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Subject: Group Leaders' Meeting - March 12, 1956
To: Group Leaders and Associate Group Leaders
From: C. W. Farr
Date: April 25, 1956
Present: J. W. Forrester, R. R. Everett, J. A. Arnow, H. D. Benington,
D. R. Brown, W. J. Canty, R. S. Fallows, C. W. Farr,
D. R. Israel, J. F. Jacobs, K. E. McVicar, B. E. Morriss, Jr.,
J. A. O'Brien, W. N. Papian, J. C. Proctor, E. S. Rich
N. H. Taylor, C. A. Zraket
Agenda: 1. Six Day Week
2. Friday Tea
3. Assistance in Weapons Integration
4. Rating
5. BTL Trip
6. Thin Film Research
7. RAND Attendance at SAGE Meeting
8. Recruiting
9. Programming Schedule

1. Six Day Week

Forrester introduced the question of the six day week in connection with our difficulties in meeting our scheduled commitments in programming.

General discussion brought out the fact that RAND is willing to work 48 hours and pay for additional working time, but only if Lincoln does likewise; Western Electric has questioned why Lincoln does not work six days (Canty reports recent difficulty in obtaining authorization for Saturday work for WE personnel--the policy has recently been reversed but authorization is still limited); BTL people, especially test teams, are scheduled for Saturday work and are paid accordingly. Discussions of the results obtainable from the 48 hour week for Lincoln Staff Members

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brought forth expressions of doubt of its beneficial value. Individual members of the meeting were asked to state their positions. Farr roughly summarized, six opposed to a 48 hour week, four in favor, and four undeclared but recognizing a need for resolution of problems associated with schedule commitments.

Forrester and Everett took the question under advisement for Steering Committee discussion.

2. Friday Tea

Forrester summarized the study which has been made of a non-technical instruction program for Lincoln, mentioning the work of a subcommittee appointed by Forrester and Overhage leading to discussions with Professors Rubenstein and Shepard of the MIT faculty. He said a series of perhaps six 2 hour sessions on Conference Management conducted by the two Professors is being contemplated; financial obstacles remain to be overcome; a presentation by the Professors is scheduled for March 16 (later cancelled due to a snowstorm).

3. Assistance in Weapons Integration

Israel stated that the weapons integration task is growing faster than contemplated; the loss of Boyd presents a critical replacement problem. Possible transfers within Lincoln are being studied.

4. Rating

Taylor summarized reactions to the proposed rating form and secured agreement of the meeting members to initiate the preparation and distribution of a modified rating form as submitted by Farr for use in connection with the current salary review.

5. BTL Trip

Taylor briefly summarized results of his recent BTL trip including the BTL attitude toward jamming difficulties using chaff.

6. Thin Film Research

Brown discussed a proposed subcontract with the MIT Chemistry Department to apply experience in evaporated techniques of thin film deposition. Professor Harris has over a decade of experience in this field and has proposed alternative approaches including ferro-magnetic smoke, super-conducting smoke, various types of vacuum deposits, and single crystal films. Crystron units have been made experimentally by evaporation techniques. The contemplated program would cost approximately \$12,000 a year and would bring additional faculty supervision into the Building 10 program. Brown will write up the program and present it to Forrester and Everett.

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7. RAND Attendance at SAGE Meeting

Jacobs raised the question of eligibility of Haverty (RAND-- Section Leader Group 67) for SAGE meeting attendance.

Decision was reached to invite Haverty as Section Leader to the SAGE meeting, and to establish the ruling that RAND (and presumably other contracting personnel) below the level of Section Leader would not be invited to SAGE meetings.

8. Recruiting

Zraket summarized Group 61 arrangements for programmer recruiting. He estimated 20 man weeks of Group 61 staff effort, using existing contacts at the colleges. The program is being coordinated with the Personnel Office.

Proctor summarized recent difficulties and delays relating to Personnel Office procedure for handling of applicants' credentials; in a individual case which Proctor referred to the Personnel Office one and a half hours were required to locate the folder of a candidate in which Division 6 was interested. Proctor reported that Plachta was aroused by this incident and declared his attention to take immediate measures.

Everett summarized the activity associated with the permanent college recruiters list and reviewed proposed assignments for Division 6 recruiters present at the meeting.

9. Programming Schedule

Jacobs stated that a presentation would be made at the forthcoming ADES meeting summarizing the ESS and McGuire Programming schedules and indicating completion of the ESS Shakedown September 1 instead of July 1.

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