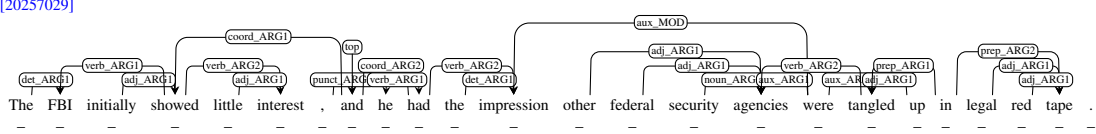
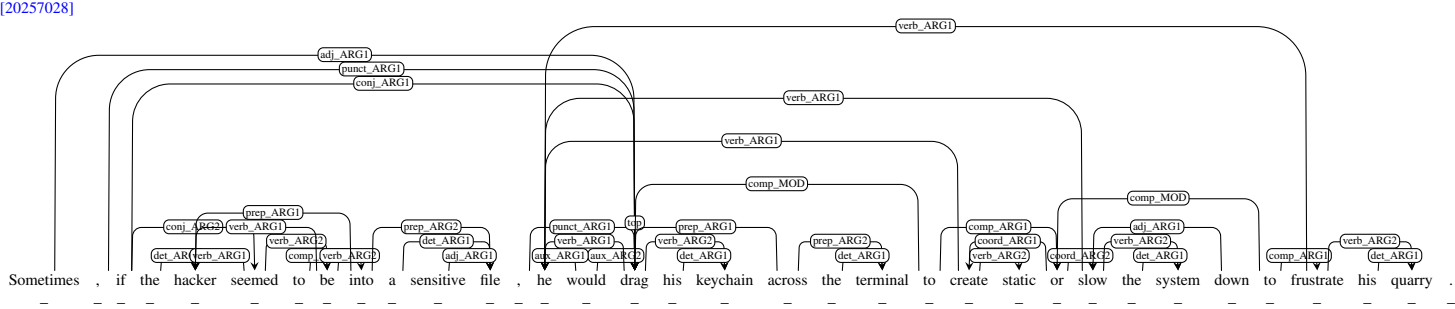
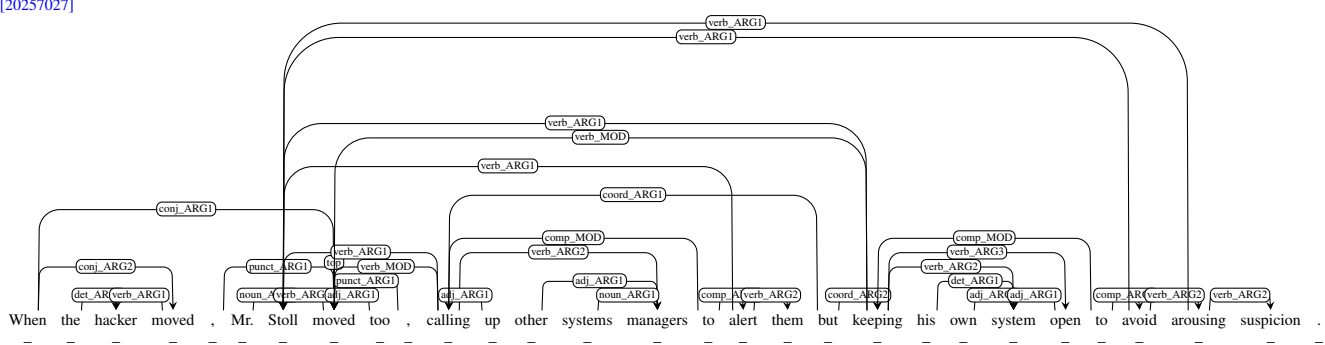
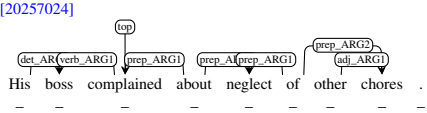
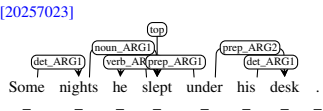
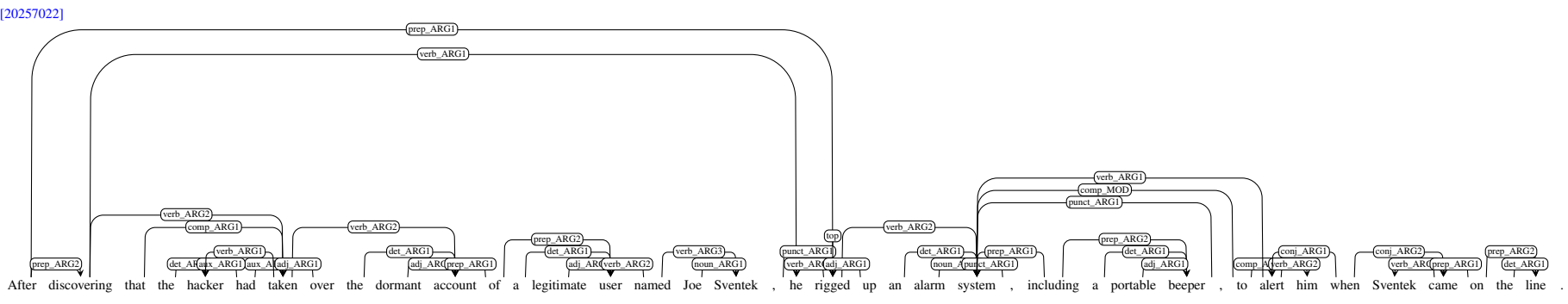
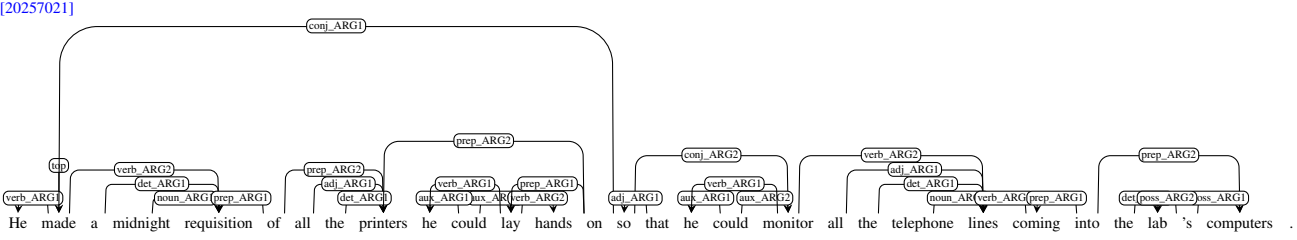
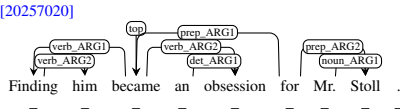
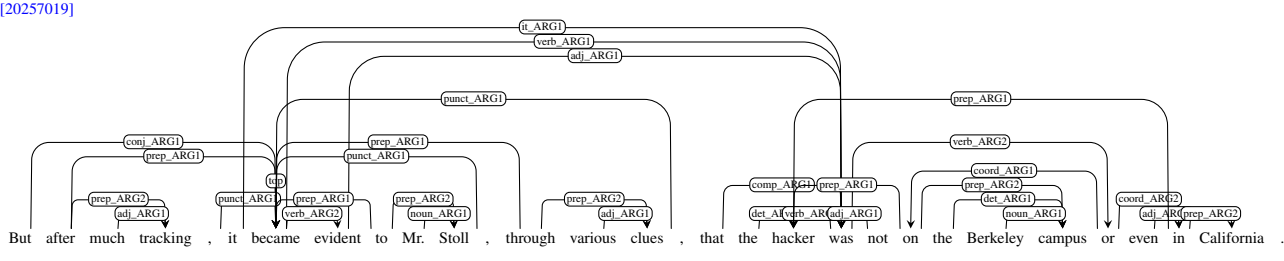
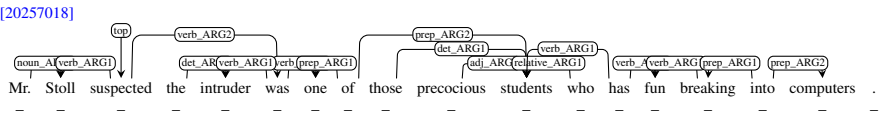
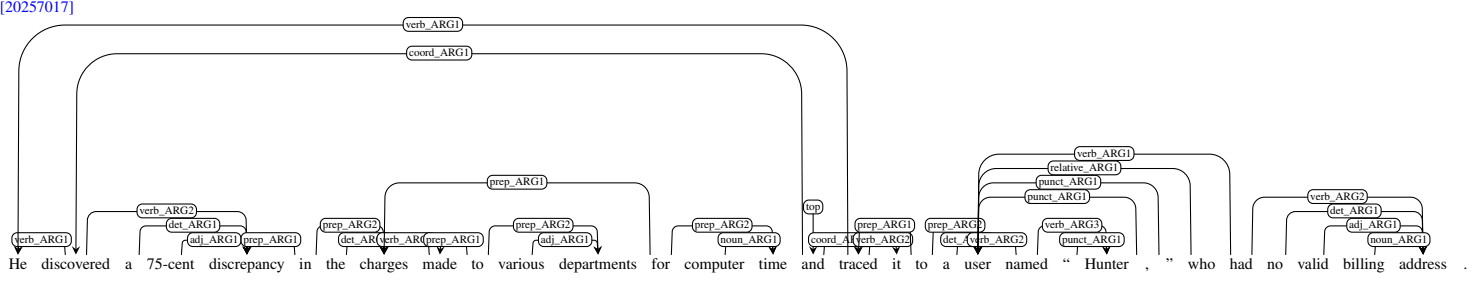
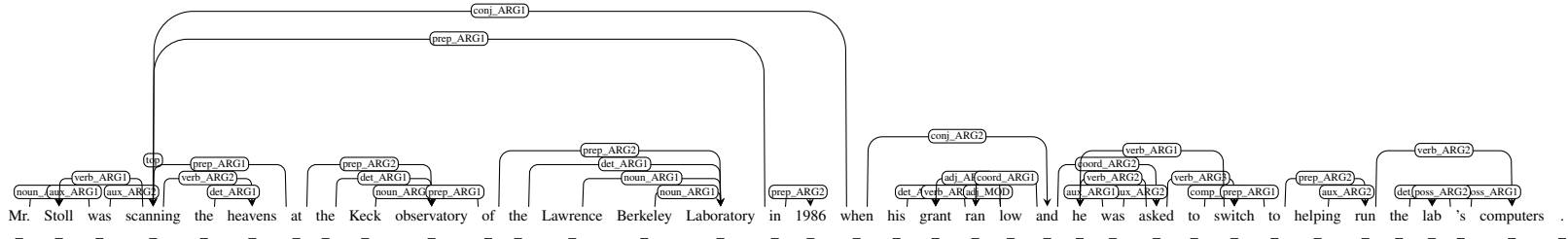


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The CIA told him it does not do domestic counterespionage .

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One learns a lot from this book , or seems to , about crippling federal bureaucracy .

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Finally , he got help .

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Tymnet is a major network linking computers .

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One of its international specialists , Steve White , took a quick interest in Mr. Stoll 's hunt , ultimately tracing the hacker to West Germany .

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The West Germans then took over and finally found Markus Hess .

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Eventually , Mr. Stoll was invited to both the CIA and NSA to brief high-ranking officers on computer theft .

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He savored the humor of his uncombed appearance among these buttoned-up chaps .

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Back in Berkeley , he was violently scolded by a left-wing lady friend for consorting with such people .

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He became angry in return .

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He had developed a hatred for the hacker and a grudging appreciation of the federal " spooks " who make national security their business .

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At several different levels , it 's a fascinating tale .

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