We received the backplane expansion assembly required to mount our Decnet communication boards for the plant locations. Installation will be scheduled when the new computer room is rearranged. 9.6KB dedicated phone lines to the plants from Galesburg will be installed at the end of May. A month-to-month lease will be established instead of a two-year lease for the modems as suggested by TCC. This was decided because a much better modem technology will become available shortly, and this will allow us time to monitor the amount of line traffic and determine the actual capacity required. Dave Stephan was asked to determine the potential difference in grounding between Axle & Brake and Transmission buildings before running an Ethernet coaxial cable underground. A fiber optics cable will be required if the coax proves not to be feasible.

A set of six video tapes for the complete BRAVO! instruction series have been edited to include lesson titles, and four duplicates have been made. Tapes were sent to Glasgow, Henderson, Gallatin, and Manchester.

Application Engineering at Applicon arranged to have support at each one of our plants during the week of April 22nd. Steve Slesinski assisted in the visits. Topics covered included: system management techniques, VMS, backup procedures, hardware overview, installing software, plotting, installed printers, and VT200's and librarian commands. A three-day training session on advanced techniques will be held for our plants in Chicago at a later date. Applicon has agreed to this additional training at no charge.

S. Slesinski attended a meeting at TCC to discuss integrating of CAD/CAM in the division with J. Nehring, R. Wolfarth, S. Howe and F. Kozlevchar.

Engineering-Henderson

New specification activity for the month numbers 103. This includes 64 new specification numbers assigned and 39 which were raised in suffix level. Specifications on hold pending more information include the following:

1. Freightliner - DS/RS460P - These specifications were set up with a housing that had the torque rod location in the wrong position for this customer. In addition to signing off on an alternate current housing, this customer is planning on reassigning their part number to this specification. Marketing will advise upon receipt of the above.

2. J. I. Case - 22121 - With this purchase order, Case is asking for an 8.5C mechanic's flange for our 22 Series axle. We currently do not have this in our system. Marketing will advise when part number is assigned.

3. Sperry New Holland - 15201 - This is a square edge housing update and awaiting a new customer part number. Marketing will advise.