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PERCOM PC BOARD TO INTERFACE SPEAK & SPELL* TO COMPUTER

Garland, Texas - December 20, 1979 - Harold Mauch, president of Percom Data Company, announced here today that production of an inexpensive PC board, which will interface the Texas Instruments Speak & Spell* learning aid to a computer, will begin in February.

Mauch said the interface module, called Speak 2 Me 2tm, allows a user to easily communicate with a Speak & Spell*, in BASIC, so that the computer may be made to "talk" using the words and phrases of a Speak & Spell* unit.

The words of Speak & Spell * optional plug-in module word lists are also accessible.

The Speak 2 Me 2tm interface was introduced as a fully working model at a personal computer trade show held last October in Philadelphia.

Mauch said the Percom Speak 2 Me 2^{tm} generated an enormous amount of interest at the show.

The Speak 2 Me 2tm PC board is installed in a Speak & Spell* in the compartment which normally houses the batteries. Power may be supplied from a simple calculator power pack.

Installation involves disassembly and some modification of the Speak & Spell * unit.

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Speak 2 Me 2tm with user instructions, TRS-80⁺ computer driver software and a TRS-80⁺ computer interconnecting cable will sell for \$69.95. The cable, which connects to the TRS-80⁺ printer port, may be easily adapted for other computers.

Orders are now being taken, and may be placed by calling Percom's toll-free order number, 1-800-527-1592. Payment may be made by cashier's check, certified check, money order or COD, or charged to a VISA or Master Charge account. Texas residents must add 5% sales tax.

Dealer inquiries are invited.

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