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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, April 18, 1955

To: Group Leaders

From: David R. Brown

Date: April 21, 1955

Present: J. W. Forrester, D. R. Brown, S. H. Dodd, R. R. Everett,  
C. W. Farr, A. P. Kromer, J. C. Proctor, N. H. Taylor,  
C. R. Wieser, and P. Youts

- Agenda:
1. Space
  2. Salary Review
  3. IBM Engineering Support Program
  4. Second Source for AN/FSQ-7 Tubes

1. Space

Six modules of space near G. E. Valley's office in Building A and four modules in Building B have been proposed for Colonel LaMontagne and his associates. J. C. Proctor will ask that the space be consolidated in Building A, moving the Building A conference room if necessary.

The total amount of space in the Lincoln Laboratory assigned to Air Force personnel must not be allowed to increase. Casual assignment of space to Air Force personnel must be avoided.

The Division 6 Inspection and Wiring Shops are being consolidated. As soon as the consolidation is complete, IBM will move into the space made available and permit a series of moves. R. Fallows section will move into Building F and S. H. Dodd will take over Fallows present space. S. Thompson and J. Crane will move to D-232. E. S. Rich will take J. F. Jacobs old office, making B-110 available. J. F. Jacobs is planning to move to Building C. Internal rearrangements of offices are being made in B-209 and the Group 6L area in Building C. A reduction in the size of the Division 6 Model Shop is expected to make the space now occupied by the Sheet Metal Shop and half the space now occupied by the Machine Shop available for approximately 20 ADES personnel. The loss of a portion of the Division 6 Model Shop is expected to result in more work being sent to Division 7 and to outside shops. The Division 6 Production Control Office will closely follow all shop jobs and engineers should work through that office.

2. Salary Review

Ground rules for the annual salary review are not yet available. The Lincoln Laboratory salary scale appears to need a general uplifting.

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3. IBM Engineering Support Program

AFCRC has asked Lincoln to review IBM's proposal for an engineering support program. S. H. Dodd has a draft of Lincoln's comments granting general approval to IBM's proposal. This draft will be reviewed with J. W. Forrester and R. R. Everett before it is forwarded to AFCRC.

4. Second Source of AN/FSQ-7 Tubes

Since IBM's selection of Raytheon and Bendix as second sources for FSQ-7 tubes, N. H. Taylor has become concerned about the inevitable resulting development of different second types because of the impossibility of having the same process control, detail design, etc., used in the two companies making what is nominally a single tube type. N. H. Taylor believes that this will result in decreased margins and reliability for the FSQ-7 system.

The Air Force has asked for Lincoln's approval of IBM's orders with Raytheon and Bendix. Lincoln would propose that the prime sources be asked to work closely with organizations of their own choice to supply tubes of identical design and processing controls as second sources for FSQ-7 tubes. It appears uncertain whether or not the existing prime sources, General Electric and Sylvania, would go along with this idea. The problem will be discussed at greater length with IBM. N. H. Taylor will write a letter to IBM on the desirability of having second sources which manufacture tubes with identical design and processing controls.

Signed



David R. Brown  
Secretary

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cc: W. K. Linvill  
C. W. Farr

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