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The big news is that Joby Aviation may buy Uber's Elevate unit. Uber Elevate was originally formed to develop self-driving air taxis. Joby and Uber are now in advanced talks about selling Elevate to Joby. Stay tuned! This deal might be announced as soon as this month.

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