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CATUSE ZROambouk
Progress on CATUSE ADP

Action: Indicate readiness to accept in principle invitation to visit CATUSE and to accept visitor from CATUSE, per para 4.

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1. On 27 June 1963 we had a two-hour briefing on CATUSE's ADP progress by Alfred ACKERMAN together with a walk through his computer center which is currently still located in the one-story extension attached to House 37. To get a few items straight on which there has been confused reporting:

a. CATUSE has only 300 computers:

- 1) a 300/30 for ALPHAT/COMINT matters over which ACKERMAN has no control whatever,
- 2) a 300/30 for everything else over which ACKERMAN and his staff exercise full control -- we visited the 300/30.
- 3) CATUSE once had a 300/20 on which they ran test programs and various pilot projects -- it was given back.

b. CATUSE's computer center will not be finished until sometime in 1964. It is being built to accommodate more than one computer and computers larger than the 300/30.

c. CATUSE has no yet so random access methods for search; hence, its system is slow.

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2. Our briefing was of necessity brief and included only a comparatively small excerpt of the work done at the computer center. In two hours we could not begin to absorb all the material @ACKERMANN had laid out for our inspection. We discussed first the personality search program on which CATUSK has made excellent progress. All their old holdings are now in machine language, and tracing is to some extent done by computer. They have a number of special programs attached; the one shown to us was "All Bulgarian Students in the Fedrep." Their problem at present is to educate their entire staff to report new information in a manner to permit rapid inclusion into the system. This indoctrination is now in progress. In fact, our briefing was sort of a dress rehearsal for one to be given to CAUTOPIA on 9 July so that he will sign an order demanding compliance with certain ADP requests.

3. Unfortunately, @ACKERMANN has embarked on a very interesting but also very controversial program which may be of great interest to WOFIRM if WOFIRM does not have a similar project at present. It is an evaluation of the performance of the organization in meeting its responsibility, tapered down to various elements and the tasks assigned to them. Thus, when completed it would permit the assessment of the effectiveness of any Division, Branch, Station, Base, Desk, Officer, and individual agent or operation. The computer will be fed the tasks assigned to the organization and the sub-assignment within the organization. It will be fed the plans of the organization formalized to meet its task, and also the results of the operation. The evaluation of all reports by the case officer, the requirements officers, and the evaluations staffs will be fed into the machine. Thus, an agent or operation may yield a hundred reports but if all of them were also reported elsewhere or even overtly the operation would be termed not essential. Another operation may yield only two reports a year, both of them essential, significant, and not available elsewhere; hence, the operation is valuable. In that manner @ACKERMANN hopes eventually to be able to present a picture of effectiveness of the entire organization and to point out the non-essential, ineffective parts thereof. That program apparently has frightened a number of persons who now fear that the computer is their enemy, and they refuse their cooperation.

4. In concluding his briefing @ACKERMANN once more expressed his great appreciation of the help and advice he received from WOFIRM, especially Chief, WOMACE Systems Group, and stated that without that help CATUSK would never have progressed with their program at this rate of speed. @ACKERMANN is most interested in a continued cooperation and exchange of information with WOMACE Systems Group and would like to continue also the exchange of visits. For an opener he would like to issue an invitation to [] and such key members as [] might deem appropriate to demonstrate to them what he was able to accomplish with their aid. At a later stage he would like to send @SEIPOLD to WOFIRM headquarters and some other WOLADY ADP installations in order to give @SEIPOLD et al new ideas and inspirations for the use of computers.