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Federal Bureau of Investigations United States Department of
Justice, Washington, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: SUSPECTED LEAK IN GOVERNMENT EXPERT SYSTEM

Our Cambridge, MA, office advised that there is a suspected leak somewhere inside the new Suspicious Persons Identification Expert System (SPIES). Our sources and informants familiar with software matters advise that the supposed leak is the result of shoddy coding by person or persons unknown.

An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past and who claims to be close to the people concerned has advised that the leak is the result of careless management of data in the area of memory known to the hacker fraternity as "The Heap."

You are hereby given access to the expert system source code and have, by my order, been given access to the full resources of the FBI's software engineering lab. Consider the evidence and analyze the details of the case carefully. I want this leak found, and I want this leak fixed.

Failure is not an option.

Very truly yours,

