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To: Mr. Richard G. Mills
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Subject: Use of Multics by Project MAC

The purpose of this memorandum is to take a step toward cementing the arrangement that has been understood between us, I think, on the basis of our joint negotiation with the General Electric Company and of further conversations between us. That arrangement is that Project MAC will make a block purchase of \$400,000 worth of access to Multics at a rate to be negotiated in detail but broadly agreed to be about $3/4$ or $4/5$ of the standard, non-block cost. The \$400,000 will cover access during a period of one year, dating either from 1 October 1969 or 1 November 1969 -- or perhaps even a later date if you prefer. At the same time, Project MAC is to receive free of charge, for use in improvement of the Multics operating system and/or in the preparation of software that will augment the value of Multics to users, access to Multics corresponding to a measure of 50,000 console hours per year. Associated with that block of time will be a number -- I think we agreed upon 8 -- of lines into Multics. It remains to be negotiated how the 50,000 console hours are interpreted in terms of associated space on the disk, CPU time, and so on. My general understanding is that the measure, 50,000 console hours, was intended to define roughly a fraction of the total Multics resource.

Inasmuch as Project MAC is now using Multics service, I think it would be well for us to iron out the details of this arrangement and formalize it in a memorandum of understanding.

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