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The Paper Trip

What's in your name? Actually, nothing; or at least, not very much. Except for your feelings, your name is only a jumble of letters--letters that have been printed, typed, stamped, imprinted or signed--and that's it! A bit brutal to say it perhaps, but in this age of governmental data gathering, credit bureau cross-checking, and increasing computerization of information files, the individual is rapidly losing all his individuality. But good.

Here's why. Massive collections of personal information taken from many sources have converted the individual into electronic impulses on computer tape. Information gathering on private citizens has mushroomed dramatically in recent years. Listing services both public and private now combine their records and personal privacy is quickly lost as the computer uncaringly constructs dossiers on anyone it desires. A group or "population" is created, and the individual person sinks into a sea of sameness with his neighbor, instantly lost, but also instantly retrievable. And this is despite a staggering number of "neighbors". Consider these facts:

1. The Department of Defense has records on 25 million persons. The Army alone has dossiers on 8 million.
2. Credit bureaus are rapidly classifying everyone as the dossier market continues to boom. Retail Credit Company of Atlanta has files on more than 70 million Americans. Associated Credit Bureaus of America has 100 million persons pegged. The Credit Bureau of Greater New York alone has 10 million in its computer. Los Angeles has 100 different credit bureaus.
3. The Social Security Administration has records on 9 out of 10 workers, more than 26 million receiving payments, and over 20 million senior citizens on Medicare.
4. The U.S. Secret Service has complete files on over 50,000 activists who "threaten" the President.
5. The U.S. Passport Office has enough personal information to regard 250,000 Americans "doubtful" or "questionable".
6. The F.B.I. has fingerprint files on 85 million persons, including almost 20 million who have been arrested at one time or another.
7. Wiretapping--leagal and illegal--is used by virtually every law enforcement agency in the country.

8. The Internal Revenue Service catalogs everyone's tax returns by Social Security numbers. Over 30 states now purchase this income information to check on their citizens.

More and more, then, personal information is finding its way into giant, computer files and from there to be sold and cross-referenced as the market demands. The private individual has NO choice in the matter; protest is useless. The file only grows fatter. The "name" he thought he had has been covertly converted into a coded sequence of key punches, letters and numbers. If tangible evidence of that person's reality is needed, a print-out card invariably issues forth proclaiming defiantly, "DO NOT FOLD, MUTILATE, OR SPINDLE".

Everywhere one goes, to prove he's "somebody", he has to present the appropriate document or card which says he actually is that person. His "Identification", or ID, makes him that person! Amazing, right? Well, not really. Let's think about it for a moment.

Consider this: If you were to be dropped off in a distant town where no one knew you by name, just how would you go about establishing your identity without producing at least a card or document from some recognized source? It wouldn't be easy. If you had NO such ID you would more than likely be escorted to the nearest police station and questioned rather closely why you didn't. They might even find a few stray charges to pin on such a "suspicious" character. Don't laugh; it happens every hour of the day. And all for the want of the right piece of paper. Your ID or your freedom! Prove who you are!

BUT, give them what they want, and the questions cease; all doubts are settled. Produce the little card and you're on your way. That's because the card, the ID, IS you! Get this straight: you aren't "you" anymore! YOU ARE A NUMBER. A NAME ON A CARD...AND NOTHING MORE!!!! American society is no longer a people society, but a PAPER society. Thanks to the marvels of our computerized bureaucracies, most of America's human animals have at last been corralled into indexes, card files, and pigeon holes. No need for the person; just look up his file, check his account, or call the "bureau". Any bureau. It makes no difference, they've ALL got you number! This is not being cynical, either. Although not yet fully recognized, the computerization of human beings is a cancerous reality.....today!

In prisons every inmate has a "jacket", a central file containing every conceivable bit of information that reflects on him personally. His activities, abilities, attitudes, associates, criminal record, even the nature of his family life. He is completely reduced to paper. It's no stretch of the imagination at all to say convicts become "dehumanized". They are; just ask one.

But, my friends, let the I.R.S., the local credit bureau, the Army, the F.B.I. et al., ad nauseam, continue their capricious computerization of all that was once individual and personal and there most assuredly will no longer be individuals. Every "free" citizen will then have a "jacket". No longer will it be necessary to go to prison to become dehumanized. That will then happen automatically.

I needn't belabor the point. America is already a paper society. Its people are pieces of paper. People aren't people any more. Meaning what? Well, if one is set on who he thinks he is, such thoughts tend somewhat to shrivel the ego. But if one has his head together he knows that the old ego wasn't such a big thing anyway. Rather high-schoolish in fact. So what if the ego dies! What's left is better! A warm body that a few piece of paper claim is some kind of "you". The paper says who you are, not you, remember? The ego that went with the paper has vanished, but the warm body "you" hasn't.

Actually, of course, you **do** know who you are; but you don't want the paper telling you who you are. The solution? The paper trip! YOU create the paper for a new "You". Be anybody you want! And do it yourself! No problem. Good old American self-reliance, right? And rugged individualism, too! Be the captain of your own soul. Go where you want to go. Do what you want to do. And, **BE WHO YOU WANT TO BE!!**

THE PAPER TRIP is now your guide.

The Paper Trippers

Just who needs the paper trip? Anyone who now finds it difficult or undesirable to continue living under his old name, that's who. By creating a new identity his old problems vanish, his record stops following him, and a clean, fresh beginning awaits.

We all have problems of varying degree, of course, but some of us find our situations so overwhelming that an alternate identity is the only reasonable solution. Here are some prime candidates for the paper trip.

1. Since the start of the Vietnam War more than 100,000 draft-age men have felt obliged to flee to Canada and other foreign havens. Their return would mean facing criminal charges of evasion. Now there is a way home, in peace, and undetectable, too.

