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FROM: Carol A. Noteboom
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DATE: January 17, 2000

RE: Privacy 2000
Thursday, February 24, 2000
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Usually about this time, a week or so prior to the due date for written materials, **Wed., January 26**, speaker's remorse begins to set in. Social scientists who have studied this believe there are several stages to speaker's remorse. (I realize the affliction is improperly named, because the remorse has more to do with organizing, thinking, working and writing, but who am I to question social scientists?)

As you stare at the empty page, you may first have feelings of denial - I don't really have to do this, at least not yet. Responsible people get past this, usually with a short-lived initial burst of energy that seems sufficient, but falls a bit short of the mark. Often at this point, despair begins to set in. Responsible people recognize this for what it is, self-pity, wallow for a short time and move on. Unfortunately, sometimes the thing that people move on to is anger bordering on rage, and sadly, with judgment clouded by this anger, the object is frequently undeserving and inappropriate, say an innocent course chair or the seminar sponsor. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is that you fight against these feelings, should they develop. *Remember, we're here to help, and if there is anything we can do to get you started or finish on time, short of actual work on our part, we stand ready to pitch-in.*

We're looking forward to a fun and informative seminar. Even though the average attendee does not realize how much work and energy goes into these presentations, the other speakers, course chair and MILE do. If you have not done so, please submit your biographical information to our office as soon as possible. Thanks a lot for all your hard work - the success of the seminar is entirely due to the speakers' efforts. Please call Jim Leighton at (612) 339-1128 with any questions or concerns.

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