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Dear Bill:

Last week a group of us talked to Mr. Herbert Stevens from Texas Instruments (Metals and Controls) about the possible use of a computer. They have a large model at the plant which is not now in full use.

Those present at our discussion were, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Jennings, Miss O'Neill, Miss Beechler, Mr. Landis, Mr. Sargent and myself. We considered both the question of whether we should have use for a computer to do studies of our own operations and whether we could use a computer as an integral part of some of our teaching.

We felt we did not know enough as yet to answer either question. Some of us have talked informally since the meeting and the impression seems to be that Mr. Stevens would not himself be a person who could be the instructor if we were to undertake such a venture. We are all very much interested in finding out enough about it to see whether there is some way that instruction in the use of a computer could be included as a part of some of our classes. Eventually it might be possible to have on the campus machines for punching and sorting with the plan to send the cards away for later processing. Tentatively we have decided to hold another longer meeting, including additional members of the faculty, and raising in more detail somewhat more searching questions.

It would be all to the good to have further connections with Texas Instruments.

This is just a progress report. I'll keep you informed.

Thanks.

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