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Dear Jerry:

Enclosed are copies of three changed pages which will appear in the formally submitted version of our proposal -- which your office may have already received. I call your attention to these three pages so that you will be aware of differences with the previously submitted draft.

One page, an organization chart, has merely been brought up-to-date, and is of no technical significance.

The remaining two pages, describing the budget, reflect one important change: when the M.I.T. fiscal office reviewed the computer time budget, they insisted that the IPC rate structure, including discounts, be firmly agreed to before the proposal is released. Upon attempting to obtain firm agreement with IPC, we ran into difficulty getting a guarantee of a discount -- a combination of internal accounting trouble being resolved too slowly by the legal staff, and some newly proposed constraints on use under a discount basis. To expedite approval, I did the following:

1. Rewrite the ARPA budget pages to show use of half the computer time without discount, and therefore the same dollar total as before.
2. Obtain tentative agreement from HISI to supply \$50k/yr more than originally requested, to help purchase more computer time. At this level, we will have about 2/3 the originally expected computer resources, and by being careful should be able to proceed at close to the originally anticipated pace.

The revised budget pages for both the ARPA and the HISI proposals are enclosed, for your information.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 253-6016 or send mail to Saltzer.CompSys at host 6 (M.I.T.-Multics).

Sincerely yours,

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