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Mr John Noad
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Dear John,

CITEC R&D Computer to QTINET

Some months ago I suggested that the VAX 8530 should be connected to QTINET. The donation was to CITEC and I had some concern that it should be available for research, particularly in the networking area. For joint research, we would charge for the use of UQ central systems and there could be the possibility that the work would centre on Bond or Griffith. Graham Rees was exploring (and possibly still is) an R&D contract with DEC for the further development of QTINET perhaps by the extension of Athena into the wide area network.

QTINET is a network to link educational and research systems. So from a networking viewpoint, it would be difficult to refuse the request. I would suggest that you might indicate an assumption that the system is to be used for joint projects work related to the development of the Technology Quadrangle rather than for individual research which should properly be performed on the computing systems of the institutions. I am sure CITEC would not wish to be deluged with requests for free computing time from UQ.

Yours sincerely,

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