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Multics System Security Features

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Prof. F. J. Corbato)

1. We would like the opportunity to present to you and certain personnel at MIT the results of our evaluation of the Multics system security features during the week of 15 May 1973. During the past year under Air Force Project 6917, the Electronic Systems Division and the MITRE Corporation have evaluated the capability of the Multics system to meet the security/privacy protection needs of the Air Force Data Services Center in the Pentagon. A final report is now being drafted.

2. Our presentation will essentially be an informal "preview" of the results of our investigation. We will be making separate presentations to appropriate representatives of Honeywell Information Systems Inc. and the Air Force Data Services Center. Since the Air Force has specific requirements in the area of computer security, we will address not only the present Multics implementation but the underlying technical issues. We also would like the opportunity to discuss your future plans that might be reflected in our final report.

3. Please contact Lt Karger, Phone: 617-861-5386, to make final arrangements as to the time and location of the briefing. In addition to yourself, we would like the opportunity to make our presentation to the following personnel at MIT:

    Prof. Saltzer
    Prof. Schroeder
    Mr. Weston Burner
    Mr. Robert Daley
    Mr. Tom Van Vleck

4. Due to the nature of the material to be covered, we recommend limiting the number of personnel present at this briefing.

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