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Dear Light, Val, Sue, Tom, and Paul,

I'm sorry, but as you have already no doubt noticed, I have had to remove machine number 5 to the PC Lab. My only justification for ever having left it there in the first place was that we did not have the table space over here for it. Well, late Friday afternoon we got our new tables, and so all the machines that are not performing a specific Quest function are to be brought here for security and supervisory purposes.

I know you're disappointed, but the only possible argument I could give Professor Bump was that it was convenient for the tutors to practice there instead of here, and I'm afraid convenience isn't a strong enough reason. That tutors are using the machine for word processing, as you know, would also be negligible. I would hope that you come over here to use the machines for practice and to see how we are finally (finally!) fulfilling the requirements of the grant. I also hope that you will refer students to us.

The records program is performing a specific Quest function, so the machine you have left is totally justified in remaining.

There is a tendency to see everything that has been done with the computers as some kind of ploy or parochial one-ups-man-ship, but believe me, we are simply trying to use the computers to develop and test instructional software. Now that we have our own shop with the space and setup specifically dedicated to our particular effort, we are not only doing what I always realized we were supposed to be doing, but we are being rather successful at it (if I may be so modest).

I really am sorry we have been going through this awkward phase, and that some matters have been handled so clumsily. Our effort here is maturing rather rapidly and we of necessity are experiencing starts and stops. I hope that the removal of the machine does not seriously hinder the efforts of Tom, Paul, Julie, Hector, and Kathy to become more and more familiar with using the computers.

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