President Ronald Reagan has announced his choice of Dr. Jerome Wiesner as Special Assistant for Science to the President.

Astronomers have announced the discovery of an important new nearby star in the heavens. This is the second such discovery in a week (the first being the confirmation of the existence of eight planets on the major moons of Jupiter) for a group led by MIT astronomers.

The MIT Faculty will hold its regular February meeting in East Campus on Wednesday, February 7. The meeting, open only to members of the administration, will focus on a proposal to develop a campus Faculty on the granting of certain professorships.

To Members of the MIT Community:

After three long years, I am happy to announce that MIT has completed negotiations with Federal Department Stores of Chicago, Illinois, for the construction of a $31.00 million dollar shopping center on MIT property formerly owned by the Simplex Corporation.

As you know, we stated at the time of the Simplex purchase that the Institute should favor prospective commercial developers who indicated a willingness to cooperate with both MIT and the city in terms of achieving the social and environmental objectives we felt at the time that this was an appropriate course of action.

We now feel that the objectives set down three years ago have been fully met by the terms of this agreement, which allows maximum flexibility for MIT.

Scattered portions of land have already been purchased to round out the existing plot, and to provide 25 acres of parking; these purchases have been MIT's way of contributing to the creative renewal of Cambridge's urban crisis.

Through the negotiation period, we actively sought multiple inputs to the decision-making process from responsible spokesmen, including members of the MIT administration, our close personal friends, and residents of the Northgate community.

Construction will begin soon; the expected completion date is fall of 1975. Current plans call for the complex to include Filene's, business and professional offices, the Harvard Coop, Gnomon Bookstore, and a 28-Flavor ice cream parlor.

I think all of you have reason to be proud of this newest service to the city of Cambridge; it should open new avenues of communication with the city at large.

Howard W. Johnson

Chairman of the Board of Directors