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Division 6 - Lincoln Laboratory
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

SUBJECT: GROUP LEADERS' MEETING, June 14, 1954

To: Group Leaders

From: David R. Brown

Date: June 15, 1954

Present: R. R. Everett, D. R. Brown, S. H. Dodd, A. P. Kromer, W. K. Linvill,
J. C. Proctor, N. H. Taylor, and P. Youtz

- Agenda: 1. Ferrite Memory Cores
 2. MIT Concurrence on FSQ-7 Production
 3. S. E. Desjardins
 4. Status of the Salary Review
 5. Proposed Reference to IBM Contract Number on Division 6 Reports
 6. Building B. Partitioning

1. Ferrite Memory Cores

General Ceramics has submitted a quotation dated June 4 to R. A. Kelley at IBM to supply a minimum of 80,000 good cores per month during the next six months. The quoted price is 20.8 cents per core. General Ceramics has asked for a decision no later than July 15, 1954.

C. Lynch had asked for release of the specifications for the ferrite memory core by June 14, 1954. Revised specifications are being written for the memory core, but are not expected before September 1. The time schedule and procedure for release and procurement of memory cores for the production machines is somewhat uncertain. S. H. Dodd and D. R. Brown will meet with C. Lynch and H. D. Ross to discuss the MIT concurrence procedure.

2. MIT Concurrence on FSQ-7 Production

S. H. Dodd and C. W. Watt discussed the MIT concurrence procedure with C. Lynch, R. Crago, R. Cole, D. Ross, and M. Astrahan at a meeting in Poughkeepsie on June 9. MIT's proposal calls for concurrence on specifications for the system elements, basic circuits, and components and mechanical design. The MIT proposal also calls for a concurrence on major items or classes just prior to release for production. IBM does not accept MIT's proposal, feeling that MIT overemphasizes the importance of concurrence and doesn't have time to carry out all that it is requesting.

A compromise was suggested for the concurrence just prior to release. IBM would prepare a schedule showing dates that different parts of the design were to be reviewed for release. MIT would send its comments for this review. C. Watt would attend weekly meetings in Poughkeepsie to participate in the review.

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IBM agrees that MIT would concur on specifications; MIT would concur on the group or class not affected by duplaxing. New and modified parts would be considered individually. The concurrence on basic circuits would be done as it is for the prototypes. Concurrence on components and mechanical design would be taken care of at the time of the concurrence on major items or classes just prior to release for production.

N. H. Taylor discussed quality control with the Air Force inspector in Poughkeepsie on June 11. For prototype construction, the Air Force inspector is willing to give MIT final authority in quality-control questions. For production machines, however, the Air Force inspector's office is expected to play a significant role in maintaining quality control and enforcing MIL specifications.

3. S. E. Desjardins

S. J. Dodd has a letter from Hughes Research and Development Laboratories stating they will not make an offer to S. E. Desjardins until they have our permission. S. H. Dodd has drafted a reply stating that S. E. Desjardins is engaged in important military work and that his loss would affect the military program. However, if Desjardins wishes to accept an offer from Hughes, MIT will not stand in his way.

4. Status of the Salary Review

The salary review has been approved by the DDL Fiscal Office and is expected to go to the MIT Salary Review Board during the week of June 14. Announcements are expected to be out by the end of that week. The MIT Executive Committee may approve the review ex post facto.

5. Proposed Reference to IBM Contract Number on Division 6 Reports

IBM has requested that some reference to their Air Force contract number be made on Division 6 reports. A. P. Kromer and J. C. Proctor will see what arrangements can be made to have something appropriate stamped on Division 6 reports sent outside the laboratory, when the reports are joint MIT-IBM efforts.

6. Building B. Partitioning

No progress in partitioning of Building B is reported. J. C. Proctor will determine the status and will inquire into the possible use of Hauserman partitions instead of Parker partitions.

Signed

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Secretary

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