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OUR CITIZENS AND THE SANCTITY OF THE RULE OF LAW, :: FERRELL SAID. IF WE ARE TRULY LIVING IN THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE, THEN WE BETTER DAMN WELL PROVE IT NOW.:: REUTER CC ZM JAS REUT14:34 10-23 NNNN

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