

Memo Concerning Archive system on 940

Doug,
Two things have been happening with respect to the archive system.

(1) As you know, I have been pushing hard on the Collector/Sorter and Archive systems.

As I mentioned to you some time back, I had planned to finish the Collector/Sorter and Archive systems, and then take a week off.

Unfortunately, I have crapped out. I think that the most expedient utilization of time and effort would call for me to take a week off now, and finish up the Archive when I return.

I dislike missing deadlines, but I feel that in my present state I could spend 2 weeks doing 4 days work.

Therefore, since I will be gone when you read this, I will see you next Monday, my apologies for crapping out, and I hope you understand.

(2) I have been experiencing deep-in-the-stomach-pit trepidations with respect to doing the Archive system on the 940.

When the Archive was first conceived, some 4 months ago, I visualized it as a simple, stop-gap system which would take a couple of weeks to implement.

It has, since then, become a summer project, grown, experienced a period of awkwardness, and some development.

That it, as currently specified, could be implemented on the 940 I have no doubt.

There is, however, some question in my mind as to whether it should be implemented on the 940.

Consider the following:

We are at a stage where we may write and debug programs for the 10.

The PDP10 is here (almost), and it will at least be

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operational in the near the end of December.

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There will be time available before then on other IO systems, and the IO MOL is now operational.

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We are not entirely satisfied with the specification of the preliminary archive, which had been at least partially excused by considering it a 'stop-gap' system.

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The prolongtion of the design effort has decreased both the useful life and the stop-gap nature of the archive on the 940.

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The useful life of the preliminary archive system on the 940 is 3 to 5 months.

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Given at least 1 month for 'accomodation' of the system by ARC, the useful life becomes 2 to 4 months.

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This time is further reduced by thne fact that the availibility of the 940 will be minimal during the time that hardware work is being done on the IO.

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It is not clear, in my mind, that the archive system is a high priority item on the 940. What of significance will it allow us to do on the 940 that we cannot do now that is vital to our plans in the current time-frame?

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From these and other considerations, there seems to me a strong likelihood that we should not expend the effort required to implement the archive system on the 940, but rather utilize the same time to better design a file system for the PDP10.

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The system designed for the IO should be a lasting, expandable file system which is compatible with the extant file system provided by the TENEX system.

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We should give careful thought to designing a system which would suit both our and BBN's needs, thereby opening the possibility of collaborating with BBN on the implementation.

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The system should provide for automatic N-level (where N is greater than 2) file storage and retrieval, without undue implication of the user.

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Provision should be made for the accomodation of our

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files to a (set of) information retrieval needs.

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These needs range from the interactive use of archived files in browsing (e.g. when perusing through a dialogue) to the generation of complicated catalogues from a large collection or collections.

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Special attention needs to be paid to making the archive system consistent with the remainder of the file system, and thereby making it relatively 'natural' (perhaps even invisible) to use.

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Concluding, I feel that we ought to seriously re-consider the decision to implement the archive on the 940 at this time.

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The environment has significantly changed from the time when the decision to implement an archive system on the 940.

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When the decision was initially made, there was an uncertainty as to whether we were going to get a new computer, and when we would get it. It appeared that any system written at that time would have a life time which was sufficient to justify its creation.

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We now have a hard time frame in which to work, and it appears that the useful life of any 940 program is short.

2b1

We have thus far not invested a great deal in the implementation of an Archive system on the 940. Most of the effort has been spent on design.

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We would therefore not lose too much by deciding to defer implementation to the 10, and we would gain the experience of having designed the system for the 940.

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We would, by deferring the implementation, free up time for work on other projects which have a greater payoff on the 940, have a greater relevance to our short term needs, or directly relate to the PDP 10 transfer and/or system.

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If we defer the implementation of the archive system, we leave one previously answered question unanswered: How do we transfer our files to the 10??

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' :4878', 09/27/70 0233:37 JCN ; ' :ARCHIVE NOTE', 09/25/70 1320:03 WSD ;
 .HED=" 4878 WSD 25SEP70
Memo Concerning Archive system on 940"; To DCE From WSD
 .SNF=72; .MCH=65; .PGN=0; .DSN=1; .DPR=0;

Memo to JCN and JBN: where to find NIC files and documents

In addition to the following information, there is a black pasteboard binder labelled "NIC Workbook" on MGC desk in J2080 with a concordance between Xdoc numbers, NIC numbers, and NWG/RFC numbers of documents and with some notes titled "NIC Record of Entry and Processing" that will help you determine where on-line versions of NIC Documents previously transcribed, archived, and deleted from KDF are; other useful information about what has been done to which documents

Archived on-line versions of NIC Catalog files as of June 1970 (since then nothing has been done on them)

Latest version (June 1970) of extended NIC citations, on-line version

(NIC)AEXT Reel 31

(NIC)BEXT Reel 31

(NIC)CEXT Reel 31

(NIC)FINDEXT Reel 31

(NIC)EEXT Reel 31

Latest version of brief citations, on-line version

(NIC)CITON Reel 31

Latest version of author, source index, on-line version

(NIC)AUTOR Reel 31

(NIC)SOURCE Reel 31

Procedures used to process NIC catalogs as of June 1970

(NIC)NICHB Reel 32

Location of hard copy originals of NIC documents:

NIC #s 1 - 83 except NWG/RFC documents:

on bottom shelf in J2080

NIC #84 - #124 except NWG/RFC documents:

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in top left hand drawer of MGC desk in J2080	3b1
BER has NWG/RFC documents	3b2
On-line version of NWG/RFC Documents (see (NAC)NWCAT)	4
(NAC)01NWG	4a
(NAC)02NWG	4b
(NAC)03NWG	4c
(NAC)04NWG	4d
(NAC)05NWG	4e
QED files containing transcribed NWG/RFC documents to be inserted in R2 NWG files:	5
(NAC):1216N (also: (NIC)1216N in KDF) (NWG/RFC 12, 13, 15)	5a
(NAC):2730N (also: (NIC)2730N in KDF) (NWG/RFC 27 and 30)	5b
(NAC):16NWG (also: (NAC)16NWG and (NIC)16NWG, in KDF) (NWG/RFC 16)	5c
(NAC):6566N (also: (NAC)6566N in KDF) (65 and 66)	5d

:4879, 10/02/70 1042:56 MGC ; :JRN12MGC, 10/01/70 1614:31 MGC ;
.PGN=0; .HED=" 4879 MGC 01OCT70
Memo to JCN and JBN: where to find NIC files and documents";
.SNF=72;.MCH=65;.PGN=0;.DSN=1;.DPR=0;

Notes re tape procedures and folklore

Archived on Reel 16 is a file called (CALDWELL)FTS that describes in detail how to use the tape system currently used for archiving files and for saving journal files on mag tape.

I have been unable to get a copy from mag tape into the system to update and journalize it before I leave. Therefore an old copy with pencilled notes is attached to this document. The following information is to supplement (CALDWELL)FTS.

On-line tape CFD's are currently located in two files under username CATALOG instead of in (CALDWELL)TAPIN

(CATALOG)1ARCA and (CATALOG)2ARCA

Since username CATALOG is set so that no colon files can be set permanent and so that tape system cannot be used with executivity, it is necessary either to get DJH to permanently change the userdirectory so that it is more convenient or to use the following procedure:

Log in as somebody else other than CATALOG to get a CFD from a tape (see procedure in FTS)

Set the QED file containing the CFD permanent.

Log out and log in again as CATALOG; get 2ARCA out of KDF and insert the QED branch containing the CFD into the colon copy of 2ARCA; then re-write 2ARCA in KDF before logging out.

To print a hard copy of a tape CFD prior to its insertion into (CATALOG)2ARCA, use the PRINT command in EXEC and instead of "p" for "preformatted file" use "q" for "qed file"; then give the name of the QED file that contains the desired CFD (obtained by procedure defined in (CALDWELL)FTS)

Note that (CATALOG)2ARCA lacks updated CFDs for the following reels: 33, 34, 35, 36

CFD's for 33, 34, and 36 are currently in QED files under username journal, called :33CFD, :34CFD, and :36C/fD

The "insert QED command" has been inoperative for several weeks. Hard copy versions of tape /cfd's are in black pasteboard binders in J2080 on bottom shelf

Notes re tape procedures and folklore

There is a bug in the tape system such that, when giving the "dismount command", if the system finishes updating the tape's file directory before the tape finishes re-winding, your terminal gets hung up and the tape doesn't get properly dismounted and the system loses track of what it's doing and the tape usually gets clobbered. To avoid all this bad karma, before dismounting a tape you re-wind it by using control SYS and "re" for "rewind" followed by unit # and period; then wait a maximum of 3 minutes or until you verify by walking into the computer room and looking to see that the tape is finished rewinding. Then you should have no problem dismounting the tape.

