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MediaDesk presents...

DesktopMAGIC

AMIGA ANIMATED SCREENSAVER
&
SYSTEM SOUND MANAGER

U.S. Version 2.0 of MaxonMAGIC, the most popular screensaver
in Germany

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DESCRIPTION

DesktopMAGIC saves your screen from phosphor burn-in by featuring 32 animated screen saver modules, accompanied by sampled sound and 8-track music. Plus, it puts sound into your system, Workbench, and even all your already installed applications by assigning sounds or voices to windows, keys, times, text and virtually all other system events. It gives your AMIGA that MAGIC feeling you will never want to miss again.

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Next Meeting: 17 August 1994, 7:00 PM

**Glendale Public Library
Large Meeting Room
5959 W. Brown St.
Glendale, Arizona**



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Best of Fred Fish	Stan Krawczyk
Disk of the Month	Mel Elliott
TV Text	Zuma Group
Display LoGo Entries	Mel Elliott
Software Drawing	World Tour Golf
Q & A	Answer Man

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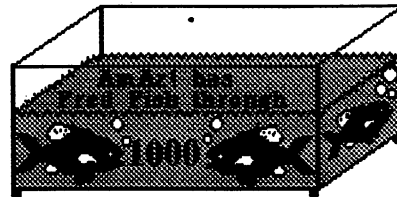
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From the President

I have several announcements to pass on to you in this, my first presidential column. First, Stan Krawczyk resigned from his positions as President and SYSOP effective 1 July 1994. The Executive Board appointed myself (Mel Elliott) to fulfill the remainder of his term as president and Bill Hagan as the new SYSOP for the BBS.

It was initially thought that we would be able to keep the same phone number for the BBS, but that was not to be. The new number is (602) 435-8695. The movement of the BBS went very smoothly with only a few minor glitches that were promptly solved by Stan and Bill. The board was only down a total of two and a half hours for the physical part of the move.

The next change is in the mailing address for AmAz!. The P.O. Box has been moved to Glendale as the Ex Bd members who check the mail both live in close proximity to the Glendale post office. New address is P.O. Box 2282, Glendale, AZ 85311-2282.

It is hoped that we can continue to get outside developers and/or other individuals/groups interested in presenting demonstrations at our monthly meetings. If you know of anyone who has something that would be of interest let me or any of the Ex Bd members know and we will do our very best to get them scheduled. This month we will have Zuma Group to demo "TV Text Professional 2.0". They were scheduled in June but were forced to cancel due to a family emergency.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the membership of the Amiga Arizona User Group and the many users of the BBS, to thank Stan Krawczyk for his long time service as our SYSOP and all the other duties he has undertaken in helping the User Group grow. His dedication and the many hours he has contributed can in no way be adequately reimbursed. I feel certain that Stan will continue to be a familiar sight at our meetings and on the BBS but will not be actively involved in the day to day operation of the club. At the July Ex Bd meeting it was voted that Stan be given lifetime membership in AmAz!. Let's all do our very best to keep AmAz! one of the premier User Group's in the Amiga community. Till next Month! Mel Elliott AmAz!

Winners

and

Non-Winners



Congratulations to the following listed members who won prizes as indicated at the July 1994 AmAz! meeting:

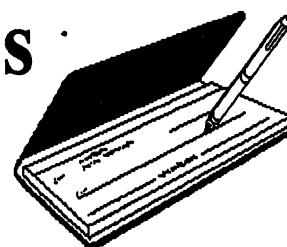
#029 Stan Krawczyk.....Five (5) Blank disks
#231 Allen Hutchison.....Disk Coupon
#326 Jim Orcholl.....Checks & Balances
#353 Ed Lippman.....Battleship

The following members names were drawn but were not present or declined. Michael Osburn, R.L. Robertson, Ken Fix, Don Dostal, Michael Passman, Paul Fleischer, Mel Elliott, Jamie Backen, MacLellan Emshwiller, Rick Hurlbut, Bill Hagan, Don Smalley and Robert Noojin.

The hidden number was #368 Rick Hurlbut, who was not present and could not claim his disk coupon. AmAz!

