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Obviously the timing of all this and how it pertains to GME is beyond suspicious. But as people here have pointed out TD would be liable for all the documents. So the consensus for many here is that the company wouldn't expose itself to that investigation and that they would have everything backed up and duplicated. However, my smooth brain was thinking... if TD was contracting a third party to monitor/store their documents and they are destroyed while under their care, wouldn't the third party be liable, not TD? In other words can TD skirt regulation by utilizing the third party for all docs and have a perfect fall guy?