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Subject: Group Leaders' Meeting - May 21, 1956

To: Group Leaders and Associate Group Leaders

From: C. W. Farr

Date: May 23, 1956

Present: J. W. Forrester, R. R. Everett, J. A. Arnow, W. J. Canty,
C. L. Corderman, S. H. Dodd, C. W. Farr, D. R. Israel,
J. F. Jacobs, K. E. McVicar, B. E. Morriss, Jr.,
J. A. O'Brien, W. N. Papian, J. C. Proctor, E. S. Rich,
P. YoutzAgenda: 1. Acting Group Leader--Group 63
2. Time Cycle and Tracking Capacity
3. Program Redesign
4. Combat Center Program
5. Assembly Test
6. Cape Cod
7. Committee "A"1. Acting Group Leader--Group 63

Forrester advised of notification from Brown that Papian would function as Acting Group Leader for Group 63 for a three month period during which Brown expects to be occupied full time in the activities of SIC.

2. Time Cycle and Tracking Capacity

Arnow reported calculation of in-out interlock time at 19.4 seconds per frame on the basis of extrapolation of 35 existing programs and a tracking capacity level of 100.

3. Program Redesign

Jacobs outlined the plan for setting up a small (3 or 4 man)

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group under Israel to study and make recommendations concerning improvement of the time cycle and tracking capacity capability of the FSQ-7

Forrester pointed out that this activity contains no flavor of a job poorly done but implements the investigation of improvements.

General discussion emphasized the need for studying the programming as well as the equipment, and pointed out that the group is responsible for recommendations and not for any action to make changes.

4. Combat Center Program

Jacobs discussed plans for establishment of a group assigned to the Combat Center Program.

5. Assembly Test

Arnold discussed assembly test planning, outlining the breakdown of assignments. This work is primarily verification but proceeds somewhat slowly due to the lack of computer experience of personnel available. Plans take into account that operation of the digital displays is lagging; air surveillance will be made ready first and assembly test for the complete program may be accomplished by the first of the year.

6. Cape Cod

Rich reported that Weiser plans to assign Fortier as systems engineer responsible in the Cape Cod System to coordinate action to correct troubles principally of a program nature which have arisen.

7. Committee "A"

Papian briefly summarized the situation relating to union negotiations indicating that the independent union, which includes Lincoln technicians, will vote May 22 on a proposal to affiliate with a national body; negotiations with the guards' union will get under way next week followed by discussions with the union which includes our maintenance personnel.

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C. W. Farr, Secretary

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