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Subject: Group Leaders' Meeting - 1 October 1956
To: Group Leaders and Associated Group Leaders
From: C. W. Farr
Date: 1 October 1956
Present: R. R. Everett, N. H. Taylor, J. A. Arnow,
H. D. Benington, D. R. Brown, C. L. Corderman,
N. L. Daggett, S. H. Dodd, R. S. Fallows,
C. W. Farr, D. R. Israel, J. F. Jacobs,
K. E. McVicar, B. E. Morriss, W. Papain,
J. C. Proctor, E. S. Rich, P. Youtz, C. A.
Zraket, G. E. Valley - Part-time, F. P. Hazel -
Item 9-24-A only

Agenda: 8-20-A Computer Reliability
8-20-B Shakedown Tests and Program Assembly
Checkout
8-20-G Space
9-17-A Division 6 Activities Committee
9-17-C Kingston Computer Operation
9-17-D Compensation of Non-staff Personnel
Away from Lincoln
9-24-A CROSSTALK
9-24-D Group 61 Charter
10-1-A Salary Review
10-1-B RAND Work Week
10-1-C Lincoln-RAND Phasing

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ACTION8-20-A Computer Reliability

O'Brien reviewed the past week's reliability figures indicating 76% of scheduled time useable and 1½ hours average time between failures. This is a continued downward trend. Discussion considered causes and remedies. The tape unit trouble has recurred; Taylor reported that Best has uncovered some tape circuit troubles. The debugging of the drums has been successful. The pluggable units of XD-1 leave something to be desired in the plug contacts. XD-1 has had three changes in maintenance crews during 18 months -- the capability of maintenance people, for this and other reasons, is considerably less than for WWI. Daggett spoke of the need for outstanding maintenance capability since XD-1 is expected to do an outstanding job with prototype equipment.

Dodd will work with IBM to organize a concentrated drive to improve XD-1 reliability to an acceptable level.

Transfer this item to SAGE Meeting agenda.

8-20-B Shakedown Tests and Program Assembly Checkout

Dodd discussed shakedown tests -- comparison of WWI returns with XD-1 returns indicates that a tracking difficulty in XD-1 is assignable to programming -- a meeting was held last week with Group 22, RAND, BTL to discuss common data reduction activity and its proper scheduling on computers.

The recommended computer schedule for data reduction is expected in two weeks.

Everett says BTL wants to transfer Carmichael to data reduction work.

Clement will discuss with Halligan, meanwhile leaving Carmichael on Lincoln assignment for the present.

Dodd says BTL has promoted Watters -- chances of his re-assignment to Lincoln are small.

Transferred to SAGE Meeting. (See also SAGE Meeting report, October 1).

8-20-G Space

Proctor stated that IBM had moved out of Building F during the weekend -- partition contractors will complete Building F changes by October 3 -- O'Donnell has indicated a two weeks slippage in RAND Building schedule -- this presents problem of housing the October 22 programming class -- temporary possibilities include Field Station and the Murphy Auditorium or cafeteria.

Weekly agenda.

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ACTION9-17-A Division 6 Activities Committee

McVicar reported encouraging number of tickets sold for Division 6 banquet October 11.

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9-17-C Kingston Computer Operation

McVicar reported 100% usability of scheduled time at Kingston two days last week -- Morriss reported 33 Lincoln (and RAND) now located at Kingston.

Transfer item to SAGE Meeting. (See also SAGE Meeting notes, October 1).

9-17-D Compensation of Non-staff Personnel Away from Lincoln

Everett indicated adverse decision from Director's Office on committee recommendation.

None required.

9-24-A CROSSTALK

Hazel reported results of questionnaire submitted to Division 6 staff members with experimental issue of CROSSTALK -- returns were received from 58 out of 163 issued -- 52 preferred CROSSTALK in original or modified form -- 6 preferred Biweekly in original or modified form. A corresponding poll of Group Leaders and Associate Group Leaders indicated a similar preference for a CROSSTALK type of report.

Evererr authorized the change-over from the Biweekly report to the monthly CROSSTALK type of report as proposed by Hazel.

9-24-D Group 61 Charter

Israel scheduled a meeting following the Group Leaders meeting since the previous week's meeting had aborted.

10-1-A Salary Review

Discussion of preparation for salary review resulted in agreement that Papien would meet with Proctor and Farr to establish procedure for preparatory work.

10-1-B RAND Work Week

Morriss announced that RAND started October 1 the five day work week 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. for RAND, Lexington, and Kingston personnel with extra hour pay -- Jacobs will discuss with Melahn but proposes no corresponding increase in working hours of Lincoln personnel.

October 8 agenda.

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10-1-C Lincoln-RAND Phasing

Jacobs indicated need for long-range plans for assignments to Lincoln personnel phasing out of the RAND relationship. Jacobs proposed additional discussion at subsequent meetings.

October 8
agenda.

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