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When copying journal files to tape, please note: (after studying FTS)

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Make sure you know which unit number the Journal reel is loaded on, and that no other tape drive is set to the same unit number

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Make sure that Journal tape is "ready" (check light on tape drive) before you try to mount the tape

5b

Make sure the journal tape is the one set current (see FTS)

5c

Make sure to dismount tape as soon as possible after copying (colon) journal file to tape, so that it gets recorded in tape CFD before next crash

5d

After tape has been dismounted, mount it again and copy tape file to a dummy scratch file, load it in TODAS and do file cleanup to error so that if there is anything wrong with the tape copy you will know immediately

5e

It is especially important to re-wind tape before dismounting when you have not written any new tape files since tape was mounted

5f

When you are finished copying a batch of files to Journal tape, set the current archive reel "current" again

5g

If you have any problems, Dave Hopper is probably the only one who can tell you what the matter is

5h

It is very important to duplicate tapes periodically. It is preferable that until a tape is full you duplicate it once and then the next time you duplicate it you use a new tape for the duplicate reel so that you have a slightly outdated backup duplicate, which you can then use for the duplicate reel the next

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time you duplicate it, etc. until the tape is full. This is to keep you sane at those times when the system is being temperamental and you manage to clobber both the original and the duplicate reels on the same day.

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In order to duplicate tapes you need a file called TDUP. It is supposed to be under username SYSTEM, but periodically disappears. You then read it from SYSTEM KDF into slash file space and set it permanent. If it disappears from SYSTEM KFDF you can get a copy off of Archive reel 17 where it is called (SYSTEM)TDUP

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When you have located the file TDUP use the following procedure:

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Set up the original tape on the far right tape drive and set the unit number = 0

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Set up a tape on the middle tape drive and set the unit number = 1

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Make sure the unit # on the far left tape drive is something innocuous like 6

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Go to the system TTY and from EXEC, call ()TDUP.

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TDUP will ask you for an input unit number (answer 0 followed by period) an output unit number (answer 1 followed by period). In each case it will ask about format and the answer is "n" for "new" and a period.

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TDUP will then do several carriage returns and ask for a "run title" -- I usually give "Archive Dup NN" where NN is the reel number, but anything will suffice -- and waits for a carriage return and line feed before proceeding

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TDUP takes a few seconds to do some things and then checks to see if you have any requests. The response to this is "f" for finished and a period.

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TDUP then asks for an output reel number. This number should be the same as the input reel number. For example, if you are duplicating Archive reel 37, the response is "37" followed by a period.

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The rest of the duplicating process goes by itself unless the system crashes while it is running, in which case you need to rewind each tape (in EXEC: control SYS + "re" +

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unit # + period) and give the dismount command for each tape and start over.

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When TDUP finishes by itself, it dismounts both tapes and leaves you in EXEC.

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It is possible to rub out of TDUP after it has finished copying all the files and is merely listing the file directory -- wait until it has a good start so that you are sure that is what it's doing (if you are standing there you will see tapes being re-wound prior to this point). Then give a couple of rubouts and when you get to EXEC, do a RESet, and give dismount tape command for each reel to make sure tapes are dismounted. This saves a lot of time if you already have a copy or plan on getting a QED file copy of the CFD.

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The following tapes need duplicating right now:

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Reels 30, 31, 32, 33, 34

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Reel 35, the journal tape, has two duplicates that were both done since anything has been written on the original. All three were in good shape prior to the moving of the tape units. Since the tape system has not been functional since then, it is unclear whether trying to use the malfunctioning tape system may have destroyed both the original and one of the duplicates. If so, the other duplicate is still in good shape but needs to be duplicated immediately before any files are written on it.

7b

Note that no journal files after 4866 have been copied to the tape and that 4865 has not been copied to the tape. This needs to be done as soon as reel 35 is duplicated. Journal numbers in Jernigan KDF are: J4869 J4870 J4872 J4873 J4874. After they are copied to tape and tape is duplicated again, they should be removed from Jernigan KDF.

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Reel 35 is the journal tape. The following files are on the journal tape:

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Under username Caldwell:

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J4800 J4801 J4803 J4804 J4805 J4806 J4807 J4808 J4809
J4810 J4811 J4812 J4813 J4814 J4815 J4816 J4817

8a1a

Under Username Trundy:

8a2

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J4819 J4820 J4821 J4822 J4823 J4824 J4825 J4826 J4827
 J4828 J4829 J4830 J4831 J4832 J4833 J4834 J4835 J4836
 J4837 J4838 J4839 J4840 J4841 J4842 J4843 J4844 J4845

8a2a

Under Username Prince:

8a3

J4846 J4847 J4849 J4850 J4851 J4852 J4853 J4854 J4855
 J4856 J4857 J4858 J4859 J4860 J4861 J4862 J4863 J4864
 J4866

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When the tape system is functional again, the following files
 need to be retrieved from archive tapes to be journalized:

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from reel 22: (CASSERES)NLDES (journalize as number 4871)

9a

from reel 22 (CALDWELL)APRPL-P

9b

(NASA FINAL files) from reel 34, username Journal:

9c

BAS-NFCH1

9c1

BAS-NFCH2

9c2

BAS-NFCH3

9c3

BAS-NFCH4

9c4

BAS-nFCH5

9c5

BAS-NFPRE

9c6

BAS-NFLIS

9c7

BAS-NFILL

9c8

BAS-NFABS

9c9

It is important to know that the hash table only allows a given number of files to be listed under a given username's file directory at a given time. When a tape is mounted, the system puts all files on the mounted tape that were written under a given username into that user's file directory. What this means is that there is an upper limit to the number of files that can be put on a single tape under the same username. The limit depends partially on the number of actual colon or slash files that are currently listed under that username. I don't remember what the limit is: it is something around 30-40. When you reach that limit, you get an I>> when you try to copy a file to the

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tape. There are other times when you get the same message. Since there are always a large number of Journal scratch files, I avoid writing files on the journal tape under username Journal.

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File Tape System Handling

This file is organized into three parts as follows:

Introductory comment describing file

Several branches each containing a task and a listed sequence of steps required in the order to follow to complete the task

An alphabetized list of names that can be jumped to for a definition of a step designated in the task sequence

To display list of task situations, jump link (,task:xbsyg)

To see how to do a given step in a task sequence jump name of a designated step (step names are capitalized)

(,step:xbzg) Will list all of the steps that may occur in file tape system handling

To discover all situations in which a given step occurs

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["CURRENT"]; ["DISMOUNT"]; ["DRIVE"]; ["FINISH"]; ["GENERATE"];  
["INSERT"]; ["LABEL"]; ["LIST"]; ["LOAD"]; ["MOUNT"];  
["NFXCFD"]; ["UNLOAD"];
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(step)

(COPY) To read or write files on tape, user

Must be in EXEC

@Copy (NLS file name) to (tape file name).

System no. = -2. (any N depending on which tape is mounted)

OR

@Copy (tape file name) to (NLS file name).

Waits for "@" before giving another command or doing rubout

(CSTCOR) (,current:gnw)

(CURRENT) To establish a reel as the current reel:

DISMOUNT if tape is mounted

Set ~~execu~~tivity to -1

Type in SYSCStcor. (where S1S = Control S, Control Y, Control S;
and is not printed)

Program will recognize the command and ask for a system number and a reel number, which specify the reel you want to set current.

NOTE: If the reel number is set to 0,

system will assume that whatever reel is mounted directly afterward is the current reel number. This means that if ever two reels are to be mounted at the same time, the reel number should not be set to 0.

NOTE: When a reel is set current, no tape with the designated system number can be written on unless it has the designated reel number.

The same effect can be achieved temporarily by taking out the write ring before loading a tape.

To read a file from a tape that is not current, but is mounted, use RETRIEVE

If the system number is positive, the file tape system recognizes only the reel number "1"

(DISMOUNT) Current file directory of files on the mounted reel is updated and tape is made unavailable to users for writing but available to NFXCFD or CSTCOR

@Dismount tape on unit: N.

Where n is 0, 1, or 2 = the setting of the unit number knob on the tape drive where mounted tape is loaded

(DRIVE) Find available tape drive.

Available means that either the spools are empty or user has agreed to let you dismount and unload his tape and if necessary load and mount it again when finished.

Tape on drive MUST be dismounted before unloading (See DISMOUNT)

(FINISH) To get out of NFXCFD

-Finished.

You are now back in EXEC

(GENERATE) Sets up CFD at beginning of tape and marks system no. and reel number on tape.

DISMOUNT if tape is mounted

NFXCFD

-Generate new tape on unit N.

Reel No. = N.

System No. = N.

Finished.

Note: If tape system number is positive system recognizes only the reel no. "1"

If tape system number is negative, reels should be assigned numbers other than "1"

(INSERT) Use NLS to insert updated CFD as a QED branch in
~~(caldwell):TAPIN (CATALOG):ZARCA~~
READ (CATALOG)ZARCA TO COLON FILE,
Load ~~(caldwell,tapin,2:xbbszg)~~ (CATALOG):ZARCA

Use (CATALOG)ZARCA
in stead 10/2/70
ngc

Insert QED branch (sequential file output by NFXCFD) in appropriate place (see LIST)

Output Checkpoint

Execute file cleanup

Output file ~~:TAPIN~~ ;ZARCA

Edit CFD to match file format

Output file

Make new ~~CATALOG~~ ^{CATALOG} ~~caldwell~~ KDF copy of ~~TAPIN~~ ^{ZARCA}

(LABEL) Each FTS reel should have a label with the following information noted as various steps are completed:

When tape is generated *and/or duplicated*

System number

Reel number

Date generated *and/or duplicated*

When ~~branch~~ in ~~(caldwell,tapin,:xb)~~ containing tape's CFD is updated

~~Date updated (in pencil)~~

~~Name of branch in TAPIN where updated listing is inserted~~

(LIST) The CFD (Current File Directory) at the beginning of a tape

Contains the following information

Username

File Name

Position on tape, Date last written, etc.

