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(U//FOUO) Perusing and Pursuing Public Puzzles, officially or otherwise

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Abstract:

(U//FOUO) Is there any individual or group in NSA or the IC that provides a central repository for information or questions about such odd things as the Webdriver Torso videos on You Tube, the Cicada 3301 puzzles, etc.? Should there be?

Description:

(U//FOUO) There's lots of weird stuff on the internet, and some of it is in the form of complex puzzles or unusual communications. Recent examples would be the WebDriver Torso videos (over 70,000 videos of geometric shapes and electronic tones, each only a few seconds

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long) or the Cicada 3301 multi-stage puzzles in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

(U//FOUO) It's clearly impossible for NSA to know or care about all such oddities, but some of them are of a level of complexity and rigor that one can easliy imagine the purposes behind them as possibly being on interest to us. Aside from that, some of them might make good practice for NSAers, whether or not they prove to be of official interest.

(U//FOUO) In light of that, is there any sort of "Weird Puzzle Central" within NSA, where interested parties could pool their info on such things? Should there be?
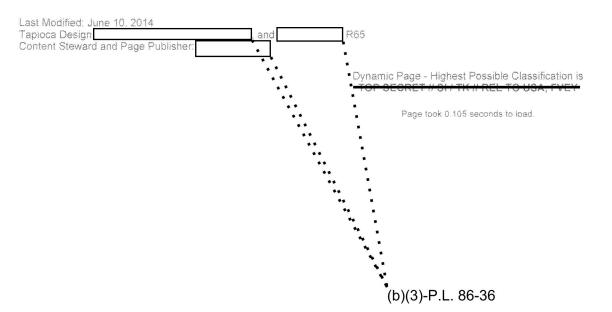
(U//FOUO) The Cicada 3301 puzzles are a good example of why this might be useful. The first clue to the first puzzle (each puzzle has multiple stages requiring all manner of skills and insights to solve) appeared in January 2012. Another appeared in January 2013. The next appeared this year. The puzzles are cast in the guise of some sort of recruitment effort looking for "intelligent people", but leave unstated who is looking for such people, and why.

(U//FOUO) It would seem to me that whether one's interest is official or unofficial, the collective effort of NSAers could be optimized if there was a central repository. But given that I only recently stumbled upon some of these phenomenon, perhaps the first question is whether such a repository or clearinghouse for information already exists.

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(U//FOUO) Sounds like the sort of thing Kryptos might be interested in.

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