

SUMEX - Call

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Dear Dr. Gorry,

I had the opportunity just now to talk to Saul Amarel and to ask him what he might have learned from you about your possible interest in relationship to the SUMEX system. He gave me to understand, which you had indicated to me before, that you had no immediate urgent requirement for computer access and were therefore unlikely to be pursuing in a formal way the possibility of joining our cooperative user group. I can well understand this and certainly there would be no point on my attempting to press this upon you.

However, I wonder if you would be interested in accepting the following proposition. We will shortly be coming on to ARPA net and already have ~~time~~ <sup>limited</sup> communication capability. I would be very interested to have your reaction to the general way in which SUMEX is operating on behalf of its users and also to have you exercise some of the programs that are now publicly available, as well as to have some facilitated communication with the other investigators in our group who are working in an area related to your own interests - like Harry Pople. If those objectives would be of any interest to you, I would be happy to set up a limited pilot account for your use - this would enable you to log in, to use the message facilities, and to exercise the programs that I indicated over a period of, let us say, 4 months from the date of start. You would also have some opportunity to exercise our own operating system and this might help you to determine whether there were other considerations that might move you to wish to undertake a more active role. There are no special strings attached to this except my own desire for you to offer your own critical judgements to me about the way in which the system is operating and about the effectiveness of the cooperation among users that we are tempting to inculcate.

If this is of interest to you, I suggest that you just give a telephone call back to Dr. Elliott Levinthal here at (415)497-5813 to be briefed on some of the specific arrangements, and to see what documentation you may require. He will already have had a copy of this letter and will be in a position to respond without great delay or formality.

Sincerely yours,