2. In fiscal 1970-1971, over 70,000 Army men decided that the Army way was less desirable than out and out desertion. 20,000 from the other services followed their trail. They are all fugitives living with ID's that can bust them, but the paper trip can quickly change their plight.

3. In 1970 almost 55,000 men were discharged from the armed services under conditions "other than honorable", i.e., general, undesirable, bad conduct, and dishonorable. They are condemned to a life of less than second class treatment in obtaining employment, housing and credit. Only the paper trip can cover over the miscues our society will not let be forgotten, and give these men a new chance.

4. Hundreds of thousands of men and women can't get jobs or the chance for a better job merely because they paid for a crime by going to jail or prison. *FOR BECAUSE THEY WERE FUGITIVES FROM THE "LAW" AND AN ID COULD HELP THESE PEOPLE IF THEY DESIRE IT.*

5. Untold millions are blacklisted forever by having simply a record of arrest, and in most cases an arrest only once.

6. Credit ratings cast accusing aspersions on anyone involved in a lawsuit or unlucky enough to get arrested. "Derogatory" files destroy the credit worthiness of such "moral hazards" as homosexuals, alcoholics, playboys, and defaulters on alimony.

This list could easily be extended many pages in order to include all those who merely need new identification. Actually, there are probably at least 100 times this number who could use alternate ID if they only knew how to obtain it, for that is truly the problem. THE PAPER TRIP then is for them, too.

Let's take a look now at some of the very basic uses for alternate identity. Although this isn't the main purpose of THE PAPER TRIP, it does help to realize that an additional ID can have many, many applications and even beneficial results. Let's get down to business.

✓ 1. If you're still "under age", the uses come immediately to mind. You might want to booze it up at a pub. You might want to be admitted to certain forms of restricted entertainment. You might want to join one of the armed services or join yourself to another person. Maybe you want to start driving a year or so early. Whatever. Get yourself a birth certificate, using one of the several techniques to be demonstrated and you can get virtually any other kind of ID you want--and at the age you need it!

2. Once you're an adult the number of useful applications multiply into an infinite expansion of provocative possibilities. If you're a player you can travel anonymously, spend weekends and vacations unmolested, or do anything else which might otherwise be risky or impossible under your regular name. Only a physical "tail" could spot you them, and THE PAPER TRIP shows you how to foil this too!

3. When you think about it, alternate ID is used basically for two jobs. APPEARING and DISAPPEARING. You "appear" in order to do something. You "disappear" in order to get out of doing something. The ID you create will enable you to do whichever you like. As an example, you might want to take a greedy merchant with a check or credit game. You "appear" as Silas Ruebottom, obtain the merchandise, and then "disappear" with the goodies, having paid but a trifle. Happens all the time.

Let's say you **now** have bills. Get a new ID and absolutely disappear. Just remember, leave a forwarding address to some foreign country, change your place of employment, and don't clue in your friends and relatives. Make sure utility deposits are made in your new name. You have to cut your past completely loose if you really want to disappear.

But that's nothing terribly difficult, since it's very easy to create a new "past" simply by including "depth" in your ID in terms of school and employment history. All this can be created by completely phoney diplomas and degrees and by inventing your own past employers. No more unexplained "gaps" this way. You will be there to answer any letters of personal reference, now, won't you? This technique can still be used even if you don't need or want to disappear, but want merely to cover up some particularly embarrassing aspect of your past.

4. You might want to receive secret or confidential mail. Use either a discreet mail forwarding service or a post office box in another name. There's no problem with the Phoney Express so long as you have good ID.

5. Along this same line is the practice of using a different name to rent a safe deposit box in order to hide cash, valuables, or other gain from the prying interest of the tax boys. Many possibilities here.

6. For tax purposes, or other, you might want to invest in real estate or securities, but also want to keep these activities secret by using a solid alias.

7. If you want to improve your employment status but require a special diploma or degree, the answer is to obtain the basic stock form and put your own name on it. What could possibly be easier? Print it, emboss it, notarize it, and all in your own "Records Office"!

8. A step beyond this is to identify yourself as a well respected Professional, such as doctor or clergyman, in order to obtain special discounts, easier credit, and a much easier time of it generally. This borders on the "con game" area, but an enterprising and convincing operator can make this a delightfully profitable past time, too.

9. In actual confidence games, impeccable ID is absolutely necessary. There are hundreds of swindles and scam operations (check any local library for several good books on the subject), but they all depend on first class ID. The same goes for ripping off merchants, professionals, banks, utilities, and insurance companies.

10. You can rent a car, never pay more than the initial fee, and drive it all the way across the country and back without paying for more than gas and oil. Use good ID and simply leave the car somewhere after the trip. You disappear. This is not car theft, either.

11. You can vote in every precinct you care to register, so long as you have different ID for each "voter" and a mail box (even a friend's) in that precinct. Room for thought here, anarchists.

12. Beating the draft is a cinch, too, with good ID. Just disappear into a different person. The old "you" will never be found--even if you registered. Shine on this formality with your new ID, however.

13. If the draft makes you leave the country, you should first obtain a passport in a new name so you can come back later. Or. go to Canada and then obtain a Canadian birth certificate and a Canadian passport. Re-enter the U.S. as a resident alien.

14. Perhaps one of the biggest areas of need is that of divorce. When and if the economic burden gets too heavy, disappear. Of course the best thing might be never to get married at all, but good ID can get you out of ANY situation.

In the next five chapters we will look at the many forms of ID used frequently and for a great variety of purposes.

