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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING - December 5, 1955

To: Group Leaders and Associate Group Leaders

From: C. W. Farr

Date: December 8, 1955

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Present: J. W. Forrester, R. R. Everett, J. A. Arnow, D. R. Brown, S.H. Dodd,
C. W. Farr, J.F. Jacobs, D. R. Israel, B. E. Morris, Jr.,
J. A. O'Brien, W. H. Papian, E. S. Rich, E. H. Taylor

Agenda: 1. Lincoln-MIT Relationship
2. 1957 Budget
3. Reorganization of Group 63
4. Master Program Schedule
5. Stand-by Computer
6. Weapons
7. Sample Memo for File

1. Lincoln-MIT Relationship

This item was deferred until next week since Forrester and Everett must leave the meeting early for the visit of Dr. Killian and the M. I. T. Corporation members.

2. 1957 Budget

Farr relayed Proctor's request that the Group Leaders review 1956 budget estimates and expenditures to date and be prepared to submit estimates of 1957 budget requirements for extraordinary expense. Arrangements were made for furnishing this information to Group Leaders December 5.

3. Reorganization of Group 63

D. R. Brown announced plans for merging the work previously supervised by Vinal with Goodenough's work placing Goodenough in charge of the combined program now that Vinal has resigned and left the Laboratory.

Brown also announced plans to assign to Meisling responsibility for a survey of possibilities for high-speed memory, for development work relating to AICBM and other one-man study problems; this assignment is temporary (six months to one year). Eckl is assigned Section Chief of the Transistor Section of Group 63 and will coordinate the work on the Philco subcontract. Discussion of Meisling's assignment (as Section Chief without subordinates) was discussed and found to involve no new precedent.

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Related discussion ensued concerning the problems of morale and recognition of capable staff people who prefer assignments unrelated to administration and hence do not climb the ladder from staff employee to Section Leader to Group Leader, etc.

Forrester recognized the need for discussion of some of these problems in the Personnel Committee.

Note: At this point, Forrester and Everett left appointing Dodd chairman.

4. Master Program Schedule

Jacobs reviewed the schedule of preparation of the master simplex program. The effect of present schedules on various groups was analyzed. In summary, our aim is to be prepared for ESS demonstration June 1 as previously announced; April 15, the Air Surveillance Program will be ready but the Weapons Direction Program will not be ready until five weeks later.

The time estimate made in February 1955 and published in July contemplated Air Surveillance and Weapons Direction ready for testing April 1; in September, the testing date was adjusted to April 15.

Discussion of the latest scheduling information on October '56 and March '57 schedule dates showed that conclusions depended on schedule studies which Group 61 is making this week.

It was agreed that questions ADES will be asking this week concerning the ESS schedule, should be answered by Rader and Morriss.

5. Stand-by Computer

Morriss summarized discussions with Col. Lee and W. S. Malahn concerning IBM participation in the programming of the stand-by computer. IBM has already responded to Lincoln request to participate in a study of the problem; Lincoln is drafting a letter asking IBM to assume a major portion of the short-time tasks of programming the stand-by computer.

6. Weapons

Taylor requested rewording of the TRR (not yet released) stating Lincoln's general policy on integration of weapons into SAGE System. Morriss and Farr agreed to try to find a less antagonistic presentation.

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7. Sample Memorandum for File

Dodd outlined the procedure being developed for Lincoln, BTL, and WS implementation of systems testing. Lincoln's task will be to carry the work as far as writing up the technical information, (probably in M-note form) equivalent to "Memorandum for File" in the BTL procedure. Forrester will answer a letter from *J. Burger stating our position. Meanwhile, Rich has been assigned to start actual work on the preparation of information releases.

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