

Memorandum 6L-181

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 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, January 17, 1955

To: Group Leaders

From: John C. Proctor

Date: January 20, 1955

Present: J. W. Forrester, R. R. Everett, S. H. Dodd, A. P. Kromar, J. C. Proctor,
 W. H. Taylor, and C. R. Wieser

Agenda:

1. Integration of Air Traffic Control into SAGE System
2. IBM Engineering Support Program
3. Attendance at APES Monthly Meetings
4. ADC Delay on Phone-line Terminal Equipment
5. Associate Group Leader Appointments
6. Model Shop

1. Integration of Air Traffic Control into SAGE System

CRC is sending a letter to Doctor Hill over General Pitt's signature making a formal request for Lincoln to study the problem of tying in CAA traffic control with the SAGE System. There is a feeling in certain Air Force circles that other CAA control studies should be stopped. It is felt that this might interfere with other Lincoln work, so the proposal should be very carefully considered.

2. IBM Engineering Support Program

Dodd has been unable to contact Edwards of IBM. He will continue to attempt to reach him in order to discuss some of the problems before Edwards' visit on Wednesday. The present proposal is unsatisfactory to the Air Force but it is felt that this is principally an IBM problem and that Lincoln should not get involved beyond stating to the Air Force what it feels should be included in the program. Dodd will draw up a draft of a letter for submitting to the Air Force.

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3. Attendance at ADES Monthly Meetings

More of our people should attend the ADES monthly meetings to give them a better feeling of participation in the program. Kromer, in cooperation with Dodd and Taylor, will arrange for some of our Section Leaders to attend from time to time.

4. ADC Delay on Phone-line Terminal Equipment

ADC is still delaying about ordering DDF and DDR equipment from Bell Labs because of the rental cost. It is not appreciated by the Air Force that other equipment will not be compatible with the SAGE System, as now designed. If schedules are to be met, Bell Labs should receive a "go ahead" on this job almost immediately. Forrester will see that the situation is called to the attention of the necessary people.

5. Associate Group Leader Appointments

Forrester will discuss with Hill the appointment of O'Brien, Jacobs, and Rich as Associate Group Leaders. Kromer's office will be made a separate group in order to improve outside relations.


6. Model Shop

We should not consider the purchase of a new surface grinder at this time. Final decision on the question of continuing the shop at its present size, reducing its size, or eliminating it, should await further study of the over-all space situation.

7. Monthly Report to ADES

A monthly report on XD-1 status should be made to ADES shortly before each monthly meeting. Kromer will assemble the best information available on the schedules for XD-1 Test Specifications for submittal prior to the February meeting.

(Signed)


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