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Comment:

The present copyright rules are a tragic mess of unintended consequences. The time lost in trying to contact copyright holders is so inefficient. The threats of copyright litigation, even when litigation is inappropriate, chill the free exchange of information essential to our democracy. While copyright, done right, has value to both the public and to the copyright holder, the disservice of the present system weighs heavily on its intended value.