Is begun at generation and updated each time tape is mounted

Is used to update (CATALOG, ^{2ARCA}~~CALDWELL~~, ~~tapin~~, :xb) each time CFD is updated --
see INSERT

Can be listed while you are in NFXCFD as follows:

DRIVE

LOAD

NFXCFD

User types "L" and system replies by recognizing "List CFD"

If user types a period then the system will list the File Directory for all users

If the user responds by typing a blank, the system will type "For User" and wait for user to enter a user name.

The system will request the number of the tape drive that carries the tape to be listed by typing "Unit Nuber" -- User responds with the drive number.

Can be output to any of the following addresses: sequential file, TTY, 8-level or Papertape (?)

System will then ask if statement numbers are needed in the listing

If listing is to be printed out on TTY, answer "n" for "no"

If listing is to be output to a sequential file to INSERT, answer "y" for "yes"

System then will type "Output to"

If listing is to be output to TTY, type a "t" and after system recognizes "teletype" add a period

If listing is to be saved in a sequential file, type a space

System will type "Onto file" and user specifies filename as he would for any other output process

When action starts , system will type a "\$"; when completed, a "-" will signal that NFXCFD is waiting for another request

(LOAD) Thread tape and set drive

Obtain tape from the FTS file cabinet in computer room and check the label to make sure you have right tape

Write Ring (all other factors being equal)

If ring is in, tape can be read or written on

If ring is out, tape can be read but not written on

Push (at center of tape reel) tape onto right hand spool of tape drive and thread it onto left spool as pictured (or like the one next to it)

Set the following knobs:

Density select = 566 bpi (bits per inch ---this is always the same)

Unit select = 0, 1, or 2 (arbitrary -- must be different for each tape unit at any given time; check the others to see which unit number is not in use ---then remember which unit number you chose because this is the value of N for most of the control commands

Hit the following buttons:

Manual reset (doesn't light)

Load (doesn't light)

Load point should light up when reading head detects load point -- if it doesn't it means either the light is burned out, the tape drive is broken or there's no load point marker (silver strip)

When load point lights up (or doesn't, but seems to have been detected), hit auto (will light)

(MOUNT) Tape is made available to users for reading Writing but unavailable to NFXCFD or CSTCOR

@Mount tape on unit: /N.

Mount new tape.

(NFXCFD) To enter NFXCFD

Sign on with any user name that has executivity

Set executivity to -1

In EXEC, type "Go to file ():NFXCFD." System will give starting address and type "-"

(UNLOAD) To remove tape from drive.

Hit the following buttons

Manual Reset

Rewind

When tape reaches load point, repeat sequence if tape does not completely unwind from left spool

Remove tape from spool

Close window

Make appropriate notations on label and return tape to file cabinet

(task)

To GENERATE one or several tapes ahead of time. (Note it is not necessary to mount tape).

DRIVE

LOAD

NFXCFD

GENERATE

FINISH

UNLOAD

If a current, mounted tape is full, and a new tape needs mounting in a hurry, do the following first and then mount a generated tape as in 3c

DISMOUNT

UNLOAD

If there is time, LIST -- otherwise remember to do it later

To MOUNT a "generated" tape

DRIVE

LOAD

if necessary, CURRENT

MOUNT

Can DISMOUNT tape without LIST but if so must do the following as soon as possible

DRIVE

LOAD

NFXCFD

LIST

SAVE current file directory in (CATALOG)ZARCA
(caldwell,tapin,x)

UNLOAD

If a person has his own tape with a system number other than -2 and it is already generated:

DRIVE

LOAD

MOUNT

COPY

DISMOUNT

If listing is desired either before or after copying file to tape file, it must be obtained while tape is dismounted (see LIST)

If a member of the ARC community wants to retrieve or update files previously saved on tape

(CATALOG)IARCA and (CATALOG)ZARCA
Search (caldwell,tapin,) to find out which tape file is on

DRIVE

LOAD

MOUNT

COPY or RETRIEVE

DISMOUNT

If no changes in tape's CFD, UNLOAD

If changes in tape's CFD, LIST and then INSERT

:FTS, 10/21/69 1641:46 MGC ; See also (caldwell,tapin,2:xbbsgz)
:PSN=1; .PGN=0; .LSP=0; .RTJ=0; .RES;

→ Archived on Reel 16

'4880', 10/02/70 1641:41 MGC ; :TAPES, 10/02/70 1357:22 MGC ; .HED="4880 MGC 02/OCT70
Notes re tape procedures and folklore"; HARD COPY ATTACHMENT 9 pp.
.SNF=72;.MCH=65;.PGN=0;.DSN=1;.DPR=0;

Notes on procedure for handling NWG/RFC Documents

Attention: JCN and JBN

John Melvin receives NWG/RFC Notes. He gives them to BER, who makes 1 complete copy for John Melvin and 1 copy of title page to MGC.

BER transcribes NWG/RFC document and inserts the punched tape into the system under username NAC. (see Journal number 4879 re files transcribed and waiting to be inserted as QED branches into NWG/RFC files). If BER transcribes using TODAS, she puts documents in the appropriate NWG/RFC files. If she uses paper tape, someone else must use insert QED branch to get the files into R2 files, as the insert QED command does not yet work in TODAS and BER doesn't use NLS.

Meanwhile MGC XDOCs the new NWG/RFC document and records it in the notes titled "NIC RECORD of ENTRY and PROCESSING". The copy of title page (with XDOC number marked in red) is inserted into the black pasteboard binder labelled "NWG Entry Record".

These documents are located in J2080 on MGC desk

Periodically MGC has done the following. It will still need to be done periodically and someone should be assigned to do it:

Insert the transcribed versions that were put in the system via paper tape into the NWG/RFC files in the appropriate place (determined by NWG/RFC number)

Insert XDOC numbers in the new entries, and make sure that branch header format conforms with branch headers of other entries.

Check to make sure KDF copies of NWG/RFC files are still in good shape, doing file cleanup, etc. on files that have been changed and when finished saving the latest cleaned up versions of NWGRFC files on mag tape.

Making a new NWCAT by merging into it an xs view of each NWG/RFC file that has been changed (delete branch that is being replaced) and deleting from the new branch all excess text (see current verison of NWCAT).

Save updated version of NWCAT on archive mag tape

' : 488 | ', 10/02/70 165 | : 15 MGC ; ' : NWGPROC ', 10/02/70 1114 : 15 MGC ;
 .HED = " 488 | MGC 020CT70
 Notes on procedure for handling NWG/RFC Documents
 Attention: JCN and JBN"; .SNF=72;.MCH=65;.PGN=0;.DSN=1;.DPR=0;

In a black notebook on bottom shelf of J2080, on which appears the label "XDOC Documentation" are some notes documenting the XDOC system as of November 1970.

I was unable to obtain from the archive tapes a copy of those files, to update and comment on them. The notes can be studied for details. The procedure I actually follow at present is roughly as follows:

MEJ or others deposit documents to be XDOCed in the XDOC "IN" basket on table in J2080

If DCE needs a document returned immediately I check to see what next available number is and make a label with that number, attach it to document, go down to copy room and copy title page and other pages with information needed for citation, return document to DCE and put copy of title page with XDOC number on top of stack in "IN" basket to be cited in XDOC files as soon as possible.

DCE frequently puts a note "XDOC and return" on documents that he wants XDOCed. When he does this, I enter a substatement to the citation for that document, checking it out to him, eg.

DCE 10/2/70

If papertape input is to be used, see BER for instructions on how to make a papertape. See also Journal entry :4847. Do everything else the same.

If DCE puts a note on the document that says "NAS", insert a substatement that reads

NAS bibliography DCE 10/2/70

The date is, of course, the date the citation is entered

If the document is to be checked out to someone else, immediately, insert a substatement with his initials and the date

If the document is published by any of the Network Sites (see labels on shelves in J2080) it belongs in a Network Site kit, rather than in the vault or in the Rap Room

Insert after the citation a substatement that reads, for example:

MAC Site Kit 10/2/70

University of Illinois Site Kit 10/2/70

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Then place the document on the appropriate stack in J2080

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If TODAS is used, load XDOC file with highest number and print last statement in file to see what was the last number assigned. Enter new citations, doing first any that have numbers pre-assigned as above, and labelling documents as you go. Save file in KDF and make quickprint copy to insert in blue XDOC notebook on bottom shelf of J2080.

1b7

Study XDOC Notebook on bottom shelf in J2080 to see how citations are formatted. The black pasteboard binder labelled "FORMAT" that is next to the XDOC notebooks may also be useful. It also contains other more or less useful information about various catalogs now lying around.

