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To: Distribution
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Subject: Moving to the 6180 Multics

Current plans are to make Multics on the 6180 available to users in the beginning of April. In order to insure that we have a reliable service at that date it is necessary to rapidly move the development effort to the 6180 and divorce ourselves from the 645 as soon as possible. There will be certain hardships incurred by this because of instability of the new service and due to its being initially available for less time than the 645; there will be certain advantages due to the increased performance of the faster machine. The following schedule describes the movement plan; exceptions will be granted by me on an individual basis when needed.

A carry tape facility will ease the transfer of segments from one system to the other so that you need not manage your own tapes. A courier service will be available to bring output back from building 39.

Users will remain registered on the 645, but limits will be set if needed to force people to complete the move.

The plan is as follows:

Week starting on Group completing the move

February 19 All 6180 conversion effort
February 26 All language development
March 5 All documentation and the PDO project
March 12 Everything else

Anyone is welcome to move to the 6180 before the above time.