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Chinese Spying on Northern Residents Via Balloons

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PERSPECTIVE: Does the story align with your point of view?



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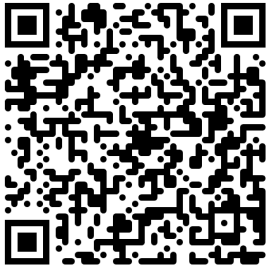
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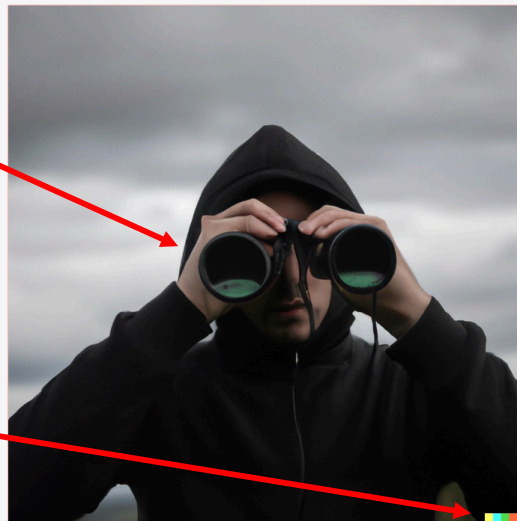
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REPETITION: Are certain words repeated excessively?

LACK OF FLOW:

Is the language stilted and the writing is choppy as it goes from one paragraph to the next?



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TYPOS: Is there a lack of typos?

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