Although THE PAPER TRIP covers virtually the entire range of useful ID, very few persons ever need more than half a dozen or so at the most, even for the most elaborate schemes. Everyone must visualize for himself just what kind of person he needs to be, and from there set out to complete his profile by acquiring the most effective paper. It's actually bad to overdo the amount of ID forms, as the most essential element of good ID is completeness. Your ID has to "add up" to a reasonable person. Quality in the assortment must always come before quantity. Each person has to decide for himself his particular needs and image. There are no "magic formulas" inasmuch as people and situations vary in their demands for specific ID.

With this in mind, let us begin our examination of the various kinds of ID and how they can be obtained.

Birth Certificates

ALL ID STARTS WITH A BIRTH CERTIFICATE. With this document, issued by the government itself, one can obtain all the other forms of official ID such as Social Security cards, driver's licenses, police ID and passports. The secret to creating an alternate identity then, is to obtain a birth certificate in another name. THE PAPER TRIP will now give you the exact details of three different methods for obtaining a useable birth certificate directly from the government.

Please notice here at the outset, however, that THE PAPER TRIP never recommends using government ID that is NOT issued by the various agencies themselves. Forget using phoney birth certificates, stolen Social Security cards, doctored driver's licenses and purloined passports. They're not worth the paper they're printed on, and are absolutely worthless for disappearing. The trick is to have the government issue you DIRECTLY the various forms of ID you need. And all the information you need to get started is on a regular birth certificate--someone else's, that is.

But who is this "someone else"? Obviously it can't be someone who is now living, since you would be duplicating an existing set of ID, which could lead to an early and easy detection. The "someone else" must, then, be a person of your sex, race, and approximate age who is no longer living and thus has no further need of ID under his name. The problem lies in finding such a person and ultimately obtaining his birth certificate.

Three successful methods will now be explained, all of which enable you to receive an unquestionably valid birth certificate from any county recorder. It will be found filed in an official government archive, and a copy marked "registered", "verified", or "certified" will be sent directly to you, in the mail if you want.

OBITUARY METHOD

This first method lets you take over "living" for a person who has just recently died. Take any newspaper and scan the obituary columns, looking for a person who has died within a few years of your present age. An out-of-state paper is sometimes safer, especially if you live in a small state. Many such papers can be found at the local library. Once you've located a good prospect, you should feel comfortable about the situation, place, and possible family connections before going after his birth certificate.

The next step is to write the funeral home, cemetery, or even the family, expressing regret that your old school friend, service buddy, or boyhood pal passed away, and that you'd like to be sure it was even him. If they would be so kind as to send you his birthdate and place of birth, it would bring you greater peace of mind, etc., etc. Any facts gleaned from the obituary notice would be excellent points of reference. Imagination in your letter of inquiry will gain you even more information regarding the person's background, life situation, etc.

When you get the facts you need simply write the clerk of the county where the person was born, using an appropriate title such as "Office (or Department) of Vital Statistics", "County Recorder", "Bureau of Vital Records", "Birth Registrations", etc., and request a certified copy of "your" birth certificate. Enclose \$2.00 (the most common fee) and you should receive it in a few days through the mail. Incidentally, the county clerk or recorder will have his office and files at the county seat. A quick check of an atlas or good encyclopedia will tell you which city or town this is.

If assuming your new name for this purpose seems too direct or "up front", use a letterhead, such as that of an attorney, an investigating agency, an insurance company, or any kind of employer, and state that for coverage in your company's group life insurance policy, or for security clearance, you are requesting a certified copy of so-and-so's birth certificate. Include the fee, naturally. You'll get it fast, no questions asked. Public documents are always available.

Of course you can also request and receive the document in person, particularly if the birth certificate is recorded in a large, populous county. You'll receive it all the faster this way. Avoid the personal appearance, however, if you're going after someone who was from a rural area. There's always a good chance the clerk might have known the person or have heard of his recent demise. Reason must always prevail.

In the Obituary Method you have to remember that if you use the birth certificate of someone who had already entered adult life, he more than likely had contracted debts, had a Social Security number and registered for the draft. He might have been married, had a police record, or maybe even had a few outstanding warrants.....

This type of birth certificate is strictly lightweight, in that you don't have much assurance of remaining hidden very long. It's good for a check or credit game, a wild weekend or two, or for disappearing in a hurry. By that time however, you're ready for the master type of birth certificate and might as well have gotten it in the first place.

OLD NEWSPAPER METHOD

The birth certificate you obtain by using this method enables you to become a person who died long before he got entangled in the paper morass you're now trying to escape. Again, his birthdate should be around your own, but you don't have to go tripping through graveyards to look him up. It's been done, and it works, but there's an easier way. Go to the main library of any large city, university or college, or a newspaper's principal office and take a look at the old newspapers recorded there on microfilm. Choose a year in which you would have been no older than ten and begin looking for articles in which a young child of your sex, race, and present age then was killed in some kind of accident like fire, auto, or drowning. The best possibilities would be those in which the entire family was wiped out, as there would be little remembered of them by now.

Check the obituaries too, especially for deaths of children under the age of five. Under this age, at least 90 per cent of those who die do so in the same county where they were born. Make sure the date of the newspaper is such that the age of the deceased and your age at that time were roughly equal.

In writing for the birth certificate, unless the article or obituary states where the child was born, ASSUME that he was born in the same county where he died. Request a certified copy either as that person, or as an employer or investigator who requires it in order that you may hire that person, approve him for special clearance, or whatever. If that particular county has no record of the birth, try either a populous neighboring county or select another name. You'll find, though, that many newspapers, particularly those in rural areas, are amazingly complete in their details of tragedies in which a spectacular accident killed several or all members of a family. Everything you need to know will be right there in front of you.

