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The many contributions made to science and industry by the Institute and its students in the past three decades have been, for the most part, in the field of applied research. The contributions of the Institute and its students to the world of pure science are comparatively small. This is not to say that pure science is unimportant. On the contrary, the Institute would not exist today if it were not for the researches of its faculty and students in the field of pure science. But the Institute is not a university, and its primary purpose is not to produce pure scientists.

The Institute is, first and foremost, an engineering school. Its primary objective is to prepare engineers to design and build the machines and structures that will make possible the development of new industries. The Institute is not interested in producing scientists, but it is interested in producing engineers who are capable of doing the work of designing and building the machines and structures that will make possible the development of new industries.

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