



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To Members of the Faculty:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Richard G. Mills to the newly created position of Director of Information Processing Services for the M.I.T. campus, effective immediately.

The creation of this new position recognizes the critical importance and the Institute-wide character of the growing activities of faculty, students, and administration in information processing. In addition to our central computer facility, which has been in the process of continuous expansion, computers of different sizes serving different needs are located in many departments, research laboratories, and administrative offices. Some of these facilities -- for example, those at the LNS, CESL, Project MAC, and the Sloan School, which are themselves major installations -- interact constantly with one another and with the central facility. It is essential that the growth and development of the overall information processing capability of the Institute proceed under a carefully coordinated and unified plan, within which the individual installations can be mutually supporting, in order to maximize our total strength in this important area.

In addition to the direct day-to-day administration of the central facility, which is organized to serve the community with both time-sharing and batch capability, Mr. Mills' responsibilities will include the coordination of the growth and the interaction among the other campus information processing facilities and between them and the central facility. Mr. Mills will report for guidance at the policy level to Dean Gordon S. Brown, who has been responsible, over the past three years, for the development of computation facilities at M.I.T. Mr. Mills will be an ex officio member of the faculty and a member of the Faculty and Administrative Councils.

Mr. Mills, who has been a member of the M.I.T. staff since 1963, received the S.B. in Electrical Engineering and the S.B. in Business and Engineering Administration in 1954. He received the S.M. in Industrial Management at the Sloan School in 1960.

As a part of his graduate work, Mr. Mills did research in computer applications at the M.I.T. Computation Center, particularly in connection with algorithms for linear programming. His work experience has largely centered around computers, beginning in 1953 on the M.I.T. Whirlwind I machine. Prior to returning to M.I.T. in 1963, to join the Project MAC staff, Mr. Mills was vice president of a small computer application consulting firm in the Boston area.

Mr. Mills is currently Assistant Director of Project MAC, a position he will maintain for the time being. He is also a Lecturer in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

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