Treasurer's Report

by Lester Carr



July Beginning Balance:		\$ 318.32
Income:		
Advertising	40.00	
DOM Sales	16.00	
FF Disk Sales	9.00	
Memberships Regular	48.00	
Memberships Subscription	18.00	
BBS Donation	50.00	
Total Income	\$ 181.00	+ \$ 181.00
Sub Total		\$ 499.32
Expenses:		
News Letter	\$ 71.91	
P.O. Box	17.50	
BBS Phone	23.01	
Misc	4.20	
Total Expenses	\$ 116.62	- \$ 116.62
July Ending Balance:		\$ 382.70
Membership:	Regular 36 Subscription 16	

Librarian's Desk



by Mel Elliott

Remember the AmAz! library will be at Amazing Computers on the second Saturday of each month. I would again remind anyone who desires to order disks from the library to either do so on the BBS or you may call me at home (931-1117) and I will have the disks made up and ready for you at the next meeting, mail them for a small fee or have them at Amazing Computers on the second Saturday.

The AmAz! library has received the latest in the Fred Fish CD series. The new information on this disk is displayed differently than in the past. The new information is not broken out into floppy disk format but is grouped by subject (desktop publishing, comm, utilities etc.) I am thinking of ways to make available to our members the new information that is included. If anyone has an idea please let me know.

We have some new Video's and other items that have been donated to the club. See article elsewhere in this issue for these new items. If anyone desires to check out any of the books, videos or other items on this list or the one in last months issue just let me know prior to the meeting so I can have them available.

AmAz! Disk of the Month #86:

CINCO: A game that requires the player to get five squares in a row before his opponent. Players may be human or the Amiga. Includes different difficulty levels.

DESKTOPMAGIC: A demo version of a neat program that has many functions. A few of these are: mouse acceleration, screen blanking, sounds (including keyboard noise and many more. Will operate on 1.3 OS and higher.

ICONS: A collection of 4 color icons collected by a Swedish author. If you change icons be sure to change the information commands.

MOUSEAIDDEMO: A DEMO version of a shareware (\$15.00) program. This demo version will shut itself down after one hour of use and it will be necessary to reboot and reinstall if continued use is desired. Functions include, mouse acceleration, mouse blanking, screen blanking, lockout (keyboard and mouse), switch mouse ports and many more. Requires OS 2.XX or higher.

MOREICONS: Another collection of 8 color icons from a Danish author.

For Sale
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Stereo Sound Mixer, two Video/Sound inputs, microphone for voice-over, Video enhancer and Audio/Video fade in-out.

\$50.00

Call Ed Lippman @ 265-5977

WANTED

Demonstrations for monthly AmAz! meetings, article writers for the AmAz!.info newsletter. Ideas for demonstrations, articles for the newsletter or programs for the disk of the month. Contact any of the members of the Executive Board if you would like to participate in any of these areas. ***Low pay but extreme gratification.***

FOR SALE:

Copy of the Checks & Balances program that was demonstrated at the June meeting. I purchased an extra copy and will sell it for what I paid for it.

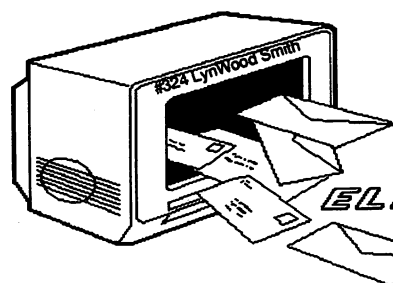
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NESTOR: A solitaire game with the objective being to move all face up cards into a row at the bottom of the screen. These cards are moved in pairs (jack - jack etc). If all pair options have been moved turn one of the face down cards and if it matches any of the face up cards the face up card may be moved. Keeps a record of the highest scores of several players. Has options for different card backs, sound and animation.

THEGURU: Another program that explains and analyzes the GURU numbers so that you can understand them and determine what caused the GURU to happen. According to the author the program should work with OS 1.2 and above. Contains a self test function. AmAz!





