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Prof. J. H. Saltzer  
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Dear Jerry,

During the 1960's, the Compatible Time-Sharing System (CTSS) was conceived at the MIT Computation Center and developed by MIT's Project MAC into the first truly general-purpose time-sharing system in the world. I know that all participants in the CTSS project have many memories of the development activities surrounding CTSS itself and about the initial, pioneering use of the system that has shown the world so much about the possibilities for effective man-computer interaction.

During this past summer, CTSS operation was finally terminated at MIT after the system had served the MIT community for over a decade. To mark this event and to commemorate the many significant developments embodied in CTSS, we are planning a small ceremony at the MIT Faculty Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, March 20. This occasion will also include the presentation of small but significant mementos of CTSS to those involved in its conception, development, management, and use.

On behalf of all of us who were part of the life of CTSS, I want to invite you to attend this event. Please let me know either by mail or telephone (617/253-4103) whether or not you will be able to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Scott

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