The first, perfectly innocuous, email.

Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2001 08:53:29 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>
Subject: VISA CARD UPDATE

Dear VIP Cardholders:

MBNA Corporation and First Union announced recently that they have entered into an agreement for MBNA to acquire First Union's consumer and commercial credit card businesses. MBNA acquired First Union's credit card portfolio as of June 30, 2000. What this means to MIT is that MBNA will be the new providing bank for our VIP Purchasing Card. Although the sale was announced last summer, the actual conversion to MBNA will not take place until June 2001.

MBNA is a proven leader in the credit card business and this portfolio sale should be a seamless transition to MIT. MBNA promises to continue providing us with the same high level of service that we are currently receiving.

This change should not affect the use of your card. You will not have to replace your existing card, which will remain valid through August of 2003.

You will receive shortly a notice from First Union regarding a Notice of Change in Terms. First Union is required to send this notice to all cardholders directly, even though individuals are not responsible for payment under the MIT agreement.

As the conversion date approaches, we will keep you updated regarding any changes that may affect you as a cardholder.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me or type to vipcard@mit.edu.

Stephanie Bromander
VIP Administrator

romander@mit.edu
E19-370 253-8366

Some bright boy notices that the alias VIPCARDHOLDERS@MIT.EDU and decides to start a conversation with untold 100's of fellow cardholders

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Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2001 19:33:28 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Stanley B. Gershwin" <gershwin@mit.edu>
To: Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>
cc: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE

Dear Ms. Brimander.

Thanks for the information. As a result of this change, would it now be possible to get any more specific information in real time about our credit card charges, other than that there was a charge?

Stanley B. Gershwin

Associate Director
Laboratory for Manufacturing and Productivity

[snip]

It worked!

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 15:32:07 +0200 (CEST)
From: Michael Capell <capell@mail.cern.ch>
To: "Stanley B. Gershwin" <gershwin@mit.edu>
cc: Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>, VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE

Dear Stephanie:
I would like to add my stong support to the addition of this feature. Typically I have several charges in play at once, and it is never clear which particular charge has arrived. This would be a big step forward to keeping things in order.
Mike.

[snip]

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-- Mike Capell <Michael.Capell@Cern.Ch>
-- Tel: +41(22)767-4706 CERN EP/LE J19710
-- GSM: +41(79)201-0172 CH 1211 Geneva 23
-- Fax: +41(22)767-7940 Switzerland
-- URL=http://capell.home.cern.ch/capell/
-- AMS Homepage URL=http://ams.cern.ch/
--

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:30:44 -0400
To: Michael Capell <capell@mail.cern.ch>,
"Stanley B. Gershwin" <gershwin@mit.edu>
From: Patti Fitzpatrick <pfitzpat@mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE
Cc: Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>, VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
In-Reply-To: <Pine.LNX.4.21.0104111530400.19712-100000@pcamsmike.cern.ch

Dear Stephanie,

It would be very helpful if the verifiers also receive this information.

Patti

[snip]

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 08:59:16 -0400
To: "Stanley B. Gershwin" <gershwin@mit.edu>

From: Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>
Subject: VISA CARD UPDATE
Cc: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu

Actually, since we have been allotted resources for the conversion we have asked our technical people to work on this problem.

I am hopeful that shortly we will be providing specific detail about the purchase within the email notification(ie merchant name and dollar amount).

Thanks,
Stephanie

[snip]

And thus it begins: the very first "please remove me from this list" request, posted, of course, to the entire list.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:30:57 -0400
From: Michael Kyba <kyba@wi.mit.edu>
Reply-To: kyba@wi.mit.edu
To: Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>
CC: "Stanley B. Gershwin" <gershwin@mit.edu>, VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE

Please remove me from your list. I am not interested in these messages.

Thank-you,

Michael Kyba

Note the exact duplication of wording in this next request.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:40:07 -0400
To: To:
From: May Maffei <mmaffei@mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE
Cc: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu

Please remove me from your list, I am not interested in these messages.

Thank you.

Momentarily back on topic…

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 08:55:00 -0400
To: "Stanley B. Gershwin" <gershwin@mit.edu>,
        Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>
From: "P.Reilly" <reilly@mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE
Cc: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu

Excellent suggestion. time, date, place, amount would be extremely useful.

Patricia Reilly
Program Manager
DuPont MIT Alliance
77 Massachusetts Avenue
66-470
Cambridge MA 02139
617.452.2568

[snip]

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 09:35:21 -0400
To: "P.Reilly" <reilly@mit.edu>, "Stanley B. Gershwin" <gershwin@mit.edu>,
Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>
From: Sherry Colombaro <sherryc@mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE
Cc: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu

The first, futile, voice of sanity.

