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MEMO TO: University Community

FROM:

Earl Lazerson

SUBJECT: Telephone System

I am pleased to provide a progress report concerning possible changes in the University telephone system.

In the summer of 1985, the State Office of Central Management Services (CMS) at our request conducted a study of the present system. The study concluded that it would be feasible to consider a replacement system which would be less costly and more efficient than the one now in place.

To assist in the development of specifications for an appropriate system, and to explore further the matter of financial feasibility, the University, in the fall of 1985, employed the consulting firm of Telecommunications International, Inc. In subsequent months, a representative of that firm studied the present system and consulted with various campus groups in order to reach an understanding of University needs. As the result of that activity, the consultant has recommended a replacement system which would feature not only improved voice communication, but also a substantial data communication capability.

During coming months, I shall be discussing the possibility of installing a new system with the Board of Trustees. I will keep you informed of any important developments.