

TO: Distribution
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SUBJECT: Use of the Multics Project Resources

Commencing in April we are going to have to be more careful with the use of Multics project resources. We must start this more restrictive mode of operation on the 645 because we are supposed to be independent of the 645 Service and because we are not able to devote either the Hardware or Software personnel required to keep a full configuration Service and thus wish to keep the load small. We must start this mode of operation on the 6180 because commencing with the system "going on rent" Honeywell will have to pay for all of the resources that it consumes; we will start prior to the system going on rent because it takes time to establish a new manner of operation.

Multics project personnel will remain registered on the 645 but limit stops will be used to restrict use. All segments that are not necessary should be deleted so that disk usage can be minimal. Any exceptions to this policy must be discussed with me.

For the 6180 we will also start using limit stops to restrict usage. Judicious use of absentee will be necessary to minimize expenditures. The lowest priority queues for I/O and absentee should be used whenever it is not absolutely necessary to use higher queues. It is expected that with economical use of these resources there will be enough to get all properly sanctioned projects done on schedule.

Those people who have been accustomed to using Multics project resources for "unapproved" projects will now have to seek approval prior to doing them. To obtain approval you will need a description of the project that is written sufficiently well to be published as an MSB. You will also have to make an estimate of the resources required to complete the project.