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It seems to me I heard somewhere that Paul Blay wrote in article <4e%eh.1617\$1W1.776@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

"Phil Yff" <phil.yff@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote ...

On Sun, 10 Dec 2006 18:49:01 GMT, Paul Blay wrote:

First I don't think Google Groups minds base 64, it's the other servers that don't pick it up (because it looks like binary).

I don't see her posts on a news server that accepts base 64. In fact, I get Meredith's posts on it when some people don't. I'm not saying you're wrong. Without tracking the post, all I can do is make an informed guess based on the info in the header. I see it was posted on Google Groups and I don't see it on any of the other news servers I have access to. So, my assumption is it was left out of the Google Groups news feed.

If the `_origin_` was Google Groups (and it was for Cindy's post) then if it isn't in the Google Groups news feed then it gets nowhere at all and thus nobody outside of Google Groups would ever have seen it.

The headers of Cindy's last previous post that I've received in this thread, Message-ID:

<1165715409.814993.191350@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, looks like it was injected into Google via Road Runner; I wonder if that's got anything to do with the price of fish. That post is set for UTF-8 and Base 64.

Second I doubt it's the method of inputting Japanese, it's much more likely to be an inappropriate encoding chosen to view the

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Google
Groups page when entering the text or some
encoding/language
setting in Google Groups preferences.

I think it's a question of semantics. Something is triggering the encoding to base64 and it is likely it is language related.

The point is that posts via Google Groups posts start as text in a plain-text textbox on a browser. A textbox that is completely indifferent to `_how_` text is generated. If it's in the textbox and it looks like Japanese on your screen then it makes no difference how it was typed or where it was pasted from in what format. Thus there is no plausible benefit to be gained from pasting in text from a wordprocessor (say) instead of using an IME (as far as 64-bit encoding being used or not).

Incidentally the textbox used to enter text in Outlook Express is `_not_` a plain text textbox which can lead to some interesting (and annoying) 'features'

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