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SUBJ: Interaction with the Cambridge project in connection  
with terminals, modems, information interchange, etc.

The Cambridge project is a newly activated project involving many behavioral and social scientists and some computer scientists and engineers at Harvard and M.I.T. It will be working mainly in the areas of data management, data analysis, and modeling. Most of its work will involve computers. It will be the focus of quite a bit of interaction between behavioral-social scientists and computer scientists and engineers.

The immediate purpose of this memorandum is to suggest -- or, rather, to relay the suggestion made by several members of the Cambridge project -- that it would be a good idea to have a meeting, at an early date, of participants in the Cambridge project and participants in ongoing projects that are using terminals, data sets, and other equipment involved in remote access to time-shared computers. The meeting should deal with the technical questions involved in precluding a further proliferation of independent and diverse solutions to computer access and communication problems and, indeed, fostering a movement toward compatibility of equipment and uniformity of procedure. Participants in the Cambridge project are interested in fitting into the existing community of computer users in such a way as to facilitate the emergence of an effective on-line community, and the purpose of this memorandum, to put it briefly, is to solicit your cooperation toward that end.

The reason for putting this in writing instead of telephoning you is that I shall be away during the first part of the coming week. May I suggest, Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Room 801 Tech Square, tentatively, as the time and place of a meeting in which the participants would be you, any others in the pertinent areas of computer science and engineering that you think should be involved, and a few of the Cambridge project people. I shall ask Miss Scanlon to call you the first of the week to determine whether or not you will participate, to receive suggestions, and to negotiate a firm time and place.

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