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SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING - October 24, 1955
To: Group Leaders and Associate Group Leaders
From: C. W. Farr
Date: October 26, 1955

Present: J. W. Forrester, R. R. Everett, J. A. Arnov, D. R. Brown, S. H. Dodd,
C. W. Farr, D. R. Israel, J. F. Jacobs, B. E. Morriss, Jr., J. A. O'Brien,
W. N. Papiian, J. C. Proctor, E. S. Rich, N. H. Taylor, P. Youtz

- Agenda:
1. Change Meeting Time
 2. Meeting of Steering Committee - Group 63 - Advance Development
 3. Murphy - Space
 4. IBM Advance Development Program - Meeting
 5. Atlas Missile
 6. Non-staff to Staff Promotion Problem
 7. Lincoln Responsibility in SAGE System
 8. Gate Tube Situation
 9. Tape Conversion Equipment

1. Change Meeting Time

Brown revived question raised October 17 concerning time of Group Leaders' Meeting and the advisability of scheduling Group Leaders' Meeting after SAGE System meeting.

Agreement was reached for a two-week trial period to schedule the SAGE System Meeting for Monday, 8:30 a.m.; the Group Leaders' Meeting will follow adjournment of the SAGE System Meeting and will start not earlier than 9:30 and not later than 10 a.m. Farr will see that personnel are notified.

2. Meeting of Steering Committee - Group 63 - Advance Development

Brown stated that J. V. Harrington had accepted appointment to the Steering Committee - Group 63 - Advance Development. A meeting time of 2 p.m. on November 16 was tentatively agreed upon.

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3. Murphy - Space

Proctor reported on discussion with Mr. Dempsey of the Air Installations Office who stated that the Air Force has appointed a temporary resident manager in the person of Lt. Colangelo at Murphy. IBM started moving furniture into Murphy last Friday and has assumed responsibility for renovation; a Kingston representative arrives October 24 for supervisory duty until renovation is completed. It is possible that the existing partitions at Murphy, in at least some cases, cannot be moved; presumably there will not be objections to installation of partitions. IBM will move its training course from the Field Station; delay for adequate lighting is a possibility. Proctor said Rand, the ATC group, and WE, are eager to move; Burger has been out of town. Phones may present a problem; the area is now equipped with pay phones. Proctor is looking for prints showing the layout of the assigned area at Murphy. It is hoped that moving of personnel can start within a week.

4. IBM Advance Development Program - Meeting

Taylor reviewed plans for the IBM Advance Development Meeting, October 25, at the IBM Research Center to present developments on information processing and other basic R and D work. Transportation arrangements are being made by M. Bateman. Lincoln representatives include Holloway, Valley, Brown, Dodd, Everett, Forrester, Harrington, Taylor, and Overhage.

5. Atlas Missile

Taylor reported on visit from J. Weiland, Assistant Technical Engineer, Convair, formerly of IBM, who is interested in our display system and the possible application of AN/FSQ-7 and its display system to the Air Force Missile Testing Program. Forrester requested Taylor to discuss with Dustin.

6. Non-staff to Staff Promotion Problem

Papian requested advice concerning the functions of Committee A and Committee B with respect to non-staff promotion. Everett explained that Committee B is in the formative stage and that Holloway is thinking about the problem and plans to discuss it in Steering Committee Meeting October 24. There is no reason for Committee A to consider this question outside its province and Forrester suggested that Committee A take an active interest.

7. Lincoln Responsibility in the SAGE System

Dodd presented a written proposal stating Lincoln's position in acknowledging SAGE System responsibility. General discussion resulted in the decision to clarify Lincoln's position and try to find a better illustrative example. The problem was left with Dodd for further work.

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8. Gate Tube Situation

Morris brought in information obtained from Youtz concerning Sylvania production difficulties interfering with scheduled deliveries of gate tubes. Morris phoned Whelan at IBM who will work out a reasonable allocation with Burroughs. Production of six thousand tubes a month is half the needed quantity. The deficit is expected to continue until Bendix is in production; this date is at least six months in the future. Taylor remarked on the lack of proper coordination of Burroughs orders from the Paoli office for prototype requirements and orders from the Michigan office for production requirements. Morris will continue to follow this problem.

9. Tape Conversion Equipment

Israel was asked by Forrester to work out with Proctor the space allocation problem for tape conversion equipment.

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