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Corby,

I understand that the perpetrator of 645 TMG has adopted the convention that tabs, in his input files, are interpreted to be in columns 16, 32, etc. Could I suggest the following for a Multics Checkout Bulletin (modeled after the Catholic birth control doctrine):

Bug in TMG

TO:

FROM:

SUBJ:

1. It is absolutely forbidden to store tab characters in ASCII text segments which are intended to be standard input to Multics translators, editors, etc. Violation of this rule will cause dire consequences ^{too} ~~to give~~ gruesome to mention here, but detailed in MSPM BC.2.0³/~~4~~, on canonical form.

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2. If you decide to go ahead and store tab characters in ASCII text segments anyway, please follow the standard Multics convention that the tab stops are in columns 11, 21, 31, etc.

if tabs in text then this

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