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Dear Ray,

X3T10 considered the QIC request (letter dated 3/21/95) for blocks of medium type codes and density codes at its meeting last week. Several issues were brought up at the meeting that we wish to resolve before the exact blocks of codes can be assigned:

1.   There are apparently already conflicts in code usage that need to be identified and resolved.
2.   We have already assigned approximately 1/3rd of the available codes and wish to find a more open-ended mechanism for code assignment.
3.   We need to define a process whereby codes assigned by your group can be accessed by users of the SCSI-3 family of standards in a timely fashion -- there needs to be a centralized registry of these codes (that, hopefully, can be done without a lot of *un*due process). I favor maintaining a file on the SCSI BBS and on an ftp site for this purpose.

We believe that these issues can be resolved soon and expect to take action on your request at our next meeting (July 13, 1995 in Colorado Springs).

Edward Lappin, the editor of the SCSI-3 Stream Commands (SSC) draft standard is proposing that we create a mechanism to avoid the code assignment problem altogether. The proposed mechanism would allow developers to 'roll their own' codes by describing the tape characteristics through several fields. We are solicit your group's help in developing this proposal and ask that interested parties contact Mr. Lappin directly at:

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I will add this topic to the SCSI Working Group agenda for Wednesday, July 12th, also in Colorado Springs. I encourage interested members of your organization to attend this meeting and am enclosing a meeting announcement for your reference.

To aid in this effort, could you please identify any code assignments, tentative or otherwise, that are presently identified in QIC documents to Mr. Lappin? Thank you in advance.

cc: Ted Lappin