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Dear Professor Chowning:

I have no idea why your letter never made it here on the first and second try: I suspect the earlier mailings will dribble in as the months pass. If there was a conspiracy, we were not part of it.

Our general program is as remote as it can be from musical affairs, but under extremely favorable circumstances we might be able to wrestle it in that direction. What you propose, however, creates the least favorable circumstances of all. We are simply in no position to support the purchase of computer hardware, even for proposals squarely within program: a small proportion of the very best of those requests would exhaust our resources. We have placed such support out of bounds except in the most exceptional instances and then only when the proposal is intimately related to Foundation program.

I wish I could be more helpful. Pierce and Boulez are powerful allies. But all I can do is hope you have better fortune elsewhere.

Yours very truly,


Stephen White

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