While you're poring over the microfilm it would be a good idea to compile a list of at least half a dozen good possibilities. A few might understandably prove useless for you (wrong race, for example), or you might want to construct multiple ID's. The commercial applications of this scholarly investigation are virtually inexhaustible. So long as conditions make it difficult for people to get by with their own names, there will be a continuing and increasing need to disappear by creating other ID's. 'Nuff said....

COUNTY RECORDER METHOD

This method is similar to the Old Newspaper Method, except that you can do your historical research and obtain the birth certificate in the same place--right at the county recorder's office! Go to the files open to public viewing (photo copies of the actual documents in bound volumes, or on microfilm), and check a book that has death certificates for a year in which you were under five. Every twentieth to thirtieth death will be that of a young child, usually under one year old. The death certificate will list the birthdate, place of birth, race, parents' names, and a host of other interesting facts, all the facts you need now to send for the birth certificate, or request it right there if the child was born in the same county. And if all this seems too amazing, you can actually go look up a copy of the birth certificate you want in the birth files before you plunk down \$2.00 for your copy, if you check through the appropriate volume. The clerk will even help you!

Three facts that should be of considerable benefit are that (1) birth and death certificates are completely separate documents--they are never cross-referenced. They are made in different places and filed in different places. Also (2) by using the birth certificate of someone who was born in one county but died in another county, or state, you have assured yourself of undetectability. It would take **thousands** of man hours to track down the death certificate, and no agency is going to bother. (3) So far there is no computerization of birth and death records, and very little prospect that this will ever be done, either. The records are just too massive and the benefit to be derived too small to make such a project feasible. Believe it or not governments still have better uses for their revenue.

It is possible of course to create your own birth certificate on blank stock (obtainable from several sources advertising "ID", but it can never stand investigation. It will be truly **PHONEY**--right on its face. But the three methods just outlined eliminate this problem entirely by having the official agency itself send the document to you. It will be a **LEGITIMATE** document--right on its face!

REMEMBER: Let the government do it for you! They **have** to believe their own paper--and always will, too!!!

HANDY HINT: A good general guide for determining where to send for birth certificates is "Where to Write for Birth and Death Records", available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402. Cost is 15 cents. This is Public Health Service Publication No. 630A-1, revised July 1970.

Gov't-Issued I.D.

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

Once you have the birth certificate you need, apply for a Social Security card at any Social Security office. All the information you need to complete the application card is right on the certificate, so merely fill in the appropriate blanks. The application can then be mailed in to the office whose address is printed on the back side, and your card should arrive within a week or so. There is no fee for this card.

If you apply in person and are queried as to why you haven't had a card before, tell the inquisitive bureaucrat you have always earned a living by working on commission. Such salesmen are exempt. Remember, too, that if you are assuming the identity of someone who has died recently, you will more than likely be applying for a duplicate card, not a new one. Note on the application (Box 10) that the questions are designed to determine this difference. Since you may be uncertain about the appropriate answers, indicate either "unknown" or take an intelligent stab at it. The result will be the same: your card will arrive shortly in the mail.

CITY OR STATE ID CARDS

These handy cards can be obtained from a variety of government offices, usually for a fee of \$2.00 to \$3.00. Police stations, welfare offices, and motor vehicle departments are the most common sources of issue. All you need is some kind of "proof" who you are; a birth certificate alone is enough to do the job. A Social Security number is sometimes requested, and an application blank designed for you to provide all your personal characteristics (birth date, sex, height, weight, color of hair, etc.) has to be filled out. There are thousands of issuing agencies across the country, so obtaining one will be no problem. Sometimes a photo is taken and affixed to the card. This is first class ID, and is used by many people who do not have driver's licenses as their basic ID. The waiting period is only a matter of days.

Once you have received your birth certificate and Social Security card, this is an excellent card to obtain, even if you are also going to get a driver's license. Quite often a month or so is required to receive a permanent driver's license, and most localities will not accept a temporary license as ID. The government ID card is thus a useful one to possess. Don't overlook it.

DRIVER'S LICENSES

The driver's license has become the most commonly accepted form of ID in the U.S. Each state has its own administration for issuing them, under such titles as "Department of Motor Vehicles", "Transportation" or "Public Safety" etc., and its own requirements for eligibility. Proof of age for minors is usually needed; a certificate of birth, or baptism is always acceptable, however. Even if you have no ID, tell the clerk you lost your wallet or that you've simply never had a license before. Check your particular state's requirements and make sure you have the necessary paper and answers before applying. Your Social Security number is used on the license in Alaska, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts and Mississippi. It does not appear on any of the other states' licenses.

As of 1971 a total of 29 states do NOT use your photo on their licenses. But that leaves 21 who do and here they are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Michigan, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming.

An excellent book which provides basic information on each state's driver's license, including color reproductions of samples, is the **DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE**, \$3.95, which can be purchased by mail from: Drivers License Guide Co., 1492 Oddstad Drive, Redwood City, Calif. 94063.

This book is used as a basic tool by Law enforcement and businessmen in combatting criminal deception. To quote its introduction, "increased mobility, an economy styled on the use of check and credit cards, and growth in fraud-related crimes, demand improved control". (Emphasis is ours). A word to the wise should be sufficient. ALWAYS get your government ID from the government itself. Give them the paper they want, and you will get the paper you want.

INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSES

This is a good-looking ID card that can be obtained merely by having a valid U.S. license, 2 passport size photos, and paying \$3.00 at an office of the A.A.A. It's valid for one year, and applicants must be 18 or older. No driving test is required. At home it makes an excellent second or third piece of ID.

