



YOU BOOT UP THE LAPTOP. IT'S XP. YOU TYPE THE PASSWORD -- "**GOOSE**" -- ALL TOO EASY. YOU SEARCH THE FILE SYSTEM FOR CLUES THAT MIGHT SOMEHOW RELATE TO THE TWITTER BOMB PLOT. Hmm... EXPLORER SAYS THAT LAST FILE THE USER EDITED WAS "MEXICO.PDF". YOU DOUBLE-CLICK IT, BUT ACROBAT SAYS IT'S PASSWORD-PROTECTED. F***, YOU SWEAR, JUST AS YOUR BLACKBERRY BEEPS. IT'S BARACK OBAMA.

"JACK, I READ THROUGH THOSE LEGAL FILES YOU RECOVERED FROM THE CAR AT THE GARAGE. WELL, I WAS PARTICULARLY SURPRISED BY THE CLAUSE THEY HIGHLIGHTED, WHICH SAYS THAT IF THE STATE EVER DEFAULTS, THE CREDITORS TAKE OVER. PLUS, IF 1 CREDITOR HAS THE MAJORITY SHARE OF THE DEBT, THAT CREDITOR *BECOMES* THE STATE. I JUST CHECKED THE RECORDS... AS IT IS, MEXICO HAS ALREADY PURCHASED 51% OF THE STATE'S DEBT. SO EITHER THE STATE PAYS ITS BILLS, OR THE US COULD BE BACK TO 50 MINUS 1 STATES..."

MEXICO! SO THAT PASSWORD-PROTECTED FILE IS THE KEY, AFTER ALL.

TAKE THE LAPTOP TO TECH OPS OUTSIDE THE SJ REP AT **K26** TO CRACK THE PDF PASSWORD.