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IEEE Boston Section  
Chair Milestones Committee  
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Attention: Gilmore G. Cooke

Dear Gil,

On behalf of the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS), we are very pleased to accept the IEEE's Milestone Award for the Harvard Mark I Computer.

Developed by Harvard faculty member Howard Aiken and IBM in the early 1940s, the massive machine was originally called the ASCC (Automatic Sequence Controlled Calculator). The Mark I is considered one of the first electro-mechanical computers ever created and represents a fundamental milestone in the history of modern computing.

We intend to install the plaque in the Harvard Science Center (1 Oxford Street) proximate to the historical display that features significant components from the original Mark I.

Our Communications Director, Michael Patrick Rutter ([mrutter@seas.harvard.edu](mailto:mrutter@seas.harvard.edu) and 617-496-3815) will serve as the coordinator for the research and installation process.

Warm regards,

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