BBS REPORT

ELECTRONIC
MAILBAG

by **BILL HAGAN**

Such a feeling of power welled over me as I watched Stan upgrade my BBS access to Sysop. SYSOP! Oh what power is implied by that word! The Sysop has the ultimate power over each and every caller. Whether he can call again, how many times he can call, how many messages he can write, which messages he can read, which and how many files he can download. Now that power is mine!

Speaking of power, you might be interested to know that I'm learning more about you than you may want me to know. I know your phone number, I can find where you live, I know what kind of computer you have and what files and programs you like, I might even know some of your fantasies as revealed from your passwords and the types of files you download. I can see what you write in your messages. Pay attention now: I CAN KNOW THE THINGS YOU WRITE.

Truthfully, I don't pay a whole lot of attention, but just be aware, it is all there for me to see, anytime I want to look. Everything on the BBS is available to the Sysop, nothing is secret.

Now, back to that feeling of power. It lasted until early evening on the 13th of July. I had picked up the computer from Stan, moved it to my house, installed it on its new shelves and plugged it in. Suddenly, all feelings of superiority suddenly drained away. All I could think was:

"What do I do? What do I do? What do I do?"

I crossed my fingers, held my breath and powered up. Surprise, surprise, Stan's genius showed through. He had developed the ultimate system and it worked, even for me? Barely ten minutes passed before the first caller came in. I was so amazed that I failed to record that first caller. I just sat and

watched as it all unfolded before my eyes; it was beautiful.

Over the next few days just about everything happened that could happen. We missed three or four days of Fidonet and Amynet mail before the new phone number kicked in. I got that straightened out and then someone pointed out that the Tagline needed changing. It took me nearly a day to find which file it was in, much less change it. In between those times, I validated new users, checked the new files as they were uploaded, updated the Amylist and Nodelist, tried to answer some technical questions and just answered mail.

On Sunday night, just after I had cleared the board and retired for the night, the whole system crashed. Stan called me early on Monday and asked why the board was down. We checked and could find no reason for the GURU. I restarted the system,

remember I told you last month that I had talented fingers, with the three fingered boot. The system ran fine until the storm on Thursday, the 28th of July and we had a momentary power failure. I shut everything down until the storm passed. After I restarted the system once again, all has been well. Please tell me, "What else can happen?"

There is much work involved in being Sysop, but it has its moments. Since, in the strictest sense of the word, I am a layman, I will try, over the next several

months, to give you a layman's view of the features of our BBS. That is a challenge I issue to myself and now I issue a challenge to you. I want you to step up to me at the next meeting and say something to me. I'll even tell you what to say. You can say one of three things:

A. "Bill, you're doing a lousy job as Sysop!"

B. "Bill, you're doing an adequate job as Sysop."

C. "Bill, you're doing a great job as Sysop."

Or, if you are really creative, step up to either the keyboard or me and tell me how you are using the BBS and what you would like to see.

I feel the power! Happy BBS'ing. AmAz!

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...Ascii stupid question - get a stupid ansi ...

AMINET CD-ROM 3

by
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The Aminet CDROM contains all software uploaded to Aminet this year (ie since the appearance of the Aminet CD 2) plus the 300 most popular files from the rest. You'll find on the CD:

- About 600M of compressed software (1G uncompressed) in 3200 archives
- Over 1700 applications and utilities
- Over 450 music modules
- Over 350 demos
- Over 200 games

...and much more. Aminet files until June 15th are included.

One of the main features of the CD is an all new AmigaGuide based user interface. No installation or Shell knowledge required. By a single click on the archive name in the AmigaGuide index of the CD you can

- Unpack the archive to RAM: or
 - View the images in an archive (if it's from pix/)
- or
- Listen to the modules in an archive (if it's from mods/) or
 - Read the text in an archive (if it's from docs/)

A program to search the CD index for keywords is included. It outputs the same type of unpacking AmigaGuide documents. Also, you can do searches for programs on previous CD's and global Aminet searches.

You can drag a search kit onto your hard disk to do searches without having the CD in your drive.

