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Dear Editor-in-Chief:

This letter to be submitted to IEICE Transactions on Information and Systems presents the following contributions. No version of this letter was submitted earlier.

- We provide empirical evidence that measuring program time can be seriously affected by extant system daemons.
- We propose a novel timing protocol, called *SEDONA* (Selective Elimination through Detection of infrequent, lOng-runNing dAemons), that identifies infrequent, long-running daemons that impact the timing results for that program.
- We evaluate the performance of the protocol with rigorous experiments, starting from a simple program in pure-computation mode to a popular industrial benchmark suite.
- Experimental results show a strong support for the effectiveness of our *SEDONA* timing protocol.

Sincerely yours,

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