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Dear Dr. Morison:

Arrangements for the summer research project on artificial intelligence are just about complete, so I am writing you to tell you what they are.

We shall meet from June 18 to August 17 here at Dartmouth. For the full period the participants will be:

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Dr. Marvin Minsky, of the Harvard Society of Fellows;
Dr. Julian Bigelow, of the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton);
Professor D. M. MacKay, of the University of London; 401D
Mr. Ray Solomonoff, of Technical Research Group (N.Y.C.);
Mr. John Holland, of IBM Corporation;
also myself.

In addition to this, the following people will participate for two weeks at the beginning and two weeks at the end:

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Dr. Claude Shannon, of Bell Telephone Labs.;
Mr. Nathaniel Rochester, of IBM Corporation;
Mr. Oliver Selfridge, of Lincoln Laboratory.

Participating for two weeks at the beginning only will be:

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Mr. Allen Newell, of Carnegie Tech and the RAND Corporation;
and, probably, Professor Herbert Simon, of Carnegie Tech.

That the number of participants is greater than originally planned is due to the fact that IBM and Lincoln Laboratories wanted to send additional participants and were willing and able to pay for it.

At present it looks as though we shall concentrate on a problem of devising a way of programming a calculator to form concepts and to form generalizations. This, of course, is subject to change when the group gets together. After we have been meeting for a while I will write you again.

Sincerely yours,

John M. McCarthy
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