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Mr. Paul Allen
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Dear Mr. Allen:

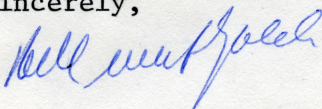
I regret to have to write this letter to you and your friends from the Lakeside School, but the needs of the Computer Science Program leave me with no other alternative.

During the past months, you and your friends have been using the facilities of the Computer Science Laboratory to develop a software product for a commercial timesharing system in Portland. While I am basically in sympathy with such activities, your use of the laboratory facilities has caused a number of complaints and tends to disrupt the intended use of the laboratory. To be more specific, let me cite a number of specifics:

1. You have used the teletypes (at times all of them simultaneously) for prolonged periods of time, and occasionally unattended, to produce endless listings. This use creates a noise level in the laboratory which is detrimental to the normal activities and also is not the intended mode of operation for a remote console.
2. You have used the IMLAC system to connect to the Portland system without prior checkout on that device. While you and some of your friends subsequently obtained a drivers license for the IMLAC, I have just discovered that your friends did not get a drivers license for the Sigma 5, which was clearly announced to be a prerequisite.
3. Earlier this week, you removed the acoustic coupler from Dr. Hunt's office without authorization and without leaving at least a note. Such behavior is intolerable in any environment.

In view of these and other occurrences which caused a number of complaints from the regular users of the Laboratory, I must ask you to turn in your keys and terminate your activities in the laboratory immediately. Please inform your friends of this letter.

Sincerely,



Hellmut Golde
Director, Computer Science Laboratory

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