COMPATIBILITY

- Amiga OS versions 1.3, 2.0, 3.0 for the access software
- ISO level 1, ISO level 2 and RockRidge compatible
- All Amigas including CDTV and A570 (disk is not bootable)
- CD32 not tested.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended:

- For the user interface: OS 2.0 or higher, 2M RAM

AVAILABILITY

The CD is not yet available. It will be shipping by July 31st. However we'd like to see some preorders in order to estimate the demand, and the ratio of Aminet Gold vs Aminet Share CD's (see below)

PRICES

The Aminet CD 3 is sold under two different names:

- The Aminet Gold CD 3 costs a bit more, depending on your dealer. But it includes a donation of \$2 for the people who made the CD possible (mainly me and Matthias Scheler) and for Aminet hardware.

- The Aminet Share CD is about 30% cheaper but doesn't include any payment for Aminet. You are asked to pay a shareware fee if you like the CD and want to encourage us to keep going.

You can preorder the CD from (all prices exclude S&H):

USA

- Aminet Gold from Fred Fish: \$19.95
- subscription: \$14.95 per CD

Please note that the US price is higher than planned, this is due to the falling exchange rate of the US currency and higher than expected import taxes.

For details on how to order, read pub/aminet/docs/misc/CD-Orders.txt on your nearest Aminet host (e.g. wuarchive.wustl.edu).

Editors Note: The following is an excerpt from "THE FISHING REPORT" by Fred Fish, 15 Jul 1994

NEW AMINET CD-ROM's

I am happy to announce that I will be carrying the new Aminet CD's as an authorized U.S. distributor. Both the Aminet Gold and the Aminet Share will be available. Subscriptions for both CD's are also available, at \$59.95 per year for the Gold version and \$44.95 for the Share version.

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Main Features:

- Entertaining screen saver modules, such as "Flying Breakfast" or "Aquarium", professionally designed and animated.
- Useful screensaver modules, such as a clock, a module to leave personal memos, or a module for password protection.
- All modules can be customized by changing numerous parameters, and by selecting the accompanying sound and music.
- Create personal screen saver modules to showcase your IFF graphics and ANIM files - your logo, your 3D-scenes, you name it!
- With the Audio Manager you assign sampled sounds to...
 - any system event such as "Close Window" or "Inserted Disk"
 - any key (specific keys and groups of keys)
 - starting programs when launched from Workbench or CLI
 - any text string, such as "Please insert next disk!"
 - any time (specific times and 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, full hour)

Be prepared for a whole new AMIGA feeling - two disks worth of sounds and music are included!

- Comes on 3 disks packed with screen saver modules, sounds, music, graphics and animations... diversity for months to come!

DesktopMAGIC is a safe screensaver:

- Professionally designed in strict accordance to AMIGA system and user interface guidelines.
- Runs flawlessly on all present and future OS revisions, such as OS 1.3, OS 2.0 and OS 3.0.
- Commercially developed and tested (enforcer proof code).
- All AMIGA graphic cards are supported (Picaso, Piccolo, etc.)
- Supports IFF sounds, IFF graphics and ANIM 5, 7 and 8 files.
- Sounds can be kept on disk to save memory.
- Already thousands of satisfied users in Germany.
- Runs on Toaster systems.
- Comprehensive 48-page manual with step-by-step instructions.
- Easy installation through Commodore Installer
- Free technical user support through phone, fax, mail or e-mail.

Now 32 screen saver modules are available:

- Aquarium (Watch happy fish... and see how they get angled)

