Report From Merrie Olde England

There is very little Credit Card fraud here, since some years ago numbers corresponding to actual phone numbers were abandoned. It used to be an amalgam of your number. Now the number must fit into a secret matrix the operators have. Thus fraud could occur only by people thumbprinting two or more numbers using bits of each to form a "good" one. If you are off by just one digit, they know immediately and tell you so. All UK CC's start 4XX which I think is international - the country code, then a "year" letter. US now is 1K, right? (1976), I have tried to figure out this matrix number but no avail. Here are some examples of cards that are billed to the same phone number. Do not use or reveal them.

When making international calls here, you call operator (Dial 100) who first checks to see that you are not on a pay phone and possible verify your number as busy, then she calls the international operator and clicks off. International then takes your number and dials you back after setting up the call. So if you are at a center remote to her, she cannot verify your phone's status. If you had the # to call international direct, you could do it from a pay phone safely and have her think it is a domestic phone. If you had these #s then, they could be rather useful; certainly here, possibly in the US, too. Typical British understatement.

When using fake CCs, some people in UK go to a pay phone, lift receiver (this gives you dial tone immediately here), dial any digit and leave receiver off the rest. Then they go to another pay phone, preferably some distance away but from which they can see the first one. Make the call, and when the operator asks for your number (which they always do here), give the number of the other box. If they check, they get busy tone - even if they check on their special interior phone circuit, they get the right condition, i.e., someone waiting on the line. If the Feds come, you have a grandstand view from a safe distance.

If the operator is going to call the Feds, she may:
1. Spend an abnormally long time putting you through.
2. Give you a ringing tone, the sort that never gets answered, to keep you there as long as possible.
3. Try #KPO44289572ST for a recorded description of clap symptoms. The London (01) 286 xxxx exchange is the equivalent of Big Apple's 666 exchange. Do you have any interesting 066 #s? I only know Dial-a-Joke. If you have 1DDD then (44)1455015 and 5017 are not coupled. They are only continental and US tones demo, tho.

When traveling from UK to Germany take plenty of shillings - 5p. pieces (worth 8¢) work as 1 DM (worth 50¢) in German slot machines.

METER JUMPING

In order to avoid any breaking of seals or disturbing of meters, as well as having a system that can be removed immediately when the power man calls, some UK power freaks do the following: Two teen screwdrivers are inserted where wires run in and wiggled about until they light. Copper wire on crocodile clips is run between them. The methods you have shown make getting caught too easy.

I'll be sending you what I have on computer crime.

PDP - 10 operator only commands would be very useful, please. I could send passwords, etc., but unless you had CP/M or 24 (or 21, not sure) modems, it would be of little use to you.

The "Silver Box" referred to by one of your correspondents is a 2200Hz tone interrupted at dial pulse speed (Vol!ing system AC8). I imagine 2200Hz pulses is used in US in exactly the same way. I sent you articles on how SF generators are so much easier to build, it's a pity you've not published more about them.

Here the problem is that for SF you need the secret internal P.O. trunk routings, which are completely different for each exchange. So either you need your local operator as a girl friend, or you randomly dial bleeps and ask people their number and build up lists that way.

One question more: In UK about 50% of coin boxes (pay phones) can be used to make ED - International Subscriber Dialing to the rest of Europe. The boxes can't handle the high modem rate to US. So if the machine would let you, they would be free. How then does the automatic international equipment validate and discriminate between pay phones and domestic phones which can call US direct? I thought the most likely answer is that the high line resistance of pay phones is different and can be measured automatically. If so, we'd hope phone domestic phone resistance be higher? I realize I'm talking about foreign equipment but any thoughts you have would be appreciated.

You think Bell swings, well the PO stinks to high heaven. Calls over 30 miles aren't you metric yet? midmorning are £11 (about $3,20) for ten minutes. Also 300 bit/minute Allegible? rental £10 per annum, weigh 20ibs, and are based on 20 year old technology. All international charges are at least twice to three times as much as other countries. No "foreign" attachments allowed at all (except answering machines). Complete and total monopoly on all forms of communication - even modulated light and carrier pigeons. No CB, and to become a Ham you need to be a fucking electronic genius, and then there are so many restrictions, it isn't worth it. Celebrate your independence.

You're right about this being a Police State. You can't even breathe without permission from our Communist government. Police here can search anyone or any premises on whom or in which they "suspect" drugs, which gives them carte blanche.

The laws on currency exchange control are not even published. You can't even find out what they are, you can only get a "Yes" or "No" answer from the Treasury.

You're right; phones aren't everything. Thanks a million for the Libertarian stuff. It's exactly what I'm into politically. Until now I thought I was unique (if probably am, here). There's only one thing a government should do for its people, only one social service, and that's to keep 'em free.

I'd very much like to get that printed circuit layout. How's it coming? (See #41)

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come to the US, it is also the point that I want to make about my experience in this country - it is not in the public interest, I don't think, for us to make this information public, but I have a very strong suspicion that something is going to happen that will make it necessary to share this information with the world. I think it is important for people to know what is going on, especially if it affects the security of this country.

