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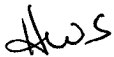
Dear Professor Dertouzos:

I have been remiss in reporting to you and your faculty since the conclusion of our work on your administrative and research records. Our funding only permitted us to work through approximately half of the research records, but I still believe that we have been able to organize and preserve a great amount of material. Even more important, our work on the records and the advice we received from your faculty enabled us to learn a great deal about the documentary record for research projects such as those carried out in LCS. We were able to confirm that the nature of the funding, the size of the project, and the communication patterns all affect the nature and the volume of the records. We also confirmed the importance of the published and "gray literature" as central to our knowledge of these projects.

These findings will all be presented to you more formally in the guides to the collections which are currently being completed by Jeffrey Mifflin. While we were not able to go on with the LCS work at this time, we were able to keep Jeff Mifflin with us as we obtained funding to work on the Softech records recently given to us by Doug Ross. We are not only pleased to keep Jeff with us, but in addition, we see this as an opportunity to build upon the knowledge we have gained about the records of software development.

I look forward to sending our completed finding aids to you and receiving your reaction to our work. We are most grateful to you and your faculty for all of your support and assistance. I appreciate the concern you have shown about your own history and your willingness to preserve the record of your accomplishments.

Sincerely yours,



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