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Thread: [That one time Satoshi & Gavin discussed plans to discuss Bitcoin with the CIA in 2011](#)

Hackers - February 3, 2025, 7:37 am

This lesser known email between Satoshi Nakamoto and Gavin Andreson highlights their plans to:

1. Improve the optics of BTC overall, by focusing less on the mysterious Satoshi, and more on the open source nature of the project.
2. Figuring out how to explain to the community that they are speaking with the CIA about Bitcoin and the power of money mobility.

What do you think of this specific exchange?

Quote:Subject: alert key
Satoshi Nakamoto satoshin@gmx.com
26 Apr 2011, 10:29

I wish you wouldn't keep talking about me as a mysterious shadowy figure, the press just turns that into a pirate currency angle. Maybe instead make it about the open source project and give more credit to your dev contributors; it helps motivate them.

I've moved on to other things and will probably be unavailable. Here's the CAlert key and broadcast code in case you need it. You should probably give it to at least one or two other people. There are a few long time users who are always around all the time.

Gavin:

Quote:My reply:
On Tue, Apr 26, 2011 at 4:29 AM, Satoshi Nakamoto satoshin@gmx.com wrote:

You must've read the Forbes article... yeah, I'm not happy with the 'wacky pirate money' tone, either.

More credit for the rest of the contributors is a very good idea.

RE: forwarding the key/code: fricking fracking... now I've gotta figure out a couple of people who I can trust to keep them safe...

On a completely different subject: I did something that I hope turns out to be smart, but might be stupid.

I was contacted by <http://www.iqt.org/> – they're a US-govt-funded 'strategic investment' company, and part of what they do is holding an annual conference on emerging technologies for US intelligence agencies. This year the theme is "Mobility of Money".

They asked if I'd be willing to talk about Bitcoin, and I committed to giving a 50-minute presentation and participating in a panel discussion.

I hope that by talking directly to "them" and, more importantly, listening to their questions/concerns, they will think of Bitcoin the way I do— as a just-plain-better, more efficient, less-subject-to-political-whims money. Not as an all-powerful black-market tool that will be used by anarchists to overthrow The System.

It might be really stupid if it just raises Bitcoin's visibility on their radar, but I think it is way too late for that; Bitcoin is already on their radar.

I plan on posting about this on the forums soon, because "Gavin secretly visits the CIA" would spin all sorts of conspiracy theories. "Gavin openly visits the CIA" will create enough conspiracy theories as it is.

Source:

<https://gavinandresen.ninja/eleven-years-ago-today>

Just in case:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240225185928/https://gavinandresen.ninja/eleven-years-ago-today>

Stanley - November 17, 2025, 6:06 pm

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Thanks,
Stanley

stdio - November 26, 2025, 3:33 am

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Hackers - November 26, 2025, 4:02 am

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stdio - November 26, 2025, 9:55 pm

(Nov 26, 2025 05:02 AM)nodes Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) thanks for mentioning this, it's definitely a suspicion

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Some retired high rank US army guy mentioned this to me many years ago. My bad for never

digging deeper into it.

Omniscient - November 27, 2025, 3:02 pm

(Nov 26, 2025 04:33 AM)stdio Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) dang, thanks for this info.. Really thought CIA may be onto this since day 1.

Exactly zero evidence that Bitcoin is anything more than exactly what it appears to be.

Someone created Bitcoin for the world to free us from tyrannical governments that control us through monetary policy. The conspiracy that Bitcoin was made by the CIA or any other intelligence agency is garbage. As someone who watched Bitcoin evolve since 2011, no way did the NWO create Bitcoin, it's the exact opposite of everything they'd want in a new currency.

CBDC's are the direct result of them attempting to sideline Bitcoin. Every inch of the way governments have mostly fought against Bitcoin. EU right now demonizes it. The US does half-measures and doesn't embrace it.

When people say "CIA made Bitcoin", I ask to see what evidence they can provide and they have nothing. Their premise is that, "well it must be CIA because who else".

Sorry fuckers but Satoshi was someone who wanted to remain anonymous, made a cool protocol, and unleashed it for the world...then went into hiding or possibly died.