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The Internet and, in particular, computer bulletin boards, are serving as vehicles for the dissemination of the latest illegal methods of committing every possible crime. Recently we downloaded instructions for making homemade silencers for guns, safe cracking, electronic bug detection and money laundering.

To unravel a transaction which can take two minutes to complete by fax, phone, wire or computer, may require a year of leg work, stymied at every corner by privacy laws and the need for search warrants, full disclosure of investigative methods and the like. We must strive to reduce bank secrecy laws abroad and tighten controls on electronic banking to ensure that computerized money transfers leave a paper trail and not simply electronic pulses.

Compounding the foregoing problems is the incongruity of legal systems around the world, and not only between Canada and third world countries. When dealing with European nations which adhere to the inquisitorial system of criminal law, rather than the English common law, we are faced with different evidentiary requirements, some of which appear insurmountable. Criminals need only to exploit these differences in order to find safe havens.

The need for evidence capable of securing convictions and forfeitures, is crucial. Encumbered by an Evidence Act which is