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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, January 4, 1954

To: Group Leaders

From: David R. Brown

Date: January 5, 1954

Present: Jay W. Forrester, D. R. Brown, S. H. Dodd, E. R. Everett,
C. J. Proctor, N. H. Taylor, and for item 1, C. I. Wieser

- Agenda:
1. Group 61 Liaison
 2. Cooperation with the Laboratory for Insulation Research
 3. Research Assistants
 4. Central Services in Lexington
 5. Quarterly Progress Reports

1. Group 61 Liaison

Requests sent to the Lincoln Laboratory Director's Office for Lincoln Laboratory participation in discussions and visits to other organizations are frequently filled by members of Group 61 actively engaged in engineering aspects of the program. The Laboratory should consider hiring someone specifically for these liaison activities so that those engaged in engineering work will not be interrupted.

2. Cooperation with the Laboratory for Insulation Research

Division 6 cooperation with the Laboratory for Insulation Research was discussed on December 18 at a meeting between Professor von Hippel and D. Brown. Professor von Hippel feels that full cooperation between the Laboratory for Insulation Research and Division 6 is possible only as long as the Laboratory for Insulation Research is engaged in basic research and Division 6 is engaged in engineering development for a particular application. If Division 6 enters the field of basic research, full cooperation and interchange of information is no longer possible. The Laboratory for Insulation Research cannot accept a situation in which measurements and observations made in their laboratory might be used in scientific publications by Division 6. Brown feels that basic research in magnetics is a vital and necessary part of our program and that the results of this work should be published in scientific journals.

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At the present time, Division 6 is paying the salaries of three staff members working in the Laboratory for Insulation Research. Some measurements and suggestions from the Laboratory for Insulation Research have been helpful to the Group 63 program. Future Division 6 support for the Laboratory for Insulation Research will be the subject of future talks between Brown and Professor von Hippel.

3. Research Assistants

The evaluation reports for Research Assistants in Division 6 rate nearly all Research Assistants good and very few outstanding or satisfactory. A number of ratings were reviewed and confirmed. However, R. Maglio's and J. Stirman's ratings were changed from good to satisfactory.

The heavy load being carried by the senior engineers in the laboratory makes it difficult for them to act as thesis supervisors. Professor W. Linvill will be asked to assist in supervision of theses but should have the assistance of competent engineers in our laboratory who are less well known outside the laboratory than our senior engineers.

4. Central Services in Lexington

Forrester has discussed with Dr. A. Hill the future of some Division 6 Central Services after the move to Lexington. A number of services must be considered and will be the subject of future discussions.

5. Quarterly Progress Reports

Discussion of Quarterly Progress Reports was deferred to the next meeting.

Signed

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