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Dear Professor Ruszkiewicz:

I am a doctoral candidate in Curriculum and Instruction (English Education) here at the University of Texas at Austin. In the next ten months, I hope to complete a dissertation entitled "Stimulating Rhetorical Invention in English Composition through Computer-Assisted Instruction (CAI)." Without the cooperation of the Freshman English Policy Committee, the English faculty, and, of course, the students enrolled in your program, such a research project would be impossible to complete.

Consequently, I respectfully request permission to:

(1) Select three instructor volunteers and three student volunteers from English 306 in the late fall to assist in the second validation of the CAI modules;

(2) Select four instructor volunteers and their classes from the English 306 program in the spring to assist in the experiment itself;

(3) Lecture for two class meetings on the experiment's three heuristic procedures to the respective experimental sections;

(4) Use the two CRTs in the writing lab which are hard-wired into the DEC-10 during the three weeks of the experiment;

(5) Select three English instructor volunteers to assist in the evaluation of the raw data--a proposition analysis for determining quantitative performance and a subjective evaluation for qualitative performance.

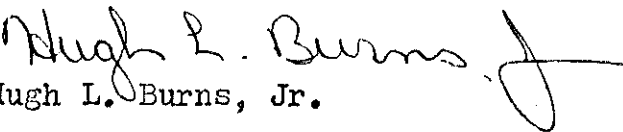
I anticipate continued financial support from Curriculum and Instruction. Also, the application for research involving human subjects has been forwarded to the University Review Committee. My supervising professors are Dr. Charles R. Kline, Jr. and Dr. George Culp; other committee members are Dr. James L. Kinneavy, Dr. Susan W. Wittig, and Dr. Walter J. Lamberg.

I would appreciate your assistance in bringing this request before the Freshman English Policy Committee. Finally, if

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you deem it necessary and appropriate for me to speak before
your committee, obviously I would be happy to do so.

Sincerely yours,


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cc: Dr. Charles R. Kline, Jr.