U.S. passport applications are available at most travel agencies, many state courts, federal courts, and official Passport Agencies in a number of the larger cities. Basically, with a valid U.S. birth certificate (to prove citizenship), one good physical ID (for personal identification) and a loose \$12.00 bill, you can get a passport, good for 5 years. Here is the list of documents accepted as proof of identity:

- A. Previous United States passport;
- B. A certificate of naturalization or of derivative citizenship;
- C. Driver's license;
- D. A government (federal, state, local) identification card or pass;
- E. An industrial or business identification card or pass.

For an extra \$3.00 to \$5.00 you can have the application expedited (as businessmen do when they have an emergency meeting overseas), and pick it up one or two days later instead of the usual ten days to two weeks.

Abroad, your passport is by far your best ID. It also guarantees your re-entry into the U.S. If you had to flee the U.S. without a passport and now want to return, be sure to return under another name. Have a friend back home provide you a birth certificate using one of the methods already described and return from a neighboring country as a week-end tourist. Then obtain the other "regular" government ID in your new name, and you're on your own. Stay away from past associates and family and construct a "past" for yourself; a new life will open up before your eyes. You can even get a passport and return to your old foreign haunts, knowing your return will no longer be a problem.

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT CARDS

To complete your collection of government issued cards, you might keep in mind the following documents. Although they are not technically ID, they are what might be called "supportive", or supplemental ID. They add depth and, hence, believability to your basic ID. The first group are in certificate form:

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| 1. Marriage license | 2. Divorce decree | 3. Baptismal certificate |
| (in lieu of birth) | 4. Ministerial license | 5. High school & college diplomas. |

These can all be purchased in blank form from a variety of mail order firms and filled in by yourself to your own specifications. Use at your own discretion.

The second group consists of cards that are very easily obtained from various governmental agencies. Only minimal ID is needed; a driver's license or state ID card is good enough.

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| 1. Library card | 2. Business license | 3. Solicitor permit and |
| 4. Hunting & Fishing licenses (often quite impressive). | | |

Do-it-Yourself Physical I.D.

Physical ID encompasses any type card which gives a physical description of you, but which is NOT sent from some governmental agency. They can be prepared by you yourself at home, using any kind of company, business, professional or school name as the "background" for the card itself.

The basic card stock can be purchased at a printer's and the different organizational names and titles created by printing, typing, or, if you're good at it, lettering. They can also be purchased ready-made from several mail order dealers who advertise in the underground papers. Give them the information they need about you, and they will print it on your cards. If you decide to make your own, you can also use a sample of the printed company name as it appears in, say, a color magazine. Simply transfer a cut-out of the name onto the card, using rubber cement; the company's logo might also be added. Cover over any rough edges with decorative lines or other designs. Plasticat the card when finished. Virtually all the "art" work needed can be extracted from magazines.

"Passes" with physical ID description are used increasingly these days by many corporations, particularly those engaged in research or the developing of new products. Below the company logo and name you might add the title of your "job": supervisor, district director, lead man, inspector, systems analyst, classified research, or thousands of others. Check the want ads under "Engineers" for really sophisticated titles.

Underneath the company name, etc., in either of the lower corners, you might place a color photograph of yourself--black and white is fine too--and then arrange the items of ID information around it however you prefer. The following list includes the most commonly used personal data. You don't need to use all of these items of course, but those which provide a basic physical description should always be included. If you wish to use more than will fit comfortably on the front, don't hesitate to add them on the back.

Name - Presnet Address - Marital Status - Birth Date - Citizenship - Place of birth - Present age - Height - Weight - Tattoos - Color eyes - Color hair - Complexion - Race - Allergies - Blood type - Scars, marks - Soc. Sec. number - Employee number - Signature.

Two additional items might also appear on the reverse side. A thumb print (definitely NOT your own!) can be inked onto a third or a half of the card with an appropriate caption under or over it. The balance of the back can be taken up by either a notary seal or some other kind of official looking seal or stamp. Stamps or seals that say "registered", "original", "certified", "recorded", "copy", etc. can be purchased at a stationery store. Or, you can look in the Yellow Pages under "stamps" and "seals" and not only have a wider variety to choose from but even have special ones made to your order. You'll find an amazing selection awaiting your choice. You can also take your ID to a notary, unsigned, and have him put his seal on your card after you sign it in his presence. A one dollar charge for this is customary.

If you like the idea of notarization but hesitate to use a regular notary public, have your own notary (private) seal made! Even if the seal maker balks at creating a totally fictitious one, there's still a way to get one made anyway. Go to an established notary and have him notarize anything you like, making sure the print comes out quite clear. Take the print to a seal maker, explaining that your imprinter device was ruined in a fire, or simply lost, and that you need a replacement. It would be easier at this point to send in your neat-looking "secretary", who would explain that her "boss" sent her to get the seal replaced. The stamp-man will reproduce the seal and put it in a new machine. As soon as you stamp and sign your various ID cards, the notarization (with the real notary's "signature") will provide a very official-looking addition to its appearance. You'll impress even yourself!

In a professional set of ID you'll generally find at least one card of this nature. It might sometime be that "last" piece of ID needed to cash a check or obtain credit. Depending on the organization you choose as your "employer", you can also show a high degree of job status or professional standing. Your only limitation is your imagination.

Memberships

This is a very large group of ID cards. Thousands of organizations across the country issue "memberships" -- cards with a person's name on it claiming membership in clubs (V.F.W., Elks, D.A.R., Y.M.C.A.), societies (alumni, fraternities, sororities, professional, charity), churches of all denominations, and schools of every level.

