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PROCESSOR FOR VARIABLE-LENGTH CHARACTER STRINGS

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PROCESSEUR POUR CHAINES DE CARACTERES DE LONGUEUR VARIABLE

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