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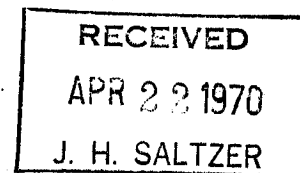
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Subject: Multics Usage by Project MAC Users

        This is a progress report on Project MAC's rate of
expenditure under the agreement with I.P.C. to purchase
$400,000 of Multics service annually.

        Figure 1 shows a plot of our monthly expenditures
starting on January 1, 1970, the date our agreement with
I.P.C. became effective. There was some usage in October,
November and December 1969, amounting to a total of
$10,565.60 but since this does not count against the
charge of $400,000 it is not included. The charge for
disk space did not take effect until February and is
almost totally responsible for the $3,000 increase between
January and February 1970. The substantial increase in
usage during March 1970 is the result of increased activity
by established projects rather than new projects registered
during the month.

        Figure 2 is a cumulative plot and shows the current
unexpended balance, which stood at $356,039 effective
April 1, 1970. An average monthly expenditure rate of
$39,560 would be necessary to exhaust the $400,000 by
December 31, 1970.

Figure 3 shows a plot of the total number of registered Project MAC users at the end of each month and Figure 4 shows the average charge per user per month. These two measures are frequently used by commercial time-sharing companies to monitor their business performance.

Table 1 lists, for each month starting in January 1970, the total number of Project MAC registered users, the total number of console hours they used, the average number of console hours per user, the average charge for these users, and the total charge for MAC users.

Table 2 lists the current registered projects which MAC is paying for and their current and cumulative expenditures.

I estimate that by June 30, 1970 Project MAC will have spent approximately $125,000 of the $400,000 annual requirement. This means that in order to spend the remaining $275,000 by December 31, 1970 an average spending rate of approximately $46,000/month would be required from July through December 1970.

