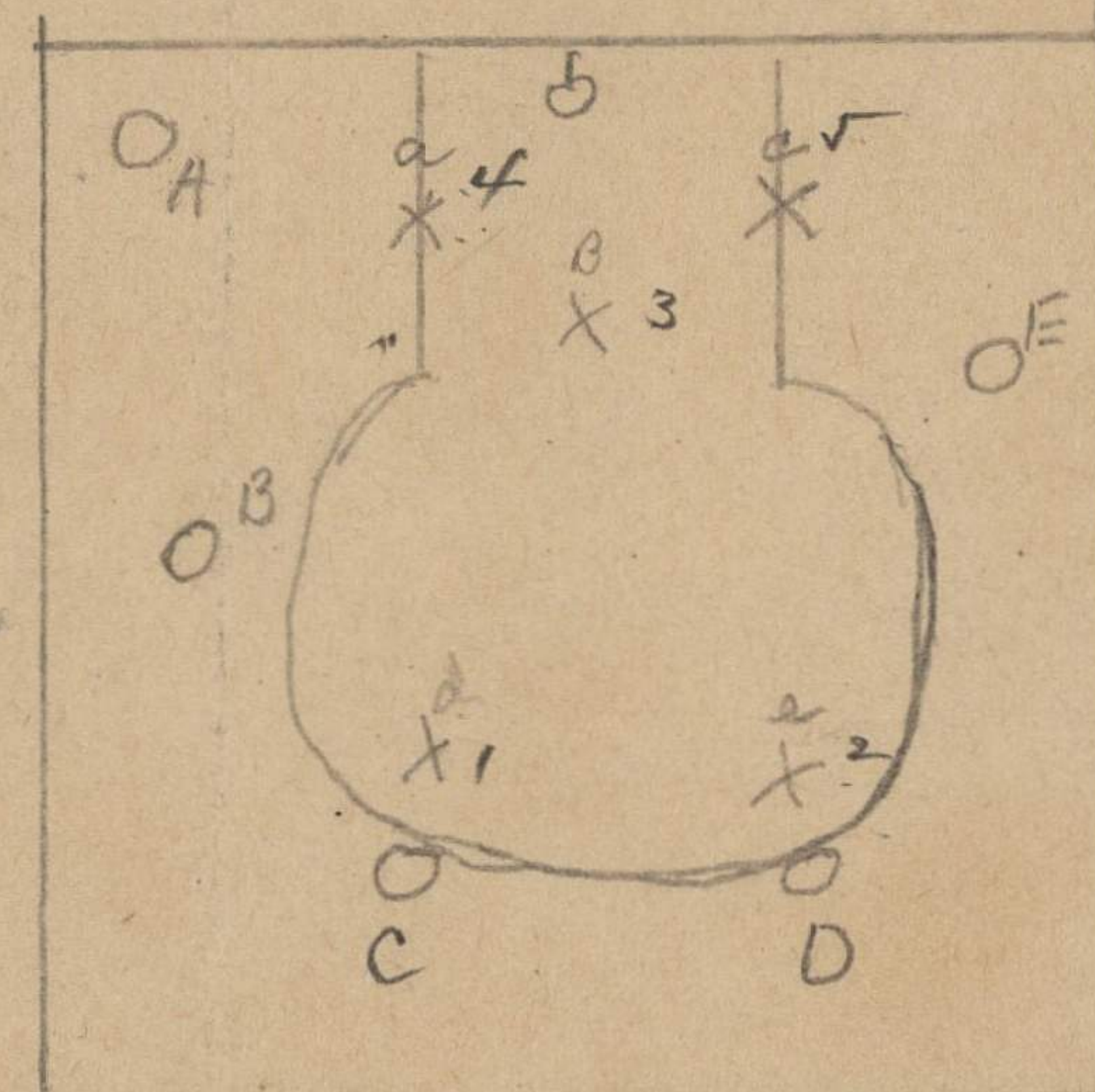
For many years I have been an admirer of your fine basketball teams. I have witnessed them play for the past 8 years, and have always enjoyed their easy, aggressive manner of play. To me they are one of the best coached teams in the country, and they show it when on the court.

I have been coaching basketball for a number of years. During this time I have used both of your books. I have attended coaching school at Washburn College, Topeka three times in which you have had charge of the basketball and injuries. I have also taken your course in Basketball Theory, by extension and received a "B" in it. At present I am assistant coach in Trinidad High School, Trinidad, Colorado. We play such schools at Colorado Springs, Pueblo Canon City, etc. The competition is rather tough. Only one other team in our conference uses the zone defense. I am very anxious to use this defense, because our team will average 6ft 1 inch in height. They are of average ability in aggressiveness and I believe that this will be the ideal type of defense for us under present conditions.

In your last book, I note with much pleasure and interest your zone defense. I believe that I understand how it works, at least most of the time but am just a little doubtful as to how it should work under one or two conditions. Therefore, I am asking you what you would do, or rather how your zone defense functions under the present conditions. In the following illustrations, x represents the defense and o the offense.



who will cover C, + A.?



Ball passed to left. which man will take B + A, when c comes to B. who will watch E?

I hope that you will find time to give me some explanation for the above situations as to how your defense would meet that particular style of offense. I thank you for any consideration given me in this matter and shall appreciate an early reply.

Yours very truly  
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