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Subject: If you still have it around

Author: MICHAEL D. KIEFER, World Communications/US @ worldcom.composed: 10/24 09:13 AMReply to: If you still have it around here is a previous posting . Otherwise, here is the text. My apologies for those who have read this before, but I think it's important that people know when to worry and when not to worry. Michael D. Kiefer Vice-President of Support Systems WorldCom Date: Wednesday, December 07, 1994 10:54 AM I called the US Dept of Energy CIAC and they verified that the below newsletter is authentic. They also mentioned that the rumor circled the globe in less than three days. [forwards deleted] U.S. DOE's Computer Incident Advisory Capability > _____> / | / _ / | \ | / \ | | _ / _> \ _ _ | _ / \ _ _ | \ | \ / | | _ _ />> Number 94-04 December 6, 1994 >> Welcome to the fourth issue of CIAC Notes! This is a special edition to > clear up recent reports of a "good times" virus-hoax. Let us know if you > have topics you would like addressed or have feedback on what is useful and > what is not. Please contact the editor, Allan L. Van Lehn, CIAC, > 510-422-8193 or send E-mail to ciac@llnl.gov.>> THE "Good Times" VIRUS IS AN URBAN LEGEND >> In the early part of December, CIAC started to receive information requests > about a supposed "virus" which could be contracted via America OnLine, simply > by reading a message. The following is the message that CIAC received:>> -----> | Here is some important information. Beware of a file called Goodtimes. |> | |> | Happy Chanukah everyone, and be careful out there. There is a virus on |> | America Online being sent by E-Mail. If you get anything called "Good |> | Times", DON'T read it or download it. It is a virus that will erase your |> | hard drive. Forward this to all your friends. It may help them a lot. |> ----->> THIS IS A HOAX. Upon investigation, CIAC has determined that this message > originated from both a user of America Online and a student at a university > at approximately the same time, and it was meant to be a hoax.>> CIAC has also seen other variations of this hoax, the main one is that any > electronic mail message with the subject line of "xxx-1" will infect your > computer.>> This rumor has been spreading very widely. This spread is due mainly to the > fact that many people have seen a message with "Good Times" in the header.> They delete the message without reading it, thus believing that they have > saved themselves from being attacked. These first-hand reports give a false > sense of credibility to the alert message.>> There has been one confirmation of a person who received a message with > "xxx-1" in the header, but an empty message body. Then, (in a panic, because > he had heard the alert), he checked his PC for viruses (the first time he > checked his machine in months) and found a pre-existing virus on his machine.> He incorrectly came to the conclusion that the E-mail message gave him the > virus (this particular virus could NOT POSSIBLY have spread via an E-mail > message). This person then spread

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