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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL  
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President's Office

MEMORANDUM:-

TO Directors, Branch Heads, Administrative Assistants  
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This copy for: Dr. G. Herzberg

Division of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics

An ad hoc committee was set up in 1967, under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Wyman and comprised of Professor L.-P. Bonneau, Dr. T.E. Hull, Dr. D.J. LeRoy, Dr. N. Mendelsohn and Dr. J.M. Robson, to consider the need for a Division of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics within the National Research Council.

The findings of this Committee were presented by Dr. Wyman at the 233rd Meeting of the Council, held November 16-17, 1967.

Council accepted the recommendations in the report and empowered the President to pursue the matter of providing for a Division of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics. The actual date when such a Division is to be set up is dependent upon staffing and financial considerations and has not yet been set. The formulation of a programme of activity and its implementation will be undertaken by the new Division when it is created.

In the meantime, the operation and structure of the NRC Computation Centre shall continue in such a way, with any changes or additions of equipment that may be required, so that it will constitute an essential element of the new Division.



W.G. Schneider

copy to: Computer Liaison Committee  
Mr. B. Leddy

Minutes of the ad hoc committee to study the proposal to establish a Division of Mathematics, held in Ottawa September 11, 1964. The committee met at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Dr. Léo Marion, Chairman

Dr. A.J. Coleman  
Dr. M. L'Abbé  
Dr. R.D. James  
Dr. M. Wyman  
Dr. G. Herzberg

The Committee, appointed by the President, had been convened to give a recommendation as to the advisability of establishing a Division of Mathematics.

After much discussion the Committee agreed on the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that in the interests of the present work to which the Council is committed, and even more of the work to be undertaken in the future, it is essential to engage the services of a group of mathematicians.
2. For the present, we do not think that this group should constitute a Division of the Council.
3. If a full Division of Mathematics is ever contemplated the question should be investigated thoroughly whether decentralization might not be in the best interests of Canada.

Following a discussion of the support of mathematics in Canada, it was also agreed to recommend:

4. That the Associate Committee on Mathematics be asked to study this question and to present suggestions and recommendations to the Council concerning methods of support that would be better adapted to the specific needs of mathematicians.

The meeting adjourned at 3.00 p.m.