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To the Editor:

Your May 20 front-page article about foreigners who are obtaining Social Security numbers illegally identified one foreigner who had used the Social Security number of a **New** Jersey woman who died in 1991. In this regard it is worth noting that the Social Security Death Index, a database that is available free at several genealogy sites on the Web, makes it possible for anyone to search for and identify dead people and their Social Security numbers.

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