2

I have not been handling unbound periodicals. Roberta Carillon was handling them until she left, and I'm not sure they're being catalogued at all since then. If there seems to be any point in doing anything but filing them in the Rap Room, see November documentation

3

We are out of book pockets to put in hard bound books that go in Rap Room. I will call MEJ on Monday to give her the address from which I ordered them originally.

4

NIC documents are always XDOCed, including NWG/RFC documents. Cite them as you would any other document, according to the information available, and insert a substatement after the citation, checking the NIC document out to NIC, as follows:

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NIC 10/2/70

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See JBN as questions arise about handling NIC documents

5b

' :4882', 10/02/70 1750:29 MGC ; :XDOC, 10/02/70 1748:53 MGC ;
 .SNF=72; .MCH=65; .PGN=0; .DSN=1; .DPR=0;

Should have

,HED=" - - 4882 MGC 02OCT70
 9R XDOC";

BLP \$4883.1 WLB 10/05/70 1143:18 THANKS FOR THE INFO. PASS4
USED TO BARF ON THE FILE WHICH IS NOW KDF(BASS)NIC P. I CAN'T
REMEMBER IF I CHANGED THINGS TO MAKE IT WORK RIGHT.\$

1

DCE \$4883.2 MEJ 10/05/70 1252:16 (Engelbart) :JRNL is now
4884\$

2

ARG BER BLP CHI DOC DIA DCE DGC EKV HAL JMY JBN JCN JDH JMH
JNL JTM JRX KEV LSL MGC MEH MEJ MET MSG NDM VRB VDB WHP WKE WLB
WSD \$4883.3 WKE 10/05/70 1556:56 -- DISC MODIFICATION SCHEDULE --

The disc file will be modified to operate in 36 bit mode
beginning at 5:00 PM on Thursday, Oct 22. Modifications are
scheduled to be complete by Sunday night, Oct 25. The disc will
be unavailable during this time.

All KDF files will be transfered to the disc in the new format.
KDF dump will begin at 2:00 PM Oct 22. All users should have any
files that want in KDF by that time and be off the system Colon
files will not be transfered. \$

3

WKE \$4883.4 WLB 10/05/70 1632:14 RE 4883.3 PLEASE GIVE
ANOTHER WARNING CLOSER TO THE 22ND \$

4

MSC VDB CHI WHP \$4883.5 WSD 10/05/70 1830:42 NUTILTY
CHANGED TO LOAD CALC IN NEW WAY (AS FILE ':NCALC', S-PROC). BE
SURE TO USE NNUTI FOR LOADING, AND HASHN IS NT SET UP FOR OLD
VERSION.\$

5

VDB MSC CHI \$4883.6 WSD 10/05/70 1834:29 P.S. THE COMMAND
TO LOAD CALC IS: 'LOAD 'KALCS

6

WSD JCN \$4883.7 DCE 10/06/70 1242:17 Bill: please give
early consideration to two mods for the analyzer. 1) delimited
scan, and 2) much larger program size. For delimited scan, want
to be able to say effectively " Between(P1,P2) ([xxx/ AND [yyy/
OR [zzz]" -- i.e. between the two parens following the
delimitation declaration, the unanchored scans all are limited to
the string between P1 and P2. User assumedly did some analysis
and pointer setting earlier to provide himself with a meaningful
search region. Examples: Isolating the title field in a catalog
entry, searching "title only" for given content; or, after
finding "memory" in some text, moving forward and backward a
given number of words and then searching for "computer."

\$

7

JCN \$4883.8 WSD 10/06/70 1714:17 DOES MEJ UNDERSTAND TAT SHE
IS SUPPOSED TO DELETE ENTRIES TO JOURNAL AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN
ENTERED?? AND THAT SE SHOULD PUT AN APPROPRIATE MESSAGE IN THE
MAIL??\$

8

WSD \$4883.9 JCN 10/06/70 1822:59 YES, BUT SHE HAD TROUBLE,
AND THEY ARE NOT YET DONE WELL TRY TOMORROW AM ALSO, THE COLSRT

Mail File

DOESNT SORT, I THINK ANYWAY, IM HAVING TROUBLES WHACHA
THINK..CAN YOU TRY IT TOO?S

9

JCN \$4883.10 WSD 10/06/70 2022:42 WITH RESPECT TO CATALOGUES,
YOU MAY WISH TO TRY THE FILE ':CATPAT' UNDER MY NAME.. EXECUTE
TEXT :GO WITH SHIFT OFF PRODUCES FILE NAMED ':TITCAT'. IT WILL
NEED SOME SCRATCH SPACES

10

JCN DCE \$4883.11 WSD 10/06/70 2024:13 STRANGE 'ERROR' PROBLEM
WITH AN-COMP MAY BE GOT AROUND BY SETTING VIEWSPECS TO:jwh before
compilingS

11

WSD \$4883.12 DCE 10/07/70 0920:09 Bill: I'm having trouble
with Execute Merge. When I get to the "pickup" file and strike
"b" to indicate that I want a branch, the bug seems to strike,
and I never do get a chance to select a branch not visible on the
display. Is it a change I'm unaware of, or a bug? Dug.S

12

DCE \$4883.13 MEJ 10/07/70 0923:49 Your files have been
journalized as follows:

(ENGE):JRN1 now (JOURNAL):4885.

(ENGE):JRN1A now (JOURNAL):4884.

(ENGE):JRN1B now (JOURNAL):4887.S

13

DCE \$4883.14 WSD 10/07/70 1004:22 DOUG... WEN WE WENT TO TE
NEW SPL, THE MERGE COMMAND DIDN'T GET COMPLETELY TRANSLATED, SO
THAT HE FEEDBACK IS NOT CORRECT FOR PART YOU MENTIONED, I.E. TE
ARROW DOESN'T MOVE AS IT SHOULD. GO AHEAD AND MAKE YOUR BRANC
SELECTION ANYWAY, AND IT SOOLD WORK.S

14

WSD \$4883.15 MSC 10/07/70 1118:27 IS THERE AY REASON WHY NNUTI
(WHAT LOADS KALC) SHOULDN'T BE MADE THE STANDARD NUTILITY (BY
SAVING UNDER (MOL)NUTIL, I'LL DO ALL THAT'S NECESSARY WHEN YOU
SAY ITS COOLS

15

WSD \$4883.16 MEJ 10/07/70 1123:23 Your files journalized as
follows: (DUV):JRNLP4848 now (JOURNAL):4886. (DUV):JRN11 now
(JOURNAL):4888. Having trouble with your :JRN12 -- must be
something wrong with file, since program bombs out repeatedly.
File cleanup shows nothing. JCN will work on it when he gets
time. Am deleting thhe two files completed, but am leaving JRN12
in your colon space.S

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MSC \$4883.17 WSD 10/07/70 1507:39 OK TO MAKE NNUTI NUTILTY BY
MES

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ARG BER BLP CHI DOC DIA DCE DGC EKV HAL JMY JBN JCN JDH JMH JNL
JTM JRX KEV LSL MGC MEH MEJ MET MSC NDM VRB VDB WHP WKE WLB WSD
\$4883.18 KEV 10/07/70 2003:55 THE FOLLOWING FILES ARE PROBABLY
BAD ON THE KDF DUMP TAPES MADE LAST NITE (10/7/70): SYSTEM- B-DTN
LAMPSON- TAUG ENGELBART- NCP, NFNET, FRJMP, RINS LICHTENBERGER-
MOVIE N1FILES- CDSPL, CLNUP GUEST- P2ROM, ROMEF HOPPER-
ODRMD T3FILES- BAD META- TREE, 20 MOL- TMR, MOL NLS-
PROCL USR- AFD, 676 O'CONNEL- C68OR XDOC- X4OUP T1FILES-
BAD, CALC ERICKSON- NF5PR, NFCH4 P4DOC- ARGH DURHAM- CHECK
T2FILES- PRM10 PAXTON- BAD2, RL10 CATALOG- NFCH5 IRBY-

Mail File

BAKUP DIALOGUE- 671, 663, 662, 661, 6510 DIALOGUE- 965, X663
 NORTON- STUDY PRINCE- NLSXR YARBOROUGH- TIM TRUNDY- MEMOES 18
 KEV WKE \$4883.19 JDH 10/08/70 0207:17 THE DISK TSS IS NOW
 OPERATIONAL. (OR AS OPERATIONAL AS I EXPECT TO MAKE IT.) I WON'T
 DESCRIBE HOW TO SWITCH HERE. IT IS STRAIGHT FORWARD. IT IS EASY
 TO INITIALIZE THE DISK SYSTEM. PUT BPT3 DOWN AND RUN THE
 INITIALIZE TAPE. NOTE NEW FILL TAPES AND NEW PAPER TAPE FOR
 CRASH REC. CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM FROM YESTERDAY ARE ONLY TO THE
 PAPER TAPE AND FILL TAPE LOADERS. \$ 19
 VDB WKE \$4883.20 JDH 10/08/70 0214:26 FOUND A COUPLE OF BUGS
 IN XBUF MON. TTY SIM. DISP. LISTS NOT RIGHT. COMMAND TABLE HAS
 NO DISPLAY UNITS TURNED ON, HAS CORRECT POINTERS TO DISPLAY
 LISTS THOUGH. LOOKS LIKE DISPLAY BUFFERS AND WORD COUNT IN
 DISPLAY LISTS ARE OK. HAVEN'T TRIED WORK STATION OPENING HAVE
 WRITTEN BUT NOT DEBUGGED CORRECTION TO DISPLAY LISTS. DON'T
 UNDERSTAND PROBLEM WITH COMMAND TABLES YET. \$ 20
 WSD \$4883.21 MEJ 10/08/70 0928:18 Your file :JRN12 deleted and
 now (JOURNAL):4889.\$ 21
 WSD \$4883.22 WLB 10/09/70 1317:05 PROBLEMS WITH CONTENT
 ANALYSER USING ANALYSERCOMPILER.

