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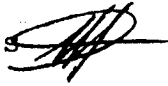
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TO: Provost W. A. Rosenblith  
FROM: M. L. Dertouzos   
SUBJECT: New Name for Project MAC

As we have already discussed, we wish to change the name of our Laboratory, for the following reasons:

1. We are no longer a project-oriented group with a single mission, as was the case during the first six years of our existence.
2. We are one of the largest Computer Science Research laboratories in the world with some 30 faculty and 300 people engaged in a broad front of research, through 12 research groups and divisions.

The proposed new name is

(MIT) Laboratory for Computer Science

We have arrived at this name through the following process:

1. The entire membership of MAC voted on several names and on the option of retaining our current name. The result was definitely in favor of renaming, with three similar sounding names on the top of the list. The above name was in first position.
2. The Executive Committee of MAC discussed and approved the proposed name.

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3. A search was conducted to establish uniqueness. The proposed name will be unique with us, although close variants -- such as "Laboratory of Computer Science" do exist.
4. At your suggestion we sampled our dominant sponsor, ARPA, who funds about 65% of our activities (the rest being funded in smaller parts by some eight agencies). Colonel Russell, Head of the Information Processing Techniques Office of ARPA, who is in charge of our funding not only had no objections, but was very pleased with the proposed renaming and with the chosen name.
5. Again, at your suggestion, we checked the name with the dominant department, EE&CS. Professor Davenport, Chairman, had no objections.
6. Finally, we checked the new name with Professor Pat Winston, Director of the AI Laboratory, who also had no objections.

We now request through this letter, Institute approval of the proposed renaming action.

cc: Chancellor P. E. Gray  
President J. B. Wiesner  
MAC Executive Committee

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