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To: Epstein Jeffrey <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: [IP] re DEF CON to Feds: We don't want your kind 'round here.
Date: Thu, 11 Jul 2013 10:24:00 +0000

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Farber <dave@farber.net>
Subject: [IP] re DEF CON to Feds: We don't want your kind 'round here.
Date: July 11, 2013 04:12:59 -0400
To: "ip" <ip@listbox.com>
Reply-To: dave@farber.net

Begin forwarded message:

From: Declan McCullagh <declan@well.com>
Subject: Re: [IP] re DEF CON to Feds: We don't want your kind 'round here.
Date: July 11, 2013 4:06:04 AM EDT
To: dave@farber.net
Cc: ip <ip@listbox.com>

From: Lauren Weinstein <lauren@vortex.com>:
Hacker discrimination? Is this DEF CON or a Tea Party gathering?

OK, so instead of showing up identified as who they are, they'll show up incognito as random individuals.

An exercise in futility

With the exception of speakers, Feds tend to show up at Defcon incognito. That's the fun of Spot the Fed:
<https://www.defcon.org/html/defcon-13/dc13-spotthefed.html>

This announcement is a political statement and a clever PR tactic, not an exercise in futility. You can buy Defcon tickets with cash at the door, as the organizers well know, but this lets the Feds know they're not invited this year. Of course they can still sneak in, and I imagine Spot the Fed will have some extra-good prizes.

-Declan
(at just about every Defcon since 1997)

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