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Subject: Status of Honeywell-built ABSI

Yesterday, at a meeting attended by John Gintell, Jim Ohlin, Gene Kleinow, Roger Roach, and a Honeywell fellow I don't know, we discussed the various 355/DIA/IOM/ABSI problems which the system has been experiencing lately. The topic came up of when an FED-maintainable ABSI would be available, and Ohlin and Gintell reported that some progress had been made on that score.

An interesting scenario was outlined: Progress is being made on the Engineering Design Analysis (EDA) runs on the ABSI in Phoenix. Rome Air Development Center, whose negotiations with Honeywell to acquire a 6180 are making considerable progress, has asked Honeywell to provide an IMP interface with it, as a "special". As Ohlin and Gintell see it currently, RADC will pay Honeywell's price for a "special" ABSI, and, after that, the ABSI will become a standard product, at which point, they expect, MIT will want to acquire one, at a reasonable price.