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Project Title: A Microprocessor Design Laboratory -- Acquisition of Instructional Scientific Equipment

Project No: E-21-523

Project Director: Dr. John B. Peatman

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

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SPONSORED PROJECT TERMINATION

Date: May 4, 1981

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Effective Termination Date: 1/31/81

Clearance of Accounting Charges: 1/31/81

Grant/Contract Closeout Actions Remaining:

- Final Invoice and Closing Documents
- Final Fiscal Report Accounting (FCTR)
- Final Report of Inventions
- Govt. Property Inventory & Related Certificate
- Classified Material Certificate
- Other

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Introduction

This laboratory development program is proceeding well towards the achievement of its goal. Our present microprocessor design laboratory provides one development system and student preparation of software to drive hardware configured by the laboratory staff. The new laboratory organization will provide eight stations and will permit students to configure hardware and then develop the software to drive it.

Laboratory Organization

Today's integrated circuit technology has moved to the point where an instrument design should probably be a multiple microcomputer design. This laboratory development project has moved ahead to support such an organization. It will employ Motorola 6801 one-chip microcomputers in a "one master, several slaves" scheme and will take advantage of their built-in UARTs to support a two-wire I/O bus between microcomputers.

The interactions between software developed on our campus computer and the exercising of that software on eight development stations will be handled with the help of two personal computers. Each unit will be shared by four stations simultaneously. The computers will also permit some monitoring capability of the activity going on in each development station. Logic state analyzers will permit more detailed monitoring of development station activity when that is required.

Present Status and Work Remaining

The capital equipment required for the laboratory has been purchased as well as many of the components required for construction of the modular development stations. The hardware and software needed to support interactions between each personal computer and its four development stations are in the process of being developed. Each station will be supported by a small monitor which has yet to be developed. Several interfaces are in the process of development by students in the present laboratory.

It is intended that the new laboratory capability will be introduced little by little during the next year. The project should be completely on line in 1980.