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Dear Arthur,

I should like to advise you of the 1620 situation here as it will be until the beginning of February.

Following your advice by telephone that it might be possible for us to receive a machine by October, I have discussed the matter with Frank Henderson and we have advised Dr Llewellyn and Professor Lawden. All that I can say at present is that we are very interested and that we should like to have some definite statement from you regarding any consequent revision of the contract. Also we should need to know the latest date for our agreement to change to card input-output in order for the card unit to arrive in time for the 1620. I don't think there would be any difficulty about accommodating the machine by the earlier date.

As I mentioned to you over the telephone, applications have been called for a Senior Lecturer to be Director of the computer and to be formally in the Mathematics Department. Applications close on February 28th.

There has been wide interest shown in the seminar for February 16th and we anticipate an attendance of about 40.

I doubt if further progress can be made from this end until February when the administration gets under way again. There is, however, an appeal in progress at a high level for further outside assistance in the financing of the computer and I hope we shall know something of the response by then. I shall be back in the department about the middle of January.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce R. Penfold