
Subject: Re: Information piracy is a question of ethics NOT logistics

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again i have seen the reference (lost) to "stealing" HBO by recieving their distribution broadcasts directly, and feel I must stick my thoughts on the matter into this mess. It is NOT illegal to receive any broadcast that happens to be recievable on your property, the only thing the FCC has said is that in general you can not disclose any information to a third party that you gained by listening to other "private" conversations, and that you can't make personal monitary gain from the information (i.e. Osborne is going banco - sell now!). If one thinks that by not paying the subscription fee you are making a gain then I can't argue.

can't resist:

letter recieved (maybe) by ____ (insert your favrite channel here):

dear sirs:

This is a claim for \$2765.56. After hearing a rumor that you were constantly bombarding the houses in my area with stray electro-magnetic radiation, I was forced to purchase an expensive earth station reciever and video tape equipment in order to prove my case. As I have now recorded over 300 hours of your bombardment I feel that my proof is quite absolute, but since I am aware of the technical problems you would experience trying to eliminate these stray signals I will settle for reimbursement of my investment into the hardware required to document my case, and a written apology.

Well back on track. So another analogy goes out the window... .

Alan "Soon to lose access so flame away" Curtis
