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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Mr. D. W. Sweeney

**SUBJECT:** Variable End of File Mark for STRETCH  
Tape Systems

The variable end of file mark for tape systems appears to be extremely desirable for purposes of program control.

Discussion of this with Mr. W. R. English indicates that the tape unit engineers do not feel this will add anything to the unit over the inclusion of a specific tape end of file mark.

Discussions with Mr. J. C. Gibson indicate areas of usefulness in future file search devices which would utilize this feature.

Generally improved program control of classes of files will be obtained in STRETCH systems as a result of the variable EOF mark.

Provision for this type of EOF mark is being included in the STRETCH TAPE ADAPTER UNIT Design Objectives.

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