- BlackScreen (the lean screen saver - consumes less memory)
- Blanctris (relax - and watch the AMIGA play the game)
- Blanctris_ECS (this version makes full use of the ECS)
- Checkered Race (a speedy chase to the horizon)
- Clock (tic-toc-tic-toc... analog or digital, moving or steady) *
- Cockroaches (La Cocaracha has taken over your Workbench)
- CrazyWorms (Yummi-Yummi... Workbench tastes GOOD!)
- Curtain (The creature draws the curtain... have a break!)
- Eyes (Why are they blinking at you - out of the dark?) *
- Fireworks (glittering, fading, colored, or all at the same time)
- Flying Breakfast (a classic - need we say more?)
- Fractal (OK, not Julia Roberts - but the Julia equations!)
- FractalDOUB (twice as exact)
- Life (the famous simulation game)
- Lightning (we deliver the thunder, too!)
- Lines (another classic - don't miss it)
- Meltdown (Quickly! Switch on your workbench windshield wipers!)
- Messages ("Out to lunch - file is in the drawer - See you!")
- Mountain (For all you 3D fractal landscape fans out there) *
- Mower (It was about time for THAT Workbench)
- MyAnimation (This one's worth more than a million others) *
- MyPicture (Your logo, your 3D-scene, your painting) *
- Password (Protects your AMIGA when you're not there) *
- Plasma (Psyodelic - use only as directed)
- Puzzle (Tiles of Workbench surface are shifted around) *
- Rain (It's raining screen saver modules)
- Spotlights (Your AMIGA life on stage) *
- Stars (..to boldly go where no one's gone before...)
- Stars_ECS (extra smooth on ECS machines)
- Tunnel (A space odyssey - right on your AMIGA)

(* Included in this release)

C programmers! Write and publish your own screen saver modules:
The DesktopMAGIC screen saver development kit

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will be available by June 15, 1994. It contains comprehensive information on how to write screen saver modules and how to integrate them in the Desktop-MAGIC environment. You own the copyright to your screen saver modules, so you may publish them yourself or through MediaDesk. The developer kit is freely distributable and will be available through all appropriate distribution channels.

CONTACT

If you want to place an order for a full-featured, registered version of DesktopMAGIC including 3 disks and manual for only \$39.95, please call 1-800-30-MDESK (1-800-306-3375) directly, and one of our friendly staff members will be happy to assist you. VISA/MC/AMEX welcome. Or refer to the convenient order form included in this package (file name: "DesktopMAGIC_Order_Form!") Dealer, distributor and licensing inquiries are welcome.

We at MediaDesk have committed ourselves to introducing only the best of Germany's AMIGA software to the U.S. user base, as well as to other AMIGA communities all over the world.

Do you want more information on other MediaDesk products, such as - Cinema4D, the exciting new 3D rendering-raytracing-animation package?

- MaxonCAD, the revolutionary and powerful CAD package, rated "Product Of The Year" twice in a row by the leading German AMIGA Magazine?

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Term is the second member of the triad that we use to automate the signing on, downloading and signing off of a BBS. In every conversation I have about telecommunications, when I mention I'm using Term, I'm always asked, "Why are you using Term? You should switch to NComm." But when I ask in return, "Have you ever tried Term?" The reply is usually, "No."

I am not going to argue the merits of Term over another program. Nor will I try to convince you to use Term. I will just say that it fills my every need for a telecommunications package. I do admit to having just a 2400 baud modem and this may be an area of contention. I cannot attest to how it operates with high speed modems.

Neither is it my intention to teach you how to use Term. The documentation is more than adequate and there are far too many features to cover here. I just want to list a few aspects that I like and how we plan to implement Term into our scheme.

I believe Term is ready to use right out of the archive. It may have a few special libraries that need copying over to your LIBS directory, but after that, Term can be started from the Workbench or from a Shell. It commonly opens on a Public Screen, but if that is not available, it will fall back to the Workbench screen.

Once Term is running, you can find the usual assortment of menu items listed across the top of the screen. These are Project, Edit, Commands, Phone, Transfer, Buffer, Terminal, Settings and Windows. Most of these are self explanatory from the menu itself and most have keyboard equivalents. I've used the default settings in most cases, but I did choose a few special features for my needs.

Project and Edit Menus have the usual items, while

the Commands Menu provides for launching either an AmigaDOS or AREXX command.