AFTER COMPILING A PROGRAM IF YOU VIEW THE FILE WITH I ON BUT
 CAP-O OFF, WHEN YOU TURN CAP-O ON, NO RESTRUCTURING TAKES PLACE.
 (I.E., YOU HAVE TO TURN CAP-O ON BEFORE OR AT-THE-SAME-TIME-AS
 YOU TURN I ON.

I CAN'T GET VIEW RESTRUCTURING WITHOUT WORKING-COPY
 RESTRUCTURING -- HAS THIS BEEN IMPLEMENTED YET?\$ 22
 MSC \$4883.23 WHP 10/09/70 1616:59 (PRM10, LNMDPY) VSLEV/\$ 23
 MSC \$4883.24 WHP 10/09/70 1617:58 (CONT) CAN'T CHECK FOR A
 FIELD BEING < 0 SINCE T IT NEVER WILL BE\$ 24
 WLB \$4883.25 WSD 10/09/70 1659:52 ALL OF THOS THINGS WORK SO
 FAR AS I KNOW..PERHAPS THERE IS SOMETING WHICH YOU DON'T ENTIRELY
 UNDERSTAND...WAIT... IT OCCURRS THAT ONCE A STATEMENT HAS BEEN
 TESTED WITH THE CONAN AND TE THE WORKING COPY IS CANGED, TAT IT
 WILL NOT BE RE-TESTED AND THE RESTRUCTURING WILL NOT TAKE
 PLACE...I'LL TALK TO YOU ABOUT USING IT WHEN I COME DOWNS 25
 JCN \$4883.26 WSD 10/09/70 1812:08 I TALKED WITH DCE, AND WE
 AGREE THAT THE INITIALS AT TE TOP OF JOURNAL DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE
 THOSE OF TE AUTOR...IS TAT OK WITH YOU??? \$ 26
 CHI WHP \$4883.27 WSD 10/09/70 1813:41 LET'S BE COGNIZANT OF A
 POSSIBLE TROUBLE AREA... THERE WILL BE A LOT OF CONAN/STRCON
 PROGRAMS WRITTEN ON THE 940, AND THESE WILL NOT WORK ON THE 10\$ 27
 WSD \$4883.28 JCN 10/11/70 2057:59 YES, THE INITIALS AT THE TOP
 OF THE M JOURNAL HEADER SHOULD BE THOSE OF THE AUTHOR, I'LL
 FIX THE CATALOG AND FUTURE ONES.\$ 28
 DCE \$4883.29 MEJ 10/13/70 1029:32 Your memo to journal file,
 J1, "Notes About ARC Journal", is in your scratch space as :AR0JO

and entered in the Journal as (JO):4890. Your memo to journal file, J2, "On Catalog Conversion", is in your scratch space as :CATCO and entered in the Journal as (JO):4891. Both files are also in your KDF as their own names. Printout copies are in your In-Box.\$

JCN WLB JBN \$4883.30 DCE 10/13/70 1045:35 cf(4885). Talked 9 Oct with Dan Slotnik and Mike Sher. Both very eager to cooperate with Net-Dialogue (4792). Mike will be in charge of selecting and supporting Agent and Liaison Man. Big changes in organization going on due to ILLIAC IV splitoff, but we'll hear from A and L by 16 Oct. Their IMP won't arrive until January (or....)\$

JCN \$4883.31 DCE 10/13/70 1041:08 (1) I didn't call Dave Harris yet. (2) Stanford AI Agent called JBN, was welcomed and told she'd be contacted when JBN returned from ASIS. She has a TTY37; we'll need see how she can read us with it. (data set, first?)\$

JCN WLB JBN \$4883.32 DCE 10/13/70 1044:28 Received call on 8 October from Ted Glaser at Case re (4792). Questions apparently ironed out. He promised to select Agent in about 2 weeks. IMP delivery apparently delayed to January. They have lots of displays but few typewriters, so he seemed to feel the station typewriter might be a problem.\$

WKE JTM JCN WLB JBN \$4883.33 DCE 10/13/70 1101:49 NET/NIC Note, from phone talk with L. Roberts 10 Sep: He has 5 more candidates seriously being considered for Network participants. Told me not to worry about them now with regard to NIC, and didn't volunteer their names (MITRE, Washington, D.C. branch, apparently is one).\$

' :4883', 10/16/70 1100:19 MEJ ; .DPR=1; ' :MAIL', 10/13/70 1112:45 WSD ;
.DSN=1;.DPR=0;

Proposal for Research No. ESU 69-119

EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT OF A SMALL COMPUTER-AUGMENTED
INFORMATION SYSTEM

I INTRODUCTION

A. The Augmented Human Intellect Research Center

The Augmented Human Intellect Research Center (AHIRC) of Stanford Research Institute's Information Science and Engineering Division is an externally supported, multiply sponsored group of 24 persons working in close cooperation on the problem of "augmenting the human intellect." "Augmentation" is a term indicating the extension, improvement, and amplification of the intellectual capabilities of humans, both as individuals and as working groups or teams.

The current approach to this goal concentrates on the use of highly interactive computer systems designed to aid individuals and groups in manipulating the information that they work with. This "manipulation of information" includes the following:

Externalization and storage of "ideas" in symbolic form -- for example, English text, or drawings, or computer programs, or special structures for relating various stored items.

Studying the stored material, by means of high-speed computer display of the text, drawings, etc., coupled with specialized information-retrieval techniques geared for this type of application.

Modifying and updating the stored material by means of a highly sophisticated system of interactive editing commands, which permit a range of operations from detail editing to wholesale rearrangement of information structures.

II SUMMARY

A. Objectives

We propose an experimental investigation of techniques for

the management, within AHIRC, of a collection of externally derived information (an "intelligence" collection), with the eventual purpose of creating, using, and developing an "intelligence system" adapted to our particular needs. We expect to develop design principles applicable to information systems for other groups that will be acquiring advanced interactive computer tools.

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We have available a sizable repertoire of special on-line techniques for information handling, plus special capabilities for the development of more techniques. The objective of the proposed research is to develop a systematic application of these techniques and capabilities to the management of our growing collection of "intelligence" (external material), and to the methods of retrieval, extraction and integration of information by our on-line researchers.

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B. Current Status

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An important characteristic of AHIRC is its "bootstrapping" strategy for research on augmentation. All systems designed by the Center are intended for actual, practical use in the Center itself; once designed and implemented they are used heavily on a day-to-day basis. This means that AHIRC staff are both experimenters and experimental subjects, and the result is strong "evolutionary" pressure upon the design process.

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Each special development made by the Center in any of its areas of concern (including software design, management, etc.) evolves and is used within an integrated working environment that provides an otherwise unavailable context for evaluation of the real usefulness of the development. Such evaluation is of great importance in designing and developing tools and methodologies for the future world of on-line working groups.

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One focus of effort within this approach is the development of systems for managing the working information of the group. Considerable work has been done in the development of small, essentially personal information systems, and the Center is beginning to investigate the problems of somewhat larger systems of coordinated working records for use by the group as a whole.

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We want to devote simultaneous attention to managing our

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"external" records, as herein proposed. As a beginning, we have collected some 4000 items (books, periodicals, clippings, etc.) over the past ten years. This "XDOC" (external documentation) collection has a very rudimentary catalog whose citation entries are stored by accession number in computer-held files which we can search on content from on-line CRT consoles, but for which there is no formal indexing. With its present form and its current primitive management and usage methods, the XDOC collection is little used or valued.

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We need to expand the coverage so that we can manage all important forms of useful externally derived information: trip reports, visitor records (including notes on information acquired from visitors), catalog and hearsay information on hardware, press clippings, conference announcements, etc.

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We need to learn to apply our advanced interactive computer aids to the procedures for entering, filtering, cataloging and indexing. We need to explore various forms of file organization and indexing which, together with the associated methods of retrieval and extraction that our interactive aids offer, could provide a practical and useful "intelligence" system for us.

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Our current on-line tools and methods are applicable to these needs. In addition, further tools and methods of a highly relevant nature are currently under development for various special purposes within AHIRC.

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C. Approach

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1. General

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This proposal represents a short-term and relatively small project in a long-term activity, all of whose components are continuously developing.

