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Don Stammer has been a member of the Australia-Korea Foundation since it was formed in 1992 and its chairman since

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