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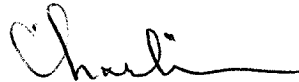
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Dear Jerry:

Your letters of February 19 and March 11 dealing with the release of Multics information both look like good starting points to me. I feel that they reflect the general attitude toward this topic that I have heard discussed by the Multics Marketing group in Minneapolis. However, until the basic patent agreement problem involving GE, Honeywell and MIT is resolved, it is doubtful that any action will be taken regarding this policy.

Nevertheless, I am sending copies of your memos to interested parties in Honeywell along with an indication of my concurrence to this general approach.

Very truly yours,



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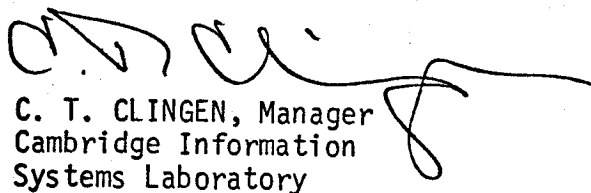
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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF MULTICS INFORMATION AT CAMBRIDGE

Attached are some internal memos by J. H. Saltzer, MIT, documenting the development project's thoughts regarding the distribution of Multics information to parties requesting it from both MIT and Honeywell portions of the Multics development group. This "grass roots" action is a result of interest being expressed and pressure being brought to bear to release internal Multics documentation, and represents an attempt to establish consistent workable policies and procedures in spite of the lack of direction from upper management in both MIT and Honeywell.

We recognize that formal acceptance of these policies may be delayed until the patent agreement problems between MIT and Honeywell are ironed out. However, by passing these memos along at this time, it is hoped that the appropriate Honeywell people can start to consider the issues so that when the log jam is broken, we can act quickly.


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