Good, now that I've got your attention, let me make a request. First, for you new TAP subscribers, please read the following tale to get a better understanding of the history of TAP and how we operate. Second, for you old time TAPpers who usually skip over any article that doesn't have a new schematic for a Box in the first paragraph of a story, please read this tale of woe if for no other reason than to appreciate the fact that you're holding a copy of TAP in your hands when, in all rights and because of what I'm about to tell you, TAP should have folded a long time ago. The title "Tom Edison Battles Plot!" could never be truer.

Our story begins on a hot July 4th weekend in 1975 when I was asked to join the TAP staff by publisher Al Bell. We opened an office on Broadway in New York City the following month and together with Mr. Phelps, we co-edited TAP with Al Bell. In March of 1977 Mr. Phelps left for greener lands and in August of that same year Al Bell resigned as editor. And now the plot thickens! I'm a technician and don't know my ass from a hole in the ground about running the business end of TAP. I asked Al to help me and his business advice was simple: Screw everybody! He kept no records, no books, only a file folder with a hell of a lot of missing receipts. I was naive enough to think that the business would run itself, and I was to pay dearly later on for that mistake!

Even though Al Bell had resigned, he asked me if I would let him do our mailing labels. Since I had no access to a computer and since Al offered to do them for free, I accepted his offer. And for a few months all went well. Then in the month of November Al Bell started to show his true colors. I had bunted my hump the previous months getting issues 46 & 49 ready for publication only to be told by Al that he didn't have the mailing labels ready. He told me to be patient and I was, right up until March of 1978! Then I blew up, called up the bastard and put the screws on him to get those mailing labels done. Within a few days I had the labels and on March 23rd I finally mailed out issues 48 & 49. I told Al that the next issue of TAP would be our 7th anniversary edition and I'd need the mailing labels no later then the end of June. He said he'd have them by then. When the end of June rolled around and I still didn't have the labels, I called Al. He said he was working on it and to be patient. Where did I hear that before? I should have realized what was going on but I didn't.

And now the plot thickens some more! You gotta say one thing about Al Bell, he sure practiced what he preached!

Over the years TAPpers reported that individuals were screwing up the I.R.S. out of taxes and apparently Al thought TAP should do the same. I discovered this condition during the summer of 1978 when Big Brother started sending TAP some nasty notes to pay up or else!!! To add insult to injury, Al had also ordered a number of books without paying for them. Had he ripped off the book company using his own name, that would have been okay son of a bitch destroy it! I would put my own personal financial backing behind TAP. That would keep us going for a while. But I had to have mailing labels for those 7 issues pronto and to get them I needed Al Bell's help one last time.

I needed the computer master tape that contained the names and addresses of all our subscribers. I called Al (yes, even the great Al Bell has a phone!), crossed my fingers and asked for a copy of that tape. The tape I requested was for issue 48. The tape he sent was actually issue 46. I didn't know this until I started to check the labels against the computer printout and found a lot of omissions. What this meant was that all persons who subscribed between issues 48 & 48 were not listed on the master tape. Al Bell had struck again!!!

Well, at least I now had a master tape valid up to issue 46. Now, how to update this tape? Al had used an old Fortran system using IBM key-punch cards and reel-to-reel magnetic tape. We had to upgrade this system. I called upon two old TAP friends, Cheshire and the Wizard. I key punched the new subscribers onto IBM cards, gave them to the Wizard who transferred them onto reel-to-reel magnetic tape and then gave them to Cheshire who transferred that onto a floppy disk to drive a printer! With so many steps involved, it's a wonder we got labels at all! And while I'm on the subject, let me publically thank the Wizard and especially Cheshire for all their hard work not only in getting labels printed but in deciphering Al Bell's coded master tape. Of course there were mistakes and omissions. I personally had to hand letter hundreds of issues. Some people got several copies of each issue. Some subscribers didn't get any issues at all! I do have a hand written master list and I was forced to go through it several times to make corrections and make sure that all subscribers got their issues. I could not print our usual 3, 2, 1, and 0 issue renewal warning on the labels and since most of our subscriptions expired with issue 48, I stamped all labels PLEASE RENEW. I realized that there would be some concern by readers whose subscriptions expired on a later issue than 48 and were still getting a renewal notice but I had no idea you would be so vocal about it! Let me assure all our readers that the master list is correct and you'll get all the issues you're entitled to, no matter how many renewal notices you get. I hope that this clears up any questions about your recently screwed up subscription.

And now, what about the future of TAP? Well, to begin with there won't be any Al Bell to fuck things up. TAP now has a SOL 20 computer and a Micropolis 1053 Mod II quad density dual floppy disk drive! There were a number of readers concerned about the security of our mailing list. Rest assured it is secure. No one has access to it but me!

The old TAP office at 1201 Broadway is closed. For increased security we have moved underground. You may still use our mail drop address: TAP, Room 418, 152 W. 42 St., New York, N.Y. 10036. If you would like to talk to some of the TAP staff, it is rumored that they get hungry between 5:30 and 7:30 PM at Al-Ann's Luncheonette, 280 Bleeker St., Greenwich Village, N.Y. Take the #1 subway to Sheridan Sq. and then go two blocks south to Bleeker. Bon appetit!
1979 Credit Code

Make credit card calls only from pay phones, and at random times and locations... the less pattern the less likelihood of getting caught. When a call is made from a pay phone, there is no record of the originating phone. When you give the Credit Card number to the operator, who may ask for its Area Code, be sure to answer truthfully. Further identification is very unlikely, however, the operator may know the beginning of your conversation.

