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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, June 16, 1952

To: Group Leaders

From: David R. Brown

Date: June 17, 1952

Attending: Jay W. Forrester, D. R. Brown, S. H. Dodd, K. R. Everett,
H. Fahnestock, N. H. Taylor

- Agenda: 1. Building Space
2. Test Equipment

1. Building Space

Fahnestock reported that a survey of space in the Barta Building indicates that the Barta building will be overcrowded by the end of next year. This situation will be relieved by moving the library from the Barta Building to the Whittemore Building. However, we will have a serious space problem by the time our staff reaches its peak. The total personnel planned is 600. The total gross floor space available, including the Whittemore Building, is approximately 63,000 square feet, allowing about 100 square feet per person. This will be inadequate. We might move some of our activities to the Lexington Laboratory or make the storage space in the basement of the Whittemore building available.

2. Test Equipment

The Test Equipment Committee has made a survey of present and anticipated needs of standard test equipment. The anticipated need is based upon our final staff, including 65 staff members in Group 62. The survey indicates that between 500 and 600 panels of standard test equipment in addition to those now on order will be required. This will bring the total number of panels of standard test equipment in the laboratory to approximately 1,400. This is estimated to be equivalent to 20 panels per staff member engaged in circuit work. The cost of the additional 500 to 600 panels will be around \$100,000. Fahnestock pointed out that the 1952 Budget allowed \$40,000 for test equipment and that \$65,000 were spent. Forrester suggested that Fahnestock see how the new proposed order could fit into the 1953 budget. We should make sure that we do not have more standard test equipment than we can use.

Signed David R. Brown
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Secretary

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