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Subject: Distribution Procedure for Multics ARPA Software

As we all know, Honeywell currently does not support the ARPA Network Control Program or related user software. This software is distributed to Multics sites as a courtesy for those sites providing Multics as a host service on the network. We at RADC have recently encountered some difficulties with the NCP which have been traced to the unintentional distribution of obsolete software by Honeywell/Phoenix. This has required on two occasions (MR2.1, MR2.2) that we generate new system tapes to include the more recent version obtained from MIT Multics. I feel that more communication among all of us with regard to software release cutoff dates at MIT for inclusion in releases, and maintenance of the NCP by MIT would help to alleviate this problem.

Simply stated, if MIT personnel are aware of deadlines for software releases they can more easily tailor their installations to ensure that as many bug fixes as possible are distributed to the field. I will be glad to distribute this information to/from any of you.

Those Listed:

- MIT
 - D. Clark
 - J. Saltzer
- Honeywell
 - A. Berglund
 - C. Clingen
 - D. Mengel
 - R. Montee
 - C. Noxon
 - R. Shoemaker

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(!) ~~Clark~~

Yes, because we are often Multics consultants, we should be kept informed of this info in general. We should get copies of SR bulletins, etc. I don't think we want to attempt to meet release deadlines as stated above. Also it's not clear why RADC didn't get latest IMPDIM. There appears to be a problem in Phoenix - Jim

Terry
Apparently, CISC (Murdock, Meer (?)) is supplying Phx with selected hardware updates these days; no longer is MIT's hardware shipped in toto.