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Editors' note: We are happy to say that while the following report was true when we posted it back in December, all is good between PayPal and the *Green Bag* now. You can pay for your subscription that way again. See www.greenbag.org/subscriptions_and_press/subscribe.html.

In an infuriating but rather funny (if Kafka is funny) example of the power of market power, PayPal recently: (1) informed us that we had to complete and upload a “Substitute W-9” form to PayPal in order to fix some sort of foul-up between PayPal and the IRS (who knows which behemoth is to blame, but that really doesn’t matter if some small and helpless creature can be made to pay the cost, does it?); (2) threatened to suspend our PayPal account if we did not upload the form pronto; (3) informed us – after many technical hassles and bureaucratic run-arounds – that in fact their uploading setup does not work and we must mail the form to a P.O. box (fedexing not allowed!); and (4) also informed us that they won’t change their self-imposed deadline even though the uploading foul-up and delays are their own fault. Presumably, PayPal will enjoy the value of our money (and perhaps many other entities’) during any account suspensions, which seems downright criminal in light of the way this whole thing has played out. That is why we are taking the precaution of asking you, faithful subscribers and friends, to pay by check rather than PayPal – in part because we fear PayPal may continue to accept payments from you while suspending our access to those payments, and in part because we fear we know not what. So, please renew by sending us a check or subscribe by clicking here,¹ printing out and completing the order form, and sending it to us with a check. We apologize for the inconvenience (and the rant).

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