If a fraudulent Credit Card call is reported to phone company Security, and it was made from a pay phone, the only thing they have to go on is the phone number of the recipient. If the call was made to some institutional switchboard, they're stuck. If the call was to an individual, they may call, and try lies, sympathy, intimidation, or whatever they think might get them information. The last time they may call, and try lies, sympathy, intimidation, or whatever they think might get them information. However, remember, please, that information is not free, and with a little imagination, there are endless possibilities. Since the same Credit Card number can't be used again, the next time the call ends up on some real phone bill, don't count on your people turning up in court. The call might be traced to the phone number of the recipient. If the call was made to some institutional switchboard, they're stuck. If the call was to an individual, they may call, and try lies, sympathy, intimidation, or whatever they think might get them information. The last time they may call, and try lies, sympathy, intimidation, or whatever they think might get them information.

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A telephone Credit Card number is ten digits and a letter. The first seven digits are the number being charged to. That is followed by the Regional Accounting Office number. The main RAO’s are listed here. The letter is a verification code which changes every year. In 1979 it has to match the last digit of the telephone number. 1979 letters are:

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It is in order to hurt someone who never uses the same Credit Card number twice. Long Distance information is free, and with a little imagination, there are endless possibilities. Since the same Credit Card number can't be used again, the next time the call ends up on some real phone bill, don't count on your people turning up in court. The call might be traced to the phone number of the recipient. If the call was made to some institutional switchboard, they're stuck. If the call was to an individual, they may call, and try lies, sympathy, intimidation, or whatever they think might get them information. The last time they may call, and try lies, sympathy, intimidation, or whatever they think might get them information.

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Books:

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E-mail: TAF, c/o Cz Y. Mandias, also with S.A. send, if a personal reply is desired.

Greetings, cartulins. Allow me to introduce myself, I'm Cz Y. Mandias, "Chairman of Miscellaneous Anarchy," communicating to you directly, through the press from beautiful downtown Kanada. As any progressive technologist will realize, one must evolve and diversify to continue to maintain one's standards, and there is no room for counter-revolution in our "tide." To this end, I have taken it upon myself to enlighten you to the primitive possibilities of other useful areas of people's tech. This department, welcome all forms of communications, including telepathy, with interested TAFers. I am willing to do my part to make sure that typos, spells, and other errors are sent to TAF, 6/6 Ca. 7. Mandias, along with Cz Y. Mandias, also with S.A. send, if a personal reply is desired.

Electronic: Just got back my F.C.C.I.(Freedom of Information) card which changes every year. In 1979 it has to match the last digit of the telephone number. This formerly secret handbook of the latest wire-tapping techniques, including on-line computer and microwave interception in your expense account and is being sold to lazy suckers for $70 by Loompanics & Faladin Press. Quite a rip-off when one can get it for free. This report is abstracted from 2 technical volumes, accession nos. PB 244 447 & PB 444 449, available for $15.40 from the Nat. Tech. Information Service, Dept. of Commerce (5250 Airport Road, Burlington, Vt. 05401).

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TAP MEAT

During the early years of TAP (Then known as TIPL) we offered a service to our readers called MEAT. The purpose of MEAT was to exchange names and addresses of TAP readers who lived close to each other so that they could get dollop and address and a self addressed stamped envelope. A WORD OF CAUTION: I have no way to personally list was NOT in any kind of order, it was and is very difficult to match up readers. Any bitch about where the hell your order is MUST be sent with a copy of your canceled check or money order. Upon receipt of your letter I'll scan through our list for the closest one to you and send that name and address back to you. Remember. Send cash and get a 10% discount on all TAP merchandise.

TAP D.A.

Our D.A. (Distructory Assistance) service is temporarily suspended until further notice. Our photo-copier is being repaired for his Gettysburg Address. I think it's reasonable to say that it's had it! Also, since we are still getting our new office organized, D.A. files are all boxed up and not readily available. A lot of our D.A. info is now available for $1.50. The official looking 3 inch patch is white with blue cracked bell and gold lettering & trim. Please order one and some of the TAP junk listed below to help us pay the rising costs of publishing TAP. I will try to hold all TAP prices at their current level for as long as I can. Your support is urgently needed!

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Canada & Mexico First Class $9.

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—Norbert Wiener.

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"...and above all, gentlemen, avoid looking guilty!"

We received this about two years ago and are finally printing it. If we had more help, it would have appeared immediately. We don't know if it still works, but it would appear that you have nothing to lose trying it. Re ID: a friend told me anything with your photo in color on it and laminated in plastic impresses the hell out of people. Some H. P. Lovecraft fans designed student and faculty ID cards for the fictional Miskatonic University. They looked great! If you manage to "liberate" someone else's photo ID card, you can stick your photo on top of the other one and run it thru a laminator. Works beautifully! At least it did on Hawaii 5-0. Who says TV isn't educational?

He also suggested changing your checking account annually.

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