Please, in the future, do not cc:VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu. I do not appreciate receiving messages that are intended for only one individual on
this mailing list.

Thank you.

[snip]

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:45:30 -0400
To: "P.Reilly" <reilly@mit.edu>, "Stanley B. Gershwin" <gershwin@mit.edu>,
Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>
From: jennifer holder <holder@ligo.mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE
Cc: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu

Ignored.

I agree,

Jennifer

At 08:55 AM 4/11/01 -0400, P.Reilly wrote:
>Excellent suggestion. time, date, place, amount would be extremely useful.
>
[snip]

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:45:36 -0400
To: jennifer holder <holder@ligo.mit.edu>, "P.Reilly" <reilly@mit.edu>,
"Stanley B. Gershwin" <gershwin@mit.edu>,
Stephanie Bromander <romander@mit.edu>
From: Sally Lee <sally@sls.lcs.mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE

Cc: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu

They're BAAACK.

Yes, Please keep me off this particular list too.

Thanks, Sally Lee

At 10:45 AM 4/11/2001 -0400, jennifer holder wrote:
>I agree,
>
>Jennifer

[snip]

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 09:44:43 EDT
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE
To: sherryc@mit.edu, reilly@mit.edu, gershwin@mit.edu, romander@mit.edu
CC: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu

Note the subtle wit of this spammer.

Good. I do not need the SPAM
Harold Larson

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:51:41 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Yuki Koyama <ykoyama@mit.edu>
Subject: VISA CARD UPDATE

Please keep me off this particular list, too.
Thanks, Yuki Koyama

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:55:15 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Hilda Harris-Ransom <hharris@mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE

Please remove me from this list also. Thx.

Hilda
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Hilda Harris-Ransom
Department of Biology, 68-150a
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:06:22 -0400 (EDT)
Message-Id: <200104111506.LAA13226@life.ai.mit.edu>
From: Petr Swedock <petr@ai.mit.edu>
To: hharris@mit.edu
CC: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu

Petr attempts some humor.

Subject: Please keep me on this list.

And everyone else... I'd miss them so, and I just know they won't keep in touch. Nor would I get my fix of gratuitous spam, which would indeed be a shame.

Peace,

Petr

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:58:46 -0400
To: Yuki Koyama <ykoyama@mit.edu>, VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Richard Berlin <rberlin@mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE

ditto

Rich Berlin

At 10:51 AM 04/11/2001 -0400, Yuki Koyama wrote:
>Please keep me off this particular list, too.
>Thanks, Yuki Koyama

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:23:24 -0400 (EDT)
From: Ulrich Becker <becker@lns.mit.edu>
To: Yuki Koyama <ykoyama@mit.edu>
cc: <VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE

Please keep me of that list.
      Ulrich Becker

Someone completely loses it.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:22:50 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Eduardo Gonzalez <eduardog@mit.edu>
Subject: Re: VISA CARD UPDATE

Everybody keeps getting emails because everybody keeps replying. We will stop getting messages the moment we all stop replying or sending messages to VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu.

DO NOT REPLY TO THIS, do NOT use the "Reply" button on your Eudora to ask to be removed from anything. Or do NOT use the "Reply to All" button either! Everytime you send an email reply to the address VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu you are sending it to all of us (and I think that's about 1500 users!). If your inbox is getting flooded just delete the messages, it really doesn't take that long to hit "Delete". Please just be patient, and refrain from replying, even if you're really mad and overwhelmed by the flood of messages. And if you want to reply to me, do so directly at my email address, DO NOT reply to

"VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu". AGAIN, DO NOT reply to VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu. If you need to reply to me do so at my address: eduardog@mit.edu. Create an email from scratch, to avoid further SPAM. (If you're at MIT you're probably using Eudora. To create a new message, go to Message, New Message. To do this click the "Message" word on your menu, and then click "New Message". You can also use the CTRL-N shortcut. Sorry I don't have detailed instructions for users on a Mac. But its really not that hard to create a new message).

I doubt you really want to be removed from this list. This list is meant to be used by Stephanie Bromander who is the VISA coordinator at MIT to send us important messages regarding our credit card, why would you want to be removed? She rarely sends mass messages, and the ones she does are important and there is no better way for her to quickly keep us informed of changes on our credit card.

Again, do not reply, or send emails to VIPCARDHOLDERS. I hope this message is enough to contain the redundant "please remove me" messages.

