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Dear Maurice:

Thanks for the information given me during our recent telephone conversation.

Pertaining to our discussion, I again invite your comments and recommendations regarding the domestic program and the literature we provided through Mr. Mork. Since major portions of the process unit are identical to WWAM logic, it would be helpful if specific areas could be designated where your experience on the WWAM indicates we should concentrate initial design effort.

You will be interested to know that many people are properly referring to the Advanced Accounting Machine (SPACE) as a stored program WWAM. We have also pointed out how the work on WWAM enabled us to arrive at and establish, in a relatively short period of time, a stored program machine based upon realistic machine logic, design objectives, component counts, and market projections. I do want you to know how much we appreciate your help. The major role the WWAM program has played leading toward our next production accounting machine is clearly understood.

As indicated on the data flow schématic sent to you, the operation of memory, read in and read out registers, card reader input and checking means, and logical elements such as compare, print edit, and the serial adder are very similar to those used in the WWAM. We also time share memory drivers on reader and punch operations as in your unit, but we cannot overlap read out to the Chain Printer with any other operation.

I understand the assembly of your processing unit has progressed exceptionally well and that circuitry to date has performed very satisfactorily. We would appreciate being kept informed of the engineering testing results for the process unit and the machine system, particularly as these results apply to logic considerations.

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Please let us know if you would like more information about any phase of the Advanced Accounting Machine program.

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