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MEMO TO: Mr. D. W. Sweeney

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SUBJECT: Evaluation of Basic Machine

Reference: Your memo to D. W. Pendery of June 21, 1957,
and enclosures.

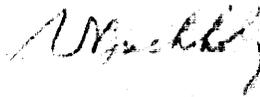
Thank you for sending us copies of these memos. Constructive criticism is certainly needed at this point, and we should do everything possible to improve the proposed system.

There are two specific points I would like to comment on.

The Basic Machine is intended to combine the attributes of a business data processor and a technical computer. The memos fail to consider this very important objective which is a major reason for insisting on high performance. High performance can, however, be obtained simply and without a high premium in cost by virtue of inherently fast components.

Two of the memos note that the BuShips' requirements have had an influence on the Basic Machine. I am not aware that there has been any adverse influence. If there are specific points where BuShips' requirements seriously compromise our commercial objectives, we would like to know.

In spite of the fact that plenty of shortcomings remain, I do think that the 3-In-1 committee effort was eminently successful.



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