

28 SEP 1951

Mr. John C. McPherson  
International Business Machines Corp.  
590 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
20 September 1951, with its interesting enclosure.

I have examined the data only briefly but feel  
sure they will be quite interesting and useful to several  
of us.

Thank you very much for your courtesy in making  
the report available.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN  
Consultant

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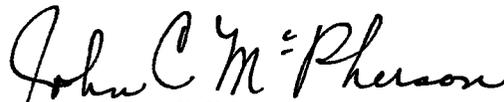
Mr. William F. Friedman  
Technical Consultant  
Department of Defense  
Armed Forces Security Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am enclosing a report on the subject we discussed at our last meeting regarding the proper arrangement of letters for a word writing machine of maximum utility, as illustrated in the drawing of the No. 9 keyboard in this report.

Indicated in the report are the source of the information on word frequency and the analysis made of this information for the purpose of getting a maximum number of words and syllables written at one stroke.

Yours very truly,

  
John C. McPherson

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Enclosure