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SUBJECT: Use of the CompNet Project

The involvement of the MAC Multics group in the ARPA network can be divided into two distinctly different aspects. One of these aspects can be considered as part of the Multics development effort while the other can be considered as joint research with other ARPA contractors. The development aspect is viewed as the programming and installation of the basic facility in Multics and the research is viewed as the experimentation with and development of various higher-level Host to Host and User to User protocols.

It appears reasonable that Multics time used for network research be charged to the CompNet project while the development is charged to the Multics project. An appropriate approximation of this charging policy would be to charge hardcore network development (the specification of which is relatively firm) to the Multics project while non-hardcore work (largely experimental) is charged to the CompNet project.

To implement the above charging policy, the following persons should be added to the CompNet project. (They are already members of the Multics project.)

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