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"Colón has put forth the notion that Rasputin's advocacy on behalf of the country's Jews contributed to his demise." --The Jewish Literary Review - Steve Pollak

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