If you still want to be removed from this list, go to https://ca.mit.edu:445/moira/ and do not contact me if you have trouble accessing it or doing stuff on that page.

At 10:58 AM 04/11/2001, you wrote:
>ditto
>
>Rich Berlin
>
>At 10:51 AM 04/11/2001 -0400, Yuki Koyama wrote:
>>Please keep me off this particular list, too.
>>Thanks, Yuki Koyama
>>
>>
>>
>>

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Eduardo Gonzalez / Network Administrator
Computer Resources Office / Department of Architecture / MIT
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Cambridge MA 02139-4307
617.452.3720 / fax: 617.258.5225
eduardog@mit.edu

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:52:14 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Jenny Crays <crays@mit.edu>
Subject: Take me off the list

Touché.

To: Jenny Crays <crays@mit.edu>
Cc: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu

Another one, close to the brink.
And completely non-constructive.

Subject: Re: Take me off the list
From: "Michail Bletsas" <mbletsas@media.mit.edu
Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:52:29 -0400

To all the VIP card holders who are spaming the whole list asking to be removed:

Why are you doing this?

M.

P.S.> I know I am doing the same but I have erased the previous messages and I can't respond to the offenders ;-(

Touché again.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:56:22 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Danielle Delgado <ddelgado@mit.edu>
Subject: please take me off the list

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:31:16 -0500
To: Danielle Delgado <ddelgado@mit.edu>, VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Bil Sanford <bil@mit.edu>
Subject: Re: please take me off the list

yikes! Take me off this list!!!

Thanks

-bil

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:46:02 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Margarita Siafaca <marg@mit.edu>
Subject: please take me off the list

Margarita Siafaca
Room E17-529
Tel. 617-253-6425
Fax. 617-253-3867
http://web.mit.edu/sharplab/

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:53:07 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: "Liev K. Aleo" <liev@mit.edu>

My email box is getting flooded! Please remove me from the list.

Liev K. Aleo
Assistant to Emanuel Sachs

in the Lab for Manufacturing and Productivity
at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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(617) 258-5620 Telephone
(617) 253-0209 Fax
liev@mit.edu

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 12:55:17 -0400
To: "Liev K. Aleo" <liev@mit.edu>, VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Zarixia Zavala-Ruiz <zarixia@mit.edu>
Subject: Re:

Remove me from the list too.
Zarixia

[snip]

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:01:18 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: "Rachel H. Batista" <rbatista@mit.edu>
Subject: Remove me too please

I would also like to be removed, please. thanks.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 12:12:51 -0400 (EDT)
From: Taylore Dawn Kelly <tkelly@lids.mit.edu>
To: "Rachel H. Batista" <rbatista@mit.edu>
cc: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
Subject: Re: Remove me too please

This stinks.

Please remove me as well

Taylore Dawn Kelly
MIT
35-431
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-258-0800
tkelly@truth.mit.edu

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:02:15 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Sherry Lassiter <lass@media.mit.edu>
Subject: Please take me off of this list

Thanks...

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:01:13 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Marie Shanahan <marie@mit.edu>
Subject: Visa Card Update

Please remove me from this list.

Thank you,
Marie Shanahan

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:01:25 -0400
To: vipcardholders@mit.edu
From: Fran Marrone <franm@mit.edu>
Subject: Take me off the list!!

Please take me off this general information box !!
Fran Marrone
Administrative Assistant to
Professors Boppe, Hastings, Soutis,
and Steven Dorfman, Hunsaker Visiting Professor
MIT Dept. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
33 - 409
Cambridge, MA 02139
t: 617/ 253 - 4885
f: 617/ 258 - 0863
email: franm@mit.edu

Another attempt at sanity.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:02:22 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: "G. Algarin" <galgarin@mit.edu>
Subject: Time out...
Cc: romander@mit.edu

I think we all need to step back and collect ourselves... The distribution list is a valuable tool for relaying information to us VIP cardholders from our administrator... Unfortunately, what has transpired this morning is more of a style issue than substance...

Simply put, for all those who are interested in replying to Ms. Bromander, disable your "Reply To All" feature in your e-mail software... This will prevent anyone who is not interested in receiving your comments from receiving them... This is, of course, with the understanding of the original intent of the first reply...

I think, maybe, a forum should be created for those of us who wish to comment can do so freely and it should also be recognized that this distribution list is not that forum...

Respectfully submitted...

Greg Algarin

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:01:01 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Luk Van Parijs <lukvp@mit.edu>
Subject: please remove me from the list

Promptly ignored.

