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GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, OCTOBER 1, 1953 SUBJECT:

John C. Proctor From:

Group Leaders To:

October 7, 1953 Date:

J. W. Forrester, C. W. Adams, S. H. Dodd, R. R. Everett, J. C. Proctor, N. H. Taylor, C. R. Wieser, P. Youtz Present:

Agenda: 1. Flexowriter and Punched Card Equipment

2. Improved Display

3. MIT - IBM Transfer of Personnel

4. Cape Cod Demonstration

1. Flexowriter and Punched Card Equipment

Adams feels that additional Flexowriter or punched card equipment is needed. The two Flexowriter units now with MTC will be needed there for some time. There is considerable interest in punched card equipment, but no definite evidence of any superiority over the Flexowriter for our use. Group 62 has no plans to try out punched card equipment on MTC as the necessary manpower is not available. If Adams and Verzuh can supply the manpower, MTC can be made available for such a trial.

Improved Display

Taylor feels enough was learned in the recent visits to Convair and Hughes to indicate that a flicker-free display system could be available in a year if proper impetus were given to its development. Youtz feels that a 5" tube for DID is quite feasible and would have a satisfactory life. Larger tubes are still questionable. Hughes would like to make 5 tubes for our evaluation at a cost of \$30,000. We should proceed very cautiously because of the uncertain situation at Hughes and possible complications arising from our IBM affiliation. Forrester will pursue the matter further.

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3. MIT - IBM Transfer of Personnel

XD-1 activity is centering more and more at Poughkeepsie, making it necessary for us to have a good man there capable of giving quick decisions as problems arise. Olsen is expected to fill this assignment. IBM has indicated a willingness to send a man here in return. This should be encouraged.

It should be recognized that our relationship with IBM is such that we are likely to lose people to them. This is not necessarily bad, but should be carefully watched.

4. Cape Cod Demonstration

Friday, October 9, 1953, the first attempt at a full-scale demonstration of the Cape Cod System will be attempted for the Lincoln Steering Committee.

Signed

John C. Proctor Acting Secretary

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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, October 19, 1953

To: Group Leaders

David R. Brown From:

Date: October 20, 1953

Jay W. Forrester, D. R. Brown, S. H. Dodd, R. R. Everett, J. C. Proctor, N. H. Taylor, and C. R. Wieser

Correction to Minutes Agenda:

Core-Testing Program 2.

AN/FSQ-7 (XD-1) Installation and IBM Responsibilities 3.

Personnel

Standards

6. Briefing and Demonstration of Cape-Cod System for FSQ-7

Design Engineers

ADC Visit During the Week of October 12 Visit to Jacobs Instrument

8.

9. Cape-Cod Demonstration on October 29

10. Seminar on Transition System

Buildings for AN/FSQ-7 (XD-1)

Visit to 701's

New Time for Group-Leaders' Meetings

1. Correction to Minutes

The subject of Memorandum L-122 which read, "Group Leaders! Meeting, October 1, 1953" should be changed to read, "Group Leaders' Meeting, October 5, 1953."

2. Core-Testing Program

Brown reported that MIT has agreed to undertake two thirds of the core testing for the first memory bank of FSQ-7. Routine work of this type is the responsibility of IBM, however. The core-testing program should be reviewed to determine whether or not IBM can carry the entire core-testing program. A detailed summary of the planned program will be issued in a memorandum by Brown on October 20. Taylor will review this with R. Crago at IBM.

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