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>> the 80 people still held in PNG under the offshore processing system.

Many of these people have no pathways to permanent resettlement anywhere.

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