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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, May 18, 1953

To: Group Leaders

From: David R. Brown

Date: May 21, 1953

Present: Jay W. Forrester, C. W. Adams, D. R. Brown, S. H. Dodd,  
R. R. Everett, H. Fahnestock, N. H. Taylor, C. R. Wiesser,  
and P. Youtz

- Agenda:
1. IBM Proposal for Ferrite Development
  2. General Electric Visit on May 21
  3. Staff Vacations
  4. Organization List
  5. Cape Cod System
  6. Plans for Building A
  7. Future Central Services in the Barta Building
  8. Recruiting

1. IBM Proposal for Ferrite Development

This laboratory is in general agreement with IBM's proposed program for ferrite research and development, including the development of pilot production facilities, as a part of the Project High Program. A reply to a proposal transmitted from J. M. Coombs to D. R. Brown on May 5 will be sent by Forrester to IBM. The IBM proposal calls for a joint effort by the research department and the component development department. We recommended that the IBM ferrite research program be more closely related to the WWII program and that time schedules and rates of production be tailored to WWII needs. We also suggested that the IBM program give greater emphasis to refinement of production techniques and the development of satisfactory production controls.

2. General Electric Visit on May 21

On Thursday, May 21, Metcalf and several General Electric executives will visit the Lincoln Laboratory. The visit will take place at Building B in Lexington.

3. Staff Vacations

Group Leaders should arrange for staff vacations and let the Personnel Office know staff vacation dates.

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4. Organization List

A revised organization list is being prepared.

5. Cape Cod System

May 15 was the date originally scheduled for completion of installation of Cape Cod equipment. July 1 is the date for an operating system. At the present time, all of the equipment is not installed. The time schedule was modified to provide for two completely wired consoles by May 15 and to have the framework for other stations installed. All the computer panels have been installed and wired into the distribution box. Power has been brought into most stations. The first two scopes and the first one or two stations will take several weeks to be checked out. Although considerable trouble is anticipated, the July 1 date still may be met.

WWI now has two banks of storage operating without spare storage tubes. The buffer drum should be shipped from ERA in a week or two. We do not expect to use this buffer drum in the September System. Programming for it would be difficult to provide in sufficient time. Tests and installation of the drum will begin as soon as it arrives, and the drum will be incorporated into the system late in 1953.

6. Plans for Building A

Very soon we will need some definite ideas on how cabling for WWII will be handled in order to go ahead with plans for the basement of Building A. Hugh Wainwright is handling building details with Division 7.

7. Future Central Services in the Barta Building

After the move to Lexington, Mercer will probably stay at the Barta Building. Also, either Proctor, Fahnestock or Osborne will stay to handle personnel. A stockroom will remain in the Barta Building but print room facilities probably will not be provided.

8. Recruiting

The recruiting effort seems to be relatively inactive. The laboratory should be taking on some good men.

Signed

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