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SUBJECT: TASK FORCES, COMMITTEES; NOD; C-I T/F; PRODUCTIVITY REV.

I just read the minutes of two meetings of a task force called Customer Installability. It is not a task force it is a sewing circle consisting of 21 people! If there weren't 3 people there who I know have real work to do and have done good work, I would ask that we simply dismiss the whole group.

The minutes contain no real information on the subject. We already have a spec on what CI is, and we have to do some work on products to get it. This is not the work of a committee.

My point, I would like you to come forward with a list of the various committees and task forces, etc that are working within your group during the productivity review. I don't want to look at them, but I expect you to have, and I want to know that you understand what's going on in your area.

I believe 1/2 of these people could be let go from DEC today and our productivity would take a sharp rise. If this is the case, I would like to have their names and since we have the reputation for never firing anyone we can put them in a new group I propose we start called NOD (No Output Division) where they won't take time from people who have real work to do.

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I'm quite serious about NOD. Since it is so difficult to get rid of people, I want to make us at least not have them mixed in with the workers and suck up good people's time.

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