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Mr. David Packard
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Dear Dave:

This is just to let you know that your son David Woodley did come to visit us at CCRMA. Walter Hewlett brought him around. We played him some examples of computer-generated musical sound, showed him computer-generated musical scores, and discussed some work we are carrying on toward producing musical scores directly from the sound of a performance, a long and difficult project that is being done under an NSF grant.

I was very impressed with your son. He is very knowledgeable about computers and asked sensible questions which were much to the point. He himself has a YAMAHA DX7 digital music synthesizer; Yamaha pays royalties to Stanford for the use in this machine of FM synthesis, an invention of John Chowning, the Director of CCRMA.

Your son seemed interested in our work. We used up almost all of the time he had available in technical talk. I did tell him of our needs for support for the new named Studio at the Knoll, where we will move to in the fall, and for additional computer and audio equipment. I did not go into any financial details.

I was glad to meet David Woodley, and so were the others who saw him at CCRMA. We hope we'll see him again.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Yours,



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