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Electricity is available only to 30% of African households and business. This is a great impediment to real growth. The original economist articles were right. Africa is not doing well economically. Africa needs to modernize agriculture and generate more electricity. Otherwise, prosperity in the style of the "Asian Tigers" will be elusive.

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