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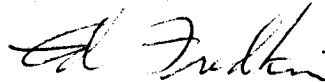
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TO: Members of Project MAC
FROM: Edward Fredkin, Director

Jerome Wiesner has brought to our attention the following:

"The National Science Foundation is conducting a study to show the 'demonstration by case of the payoff of basic scientific research.' Dr. W. D. McElroy, Director of the Foundation, has requested the assistance of the National Academy of Engineering in this endeavor. He has stated specifically, 'We need assistance in identifying examples of how basic research has contributed to the solution of problems facing society, how such research has produced the knowledge by which man has improved his condition, and how knowledge of himself and his surroundings has enabled man to learn to live more productively.'"

I have been asked to submit a brief descriptive paragraph to the President's Office. Please feel free to send me your ideas in the form of a brief paragraph prior to Friday, October 8, 1971.



Edward Fredkin

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