Nixon pushes R and D

(Continued from page 1) among them were the development of an automated mass transit system, implementing an electronic mail system, and creation of special technological teams to provide emergency medical care. Besides these planned civilian projects, the TIMES reported that the administration would seek additional funding for military programs it argued would bring long-term military benefits.

Administration officials here at MIT explained that there was no way to tell at this time whether MIT might be in line for some of the increased government funding. Joseph O'Conner, assistant to the vice-president for research and development, noted that "we have people with interests and ideas for all of those fields" mentioned in the Times article, and J. B. Feldman, executive officer for the Draper Labs, said that some study for control systems for the Short Take-Off and Landing (STOL) jet had been undertaken at MIT, but that new projects are still months away.

Nixon aired his administration's plans for a new push in technological research during his "State of the Union" discussion of plans to reach a goal of "full employment in peacetime."

"And we also will help meet our goal of full employment in peacetime with a set of major initiatives to stimulate more imaginative use of America's great capacity for technological advance and direct it toward improving the quality of life for every American.

"In reaching the moon we demonstrated what miracles American technology is capable of achieving. And now the time has come to move more deliberately toward making full use of that technology here on earth, of harnessing the wonders of science to the service of man."

"I shall soon send to the Congress a special message proposing a new program of Federal partnership in technological research and development with Federal incentives to increase private research, federally supported research and projects designed to improve our everyday lives in ways that will range from improving mass transit to developing new systems of emergency health care that could save thousands of lives annually."