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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, March 10, 1953

To: Group Leaders

From: David K. Brown

Date: March 18, 1953

Present: Jay W. Forrester, C. W. Adams, D. K. Brown, S. H. Dodd, R. K. Everett,  
J. C. Proctor, N. H. Taylor, C. R. Wieser

- Agenda:
1. Lincoln Laboratory Administrative Bulletin No. 40
  2. Requirements for a Mechanical Engineer
  3. Group 62 Overtime
  4. IBH Ferrite Development
  5. "Project Whirlwind"
  6. WWII Biweekly
  7. Hartford Meeting of March 17, 1953
  8. Kelly Committee Visit

1. Lincoln Laboratory Administrative Bulletin No. 40

This administrative bulletin states the procedure for obtaining clearance for papers to be published by Lincoln Laboratory Staff Members. Most of this bulletin applies to Division 6. Fahnestock or Proctor will issue a memorandum explaining in detail how it applies to Division 6.

2. Requirements for Mechanical Engineer

The possibility of hiring another mechanical engineer to assist Wainwright or to do mechanical engineering jobs of the type done in the past by Bob Hunt was discussed. The central service organization in Group 60 should not make a practice of doing electronic or mechanical design. Taylor and Brown should get together and decide what their mechanical engineering requirements are and ask for a man if they want one. Wainwright's first responsibility is to the central service organization. If he has time left from his duties there, he may be able to do mechanical design for WWII.

3. Overtime in Group 62

The high rate of overtime in Group 62 will begin to taper off six to eight weeks from now after LTC is completed.

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4. IBM Ferrite Development

Brown and Vinal visited the Poughkeepsie laboratories of IBM on February 17 to discuss the possibility of IBM's entering a ferrite development program. IBM lacks confidence in commercial suppliers and feels that the only sure way good cores can be obtained is to for them to go into production themselves. They would do this on a firm basis supported by basic research. The core production facility would be setup under Dr. Little in Jerry Haddad's department.

The prime contract between the Air Force and IBM is written so that MIT is a consultant. The Air Force will submit technical decisions to MIT for approval or at least inform MIT of any technical decisions taken in connection with the contract.

5. "Project Whirlwind"

Telephone operators should no longer answer the phone with the phrase "Project Whirlwind". The phrase "Computer Laboratory" or "Computer Lab" should be used.

6. WWII Biweekly

A classified biweekly report containing all WWII reports is desirable. This subject will be discussed in greater detail at the next Group Leaders' meeting. The trend is toward separate group biweeklies which would include abstracts written by the Group Leaders.

7. Hartford meeting of March 17, 1953

Time schedules are included in the agenda of the joint IBM-MIT meeting scheduled for March 16 in Hartford.

8. Kelly Committee Visit

The Kelly Committee saw a well executed demonstration and commented that the presentation was excellent.

Signed

*David R. Brown*David R. Brown  
Secretary

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