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If distribution of object code is made by offering access to copy

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Section 6 states terms for distribution of such executables.

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If such an object file uses only numerical parameters, data

structure layouts and accessors, and small macros and small inline

functions (ten lines or less in length), then the use of the object

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Otherwise, if the work is a derivative of the Library, you may

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Any executables containing that work also fall under Section 6,

whether or not they are linked directly with the Library itself.

6. As an exception to the Sections above, you may also combine or

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with the Library, with the complete machine-readable "work that

uses the Library", as object code and/or source code, so that the

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to use the modified definitions.)

b) Use a suitable shared library mechanism for linking with the

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rather than copying library functions into the executable, and (2)

will operate properly with a modified version of the library, if

the user installs one, as long as the modified version is

interface-compatible with the version that the work was made with.

c) Accompany the work with a written offer, valid for at

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