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We plan to launch a working "intelligence" system, and to pass through several phases of development. At the end of a year we expect to have an initial system which will be usable and reasonably effective, incorporating unusual features and revealing further possibilities.

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We expect to spend most of the project resources at the information-systems level (procedures, file

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organization, indexing methods, etc.) and a relatively small portion on special software developments.

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We are already very strong in relevant interactive computer aids, in techniques for programming new aids, and in techniques for tailoring the function and control procedures of these aids to the user's needs.

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The development of the system will follow the needs of the AHIRC staff for accessing and integrating externally derived information. Each incremental allocation of this project's system-development resources will be aimed either at achieving an increase in system utility or at experimentation on means for increasing utility.

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2. Specific Approach

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We plan the following specific tasks:

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(1) Conduct a bibliographic search for material relevant to our goal of setting up an "intelligence" system for use by our group.

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Using the results of this search as an experimental information base, design and use prototype procedures, file structures, indexing, etc. to develop a better feeling for the needs, problems, and possibilities.

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(2) Concurrently, develop a working relationship with a specialist in library science and/or information retrieval for assistance in carrying out the proposed research.

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(3) Make a straightforward, first-pass organization of our existing collection, to provide consistent cataloging procedures for the variety of materials we will be dealing with. Conduct initial development of indices for use in retrieval of information from the collection.

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The aim of this will be a usable starting system, implemented with minimal software investment consistent with efficient subsequent development toward anticipated improvements.

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(4) Give special attention to several specific

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needs, such as a hardware-products reference system, a correspondence record system, and bibliographic studies conducted under other projects in AHRC.

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(5) Evolve a plan for developing the system and its usage. Consider special possibilities for integration into the "intelligence" corpus of notes, reference linkages from the group's working records, subsequent extracts of already cited items, partial extracts, etc. to enrich the information and to provide more access paths.

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(6) Follow a continuing cycle of improvement and development.

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III DISCUSSION

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A. General

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AHRC has developed an on-line computer system with which users can study text and associated line drawings on video displays. Certain features of this system provide a unique framework for building an "intelligence" system.

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The system includes powerful editing commands that enable the user to compose and modify text quickly.

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We can generate microform and paper representations of the text and drawings stored in the computer. Documents can be published directly from this hard copy, using photo-offset techniques.

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Information can be stored and displayed in a hierarchical structure of "statements". Thus we can construct classification schemes easily.

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(A "statement" is a structural unit of stored information, and can contain any sort of text string. Statements are frequently used as the equivalent of conventional paragraphs, or individual entries in lists.)

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Another feature allows a user to "link" any statement in the system with any other, creating trails of associations.

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(A link is a machine-executable equivalent of the conventional "cross-reference." Thus a link establishes an association between two statements; a subsequent user, seeing the link embedded in a statement, may cause the associated statement to be displayed instantaneously.)

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Another user can follow these trails of associations, and add his own, if he wishes. With these links we can build and study complicated relationships within an information system.

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An interactive content analyzer lets the on-line user define patterns of words and phrases on-line and retrieve statements that contain these patterns. This

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tool can be applied to a fairly simple catalog to provide considerable retrieval power even with no explicit indexing. Applied to appropriately structured indices, the content analyzer adds a new dimension of retrieval power.

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Another interactive tool lets us group related statements under a single identifier, called a "keyword." One can select one or more of these keywords and display the statements referenced by all of these keywords; a "scoring" technique is employed so that the statements referenced by the greatest number of the selected keywords appear at the top of the list.

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Since statements may contain links to other files, this capability can be used to retrieve whole files, as well as simply retrieving statements within a file.

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Using the keyword feature with a hierarchical catalogue, we can retrieve documents relevant to one area of interest or to several areas.

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Our current techniques for composing, modifying, and publishing would alone have a unique impact upon the way in which the group's "intelligence" system could be set up and maintained; our study aids, including the content analyzer and keyword system, add unique possibilities for using this system.

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We plan to go slowly in settling on an over-all design for the "intelligence" system. We expect to go through considerable study, thought, and pilot experimentation before we commit the whole system to an integrated design.

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B. Design Considerations for an "Intelligence" System

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Our "intelligence" system must satisfy many different kinds of information needs.

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A small research group receives information from many different sources and in many different forms. Journals, books, newspapers, informal conversations, correspondence, conferences, visitors, and manufacturers are only some of the sources of our working information. This information may be recorded in print, in computer-held files, on audio tape, on film, or in microform.

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We need to cite all of these items in one central catalog, and we need to organize these citations so that we can easily find all the information we have about a particular topic.

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We also need to provide techniques that enable us to individually tailor "views" of the items in the collection. For example, if a member of the group is studying commercially available video devices, he may wish to add a trail of associational links that lets him, and other members of his team, compare the prices of these devices at a glance.

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Our "intelligence" system should provide a well-organized library collection that can be expanded or reorganized easily. It should allow each individual to maintain the integrity of his own personal collection while sharing this information with the group.

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C. Methodology

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Our initial efforts at designing an "intelligence" system would focus on the techniques for organizing the collection and for retrieving information from it. The study of these two areas of concern would proceed dialectically: experimental catalogs and indices would be organized to conform to the requirements of a particular retrieval technique, and the development of the retrieval tools would in turn be influenced by the demands of efficient schemes of organization.

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1. Specific Topics for Study

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During the period of this contract we hope to study several specific problems.

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a. Conventions for Organization of Central Catalog

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The usefulness of our collection will be strongly influenced by the conventions we adopt for citing items in the central catalog. This catalog should provide a primary source of information for generating indices and subject classifications of items in the collection.

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The central catalog should be organized so that when the user retrieves the citation for a given

item in the collection, he may also retrieve the citations for all other items in the collection which are known to refer to the given item.

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In addition, the catalog conventions must be flexible enough to admit many different kinds of items, while having the standardization necessary for convenient machine retrieval.

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For example, we may wish to put the tape recording of a conference in the collection. Its citation might include a brief abstract of the material discussed, the names of panel members, and the date and location of the proceedings.

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b. Procedures for Entry of New Material

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The procedures used to enter items into the collection and catalog must also be developed carefully and experimentally. We hope that the collection can be maintained by someone without the training of a professional librarian, so these procedures must be uncomplicated.

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c. Treating Catalog Items According to Their Importance

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The collection must be organized flexibly enough so that information about an item reflects its current importance in the working atmosphere of the group. For example, a journal article may enter the collection with the notation that a reprint of it has been requested from the author. After it arrives, it may become important enough as a working paper to transcribe into machine-readable form and keep on-line. As the work of the group progresses, the article may be used very infrequently; at this point it should be put into a magnetic tape archive. The procedures for maintaining the collection must allow an item to evolve through these stages.

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2. Retrieval Tools and Techniques

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As we experiment with different schemes of organization and administrative procedures, we will also be developing retrieval tools.

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We plan to begin studying the information-retrieval techniques used in other systems, with the aid of a

professional librarian. We intend to incorporate this information into our "intelligence" system and to study and manipulate it as the working body of information with which to try out various retrieval techniques.

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We will construct experimental indices of the items in the collection. These indices, and other possible classification schemes such as thesauri, will be used to locate citations in the catalog file by subject. We intend to use these indices and judge their relative merits as retrieval techniques.

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Several features of our current system -- especially the content analyzer and the keyword system -- will prove useful as retrieval tools to extract information and citations from indices. We can use these same tools to create the experimental indices and classification schemes.

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Besides such current techniques, we are considering a number of improvements over the coming year that would increase the power of our tools quite significantly. If implemented, these improvements would be developed cooperatively by several of the various projects within AHIRC, including this proposed project.

5c3a2b

We may expand the power of our "keyword" operations. These extensions would let us save references reordered by the keyword system in their new order. We could use this technique to build comprehensive classification schemes from reasonably simple ones. This expanded keyword system would also let each member of the group construct his own classification schemes and store them for others to use.

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We may also develop a batch-processor facility that could reorganize files in accord with a user's specifications. Such a processor could convert the entry format of our catalog files. It could also collect all of the items referenced by a trail of links in a new file. Such processors would also be useful for updating catalog and index files from information entered in a format best suited to the clerk.

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Another aspect of retrieval in our "intelligence" system centers around the problem of locating, from the on-line catalog, items that are not in machine-readable form. The citation catalog will indicate the physical location of each source document. Procedures must be developed for moving this document to another office and updating the information in the central catalog.

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We also plan to develop procedures for generating microform and paper versions of the on-line catalog, and of selected indices or portions of indices. We already have the tools to perform the mechanical part of these operations; however, we need to adopt conventions that would make these documents useful as working bibliographies or for publication.

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IV PERSONNEL

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It is planned that the Principal Investigator will be Dr. Douglas C. Engelbart, Head, Augmented Human Intellect Research Center. Dr. Engelbart's Social Security number is

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Other significant contributions, including project management, are anticipated from Mary S. Church, Programmer.

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V ESTIMATED TIME AND CHARGES

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It is proposed that the research work outlined herein be performed during a period of twelve months, starting 8 February 1970.

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Pursuant to the provisions of ASPR 16-206.2, attached is a cost estimate and support schedule in lieu of the DD Form 633-4. Also enclosed is a signed form complete except as to the "Detail Description of Cost Elements."

