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PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

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Let $1 < a_1 < a_2 < \cdots < a_n$ and b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_n be integers such that for any integer M, at least one of the numbers

$$\frac{M-b_i}{a_i}, \ i=1,2,\dots,n$$

is an integer. Find the smallest possible value of n.