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To: CompSys users
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Subject: Resource usage

The budget for use of resources on the CompSys project is running slightly ahead of that originally expected for the period 1/1/72 - 5/31/72: at the end of three months, about 3 1/2 months worth of resources have been used. In order to come out even, the remaining 2 months should see us consuming only 1 1/2 months worth of resources. Unfortunately, Project MAC is not in a position to increase our budget.

The controls available for monitoring usage are quite weak, so we will need to depend on everyone's cooperation. The following measures are suggested:

1. Delete all files not strictly needed. If appropriate, punch them for use later.
2. Minimize or completely stop use of the computer for editing of memos.
3. Be careful and prudent in the techniques you use when programming and debugging; avoid wasting time.
4. Use absentee queue 3 for compilation and everything else you can think of, when possible.

The bill for the end of April will tell us whether or not we are under proper control. I hope that these measures are enough to make it smaller. The only alternative seems to be to stop working on some things.

Thanks for your cooperation.