Luk Van Parijs
Center for Cancer Research
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
E17-130
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139
Phone: 617-452-2669
Fax: 617-258-6172
Email: lukvp@mit.edu

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 10:58:00 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Peggy Udden <viking@mit.edu>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

please remove me from this list!!
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Peggy Udden
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics
77 Massachusetts Avenue, Building 33 room 412
Cambridge, MA 02139-4307
Phone:(617)258-7338
Fax:(617)258-0863
http://web.mit.edu/viking/www/vikingudden.html

From: "Joan Wood" <jwood@media.mit.edu>
To: <VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu>
Subject: why not respond to Stephanie Bromander
Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:04:14 -0400

Another constructive comment.

If you want to be taken off the list, I would suggest you respond =
directly to Stephanie at: romander@MIT.EDU
Otherwise we are just receiving all your requests to unsubscribe on the
=
general list.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:08:11 -0400
To: vipcardholders@mit.edu
From: Debie Thomas <debiet@mit.edu>
Subject: please take me off the list!

Again, completely ignored.

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Debie Thomas
Center for eBusiness, Manager
MIT
Sloan-School of Management
50 Memorial Drive
E53-316
Cambridge, MA 02142-1347
(617) 253-6610
eFax (781)735-0463

A Manager, center for eBusiness

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:07:47 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: "Julie B. Norman" <jbnorman@mit.edu>
Subject: list

A Dean.

Please remove me from this list. Thank you.
Julie B. Norman
Associate Dean for Academic Resources and Programming
MIT Academic Resource Center, Rm. 7-103
Cambridge, MA 02139
617/253-6771; FAX: 617/258-8816

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:04:14 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Anthee Travers <atravers@mit.edu>

PLEASE TAKE ME OF THE LIST!

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:09:04 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Claudia Forero <forerocа@mit.edu>
Subject: take me off your list

Please take me off your list.
Many thanks,
Claudia

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   ___     Claudia Forero
  =====    MIT Sloan School
 |||||||   E53-350
 =======   30 Wadsworth Street
           Cambridge, MA  02142
           617-258-5583
           617-258-7579 (FAX)
           forerocа@mit.edu
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Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:06:01 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Chi-Kang Li <li@psfc.mit.edu>

Subject: Please take me off the list.

Please take me off the list.

Thank you.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 12:02:03 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Elizabeth S Durant <edurant@mit.edu>
Subject: Please take me off the list.

Thank you.

Elizabeth S. Durant
Associate Director, Reunions and Class Events
MIT Alumni Association, Room 12-090
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

phone: 617-253-8232
fax: 617-258-6210
e-mail: edurant@mit.edu
http://web.mit.edu/alum

Another attempt to stem the tide of stupidity.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:05:58 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: "Dineen M. Doucette" <dineend@mit.edu>
Subject: e-mail

E-Mail Stephanie directly romander@MIT.EDU   not VIPCARDHOLDERS@MIT.EDU
to be removed.

Again, promptly ignored.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:14:11 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Jay <kesner@psfc.mit.edu>
Subject: take me off your list

Please take me off your list.

Jay Kesner
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Jay Kesner   Senior Scientist
Plasma Science and Fusion Center   Email: kesner@psfc.mit.edu
MIT Building NW17-213   Phone: 1-617-253-8662
175 Albany St.   Fax: 1-617-253-0448
Cambridge, MA 02139 USA   LDX http://www.pfc.mit.edu/ldx/

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:17:00 -0400

To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Shuguang Zhang <shuguang@mit.edu>
Subject: Please take me off the list

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:16:27 -0400
To: vipcardholders@mit.edu
From: Linda Bragman <lbragman@mit.edu>
Subject: List

Please take me off this list.

thanks

And on,

and on

and on…

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:25:35 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Hilda Harris-Ransom <hharris@mit.edu>
Subject: Visa Update

Please remove my name from this list. Thx.

Hilda
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Hilda Harris-Ransom
Department of Biology, 68-150a
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Phone: 617-253-9395
Fax: 617-253-8699
E-mail: hharris@mit.edu

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:37:08 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Christine Dunn <cdunn@mit.edu>

Please take me off the list
Christine Dunn
Christine Dunn
Associate Marketing Manager
The MIT Press
Five Cambridge Center
Cambridge, MA 02142-1493
t 617.253.8838
f 617.253.1709
cdunn@mit.edu
http://mitpress.mit.edu

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:40:38 -0400

To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Peggy Udden <viking@mit.edu>
Subject: stop sending these messages!

