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TO: Dr. Jacobs and Data Center Committee  
FROM: Henry Blackburn  
SUBJECT: New Projects

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I am enthusiastic about adding another faculty member to your committee and with pleasure go along with recommendation of Dr. David Murray, not for his representation of the health behavior section but because of his analytical and organizational abilities.

I've encouraged Dr. Jacobs to appoint a new committee to address the short, medium, and long-term plans for an on-line posting and accounting program. We agreed it should involve Dean Surbey and Gretchen Newman, an accountant and programmer of their choice and a consultant of their choice. We agreed that this should move ahead promptly without arresting the present developmental work between Lynn Scalzo and Peter Hannan which should be completed and provided to the new working group.

I am also thinking about and planning with Dr. Jacobs to establish a group to evaluate the Data Center generally with respect to our work volume, unit cost, and to assess our commitments to equipment and personnel to determine the medium and long-term viability of the center and to propose needed areas for funding and efficiencies. This will move ahead with Dean Surbey's present efforts to provide part of this evaluation (unit cost).

I would also like to commission your group to report soon, in the next period, about the current use of the 1123 apparatuses with a realistic appraisal of further development of their use in the local heart health centers, consideration of the central use of a 1123 in the new stadium space with recommendations made to me concerning its use for preprocessing, word processing, inhouse data analysis and so on, and how this fits community use.

I have indicated the urgency of sufficient planning to accommodate satellite terminals and computers in the new stadium space. It is already very late and anything involving building design and cost must be brought to my attention in the next days. I understand John Vilandre is looking into this but I hope this will be a function supervised by the committee. I need prompt feedback on this issue.

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Many thanks and good wishes in your renewed deliberations which I trust will now be regular and successful.

Thanks.

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