To V. Bush, Greetings

"To Doc" would perhaps be a better salutation for this note of farewell and Godspeed, for among ourselves we have always called you Doc as the title most appropriately expressing the affection and respect we have felt in working with you.

We would not have you leave without saying that it has been fun to build a Differential Analyzer with you. We think you will agree that it has been fun, but we are not going to ask you to agree with some other feelings of ours, for of those we are better judges than you. We know, for example, the many ways in which we have felt your influence: in your generous praise for our successes, in your sympathetic analyses of our failures, in the enlivening breezes you have brought to our developmental doldrums.

We shall miss these constant incentives, but the finest contribution you have made to our progress will remain. We mean your intuitive and inspiring faith in young men. To our minds this faith overshadows all else, is more lasting and important than your tangible scientific achievements, however important we know them to be. It has given us a sense of accomplishment, a self-confidence, a realization of challenging opportunities at a period in our careers when the effect is profound. This faith remains with us and all the other young men who have worked with you at M.I.T.

For this and for the other fine qualities that have inspired and delighted us we are grateful, and we want you to know it.

This is the explanation, then, if explanation is needed, of why we, the undersigned, thus say Hail and Farewell, and bid you visit us as often as your new work will allow.

With faith and affection we remain, Doc,

Your Differential Analyzer Staff

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