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I1 = ["sam", "taylor", "elon"]
I2 = ["smith", "swift", "musk"]
mI = []
length = min(len(I1), len(I2))
for i in range(length):
    ml.append(I1[i] + " " + I2[i])
ml.extend(I1[length:])
ml.extend(I2[length:])
print("Merged List:", ml)
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Output: ['sam smith', 'taylor swift', 'elon musk']