SUBJECT: SAGE SYSTEM MEETING, 25 JUNE 1956

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2. Third Contractor Status
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1. McGuire and Stewart On-Site Report

Bragar indicated that our requests for space at McGuire will probably not be entirely fulfilled in as much as the demand for space by all organizations far exceeds that available. There is an administrative building to be associated with the Direction Center Building at McGuire. However, this is not available at Stewart which may make the problem there more critical. The duplex power control distribution frames have been shipped back to the manufacturer in as much as they were shipped incomplete. The first meeting of the Stewart On-Site Committee was held last week and a similar pattern of problems to those at McGuire are now being dealt with. There is no indication that there will be a Western Electric representative equivalent to Mr. Gallagher at Stewart. The B.O.D. for Stewart has been changed from 1 July to 1 August but it appears that the actual date will be much later, i.e., this fall. A similar situation exists with regard to Syracuse.

2. Third Contractor Status

The question was raised as to what Lincoln's position is with regard to a request by the Air Force that Lincoln take on the functions of the "Third Contractor" to be responsible for weapons and other integration with SAGE. It was indicated that the requests had not yet been replied to. The general feeling is that Lincoln should not take on a task of this magnitude as it would require significant increase in the size of the laboratory and its annual budget. There was some feeling expressed that more use should be made of available manpower at IBM in the weapons integration area. It was felt that some consideration should be given to having IBM undertake the third contractor task.

3. Product Improvement Proposals

Taylor indicated that he was planning to go to IBM this week to discuss with them their approach to product improvement proposals. It was felt that Lincoln should indicate to them our feeling as to where product improvement efforts should be directed. Any persons having opinions on this subject should contact Taylor.

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