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(NP) Social DoS of the Classified World

(NP) This is marked as a **SECRETE//NOPORN//FYI** document. As such, if discovered on line, and if you were in a world where these were markings for a classified document, and if you had or formerly had a security clearance, and if the rules were the rules we have today in this environment in the US, you would have an obligation to report this to the appropriate government agency, such as the FDI (the Federal Department of Information).

(P) I encountered such a document recently, and having formerly held a security clearance of some sort, I was obligated to act on it. And so I did. I tried to report it to the appropriate agency, and after about an hour of effort, I managed to actually do so successfully. I provided the URL at the ACLU where I obtained it, and they indicated that they would get back in touch with me if I needed to do anything further. My obligation was fulfilled.

(NP) What's the big secrete here?

(SP) Now suppose we wanted to disrupt the military industrial classification complex? Since each individual with a clearance or former clearance is obligated to report each such thing, and it takes an hour to do it, and there are, according to clearancejobs.com about 4.1 million total US security clearances active (who knows how many inactive), if I could get just one document with appropriate looking markings in front of each of these folks, it would waste about 4.1 million hours of time. Hackers among us already know the punch line of course...

(S) Suppose we secrete

(SP) millions and millions of such things daily. Suppose we built a computer virus that merely added these markings to every Web page and PDF document it encountered? No meaningful change of content involved, no leakage of information involved, just a minor change of form and format. And of course we could do this for all sorts of other content all over the place.

(U) Here's the evil plot

(SP) Start marking all of your documents as if they were actually classified. Not my ridiculous **SECRETE//NOPORN//FYI** markings, but the real markings. I did a google search for "how to mark a classified document". The first result was the "DoD Guide to Marking Classified Documents". So write a program to randomly generate classification markings according to this document, and start making it widely available. Start marking all social media posts, emails, documents, and so forth. And the result will be a complete breakdown of the system!

(U) Conclusions

(NP) Of course this is not what will really happen. If you actually started to do this, they would probably start by coming after me for suggesting it, and then after you for implementing it, and then change something so it's less disruptive. So if you really want to get me, try it!

(H) And for your information, please secrete no porn.

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