To: Professor Robert W. Ritchie, Chairman  
From: Joseph L. McCarthy, Dean

Computer Science Committee  
The Graduate School

Dear Professor Ritchie:

It is indeed a pleasure to inform you that the Board of Regents, at its March 28 meeting, has given approval to the proposal to grant provisional authority to the faculty in the Computer Science Committee to offer a program leading to the degree Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Computer Science, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the proposal which you and your colleagues transmitted to me in July of 1965. This authority is to continue for a period of five years to expire on 15 June 1971 unless other action is taken. In recognition of this action, it seems appropriate that the Computer Science Committee hereafter will be known as the Computer Science Group.

Would you at this time nominate one member of the graduate faculty of the Computer Science Group to serve as Graduate Program Adviser for the new program and another member to serve as Alternate Graduate Program Adviser, in accordance with the provisions of Graduate School Memorandum No. 4, a copy of which is enclosed.

I am requesting that the ad hoc Computer Science Graduate Degree Committee continue in existence and that the members keep themselves specifically informed of the status and progress of this degree program during the five-year provisional period. The names of these Committee are Professor Ernest H. Hahnel of Physics, Chairman, Professor Richard S. Pierce of Mathematics, Professor Austin V. Eastman of Electrical Engineering, and Professor Juris Hartmanis of Cornell University. It will be particularly appreciated if you will do as much as conveniently possible to keep these men informed of significant activities.

I wish every success to you and your colleagues in the Computer Science Group as you proceed further to develop this new graduate program. I hope that it is soon recognized as a program of the highest quality.

Yours very sincerely,

Joseph L. McCarthy  
Dean

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Enclosure

cc: President Charles A. Odegaard  
Dean Philip W. Cartwright  
Dean Kermit C. Hanson  
Dean John R. Eugene  
Dean Charles H. Norris  

cc: Members of ad hoc Computer Science  
Graduate Degree Committee  
Professor Ernest H. Hahnel, Chairman  
Professor Richard S. Pierce  
Professor Austin V. Eastman  
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