Using the figure of $15 per console hour, which is the current average for all MAC users, this means that we would have to use approximately 3,000 console hours per month. During March the 103 registered Project MAC users consumed only 1,239 console hours for an average of 12 hours per user. Only 9 of these users logged more than 40 console hours per month. It will be necessary to find or develop several more "big users" in order to exhaust the average of 3,000 console hours per month.
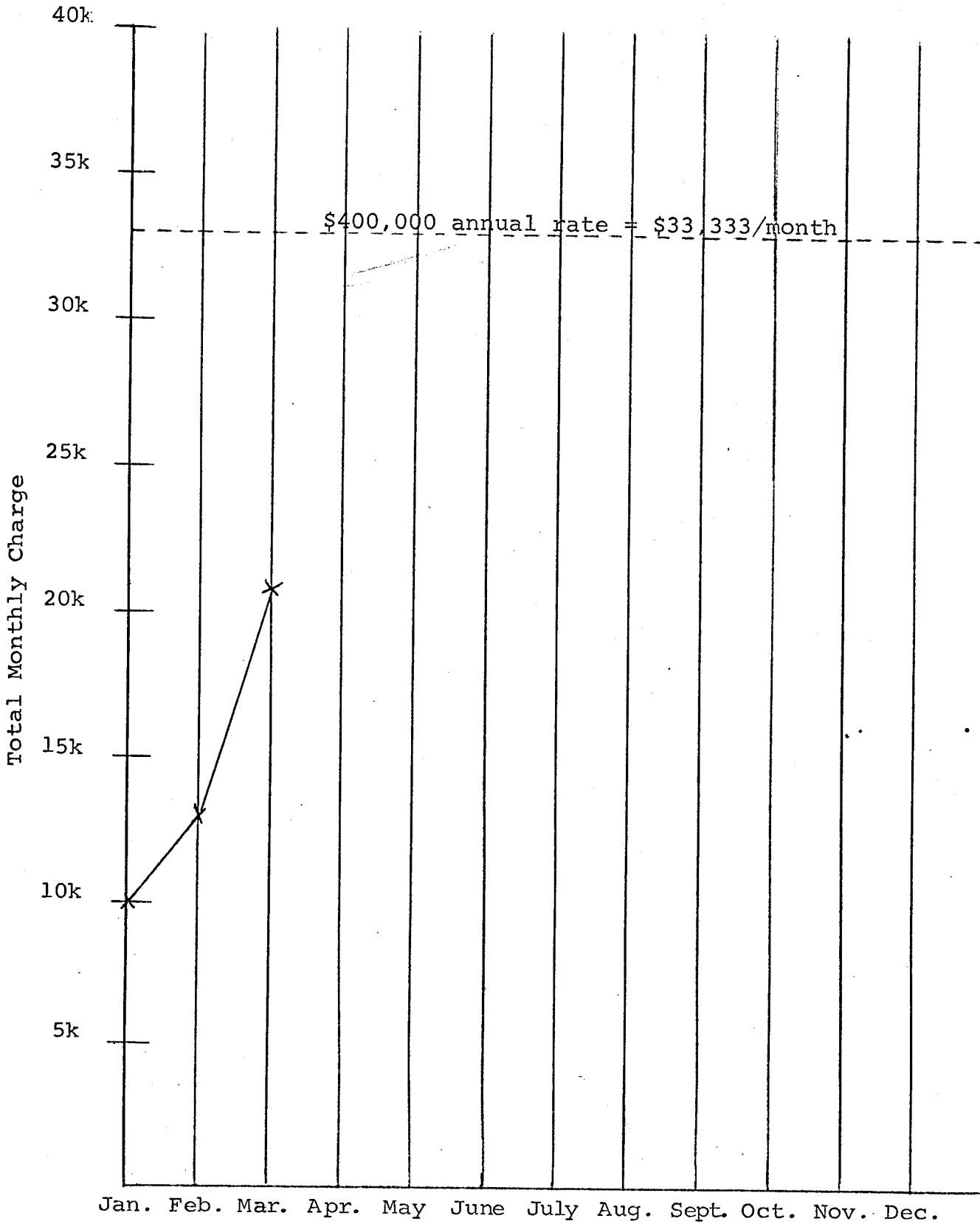
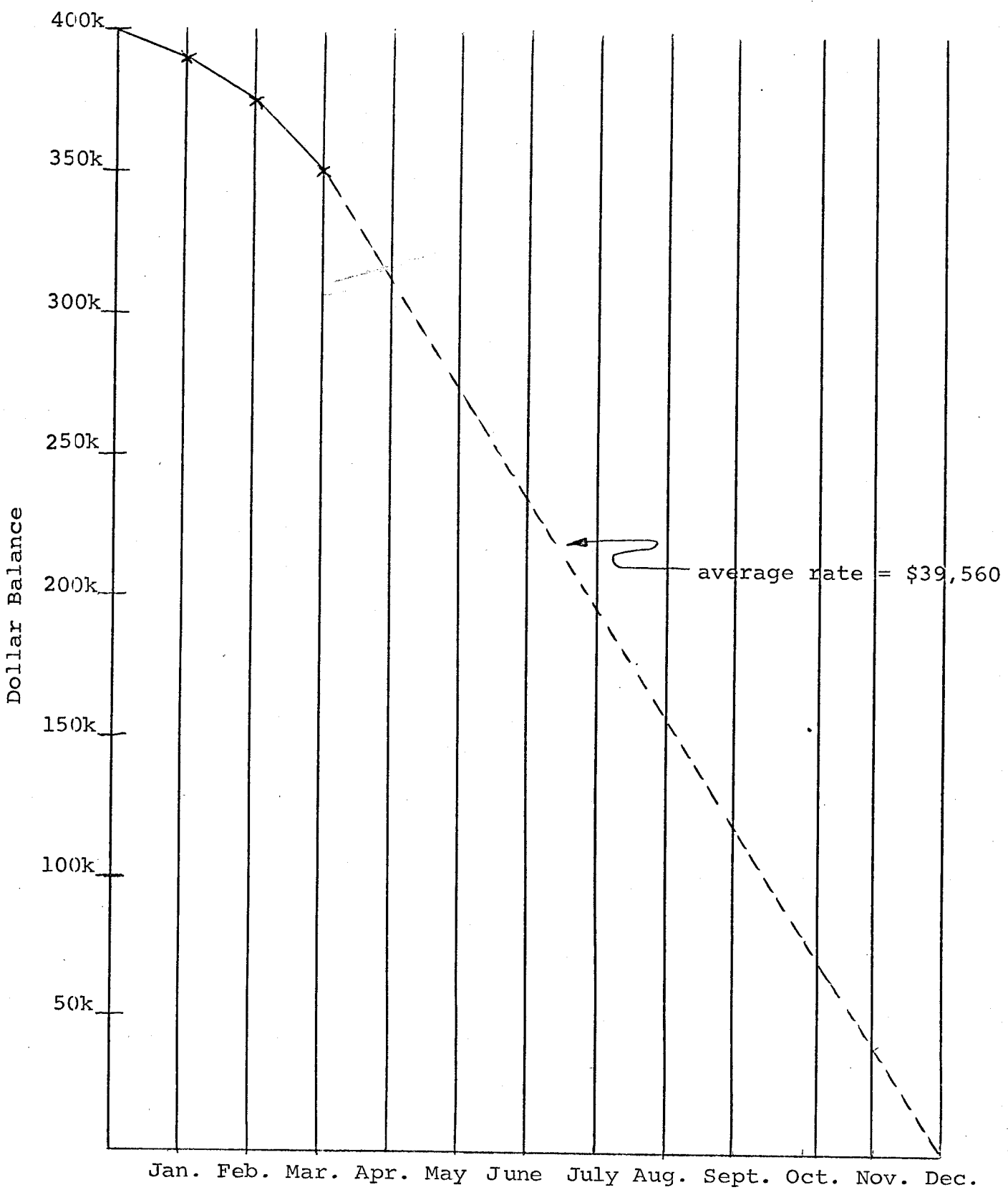MMJ:em
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FIGURE 1

