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Dear Mr. Cooke:

I was delighted to learn of MIT's nomination to receive an IEEE Milestone Award for development of the Whirlwind computer, the first digital computer with a magnetic-core memory that could operate in real, interactive time.

On behalf of my MIT colleagues, I assure you that we would be proud to accept the Milestone plaque and mount it at Building N42 located at 211 Massachusetts Avenue, where the Whirlwind computer was developed from 1944 to 1958. I fully understand the IEEE requirement that the plaque be displayed in a publicly accessible space at Building N42.

With deep appreciation for your recognition of our historical innovations,

Sincerely,

Susan Hockfield

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cc: Claude R. Canizares