

dec**INTEROFFICE
MEMORANDUM***File*

DATE July 23, 1962

SUBJECT DEC Participation in Parachute Contest

TO File

FROM Harlan Anderson

At a meeting on Friday, July 20, I told the representatives of the sport parachuting contest that we would definitely participate in the parachuting contest by loaning them a PDP-1 computer and providing some incidental support. The machine which we plan to loan them is a PDP-1 scheduled for delivery to Minneapolis-Honeywell. Basically, our participation will involve the following three things:

1. Loaning the computer and assuring that it works properly.
2. Donate \$300 to the contest. We hope that they will use this money to help provide support for Bill Mann in doing the programming and particularly operation of the computer during the contest.
3. We will provide and install the special cables and switches for the judges. This includes probably two master cables, each terminating in a junction box from which the five judges can connect in their individual boxes with a wire extension. The judges' boxes should have the three buttons labeled in three languages with names that they will provide for us in the near future. If we silk screen this, we probably should put on the symbol of the World Sport Parachuting Contest, and also a credit to Digital Equipment Corporation.

I told the people that we wanted the right to veto whatever building they came up with to house the computer if we deemed it unsatisfactory. I said that in the event we did veto their building that we would provide a building instead. I urged them not to take advantage of this, but to continue looking for a satisfactory building. The following schedule was worked out for the details relating to our participation:

Friday, 20 July: Preliminary draft of specifications for program completed.

Wednesday, 25 July: Specifications for program agreed upon in final form at meeting to be held at DEC at 2 p.m.

Monday, 30 July: Start building and start laying cable at Orange if necessary.

Wednesday, 1 August: Check program for contest on the Orange PDP-1 at DEC's factory.

Friday, 3 August: Building complete with power installed and air conditioning installed. Also, the cables should be complete by this time. They will have installed a telephone by this time also.

Monday, 6 August: Ship computer to Orange.

Friday, 10 August: Demonstration day for final check and the press.

Saturday, 11 August: First day of the meet.

There will be many intermediate items of work that will have to be completed, but they will all be built around the above schedule framework.

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