



The Owls

In season 2, episode 1, Major Briggs shares with Agent Cooper a computer printout of a message found in radio waves intercepted from space. Among all the background garbage was an elementary message stating "the owls are not what they seem," reinforcing an omen that Cooper received in a dream earlier that episode. If Briggs' codebreakers had paid closer attention to the data, they might have noticed the garbage pointed to a secondary encoded message.

The / O/W/1/S / Ar/e / No/t / W/H/At / Th/e/Y / Se/e/m
N03/P08/U03/K03/Ar03/Pu08/La09/Pr08/Ds01/Ga06/A102/Mg07/
Ni04/C108/Y05/Na01/F08/S03/Ag05/Pd09/Mg07/Zn03/Li03/Mn06/
U01/Y07/Co03/005/B03/Sr02/C05/Ca03/Ne02/N03/Kr05/He02/Fe02
He07/Mg10/H09/Li08/Na07/Ne05/H09/Li08/Na07/N09/Sc09/A109