Can't you all see that your emails are just coming back at you!
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Peggy Udden
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics
77 Massachusetts Avenue, Building 33 room 412
Cambridge, MA 02139-4307
Phone:(617)258-7338
Fax:(617)258-0863
http://web.mit.edu/viking/www/vikingudden.html

A desperate plea.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:47:49 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Sharon Benedict <slb@mit.edu>
Subject: PAY ATTENTION

This is great. The pressure's getting to be too much.

Come on, people! We work for one of the most prestigious institutions
in
the world and we can't tell the difference between reply all & replying
to
the proper address?! This is ridiculous.
Sharon Benedict
MIT Visual Arts Program
617/253-5229
slb@mit.edu

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:55:59 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: "Rosalind H. Williams" <rhwill@mit.edu>
Subject: LIST

Touché again. This time by a professor of writing. Beautiful.

Please take me off this list.
Rosalind Williams

Rosalind Williams
Metcalfe Professor of Writing
Program in Science, Technology, and Society
Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies
Room E51-163B
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
617-253-2847

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:50:54 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Barbara Blanchard <bblanch@mit.edu>

please remove me from your list!
Barbara Blanchard <bblanch@mit.edu>
MIT Biology 68-347 ph: (617) 253-3707
Cambridge, Ma. 02139 FAX: (617)253-2156

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 11:54:51 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Peggy Udden <viking@mit.edu>

What concerns me most that that these idiots have credit cards!
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Peggy Udden
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics
77 Massachusetts Avenue, Building 33 room 412
Cambridge, MA 02139-4307
Phone:(617)258-7338
Fax:(617)258-0863
http://web.mit.edu/viking/www/vikingudden.html

The flame war begins in earnest.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 12:06:07 -0400
From: "Gill A.. Pratt" <gill@legserve.ai.mit.edu>
To: "Peggy Udden" <viking@mit.edu>
Cc: <VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu>

Drawing in our own Gill Pratt.

Peggy -

We may have credit cards, but we are not all idiots. The problem here is that most mail programs show you mail oldest message first. In other words, when someone (like you) says "don't reply to this big mailing list", that message doesn't get read before older messages elicit a "Please take me off this list" reply.

The other problem is that the machine that handles this mailing list hasn't been set up to only forward mail from certain VIP card administrators and reject all others. Instead, it is forwarding mail from anyone.

Fixing either of these two problems (the last fix being the more practical) would likely stop this "mail storm" from continuing. In the mean time, just delete the messages that are bound to continue to arrive, and realize that it isn't the author's fault.

I promise to not send anything else to this mailing list.

Best,

Gill Pratt

[snip]

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 12:26:41 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Jocelyn DeWitt <jdew@mit.edu>
Subject: VISA UPDATE

Back on track.

Please remove my name on the list

Jocelyn
Jocelyn S. DeWitt
Administrative Assistant to Prof. Patera and Anddie Chan
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Fax #: (617) 258-6886

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 12:30:58 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Peggy Udden <viking@mit.edu>

I am sorry if I offended anyone.... I have enough email as it is to contend with on a daily basis (as I am certain you do), and this morning was just non-stop riffraff. I have work to do and this situation was getting out of hand. If the fault is in the system than something must be done to improve the technology.

This is the last you will hear from me. Have a nice day and I truly don't believe that we are idiots. We could not be here if we were.
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Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 12:43:40 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Lynn Kaplan <lynnk@mit.edu>
Subject: take me off this list!!

Please remove lynnk@mit.edu off the list. thanks!!
Lynn Kaplan - NY Account Manager
Technology Review
phone: 212-983-0565
e-mail: lynnk@mit.edu
www.technologyreview.com
It's all about the technology!!

Note the precious signature.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 13:10:53 -0400
From: Steven L Smith <sls@media.mit.edu>
To: vipcardholders@mit.edu
Subject: Read, then resp

Another list member loses it.

did IQ points just drop several levels,
I do not think Debbi should have to devote one iota of time to manually
configure people off this list that cannot read.
specifically it has been stated to stop "reply all"
do not reply to vipcardholders@mit.edu
and the remove function is at,
https://ca.mit.edu:445/moira/
can it be simpler?
sls

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 13:19:36 -0400 (EDT)
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Yawen Li <ywli@mit.edu>
Subject: Please don't send group email to me concernng the VISA card
update

To absolutely no avail.

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 13:27:28 -0400
To: VIPCARDHOLDERS@mit.edu
From: Emanuel Sachs <sachs@mit.edu>
Subject: Take me off, plse

More professors lend legitimacy to the practice of sending “please remove” messages to entire mailing lists.

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