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In reply please address:

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Dear Van:

Attached are the 1977 Objectives for the Machine Computation Committee as you requested. A year from now, I trust my successor will be sending you objectives for the Computing and Systems Technology Division. Please advise if the enclosed is appropriate for your needs.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Vern'.

Vern Sterba

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1977 Objectives

Machine Computation Committee

The primary objective of the Machine Computation Committee for 1977 is to complete efforts to form the Computing and Systems Technology Division of AIChE. This includes defining a division operating plan and budget, the formation of functional Sections within the division, and defining additional division responsibilities.

Assuming Council approves Computing and Systems Technology Division formation in June of 1977, the new division will be able to start full operation at the end of 1977. At that time the division Membership, Publications, Liaison, Awards and Nominating Committees as well as the Programming Board will assume full operation. In addition, work will be well underway toward the establishment of three sections which will have special interests in the areas of traditional Chemical Engineering computing, process control, and Management Science.

In addition to the division formation activities, MCC will continue its efforts in: liaison with computer groups in other professional societies, publication of a newsletter containing computation related items, assistance in the formation of a national physical property data base, formulation of guidelines for effective computer programming management, involvement in AIChE government interaction and publicity efforts, and assistance in the review and evaluation of computer programs for the new journal Computers and Chemical Engineering.

This year will be one of much work and significant change as the Machine Computation Committee evolves into the Computing and Systems Technology Division. We welcome all who are interested in the new division to join us.

Vernon J. Sterba, Chairman
Machine Computation Committee