A few of these cards can always be included in your package of constructed ID to lend "depth" to your new name. In and of themselves they are not normally considered ID, but their mere presence creates a certain "quantum" feature which readily lends credibility to your entire collection. Like physical ID, they can sometimes be that "last" piece of ID that leaves other people completely convinced of your identity. No need to overdo them, of course, but a few are always nice.

Ways to obtain these cards other than by actually joining are probably as numerous as there are organizations. Your imagination can easily run wild, but here are a few of the quicker techniques.

If you know someone who already has membership in a club or organization you would like to "join", request a "duplicate" membership card by writing the outfit in his name, explaining that you lost your wallet, etc.... Ask them, however, NOT to imprint your name as you would like to have it specially done in gold leaf, Old English, or something else. More than likely they will comply, and you'll get a blank card. Print or type in your new name, sign it (if necessary), and coat it in plastic.

If you're not familiar with any particular club or society, look in the Yellow Pages under "clubs", "societies", "charities", "churches", "schools", "colleges", and pick one out. Make up any name you like and use the same method to get a blank card. Alluding to some distant chapter of the organization might facilitate persuasions, too. After all, they do want to help their members maintain their affiliations.....No?

With some organizations you can obtain blank cards simply by asking. Churches, schools, and charity drives are cheerful givers. Embellish these cards with such bold additions as "Lifetime Member", "Honored Donor", "Certified Copy", "Registered", or whatever else sounds good to you. Do the improving in gold leaf, and you'll carry them proudly, yes indeed.

The businessman's "calling card" fits appropriately in this group since there is no physical ID on its face. If you decide to create a company ID card, you might as well have printed a batch of related business cards to solidify further your attachment to that company. These are good for numerous con games and should naturally have a respectable title under your name, such as Sales Director, Vice-President, District Manager, Classified Research, Phd. Systems Analyst, Secretary-Treasurer, Promotional Supervisor, etc., etc., ad gloriam.

You can also have a printer create membership cards for virtually any organization you want to make up, or copy. Provide a blank sample and he'll reproduce it exactly, even on better looking card stock. He might insist on running several hundred at once, so be prepared to sell a few "memberships" to your friends. These cards can also be exact replicas of those used by well-known organizations. The printer will not question your reasons, as he'll be only too glad to get the business. It will be smiles all around, though, when you explain that you're the newly elected state membership chairman, and will soon be sending all the club's printing orders his way....

One final thought, always avoid the easy temptation to pirate someone else's card by altering the name or numbers. Obtain your own stock from a legitimate source and then print your new name, numbers and copy. This way there will never be any question or doubt regarding the surface of the card. You should never put yourself in any suspicious circumstances. Be right out front and in the open with your ID.

REMEMBER: You are the person the card says you are unless it can be proven otherwise; and no one is ever going to think of such a thing unless you make them think. The word is, **DO IT RIGHT!!!**

Credit Cards

Professional ID inevitably includes the full range of commercial cards--both paper and plastic. Although a few companies are beginning to use customers' photos on the card, as a class they generally have no personal ID information whatever. Your name, signature, account number, and dates between which the card is valid are about as far as they go in providing individual data. The rest is stored in their computer file, based on your original credit application.

In today's increasingly cashless society credit cards are becoming the controllable link between people, income, and property. They are immediately accepted for a multitude of specific financial jobs, and in most transactions they are the only ID required. THE PAPER TRIP considers them ID and thus includes here its own ideas on how to obtain them. What you do with them is of course your own business.

The first rule, unquestionably, is DON'T USE SOMEBODY ELSE'S CARD!! Much too dangerous and criminal. Infinitely better is to get the credit card companies themselves to send you their cards, but under any name you choose. The credit companies and banks who issue these cards are very anxious for your trade, and doubly anxious to issue the real card to all those who qualify. So the secret is, OBTAIN YOUR OWN CARDS, LEGITIMATELY!! You do this by studying their brochures and applications to determine more or less what they expect. Even though your new name will have no existing credit record, a \$400.00 minimum deposit at a large bank will put you on the road to a geometrically expanding credit rating. An excellent book which outlines this unbeatable method of obtaining credit is, "HOW TO HAVE TRIPLE A CREDIT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS" - Continental Advisor Manuals, Box J-200, Hallandale, Florida 33009 --- \$8.98 by mail.

To make sure your credit application gets accepted, you must keep in mind what the lender is looking for. For his approval he's generally going to want to be sure you have most of the following characteristics.

1. A savings account and/or a regular checking account. The \$400 minimum balance gives you a "medium" rating on your savings account, which is "good".

2. Income level of at least \$125 per week. Over \$15,000 a year, and the blessings of affluence are instantly yours with abundant, virtually unlimited credit.

3. Good credit history: regular payments and no "binges".

4. Employment with the same firm for at least the last 3 years.

NOTE: If you can't easily meet the credit and employment requirements of points 3 and 4, you might use this proven technique: Have someone answer two different phone numbers for you, one as your place of employment, and the other as a creditor from whom you have borrowed. A call from the lender to verify how long you've worked for the firm (three to five years is perfect), and the kind of credit record you have (payments all made on time, even early) will result in approval for just about any credit card you wish. Department stores, furniture stores, oil companies, Master Charge, BankAmericard, American Express, Diner's Club, Carte Blanche, et al., are lined up and waiting to have that new account of yours filled with time purchases of whatever your heart desires. So help them out.

5. Long time residence in the area, preferably in your own house. At worst, no more than two moves in the last five years.

6. Age should be over 25; 35 to 65 is best.

7. Occupation in a professional category (all but aerospace, that is). Executive, doctor, salaried sales manager, proprietor, minister--all of these are good.

