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37% of U.S. manufacturers believe that the adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies will result in their hiring additional employees.

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