Monthly Multics Expenditures
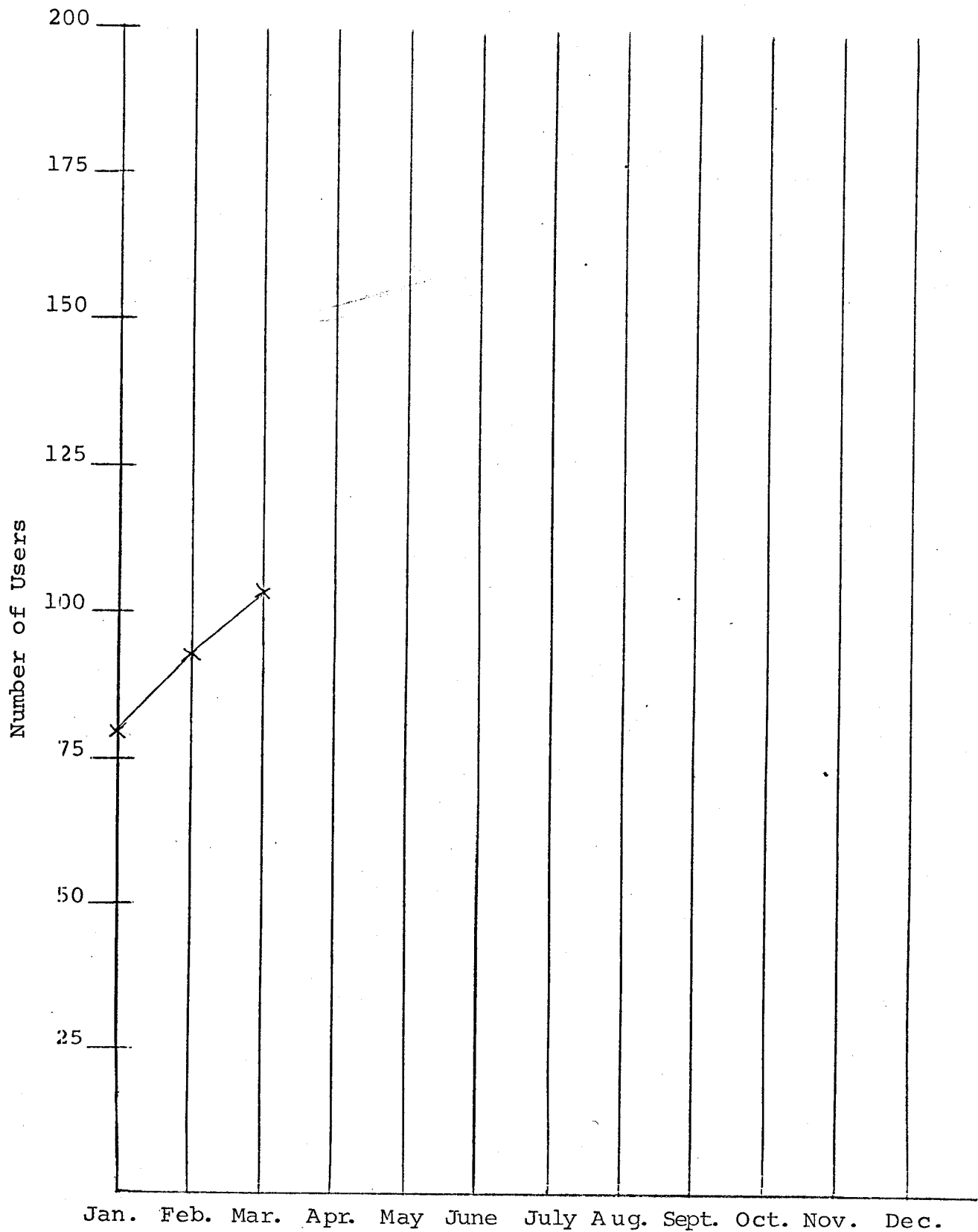
FIGURE 2

Unexpended Balance

FIGURE 3
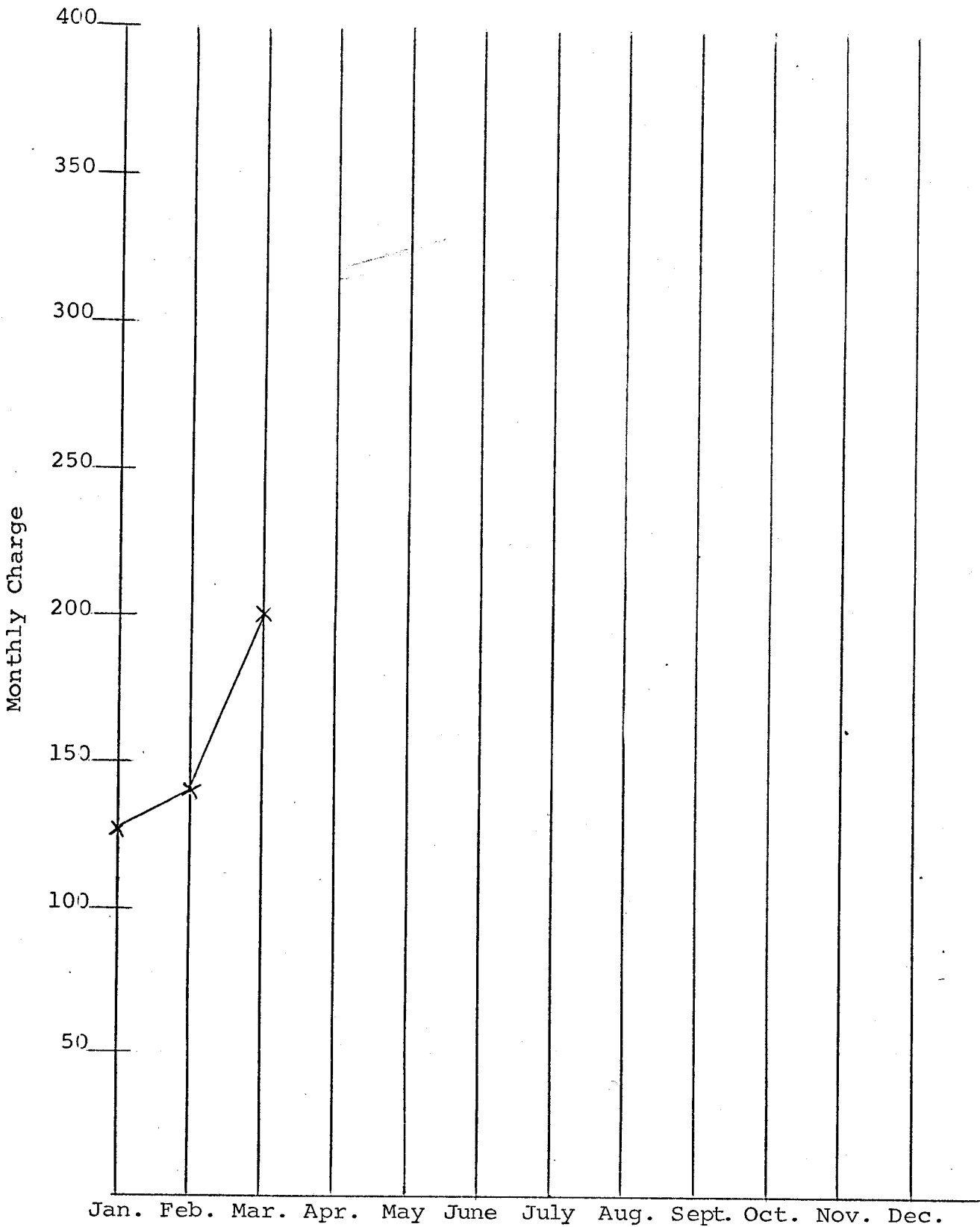
Registered MAC Users

FIGURE 4
Average Monthly Charge Per User

TABLE 1

Multics Statistics for
Project MAC Users

	Number of Users	Total Number of Console Hours	Average Number Console Hours Per User	Average Charge Per User	Total Charge
January 1970	79	669	8.5	$127	$ 10,049.26
February 1970	93	812	8.7	141	13,137.06
March 1970	103	1239	12.0	202	20,774.41
Total To Date					$ 43,960.73
Unexpended Balance April 1, 1970					$356,039.27

TABLE 2

Registered Multics Projects

Supported by MAC

Project Name	Last Month	Current Month	Total This Year
AI	$1,241.34	$1,678.34	$3,228.59
CompNet	37.02	38.88	100.53
Dyna Mod	116.32	127.13	327.64
GASP	408.53	326.07	1,389.96
LISP	131.26	17.15	188.30
LPS	1,249.98	2,671.66	4,324.40
MAC	508.30	1,425.84	2,384.41
MacAIMS	1,341.31	2,374.06	3,810.24
MIS	16.70	54.12	83.52
MultLab	2,485.13	4,197.13	8,307.01
ProgLing	3,630.20	2,913.14	8,709.12
ROME	337.52	1,230.56	1,966.20
SIMPLE	25.52	210.85	256.37
SIPB	1,217.32	2,893.42	5,416.41
Teach	–	–	–
6.531	102.72	79.70	182.42
6.803	287.95	536.36	3,285.58
TOTALS	$13,137.06	$20,774.41	$43,960.73