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Aaron Koller
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Dear Mr. Koller:

Harvard University has received a legal notice from the Motion Picture Association of America, alleging that an episode of the television series "The Simpsons" was transmitted through the Harvard network through the mechanism known as Gnutella or a similar system. This is a serious allegation, and the transmission is a violation of federal copyright law and the policy of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (see <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/computing/announce/copyright.html/>).

Information available from Harvard's network logs indicates that the source of the transmission was either your computer, or a computer you were logged into on April 16, 2001. The episode was entitled "Sweet Seymour Skinner's Baadasssss Song."

If you believe that your transmission was not a copyright violation or if you would like to provide me with an explanation for your conduct, please respond to me at lamberth@fas.harvard.edu or 495-2296. If you have been involved in copying or transmitting copyrighted material in violation of the copyright laws by means of your network account, as is possible using Gnutella, Napster and other means, you must cease and desist immediately. FAS policy states "Harvard may terminate the network access of users who are found to have repeatedly infringed the copyrights of others." Be advised that Harvard will terminate your network access if we receive any future notice that you have again violated the copyright laws.

Sincerely yours,

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