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1.

	♠ K Q 9 3		
	♥ Q J 10 6		
	♦ Q		
	♣ K J 9 4		
♠ 7 6	♠ A 8 2		
♥ A 8 5 3	♥ 9 4		
♦ J 10 8 6 3	♦ A 7 5 2		
♣ 8 2	♣ 10 6 5 3		
	♠ J 10 5 4		
	♥ K 7 2		
	♦ K 9 4		
	♣ A Q 7		

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

You lead the ♦J. Partner wins with the ♦A and switches to the ♥9, on which declarer plays the ♥2. What is your plan?

You can see two tricks with your side's red aces and are hoping for two more tricks. A count of points tells you that partner cannot have the ♣A-Q. The heart ruff and a black ace is more realistic. Since it is normal for opener to reply 2♥ rather than 2♠ with 4-4 in the majors, the ♥9 is far more likely to be from a doubleton than a singleton. So you encourage with the ♥8 and hope you get the chance to give partner a heart ruff later.

2.

	♠ K Q 9 3		
	♥ K 8 6		
	♦ K		
	♣ A J 8 4 3		
♠ A 6 2	♠ 8 7		
♥ A J 9	♥ 7 5 4 3		
♦ Q 10 8 6 3	♦ A 7 5 2		
♣ 10 6	♣ K 9 2		
	♠ J 10 5 4		
	♥ Q 10 2		
	♦ J 9 4		
	♣ Q 7 5		

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

You lead the ♦6. Partner wins with the ♦A and switches to the ♥7, on which declarer plays the ♥2. What is your plan?

If you take the ♥A and return the suit, this will set up a trick if partner has the ♥Q - but not if declarer holds this card. Given partner's high ♥7 return, it seems more likely that declarer holds the ♥Q. This being the case, your best bet is to insert the ♥9. From South's pass after North's encouraging jump raise, you can reasonably hope that partner has a club entry. It would be unlucky if waiting for partner to lead hearts gives your opponent an overtrick.

Note that when you gain the lead with your ♠A, you should exit safely with a spade. A club switch could blow your side's trick in the suit if partner has the ♣Q but not the ♣9.