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from the office of

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Mr. Morton Berlan
Telecommunications Office
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Dear Mort,

Although Tom VanVleck, Stan Dunten, and I have not yet succeeded in getting together all at the same time, I think that, in discussion with Stan, I have come up with one of the things we were concerned about with respect to the TUCK dataset proposal. It seems that Multics is now using the computer-settable busy feature in an important way: whenever several consecutive attempts to dial-up fail, the computer busies the lines so that future attempts will be directed elsewhere. This feature by itself seems to be of sufficient importance that we would prefer not to abandon the computer - controlled busy feature.

In your evaluation of the TUCK proposal, I hope that you are obtaining quotations for Tuck-provided maintenance as well as for the initial purchase price, since development of our own maintenance may be hard to accomplish.

Sincerely yours,


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Associate Professor of
Electrical Engineering

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cc: T. VanVleck