



During Investigation of Phil Zimmermann

US Customs agents in Washington's Dulles Airport weren't looking for drugs when they grabbed Philip Zimmermann at the international arrivals gate last November. But they detained him and searched his bags twice.

Had Zimmermann been leaving the States and carrying any floppies containing PGP, the encryption program he wrote to keep e-mail and other files safe from snoops, he could have been arrested on federal charges of exporting weapons without a license. Fortunately, he was returning, and importing them isn't illegal. But the Feds got

their chance to interrogate him without the presence of his attorney. He was clean, and they let him go, but not without a warning that he can expect to enjoy the same treatment each time he reenters the country.

If he wasn't smuggling software, then why was he in Europe? To tell the world how to use PGP. "I just got back from Romania and Hungary," said Zimmermann, a few days after his interrogation. "I don't have to explain to Eastern Europeans why it is important for the government not to get too powerful." - *Simson L. Garfinkel*

cyberspace. **III** The Revolution Begins at Home: The NPD Group reports that the average online family has a head-
than the national average (34 instead of 40) and earns an income 77 percent above the national average. **III** The
Card and Netscape recently announced they are working on a secure system for online commerce. Visa and
ork. That leaves American Express and the University of Illinois to compete in the e-money standard wars. **III** It
ie days of exponential growth are over. Win Treese's latest Internet Index is out; and the news is mixed: The World

Wide Web grew by a healthy 1,713 percent in 1994, but that figure is way down from 1993, when it grew 443,931 percent. The number of countries c
nected to the Net grew at a respectable, if slower, rate: from 137 in 1993 to 159 in 1994. For more info or to subscribe to the Internet Index, send a m
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Windows-based interface application intended to make the computer easy to use (sound familiar?), was greeted (not surprisingly) with almost univ

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nsive when she says, "I covered the Gulf War
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he ability to have shared experiences."
l experiences is likely to be lucrative for both
ich co-produced the *People: 20 Years of Pop*
ly the first truly mass-market, general-interest
ry cover and cover story - 1,038 in all - from
People magazine. It's also got morphs of
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