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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, May 16, 1955

To: Group Leaders and Associate Group Leaders

From: C. W. Farr

Date: May 19, 1955

Present: D. R. Brown, S. H. Dodd, C. W. Farr, J. F. Jacobs, A. P. Kromer, J. A. O'Brien, J. C. Proctor, E. S. Rich, E. H. Taylor, C. R. Wieser

- Agenda:**
1. Charter Airplane Service
 2. Extended Clearances - ADC and EADF
 3. Acceptance Tests
 4. Contractual Coverage - XD-1

1. Charter Airplane Service

A. P. Kromer discussed the demand for charter airplane service and agreed to make further investigation probably resulting in establishment of a regular Tuesday and Thursday schedule with bookings to be taken in advance and flights to be cancelled 24 hours in advance in the absence of bookings.

2. Extended Clearances - ADC and EADF

J. C. Proctor obtained a revised list of names to be submitted to the Security Office for extended clearance to visit ADC and EADF.

3. Acceptance Tests

H. H. Taylor reported on discussion of acceptance tests for XD-1 in meetings with IBM and the May 13 ADES Meeting. A workable arrangement is being evolved.

4. Contractual Coverage - XD-1

A. P. Kromer reported that XD-1 contract is now signed on the basis of CRC Exhibit 1. IBM has signed and the Air Force is preparing to sign an agreement covering modifications represented by CRC Exhibit 1A. Three further modifications (more recent than Exhibit 1A) are not yet covered contractually by agreements signed by either party; these items are the auxiliary drums, large-board display, and the index register. (Technical descriptions of all three have been issued by AFRC as amendments to Exhibit 1A).

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Work on XD-1 not covered by present contract amendments falls into two categories:

1. Additional hardware and changes due to new requirements.
2. Machine improvement aimed at increasing system reliability.

For item 1, H. J. Platt's memorandum should be revised by the Systems Office to enumerate items needed but not recognized as part of the existing scope of work.

For item 2, K. E. McVicar and J. A. O'Brien should formulate a statement of reliability goals and test methods; scope of work should be clarified where weaknesses now exist as in the high-speed memory improvement program.

A summary proposal covering both items 1 and 2 should be prepared and forwarded to J. W. Forrester for discussion with Col. R. LeMontagne, May 20, if feasible. We plan to suggest that CRC initiate a meeting of ADC, JPO, AMC, IBM and Lincoln Laboratory to agree on a course of action to obtain contractual commitments, to obtain the hardware changes and the reliability improvement needed for XD-1.

Signed

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