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To: Jim From: Bill Subject: IBM Technology

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A TCM holds up to 133 logic and memory array chips on a 90-mm substrate, consisting of 33 layered ceramic sheets. More than 120 meters of wiring within these layers connect up to 45,000 circuits within the TCM. And 1,800 pins are brazed to the substrate bottom to plug the module into a circuit board. All of this requires computer-aided



Detail of input/output pins brazed to back of multilayer ceramic (MLC) substrate which plug TCM to next level of packaging. Magnified portion of ceramic sheets (0.2 or 0.28 mm thick, unfired), the basic building blocks of the 33-layer MLC. A typical substrate contains 350,000 vias for layerto-layer connections and 130 m of wiring.





EVOLUTION OF DENSITY/PERFORMANCE

Illustration of TCM's dramatic benefits. Average performance improved more than 20x over 1965 level. Average circuits/module increased from one in SLT to 30,000 in TCM.



Effect of TCM technology on hypothetical 300K circuit system. Circuits/chip and chips/module increased with dramatic reductions of system interconnections and elimination of card-level package. Result is lowered cost, improved performance and reliability.

design techniques and precision manufacturing operations unique to IBM.

Thus "packaged," the chips require a new cooling mechanism to remove the heat created by their unprecedented density. Within the hermetically-sealed TCM, springloaded cylinders contact the chips and conduct heat away from them. Helium surrounds the chips and cylinders, providing an inert atmosphere. Its heat-conducting efficiency is approximately six times that of air, and it carries the heat to an aluminum alloy "hat" atop the TCM. The heat is then conducted to a cold plate through which water circulates at 24°C.

The circuit density of the TCM required IBM engineers to develop a high density, high-performance printed-circuit board on which to mount the modules and to provide power and signal paths. This board is the densest yet reported for large-scale manufacturing.

This 600 x 700 mm printed-circuit board contains 20 layers of circuitry, and

includes more than one kilometer of wiring. It can accommodate up to six or nine TCMs depending on the board configuration.

Together, the TCM and the circuit board eliminate an entire level of packaging previously required in computers. This combination contains all the functions normally attributed to modules, cards, boards and interconnecting cables in prior technologies.

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#### Subsea maintenance by robot

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# a new step in technology.

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# The SPS and the environment

Safeguards incorporated in the SPS reflect Exxon's continuing concern for the environment. A high degree of redundancy is built into many of its subsystems. Fail-safe electrohydraulic control and shut-in systems are used throughout. In the unlikely event that leakage should occur, manifolding on the SPS is covered by inverted "pans" which would collect the leaked oil, trigger an alarm, and stop the leak by closing valves.

### The potential of the SPS

While it is impractical to build conventional offshore platforms for

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#### **High-Technology Jobs**

Unemployment was a dominant issue in many states in the last election, and it could remain so for some years. The older industries such as steel and autos may eventually partially recover, but they face great international competition. Governors of states are under pressure to do something that promises to lead to more jobs. Many governors are pinning their hopes on high-technology industries, which have grown while other industries have been stagnant or decaying. The National Governors' Association has sponsored meetings and committee work on the topic. About half of the governors are fostering some kind of activity, such as the formation of an advisory council on high technology, in their own states.

Representing the National Governors' Association, Charles S. Robb of Virginia stated in testimony before a congressional subcommittee\* that "the industrialized world stands on the threshold of a technological revolution that will change the American way of life and the composition of the nation's work force as much as the industrial revolution did a century ago. . . . Our ability to lead this technological revolution, as indeed the United States led the industrial revolution a century or so ago, will bear directly on our share of world markets-a share that will continue to erode unless we act promptly and wisely." Governor Robb also touched on the importance of interactions between universities and industries in fostering innovation in high technology.

At a juncture at which governors are under pressure to increase jobs, they find themselves with limited resources. At the same time, outlays for education are large. They are aware of activities around Route 128 in Massachusetts and near Palo Alto in California. They have to ask themselves whether their state universities can do what Stanford and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have done for their regions. If the recession continues, other universities can expect increasing pressure and questions from governors and legislators.

There is a large gap between a belated recognition of the importance of high technology and achieving something in the way of jobs. The translation of research into substantive applications usually takes a decade or more. The transformation of small innovative companies into giants takes time. Governors may be well advised and have great plans, but their tenure is limited. Many were swept out of office in the last election. Their successors will wish to formulate their own programs.

For alert states there may be a partial solution for some economic problems. Many of the high-technology companies currently centered on Route 128 or in Silicon Valley are looking elsewhere for expansion as costs of labor, housing, and land have become excessive. A congressional staff study<sup>†</sup> describes responses of 671 companies to a questionnaire concerning factors that influence their decisions to locate facilities.

The high-technology companies are science-based. Research and development outputs are more important to them than to other manufacturing industries. Major determinants in their decisions to locate facilities include availability of skilled labor, labor costs, and state and local taxes. Other factors include community attitudes, costs of property and construction, transportation systems, available area for expansion, good schools, and proximity to recreational and cultural resources. The study indicates that high-technology companies plan to expand at highest rates in the Midwest, Southeast, Southwest, and Mountain and Plains states. Where they will actually locate may well depend on local initiatives. Michigan, North Carolina, and Arizona have been especially active in seeking to foster high technology and are meeting with some success. In the majority of states there has been more talk than action .-- PHILIP H. ABELSON

\*Testimony before the Subcommittee on Science, Research and Technology, Committee on Science and Technology, U.S. House of Representatives, 29 April 1982. †"Location of high technology firms and regional economic development," staff study prepared for the Subcommittee on Monetary and Fiscal Policy, Joint Economic Committee, 1 June 1982.

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