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ATTENTION MR. LAURENT

APOLOGIES FOR THE DELAY IN REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 9TH JULY, DUE TO MY ABSENCE FROM THE OFFICE FOR TWO WEEKS.

THE VISIT OF BILL ROLES IS PLANNED FOR INSTALLATION OF THE SYSTEM IV/APPLE EQUIPMENT, FOR WHICH ONLY HE HAS THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE.

OUR POLICY IN GR+DC WILL BE TO CENTRALIZE THE SUPPORT FUNCTION TO OVERSEAS LABS. SUBJECT TO THE USUAL FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTRE THE EARLIER INVOLVEMENT OF DAVID JONES IN THE OVERALL LAB PROJECT. THERE IS CERTAINLY NO OBJECTION TO HIS RETURNING TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH YOU SPECIFIC ITEMS WHICH YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RAISED AND TO COMPLETE HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE LAB. PROJECT.

RE. TIMING I EXPECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE APPLE INTERFACE WILL BE COMPLETE IN THIS LAB. BY THE END OF THIS WEEK AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO SEND THE EQUIPMENT TO MAURITIUS. UNTIL WE KNOW WHEN IT WILL ARRIVE IN MAURITIUS WE CANNOT FIX A DEFINITE DATE FOR GR+DC STAFF. I WILL HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH BILL ROLES AND DAVID JONES WHEN DAVID RETURNS FROM HOLIDAY LATER THIS WEEK. HOPEFULLY I WILL THEN BE ABLE TO CONTACT YOU WITH FURTHER DETAILS.

REGARDS

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