All of these characteristics, even age, can be constructed and supplied on demand. Give them whatever information they require and they'll put you in business. Provide two different telephone numbers, one to verify employment and the other to verify your credit rating, and they are satisfied. Set up a proper bank account in advance and their credit check will be completed. Place of residence is almost never checked, so choose a suitable address and have the card mailed to you in c/o your business address, which can be a post office box.

Never worry about personal "references", either, because they are never checked out. The only reason they are ever requested is to make you feel more responsible for your actions. A psychological ploy. Provide them though, by listing first class references such as doctors or ministers; get their names and addresses from the phone book, freebies.

Most credit applications can now be handled by mail, which is almost more than you could ask for. Supply the required information, on paper, and they're delighted too. Once you get your cards, here are a couple little known facts worth remembering.

1. When a clerk accepts your card as payment for any merchandise, the title to the goods is then yours. Legally, you are paying in full, not requesting a loan. What this means is important. You can now sell, trade, or even borrow against your new property without one word to the credit company. They have extended you credit on the basis of your ability to repay, not on the nature or amount of property you own.

2. In the case of Master Charge and BankAmericard, you can own as many of these cards, under the same name, as there are banks to issue them to you. They must be different banks, however, and not just branches of the same bank. If you qualify at one bank, why not apply at the others as well? They all want your business. By having four such cards with billing dates a week apart, you can easily get 60 days free credit. Add another four and the banks will carry you, free, for 90 days. The trick is in using the card with the most distant billing date, as well as taking advantage of the cards' cash loan features. Ask your friendly banker all about it.

Credit is easy to get, so use it. The pretty plastic cards put out by the credit merchants are marvelous, even impressive ID, and can be used in a most exciting manner when you know that YOU are always carrying the last trump, that of taking the paper trip. Go by the rules, and there's no way of their distinguishing between real accounts and constructed accounts. Only when you "disappear" does the reality of The Paper Society become apparent to those who push it the most. By then, of course, you will have already been notified that your application for a new account---under a "new" name, natch---has been enthusiastically approved, and that your new card will be arriving shortly. Same song, second verse.....

With credit cards in hand you provide the finishing touches to unquestionably good ID. Credit cards are The Paper Society's ultimate cover of respectability, and the paper tripper now knows how to avail himself of their endless bounty.

HANDY HINT: In supplying credit references beyond the one which your friend will "verify", you should remember that some firms (especially department stores and credit unions) will not give out their credit ratings to anyone. So, if you supply one or several of these references, you can be fairly certain that they will not be checked out. The lender knows he can't verify your "reference", but he will definitely not tell you that. He will base his lending decision on the assumption of your honesty.....

Putting It All Together

Now that we have explored all the different kinds of ID, let's consider some important physical aspects and personal techniques common to all of them.

In strictly mechanical terms remember that coating your cards in plastic provides a neat appearance as well as the impression of stability, permanence and legitimacy. Although some states do not permit coating of their driver's licenses, or else do it for you, virtually all other cards can be covered with plastic. After all, your ID deserves protection. It's all you have to prove who you are! So make it look like you care; projecting a solid image is very important.

Stamps, seals, and fancy embossing add greatly to the "official" appearance of your cards. They are particularly applicable to physical ID cards you make for yourself, and are valuable when applied to documents issued in one state but used in another. Notary seals are easy to obtain and use, and should be applied wherever appropriate. The Yellow Pages under "seals" is a most fertile source of professional devices along this line. Stick-on seals and stamps can be found at most stationery stores.

And while you're researching the Yellow Pages, look under "plastics" for leads to places or machinery that can produce your own plastic cards too. There you can learn where the basic stock and tools can be obtained; from there you're on your own. It takes a bit of practice to get the technique down pat, but the effort can be more than rewarding. It costs a bit to have them made, so if you plan on using plastic cards to any great extent, it's advisable that you learn to make them yourself.

If a previous criminal arrest or conviction has you stymied because your fingerprints are now on file, don't let it get to you. The F.B.I. does keep fingerprint records of just about everybody (over 90 million now), and also assigns numbers based on those prints, but if your prints are altered, removed, or otherwise disguised, they have no positive way of identifying you. The best solution to this problem, of course, is never to get busted again; but in this Age of Hoover, and mass arrests, more and more people are likely to have their fingerprints filed forever in the eternal archives of the F.B.I.

So if you can't keep from getting busted again, find a surgeon or doctor who can do a skin graft on your finger and thus eliminate your old prints. A bit more dangerous is using an acid-etching process to efface your prints. Looks rather terrible, but it does do the business on the old prints. Sulphuric acid works fine. Have handy an open container of a strong base solution in which to dip your fingers after each acid treatment. The base will neutralize the acid. Remember, too, that the "burn" must get to the third layer of skin in order to change permanently the old print patterns. Incidentally, a physician will charge anywhere from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to do a decent skin graft. Shop around.

Another trick is to find some liquid or spray that will congeal in the grooves and spaces of your prints, and thus provide misleading print information. Lacquer bases (clear) are generally the best. Hair spray has been an old standby for years. Paint stores are full of possibilities.

Just remember, though, that if you use good ID, the authorities have to assume you are that person. If they run a fingerprint check on you, which they may or may not do, and the check does not reveal you are the same person already on file, you are the new person. Keep your mouth shut, and if you have to go to court it will be your "first" offense, with all the likely prospects of probation.....

If fingerprints are your problem, experiment on yourself by using some kind of inky substance to see your prints more clearly when they are rolled onto another surface. F.B.I. prints are "rolled" (from one side of the finger to the other in a rolling movement, first joint only) so that the print includes all identifiable skin features. Get to know your prints in order to do a thorough job of covering them up. You must take care of all the features they're going to "count" in classifying your print, such as the deltas, loops, swirls, ridges, and gaps in and between the ridges. Naturally, if other parts of your body have ever been printed--feet, palms, forearms, as with bank robbers and some others--you've got a more extensive job on your "hands".