There is the same cadre here. Duncan Camp is the most famous, a veteran from the trial some three years ago which made the PC look like a bunch of dummies, which they are, of course. He's tied in with Undercurrents, for whom many of the other freaks work. They are also interlinked with BIT, the Western Alternative Information Exchange and Energy Center, which is a group of mavericks working on their own - mostly in the access to the AC9 translation codes, of which you know about.

PO operators with which are kept in a special room. There are five extra buttons used presumably for different levels of priority and for interception and possible seizing and rerouting of calls in progress. There are the AC9 translation codes, of which you know about. The bluebox could also have been used to intercept a phone call in progress,
BULLSHIT! PART 2
by TOM EDISON

If you think my editorial in the December issue of TAP entitled "When The Shit Hits The Fan" was too rough on our readers, then you'll really shit in your pants when you read these new policy changes! Ordinarily, the rubber stamp bastards are sending us would be bad enough, but our bank has a handling charge that they pass along to us, so in addition to being ripped off on merchandise and postage (not to mention Elmer's Glue-All!), we're also forced to pay for your rubber check processing! When you start biting the hardline knucklehead, it's time to revise our own "systems & practices". Effective immediately: When we get notified that your rubber check has bounced, we will send you a little note "politely" informing you of your "oversight". If at that time you decide that you do not want the ordered merchandise, all we ask is that you reimburse us for the check handling cost charged up by our bank. I think that is fair and reasonable. If we do not hear from you within a reasonable amount of time, we will assume that you intentionally wanted to rip us off. We will then repay your "kindness" by giving your name and address to Bell Security, the FBI, the CIA, the IRS, the Post Office, the House UnAmerican Activities Committee, and any other appropriate government investigatory agency. This will ultimately result in many "fun filled" years ahead trying to clear your "good" name and reputation. All for a lousy $4. An eye for an eye!

Please remember that for immediate processing of your order you must send either a money order or a cashier's check. We have some but I'd rather not go through the hassle of processing your order by mail. All personal checks MUST clear your bank before we process your order. If the check is returned unpaid (for any reason), this could possibly cause your sub to start several months after we get your personal check, so if you do not want this delay, please send either a money order or a cashier's check.

I've received many recent requests for ringback, loop, and verification numbers for various cities. We have some but I'd like a bell of a lot more. You can help by sending us a list of all ringback, loop, and verification numbers for your area. I will compile a list by city and print up a table of numbers when I get a sufficient amount to warrant it. Let's get off your respective asses and send in this requested information. You can never tell when YOU might need some specific info. I hope that I get better reader response on this than I did when I requested readers to send me their off-hook line current. Only 23 readers responded! Priddy Piss Poor!

Dear TAP Folks

Re Xerox access keys: if you use a legit key, but make only one copy at a time and pull the key out after you push the "make copy" button, the counter in the key doesn't increment - altho the machine counter still does. This works on a Xerox 3100; I don't know about others.

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"BEAT THE SYSTEM WITH THE SYSTEM" Millions of TV watchers at 5 p.m., February 8 heard Jane Fonda laughingly explain how technovandalism has been carried to the level of absurdity, as hard-to-track-down middle-class white males outwit the telephone company. "While you are being worried about being caught in petty theft, the big boys practice bribery on a multinational scale, crime in the suites to match crime in the streets."

The Privacy Commission will report by end of June. Telephone co has new $22,000 box to invade our privacy; Libertarians, unlike to throw off these chains.... A new book, The Science of Electronic Surveillance, (5 from AASD, P.O.Box 3154, Thousand Oaks, CA 91365) describes the bewildering variety of electronic invasion & counter-measures, the vast majority of police & national security wiretaps not covered by any wiretap legislation, a MUST book with reference bibliography & glossary. MAGNETIC REVOLUTION tactics might take advantage of fact that a permanent magnet, requiring no external power source, can instantaneously erase the magnetic computerized records of a business, bank or govt agency. No technical counter-measure discovered yet according to Dept. of Commerce Technical Note #735(July 1972). But magnetic field detector installed at entry doorways to computer centers... New product ads in new magazines Security news, 210 Lyndhurst Road, Lyndhurst, Johannesburg 2001, South Africa, bimonthly, covers broad range of security subjects unique in South Africa.....Use of Subliminal Techniques named used in movie The Exorcist in coming book Remote Control to be published by Quadrangle/New York Times..... A new system of "explosives tagging" based on tiny grains of phosphor encapsulated in polyethylene plastic claimed to code explosives & provide almost any data desired.... Research studies initiated by National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice is researching innovative appendages & concepts in architectural design & organization in Portland, Ore.

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The January Playboy had a fascinating, frightening interview with "Mr. Death", a former C.I.A. agent. Your mission: read it and fill in the (deleted) blanks. Here's a start: the chemical which is absorbed thru the skin is DMBO (dimethyl sulfoxide).

He Got Clean Away

Fort Worth, Tex. (AP) - A 52-year-old prisoner has escaped by pulling the brick and creeping his way out of the city's public-safety building.

Authorities said that the prisoner, Rex Elston, had been arrested for investigation of auto theft and was assumed to be photographed and fingerprinted when he escaped.

Elston, who had just attended a hearing at the jail, had taken the suspect in the AutoTiiffive bureau and left him. The man grabbed the bronco, slowly started riding up the place and daring off...