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says it deeply regrets the incident. Earlier, the Los Angeles Times newspaper reported that thieves stole about one hundred fifty thousand personal records from ChoicePoint Incorporated. The company sells Social Security numbers and credit information to other businesses. In two thousand two, a similar security violation reportedly affected about seven thousand people. American lawmakers will consider plans to increase supervision of companies that collect personal information. Several plans have been proposed to help individuals whose personal information was stolen. Another proposal would let Americans halt any investigation into their financial history without their permission. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)