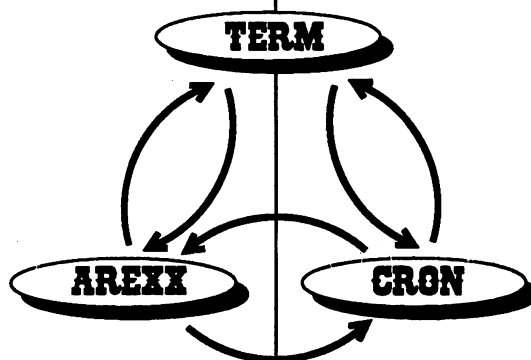
The Phone Menu has a phonebook as well as items for calling and hanging up on a number. The Phonebook is a very powerful and complex feature of Term. For me this means that I can configure entries in the phonebook to the particular features of each BBS I call. Each entry can be opened on its own color, separate paths can be established to download files from each BBS to its own directory or each entry can have its own font and sound. These features provide for instant identification of the BBS on line with just a glance.

There are hotkeys galore. Forty function keys (the ten FKeys with and without modifiers) can be programmed for most any command you want to send including short text statements such as your name, password or taglines. I have FKeys programmed to send my name and a different password to each BBS. Cursor keys can be programmed to send command sequences. Here too, the four keys can be stretched to sixteen with modifiers.

Fast! macros are closely related to the Functions keys and can be unlimited in number. By configuring appropriate fast! macros, it is theoretically possible to control a BBS with just the mouse. Finally there are hotkeys to control the arrangement of screens.

Term has a fully configurable buffer, from size to path for saving, to whether you wish to view it starting from the beginning or the end. There is even a review window in which the buffer can be read while on line. This is very handy for me. I frequently forget which files I am downloading or need to refer to an earlier message I just read. By opening the review, I can scroll back to refresh my memory of the earlier messages or files during that session. I set my buffer size large enough to save complete sessions and thus I am able to review all that I have seen or done during each call.

Finally, for our purposes, there is complete AREXX control. As we have already seen, AREXX scripts can be invoked from within Term and Term can be controlled from without by AREXX scripts through its AREXX port. By my count there are more than eighty commands recognized by Term.



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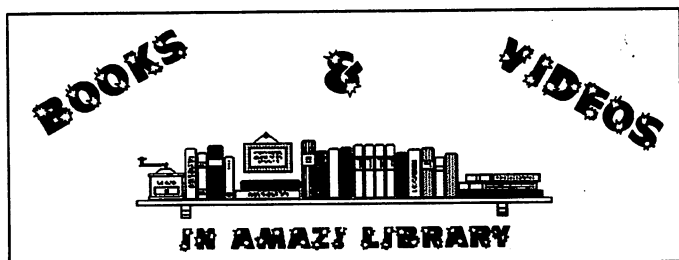
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The following members have submitted entries for the AmAz! LoGo Contest:

Gary Bowdish
Kevin Fox
Bill Hagan
Allen Hutchison



All entries are to be displayed at the August meeting before the winner is announced. Come out and see the fun. AmAz!



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In fact, Term can be configured from within to automate the call in, sign on, downloading and sign off. The problem is not with Term but rather with Sysops and BBS's. Each Sysop configures his BBS to suit his personal taste. Not only that, Sysops are notorious for changing their BBS every time there is an update for their software or some additional feature is discovered. This upsets the sign on capability of Term.

And it is from this point of view that Gary Bowdish has approached the problem. His AREXX script works in conjunction with Term to "Learn" the distinct sequences required of a BBS. Once this is accomplished, Term uses the resulting script to login on future calls. Should the Sysop make a change in his configuration, no problem, Gary's script can easily relearn the sequence and we are back in business.

Next month, we reveal the AREXX magic. Stay tuned. AmAz!

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which your alarm clock goes off by going on.
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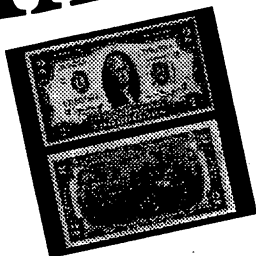
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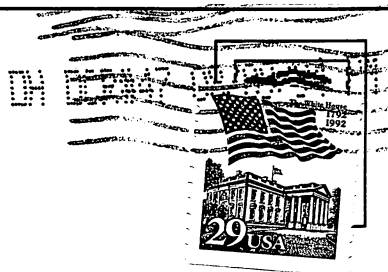
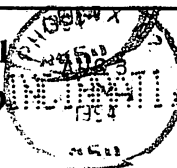
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