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SUBJECT: SAGE SYSTEM MEETING, 24 OCTOBER 1955
To: Distribution List
From: E. D. Lundberg
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Agenda:

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1. New Meeting Time

The SAGE System Meeting will be held at 0830 on Mondays, hereafter, instead of the previous starting time of 0945. The Group Leaders Meeting previously held at the earlier hour, will be held immediately after the SAGE Meeting in the future.

2. IBM Reorganization

J. W. Forrester disclosed information which he had received on the recent IBM reorganization. A Division of Defense Engineering and Manufacturing has been established at IBM and is headed by C. F. McElwain. G. A. Cullen has been named General Manager of the Kingston Defense Engineering and Manufacturing organization and reports to McElwain. R. P. Crago is the Assistant General Manager of the Kingston organization which encompasses all the activity of Project High. In the Kingston organization, Whelan has been placed in charge of all engineering, with J. H. Fraser heading up manufacturing, and R. C. Sampson in charge of field maintenance. The Vestal Laboratory is set up in a similar manner to the Kingston organization and is also under McElwain.

3. Visitors to Building F

J. A. O'Brien reported on a study that has been underway during the past three weeks on manhours spent by himself and his key people in conducting visitors through building F. It was generally agreed that this will be a continuing problem, but that other groups should be encouraged to alleviate this problem by training personnel to conduct their own visitors through building F, whenever possible.

4. Tape Conversion Equipment

The question was raised concerning what group has overall responsibility for the procurement and installation of tape conversion equipment. H. E. Anderson agreed that the Systems Office was responsible for coordinating this effort, but that other organizations would be responsible for certain parts of the job, e.g., the PCO would be responsible for expediting action.

5. Release of Operational Specifications

The initial group of operational specifications have been received by the PCO. These are now being coordinated within the Laboratory prior to release.

6. Recruiting for Rand

C. W. Farr reported on the progress of the recruiting of programmers for Rand. As of this date, 853 applications have been received as the result of referrals and answers to ads. About one half of these have been processed. Twenty-one offers have been made; of these, twelve have been accepted to date and only one has been refused. In addition, Lincoln has recommended that 23 additional offers be made. These are awaiting Rand approval.

7. Test Equipment for SAGE

K. E. McVicar reported on a meeting held in New York last week at which the SAGE test equipment list was discussed. The Air Force indicated a desire for a justification for each item listed and a statement of how each item is to be used. In addition, the Air Force wants this list submitted to the Lincoln Project Office for approval. (This may mean Lincoln review for technical adequacy.) Also, the responsibility for test equipment design and for test specifications were discussed.

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The resulting discussion indicated that organizations responsible for the tasks enumerated above have not been established. K. E. McVicar agreed to prepare a draft listing the work items that should be the responsibility of Lincoln (with due consideration to the number of experienced Lincoln people available) and those tasks which should be the responsibility of other organizations.

8. Time Allocation Request from CRC

H. E. Anderson reported on a request received from ATC through CRC for twenty hours a week of XD-1 computer time during June and July of next year. This is for the purpose of training instructors to be used in the training of ADC personnel which commences in September 1956. Initial review of the XD-1 time allocation has not indicated an apparent solution. The problem will be further studied so that some recommended solution can be made. This will be reviewed by R. R. Everett before it is transmitted to CRC.

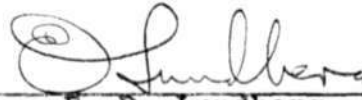
9. Meetings Scheduled This Week

a. A meeting will be held at 220 Church St., NYC, on Tuesday 25 October, to review the revised ADES document on internal and external communications for a Direction Center. This will be attended by Enticknap and Irish.

b. Representatives from Project High, including West, Astrahan, Walters, and Housman will visit Lincoln on 25 October to discuss advanced development work.

c. A Biweekly ADES-Lincoln Engineering Meeting will be held in room A-166 at 0915 on Wednesday, 26 October.

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