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Bicentennial Year of the Bill of Rights*



The First Conference on  
**Computers,  
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*Tutorials & Invitational Conference, Limited to 600 Participants*  
**Monday-Thursday  
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## About computers, freedom & privacy —

We are at a crossroads as individuals, organizations and governments depend more and more on computers and computer networks. Within ten years, most global information will be collected and utilized electronically.

The 1990's are the pivotal decade in which statutes, policies and judicial precedents will be developed for controlling access, use — and abuse — of computerized information and electronic mail.

Current government and private-sector policies are an uncoordinated jumble, created as each group evolves ways to collect, manipulate, extract, share and protect computerized and networked information and services.

Data on individuals and groups is being computerized by numerous agencies, organizations and special interests, often without the knowledge or approval of those it concerns, and with varying degrees of accuracy.

Computers can greatly assist individuals, organizations and government in making sound decisions based on efficient access to adequate information — for personal benefit, business improvement and national well-being.

Or, inappropriate use and regulation can seriously threaten fundamental freedoms, personal privacy, and the democratic processes that are at the very foundation of this nation and of any free society.

## About the low-cost Tutorials (Monday) —

Seminars on March 25th offer introductions to the different disciplines that intersect in this conference. These are surveys for individuals not already expert in the topics presented. These half-day tutorials are scheduled in four parallel tracks:

**Global Communications & the Worldwide Computer Matrix.** [morning\*] Survey of electronic-mail & teleconferencing services, global information access, remote services and the matrix of networks.

**Low-Cost Computer Networking & Computer Bulletin Board Systems (BBS).** [afternoon\*] Reviews e-mail, bulletin board and teleconferencing alternatives on personal computers; outlines low-cost PC-based networks and their gateways to the global matrix.

— Mark Graham\*, co-founder of Institute for Global Communications, PeaceNet and EcoNet; Pandora Systems

**Current & Proposed International Policies.** [morning\*] Law and regulation that will or may impact trans-border data-flow and computer communications, impacting U.S. information practices and international business.

**Federal Legislation Impacting Computer Use.** [afternoon\*] Detailed review of landmark federal statutes impacting access to information, privacy of information, computer security and computer crime.

— Marc Rotenberg\*, former congressional counsel and expert on federal legislation, CPSR, Washington DC.

**How Computer Crackers Crack!** [morning\*] Suggested by a deputy district attorney specializing in high-tech crime, this is for law enforcement officials, prosecutors, systems administrators and Bulletin Board System (BBS) sysops.

— Russell Brand\*, computer security specialist; programmer with Reasoning Systems.

**How Computer Crime is Investigated.** [afternoon\*] This reviews investigation, search, seizure and evidence requirements for pursuing computer crime. It is for computer users, computer owners, BBS sysops and investigators unfamiliar with computer crime practices.

**Information Security.** [afternoon\*] Survey for systems managers of internal and external threats, security measures, alternatives and other computer and data security issues.

— Donn Parker\*, a leading consultant in information security and computer crime, SRI International.

\* Lecturers, descriptions and times were confirmed as of early January press deadline, but may be subject to change. 1/7/91

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For the first time, this four-day invitational event will bring together representatives from all of these groups and more, all in one place, all at one time.

Many of the recognized leaders and strongest advocates representing the various groups having an interest in the issues of the conference will discuss their concerns and proposals.

A maximum of 600 applicants will be invited to attend. Balanced representation from the diverse groups interested in these issues is being encouraged. Please see the enclosed Invitation Application for details.

To inform participants about topics beyond their specialties, half-day seminars are scheduled for the first day (Monday, March 25th). These parallel tutorials will explore relevant issues in computing, networking, civil liberties, regulation, the law and law enforcement. Each tutorial is designed for those who are experienced in one area, but are less knowledgeable in the subject of that tutorial.

To explore the interactions and ramifications of the issues, conference talks and panel discussions are scheduled for the remaining three days (Tuesday-Thursday, March 26th-28th). These will emphasize balanced representation of all major views, especially including probing questions and discussion.

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