



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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TO MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY AND STAFF:

I am pleased to announce that Professor Henry J. Zimmermann has been named Director of the Research Laboratory of Electronics to succeed Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, on leave of absence in Washington. Professor Wilbur B. Davenport, Jr. will in turn assume Professor Zimmermann's previous responsibilities as Associate Director of the Laboratory. Professor George G. Harvey will continue as Associate Director.

During Professor Wiesner's absence, Professor Walter A. Rosenblith will serve as acting chairman of the Steering Committee of the Center for Communication Sciences.

Professor Zimmermann has been a member of the M.I.T. faculty since 1946, when he was named assistant professor of electrical engineering, and a member of R.L.E. since 1947. He became Associate Director of R.L.E. in 1952. Professor Zimmermann's major teaching activities include graduate and undergraduate subjects in pulse circuits and electronic circuit theory, which are also his principal fields of research. He is co-author, with Professor Samuel J. Mason, of two recent books, "Electronic Circuit Theory" and "Electronic Circuits, Signals, and Systems."

Professor Davenport returned to the Department of Electrical Engineering as professor last fall after having been on the staff at Lincoln Laboratory for nine years. His service at Lincoln included appointments as head of the Communications and Components Division and, most recently, as head of the Information Processing Division. A leading engineer of advanced work in the communications-systems field, Dr. Davenport is co-author, with Dr. William L. Root, of "An Introduction to the Theory of Random Signals and Noise."

Professor Rosenblith, professor of communications biophysics, is a world authority in his field. He came to M.I.T. in 1951 from Harvard where he was a research fellow in the Psycho-Acoustic Laboratory. His research on sensory processes has been carried out in R.L.E. and since 1958 he has played an active role on the Steering Committee of the Center for Communication Sciences. He is author or co-author of numerous scientific papers and the editor of the forthcoming volume "Sensory Communication."

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