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Appointment of Marvin Minsky, Ph.D.

Possibly the following, representing my present understanding,
may serve to expedite action regarding the appointment of
Marvin Minsky.

I appreciate that Dr. Minsky's academic qualifications and
appropriate academic rank should be decided by the School of
Humanities and Sciences. I would like to suggest, however,
that he hold a joint appointment between an appropriate unit
of the School of Humanities and Sciences and a similarly ap-
propriate unit in the School of Medicine -- for instance,
Professor of Computer Sciences in _____ and Genetics --
to recognize this being a half time opportunity or responsi-
bility in the School of Medicine.

The School of Medicine would supply one-half of Dr. Minsky's
salary through the budget of the Department of Genetics.

It is our understanding that Dr. Minsky has an unusual affect
for the Biomedical Sciences (that is, unusual in a specialist
of the Computer Sciences) and that he could make a very valuable
contribution to the graduate research and training program in
Genetics. In addition, we should be able to see him contribute
to undergraduate medical student teaching regarding the role of
computers in the Biomedical Sciences. Finally, I would expect
him to be an asset in relation to the Instrumentation Laboratories
in the School of Medicine.

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