



association of university and college employees

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Mr. R.A. Grant
Director
Employee Relations Dept.
Campus Mail

Dear Mr. Grant:

In response to your letter of April 2nd, 1982, we are in full agreement with the proposed composition of the joint Union-Administration Committee on Video Display Terminals.

We would, however, like clarification as to what the terms of reference of the Union-Administration Committee on VDT's would encompass. You seem to suggest both in your letter and subsequently in UBC Reports (April 14, 1982) that radiation hazards are off grounds because you have received assurances that the alleged hazards are non-existent. On the other hand, you do concede that there are "apparently some individuals" who are "still concerned" about such hazards, which suggests that you would be willing to include radiation hazards in the terms of reference of the committee. I should add that individuals who are still concerned about possible radiation hazards from VDT's include a number of reputable doctors and scientists. There are experts on both sides of the question and for precisely this reason--because there is no scientific consensus on the issue--we feel it would be a mistake for the committee to arbitrarily exclude the subject of radiation hazards from its terms of reference.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours truly,

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