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SUBJECT: STAFF ORGANIZATION

To: All Personnel


From: Jay W. Forrester

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The development of the computer and the objectives of the project have reached a point where some re-assignment of responsibilities among our senior engineers seems desirable. These changes are effective immediately.

S. S. Dodd, reporting to the Project Supervisor, will have full charge of the operation of the Whirlwind computer. This includes scheduling of computer time between maintenance, testing of new equipment, and use of the machine by the applications groups. Dodd will give final engineering approval for all computer modifications, and will be responsible for drawings and records. Fahnestock, as before, will countersign modifications as they may affect shop load and procurement. Watt's group will assist Dodd in Whirlwind power maintenance and installation.

N. H. Taylor, reporting to the Project Supervisor, will have charge of new engineering design. As before, this will include the work of Rich's group on terminal equipment. He will also consider major computer modifications, long range planning for redesign, and the engineering aspects of the application and integration of the computer to other systems. In the near future he will be making a study of other existing or proposed computers.


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