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VI REPORTS

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A final report will be submitted upon completion of the work.

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During the period of the proposed work, we expect to be developing a "Handbook," which will be a comprehensive description and history of all work in the Center, suitably structured for study and manipulation with the Center's computer aids. It is anticipated that individual projects, such as the proposed work, will be covered in the Handbook as "chapters" and reports will be produced in hard copy directly from the Handbook (with suitable editing to produce useful hard-copy formats). Depending on the state of Handbook development at the completion of the proposed work, the final report may be in this form.

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VII GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED EQUIPMENT

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The performance of the proposed work will involve the use of equipment furnished under Air Force Contract F30602-68-C-0286 and NASA contract NAS1-7897.

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VIII CONTRACT FORM

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It is requested that any contract resulting from this

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proposal be awarded on a cost plus fixed fee basis.

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IX RELATED SUPPORT FROM OTHER AGENCIES

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The Augmented Human Intellect research program has been supported largely by the Advanced Research Projects Agency on a continuing basis. Support has also been provided by NASA-Langley Research Center and the U.S. Air Force Rome Air Development Center.

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X ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

For staff scheduling purposes, this proposal will remain in effect until 31 December 1969. If additional time is required for its consideration, the Institute will be glad to consider a request for an extension of the period.

XI BIOGRAPHIES

The following professional biographies are presented as being representative of SRI personnel who may contribute to the proposed work.

Douglas C. Engelbart, Head, AHRC
Information Science and Engineering Division

Dr. Engelbart received a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Oregon State College in 1948.

In 1953 he received an E.E. degree from the University of California; his thesis described the logical design and programming of a drum-type general-purpose computer to obtain increased flexibility and speed by optimizing the utilization of the electronic register capacity.

In 1955 he received a Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering, also from the University of California; his thesis dealt with the development of special gas-discharge tubes for computer use.

While studying at the University of California, he was an Associate in Electrical Engineering.

He served as an Assistant Professor in 1955-1956.

Since 1959, Dr. Engelbart has been principally occupied in developing a program at Stanford Research Institute aimed at improving human intellectual effectiveness through real-time computer aid.

First with only Institute in-house support, and since March 1961 with joint support from AFOSR, he formulated a comprehensive conceptual framework for man-machine studies with both broad and specific research goals.

The specific goals have been translated into the

establishment of a computer-based experimental laboratory and a number of on-going projects within a coordinated and growing program for which Dr. Engelbart serves as Head.

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From 1948 to 1951, he was an Electrical Engineer in the Electrical Section at the Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California.

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In 1955-1956, Dr. Engelbart was a consultant to Marchant Research, Inc., Oakland, where development work has been carried out on patents bought from him.

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In 1956 he formed and directed a corporation, Digital Techniques, Inc., which in 1956-57, did further development work on his inventions.

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In October 1957, Dr. Engelbart joined the staff of Stanford Research Institute, where he was initially concerned with basic developmental work on magnetic components for computers and with other fundamental research into the physical techniques of computers.

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In 1959 he began, under Institute sponsorship, to expand and develop the basic concepts for the Augmented Human Intellect program which he had developed independently since 1950.

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His fields of specialization have included circuits, special components, logical design, and programming of digital computers; vacuum and gas-discharge techniques; large intercommunication systems; wind-tunnel drive and control systems; electromechanical control systems; information systems; and man-machine systems.

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Dr. Engelbart is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, Sigma Tau, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, Eta Kappa Nu, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the IEEE Group on Computers (Electronic).

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He was Chairman of the San Francisco Chapter of IRE PGEC in 1959-1960 and has served as member of the IRE Solid State Circuits Subcommittee 4.10 and of the IEEE Cybernetics Committee.

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Mary S. Church, Programmer, AHIRC
Information Science and Engineering Division

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Specialized Professional Competence	13c1
Development of large-scale multifunction computer systems; integration of nonstandard devices (such as specialized computers) into generalized software systems.	13c1a
Current Research Assignment at SRI	13c2
Development of information-retrieval center for a computer network.	13c2a
Other Professional Experience	13c3
Columbia University, Technical Writer; supervisor of systems programming, responsible for programming group implementing general operating system to support large computers, small satellite computers, and low-speed terminal devices.	13c3a
Academic Background	13c4
B.S. in biochemistry (1964), Radcliffe College.	13c4a
Graduate work in English literature (1965-67), Columbia University.	13c4b
Professional Associations	13c5
Association for Computing Machinery.	13c5a
Mary G. Caldwell, Research Assistant, AHIRC Information Science and Engineering Division	13d
Professional Experience	13d1
Research Assistant, Medical Fact Bank Project, Missouri Regional Medical Project 1967-68.	13d1a
Conducted feasibility study of use of IBM 1050 audiovisual system (on-line, remote) for planned Multidisciplinary Learning Laboratory.	13d1a1
Planned construction of a medical thesaurus for Fact Bank retrieval.	13d1a2
Academic Background	13d2

B.A. in English (1967), University of Missouri.	13d2a
David Casseres, Technical Writer, AHRC Information Science and Engineering Division	13e
Specialized Professional Competence	13e1
Text-handling procedures in an automated environment.	13e1a
Information structures for computer-held text.	13e1b
Technical writing.	13e1c
Representative Research Assignments at SRI (since 1966)	13e2
Construction and coordination of documentation from existing computer-held information.	13e2a
Techniques for generation of documentation using advanced computer-aid systems.	

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Other Professional Experience	13e3
Technical Report Editor, Engineering, SRI, 1965-1966.	13e3a
Academic Background	13e4
B.A., Reed College, 1965.	13e4a
Professional Associations	13e5
Member, Association for Computing Machinery.	

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YOU TO SELECT LENGTH AS A CRITERIA FOR SORTS. TYPE 'L FOR 'LENGTH
KEY?'\$

KEV WKE WHP CHI JTM \$4848.2 JDH 09/27/70 0005:49 I AM
LEAVING A VERSION OF THE SYSTEM RUNNING WITH BLOCK POSITION
DISABLED ON THE DRUM INTERFACE. IT DOES NOT SPLIT PAGES SO IS A
LITTLE SLOWER THAT THE REGULAR SYSTEM. I MADE FILL TAPES THAT
CAN RUN IN EITHER MODE. TO CHANGE FROM ONE MODE TO ANOTHER, MAKE
A FILL TAPE WITH THE USER DIRECTOYRY ON IT (USE (SYSTEM) SWDT OR
(HOPPER)BWD), STOP SYSTEM, CHANGE DRUM INTERFACE, RUN USER
DIRECTORY FILL TAPE, THEN RUN THE APPROPRIATE RECOVERY TAPE AND
RECOVER. IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE, I'M SOMEWHERE IN DESOLATION VALLEY.
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WSD \$4848.3 JCN 09/27/70 0237:45 (DUV):JRNLI IS NOW
(JO):4878\$

WSD \$4848.4 JCN 09/27/70 2232:12 LIKE A CHARM.. NEXT IVE GOT
LEARN HOW TO USE IT IN SPECIFIC CASES .. THE CATALOG-BUILDER,
THAT IS. wlb WILL PROBABLY BE READY TO CARRY ON THIS FRONT FROM
HERE ON, AND I CAN BEND THE TECHNIQUES TOWARD MANAGEMENT INFO..
MUCH HELP FROM YOU WAS APPRECIATED, IN FACT ALL\$

WSD \$4848.5 MEJ 09/28/70 1044:16 (DUVALL):JRNLI 4865 AND
(DUVALL):JRNLP 4865 ARE NOOW J4865.\$

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JNL JTM JRX KEV LSL MGC MEH MEJ MET MSC NDM VRB VDB WHP WKE WLB
WSD \$4848.6 KEV 09/29/70 1045:48 PLLEASE TRY NOT TO INITIALIZE
THE SYSTEM EVER.! CHECK WITH ME (KEV) IF YOU THINK IT NECESSARY
TO INITIALIZE. SOON THERE WILL BE FRESH FRESH INSTRUCTIONS IN
THE MACHINE ROOM.\$

ARG BER BLP CHI DOC DIA DCE DGC EKV HAL JMY JBN JCN JDH JMH
JNL JTM JRX KEV LSL MGC MEH MEJ MET MSC NDM VRB VDB WHP WKE WLB
WSD \$4848.7 KEV 09/29/70 2007:31 THE FOLLOWING FILES ARE PROBABLY
BAD ON THE KDF DUMP MADE LAST NITE (9/29/70): SYSTEM- B-DTN
LAMPSON- TAUG ENGELBART- NCP, NFNET, FRJMP, RINS
LICHTENBERGER- MOVIE NFILES- CDSPL, CLNUP N2FILES- SEQGE
T3FILES- TXTED META- TREE, 20 MOL- TMR, MOL NLS-
NPRCL,PROCL USR- AFD, 676 O'CONNELL- C680R, TEMP XDOC- X4OUP
TFILES- BAD, CALC ERICKSON- NF5PR, NFCH4 P4DOC- ARGH
DURHAM- CHECK PAXTON- BAD2, RLIO CATALOG- NFCH5 DIALOGUE-

Mail File

671, 663, 662, 661, 6510, 965, X663 CALDWELL- 634 PRINCE- NLSXR
BASS- XWRIT TRUNDY- MEMOES

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ARG BER BLP CHI DGC DIA DGC DGC EKV HAL JMY JBN JCN JDH JMH
JNL JTM JRX KEV LSL MGC MEH MEJ MET MSC NDM VRB VDB WHP WKE WLB
WSD \$4848.8 KEV 09/30/70 0842:58 THERE IS A NEW SET OF
INSTRUCTIONS IN THE MACHINE ROOM FOR BRINGING UP THE SYSTEM AFTER
A CRASH. A NEW PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ADDED THAT SHOULD BE TRIED IF
A MAG TAPE RECOVERY FAILS, BUT BEFORE AND INITIALIZE IS TRIED.\$

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JDH KEV WHP \$4848.9 WKE 10/01/70 1146:50 Doug expects that
in 3 to 4 weeks we will be ready to offer NIC service over the
Network. My note (english,netac,:xb) describes the proposed
system implementation.

