

MEMORANDUM

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From: Hollis Frampton

To: Gerry O'Grady

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1. A reminder about the somewhat rococo note I wrote to you, at late hours, a few weeks ago, concerning securing 218 Wende for a software/hardware facility for Woody & myself and our students. There was also mention of telephone lines. This space really would be of inestimable value to us, and would facilitate the pursuit of a number of projects of real interest and seriousness.

2. About a note I got from Jon Burris on 12/12/77. There are still flies in theointment with the Processor Technology Sol-20 Terminal. They concern a fourth ROM (Read Only Memory) chip containing PT's TXT-2 and SIM-1 Text Editor and Simulator firmware; and a so-called GPM-Sol Circuit Board to contain the chip. Burris seems to suggest they were never ordered. This is a matter of a couple of hundred dollars; since money has already been spent on 3 chips containing the ALS-8 Resident Assembly, which are useless unless plugged into the circuit board and combined with the remaining chip, the money would be well spent. It seems that your personal funds are involved, and that Burris is awaiting your response to that news.

In the meantime, I've contributed my own module. That means I can't use it for my personal research...and programming at the level that this hardware/software module facilitates is of the first importance pedagogically and practically (for myself as well as students in the courses Woody and I are involved in.) It would be nice to have some determination about both these matters by January 16, one way or the other.

About \$5,000 worth of my own hardware is tied up in this course effort. Since Woody and I are involved in a process of definition...both curricular and extra-curricular-with-a-view-to-future-research, I do not object to this except that I have projects and deadlines of my own.

3. A crucial item is a Model ASR-33 Teletype. I bought one and immediately installed it in CMS where it is in constant use. It cost, by itself, \$850. It has been my rumored understanding, since last Summer, that someone around ECC was trying to get a Teletype for "us". That should not be impossible for 2 reasons: (a) there must be dozens of them on campus, since they're a quite standard input/output-terminal for large time-sharing computers like the CYBER 173 at Ridge Lea; and (b) because dollars for such a Teletype are not 'sinful', since they are intended to interface our department with the large computer facility on campus; and I think there is general assent to the view that the maximum possible use should be made by the whole community of that very versatile and expensive facility. So: is someone at ECC still "looking"?

c: Woody Vasulka