Tattoos are another removal problem, and chances are that any place providing this service will also be able to help in print removal, too. Tattoos can also be "covered" with larger ones.

But don't let the print problem worry you. The F.B.I. is notoriously inefficient in catching efficient cons, depending mostly on snitches or busts that shouldn't have occurred in the first place. A friend of ours had been arrested three times before, prints taken each time, when he was finally popped on a major federal offense. His ID was no better than any described in these pages, but still he was booked, indicted, and almost tried under a fictitious name. The judge and the F.B.I. both knew he was using an alias (over 30 different ones, actually), but still they couldn't prove who he really was. Only when the judge finally threatened him with a maximum sentence did he relent and divulge his real name. The F.B.I. had three separate chances before to "identify" their man, and on the fourth try they failed once again. Cases like this happen so frequently that Hoover and his Henchmen are a standing joke among clever cons. To say they're overrated is an understatement. They only know what's put in front of them, making them the Paper Cops of The Paper Society. Prints, then, are not really that bad a problem.

The best trip is to create beautiful ID and play your games unconcerned. Do as you please. Most of the Paper Society are sheep, but the Paper Trippers are the wolves. So be who you want to be.

HANDWRITING

Always present in creating alternate ID is the need for handwriting. It is true that handwriting experts can detect certain personality quirks in people by their handwriting (as will be shown), but they CANNOT prove that any one person wrote or signed any one name. The point is this: use a different style of writing for each person you create for variety's sake, as well as to remind yourself you ARE that person.

The only suggestion I would make here is that you practice and practice still more until a second, third, or fourth style becomes natural and automatic. Vary the height of the letters, the loops, the style of capitals, the dots, writing pressure, the slant, the relative neatness, the roundness of the curves; in short, any and all elements you can think of to present a completely new signature. Practicing your own signature is best--in a different style for each name. And ALWAYS practice the new name in ONLY that style of writing. In a short while it will become automatic, and that's the way it has to be.

You'd be surprised how you can project many new personality traits into your handwriting. A leading handwriting analyst has found that the following writing habits reveal rather consistently certain accompanying traits.

Good, legible writing is done by a sincere, capable and purposeful individual. He sees things clearly and can't be fooled.

Illegible writing shows a frequently careless person, but also one who may be quite individualistic and intelligent. If it's very illegible, the person may be evasive, perhaps paranoid.

Straight horizontal lines show stable personality.

Ascending horizontal lines indicate optimism.

Descending horizontal lines show frequent criticism, sadness, or depression.

Up and down horizontal lines show instability and insincerity.

Large letters are signs of an extrovert who is talkative, generous and worldly.

Small letters are signs of an introvert. They reveal a detailed thinker, productive worker and self analyst.

Regular spacing between words and lines shows consistency and dependability.

Irregular spacing shows conflict between emotions and intelligence.
Lines wide apart reveal ability to organize.
Words widely spaced indicate loneliness.

Left slanted writer is possible defiant, individualistic, different, maybe just restrained.

Even pressure is a sign of a well-balanced person

Heavy pressure shows a purposeful, at times dominating personality.

Combination of light, medium and heavy pressure suggests unbalanced personality, moodiness, fickleness or temper.

Spotty, blotched or smeared writing is by an emotionally unbalanced, temperamental person.

Wide left-hand margins show a refined person with self-respect. Very wide left-hand margins show pretentiousness.

Narrow left-hand margins reveal a reserved person. No margin at all shows thriftiness. Margins that change in width on either side show inconsistency.

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Whenever photographs are to be incorporated in your ID consider the possibility of using complementary disguises and cosmetics. Each person has to decide this for himself, naturally, but a different appearance, just like a different signature, can underline dramatically the reality of a new "you". Wigs, moustaches, sideburns, beards--or their lack--are not to be neglected in this hairy age. Women are generally more adept at changing their physical appearance, and men should take hints. Virtually all the women's magazines carry features on makeup and hair styling, and some cover this field exclusively. Color of hair, skin tone (especially the face), shape of nose, and hairiness of the eyebrows are certainly to be considered within the realm of changeability if a new person is to be well created.

Whenever photos are made, be especially cautious about your ears. Sideburns in front of, or partially covering, and long hair, either flowing over and hiding, or combed behind and forming a "background", should be used to alter the appearance of the ears, especially if they have an unusual shape or angle of attachment to the head. If they are quite flat against the head, you might prop them outwards just for the photo.

You may tend to think lightly of these remarks, but the best con men use all these tricks almost unconsciously, even to the point of developing distinct voices for each person. Anyone can develop at least one variation of his speech tone, accent, speed, pitch, and volume without too much work. A little conscientious practice will put you in command of a new "vocal you". For business over the telephone, it will be your only ID, so don't overlook it. Practice your new style along with your signature and they will prove mutually reinforcing.

Basically, in changing your outward appearance you must do only what still allows you to feel comfortable. Anything too outlandish will leave you insecure and open inevitably to closer scrutiny. Once you have your new self designed, you must project your entire being into it, just as an able actor would. Your ATTITUDE will give life to the new name and will carry you through any moments of doubt in other people's minds, or for that matter, in your own.

You ARE the new person, and never doubt it! I you don't, no one else will either! Take it from a pro, who else would you be if you weren't "you"?? NO ONE BUT WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE, THAT'S WHO!!!

Why, you can even prove it, "Certainly, just check my ID....."

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