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MELTDOWN: READING FORBIDDEN DATA

Meltdown basically works like this:

- READ secret from forbidden address
 - 1 Check that program may read from address
 - 2 Store the read value in register
- Stash away secret
 - 1 *Magic*
- *Retrieve secret (later)*

μOPs: 1 2 1