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1 <http://www.ibm.com/annualreport/2012/letter-from-the-chairman.html>

2 <http://www.ibm.com/annualreport/2012/ghv/>

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