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A large tarball lies on the deck of the lifeboat Sailfish Monday south of Perdido Pass, Florida in the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. government scientists have estimated that the flow rate of oil gushing out of a ruptured Gulf of Mexico oil well may be as high 40,000 barrels per day.

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