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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, December 28, 1953
To: Group Leaders
From: John C. Proctor
Date: December 29, 1953
Present: Jay W. Forrester, N. H. Taylor, S. H. Dodd, R. R. Everett,
C. R. Wieser, J. C. Proctor and P. Youtz
Agenda: 1. Moving to Lexington
2. ADES Liaison
3. FCA Tube Program
4. Budget
5. Building "B"

1. Moving to Lexington

Group 62 feels that moving to Lexington as soon as possible would be desirable in order to gain closer liaison with Harrington's group. This would also provide better contact with IBM because of the location closer to the Bedford Airport. However, no one seems to have any strong feelings about the exact time that would be most desirable. The latest consideration of space shows that Division 6 has a better ratio of space to personnel than other divisions if area is to be retained in Whittemore. This will probably produce considerable pressure for Division 6 to give up space at Lexington. IBM plans to have 35 people in Lexington. We have provided space for only six, but it should be possible to temporarily house the additional people in the new building, as the consoles for the top floor will not be completed before July '55 at the earliest. If space must be given up, the area in Building "B" assigned to MTC would be least painful.

2. ADES Liaison

The ADES Group is now actively working on plans and making decisions. It is felt that this group is competent and its work essential

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if an effective air defense system is to evolve. We cannot take any leadership in such a program but should keep in sufficiently close touch with the work so we could protest any decisions which would be seriously disturbing to us. Forrester, Taylor and Kromer will discuss the situation further and formulate a definite plan for continued liaison. Although the ADES Group has made cost estimates which differ from ours, this is not surprising. However, Taylor feels they are probably based on inflated IBM figures and may not be entirely realistic.

3. RCA Tube Program

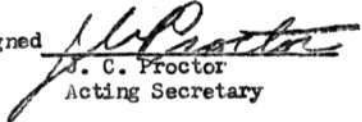
RCA is continuing work on the 7AK7 tube, although no support as yet has been provided by IBM. RCA will continue this work for another six weeks but will then require outside support. They want \$25,000 for engineering expenses on this program and would want an additional \$25,000 to work on an improved type 5965. It is felt that an alternate source of tubes for XD-1 is highly desirable and that RCA is the logical choice. MIT should support this work if IBM is unable to.

4. Budget

The revised extra-ordinary budget was accepted as submitted by R. Nelson.

5. Building "F"

At the present time it is impossible to say how much that is desired by Division 6 can be provided in the original building contract, since the exact amount of money which may be available for its construction has not been determined and bids have not yet been submitted for the work. Every attempt should be made to include everything in the original contract but money will be provided in the extra-ordinary budget to meet unforeseen contingencies. It is felt that IBM has been kept properly informed as to the status of the building plans. They understand that the building dimensions and general specifications are settled and that special improvements, such as false ceilings, must be proposed by IBM, if they are felt justified.

Signed 
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Acting Secretary

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