Please let me know how much of this could be ready by then and
with how much effort. I would also welcome any alternative
proposals.\$

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JCN \$4848.10 DGC 10/01/70 1645:01 MY FILE DIRECTORY
(CASSERES,FD,) NOW HAS A FIRST BRANCH THAT LISTS FILES THAT
PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO BE LOOKING FOR.\$

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BLP \$4848.11 WLB 10/02/70 1720:26 CARRIAGE RETURNS ARE COUNTED
AS CHARACTERS AT THE END OF A LINE IN NLS. THIS MEANS THAT THE
VISIBLE TEXT IN A LINE TERMINATED BY A CR IS ONE CHARACTER
SHORTER THAN THE VISIBLE TEXT POSSIBLE IN A LINE NOT TERMINATED
BY A CR, WHICH ISN'T NICE.

ALSO: HAVE YOU EVER TRIED ISOLATING WHATEVER IT IS THAT CAUSES
PASS4 TO BARF ON TABS? \$

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WSD \$4848.12 WLB 10/02/70 1722:06 SUGGESTED NEW MAIL COMMAND:
"INITIALS" WHICH SIMPLY ALLOWS YOUU TO CHANGE INITIALS WITHOUT
QUITTING AND CONTINUEING \$

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WLB \$4848.13 BLP 10/03/70 1226:07 PASS4 HAS A DIFFERENT
ALGORITHM FOR BREAKING LINES THAN NLS HAS -- IT LOOKS ONE (OR
MORE) CHARACTERS AHEAD. THE NEW PASS4 WILL USUALLY BREAK LINES IN
THE SAME PLACE AS NLS HOWEVER. THE THING ABOUT CARRIAGE RETURNS
IS A PROBLEM OF NLS NOT PASS4. THERE IS A REASON FOR IT IN NLS --
YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE CARRIAGE RETUR CARRIAGE RETURN SO
YOU CAN EDIT IT. CREATE DISPLAY WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED
CONSIDERABLY (IT TOO WOULD HAVE TO LOOK ONE CHARACTER AHEAD) TO
DO WHAT YOU WANT.

PLEASE SHOW ME THE FILE WITH TABS THAT PASS4 BARFS ON. I THOUGHT
PASS4 HANDELED TABS OK -- ALTHOUGH DIFFERENTLY THAN NLS --

Mail File

THERE'S A BUG IN NLS. \$

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JBN \$4848.14 JCN 10/04/70 2149:40 THERE'S A DRAFT OF THE nic
INITIAL CATALOG ON THE PRINTER (IF THE FILE I SENT FROM HOME
TONITE GOT THERE). I ALSO SENT ONE OF THE DIRECTORY...DRAFT, THAT
IS. ALTHOUGH I'LL BE AWAY MONDAY, YOU MAY FIND A WAY TO GET THEM
FARTHER TOWARD SENDABLE STAGE. THEY ARE ONLINE UNDER (nor):NICAT
AND (nor):DIREC AT LEAST IN kdf. SEE YOU\$

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WSD \$4848.15 MEJ 10/05/70 0839:21 I am temporarily short of
KDF space, so I have had to eliminate my KDF copy of your file
MLDOC, so don't eliminate this file from your KDF space thinking
you are backed up by a file in my space. Situation is only
temporary, however.\$

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Portrayal Generator Approach and NLS Picture Manipulation

These notes were developed to support a meeting today. The purpose was to begin the process of integrating some related developments within a framework that is on the one hand coordinated in timing, resource allocation, payoff etc. (as good little plans should be), but brings coordination also into the architectural and conceptual approach.

The topic bears generally upon those processes we use, and will use, to construct views, displays, printout, or etc. of our working files for the different purposes. It seem overdue to integrate them.

This is part of a current general move toward developing our needs and possibilities, in terms of a trial set of designs, allocations and schedules, whose continual examination, revision, improvement, and extension I view as the central component of collaborative dialogue among a team of system developers -- i.e. learning how to do this process well, and to augment it etc., is to be offered as ARC's current contribution to the team-augmentation effort. The Dialogue Support System should gauge its value by the support it provides to ARC collaboration on developing and maintaining its "Baseline Records."

About Portrayal Generator:

Want to integrate all of the portrayal-generation processes within one package. Use common concepts, architecture, procedures, code wherever possible. Common evolution combining functions currently served by Create Display, Pass4, Output QED, Output Compiler, Quickprint, etc. (and affecting the IMLAG system).

Allow a user at a display, for instance, to call upon as much of the package as he wants, knowing that he has to pay the price in computation time, screen flicker, or etc. -- but assuming that the quality of dynamic display systems will steadily improve so that for instance the kind of portrayal construction we'd now consider only for a high-grade COM product would be a standard kind of "view specification" to an on-line user. We want on-line usage to be able to evolve smoothly toward this, while users are experimenting fully with exotic portrayals as generated with generous use of processor time, on the best hard-copy output device.

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We could expect fairly early (like by next summer, at least) to be able to work "interactively" by getting a page of output-processor product in view on a television screen as quickly as it can be generated by the Output processor -- inspect this, use NLS (with same screen switched to NLS output, or a separate NLS station) to make changes in the driving directives or the source text, and try again.

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at at least one console around here where the full page content of our output processor can be gotten on a screen, and with a mouse for selection and regular NL-like operations for editing.

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Try as soon as possible to get our future developments in the Output Processor and the Create Display domains integrated.

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Portrayal-Generator developments interact with:

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Picture-package evolution

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Display-Calculator evolution

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Hard-copy output facility

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Associated OP facilities

3d

IMLAC programming

3e

Integrated Seq-Gen, Collector, analyzer, formatter, sorter, calculator, picture system,

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We want use of the hard-copy output facility as soon as possible -- which could be like in February. But its utility will depend upon the coordinated features provided in NLS/TODAS.

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About picture-manipulation

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Calculator package is important for MSR work (at least), and especially if it could interact with the picture parts of statements

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like getting operands from selected entities, replacing selected entities with newly calculated vector constructs, replace the function-curve part of a graph with a newly calculated one derived from a latest pass through the source-data file(s).

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Having a calculator package that could interact reasonably both with the user and with the picture data in a statement would seemingly provide for important experimentation, special-application, and growth possibilities with our graphical manipulations. Working up special entities, and special operations upon them, could be done at the "user-programming" level. Constructs such as boxes and arrows could be inserted on a calculated basis, so that the user could know that things are square, centered, etc., despite the evidence transmitted to him via the Tasker hardware, so that on printout there could be achieved good, documentation-quality graphics as developed and manipulated within NLS/Calculator.

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Having a wider choice of fonts, sizes, characters and weights would be very useful in producing readable documentation.

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Software guys apparently want to make changes in the picture-data structure and organization within statements. It would seem more economical to do these when first moving pictures onto the IO/NLS, rather than converting the old picture package to the IO and then subsequently making file and NLS mods.

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Here are some recommendations that emerge for me, from my current state of understanding and desire:

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I'd like to consider making the file-structure picture-data mods as we move onto the IO, assuming the same picture-package user features as we now have, with coordinated, calculator-picture interaction features implemented as soon as possible.

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I'd like to see the users being able to write interactive calculator programs for constructing and manipulating picture entities.

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Then I'd like to see the evolutionary improvement of the "built-in, picture-manipulation" NLS user features subsequently be done in coordination with the kinds of usage that emerge thereafter.

5e1b

Hopefully, the programming for the picture-package features that might be embedded within NLS would eventually be done in a nice language such that smart users can read the source code to see what are the real definitions of entities and operations. To this end it would seem worth

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considering to program these features with the same graphical-calculator language that the users have available.

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It will be important to provide typewriter users with as much manipulation capability over the graphic domain as is possible. Cerical support, being caught at home with an Execuport, NIC users shaping up their documentaion, or etc.

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At first we can at least offer to move, copy, and delete pictures. As we evolve our particular brands of pictures and manipulations which we use in our documentation, plans, etc., we'll watchfor other operations that can be usefully be done from a typewriter.

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Notes after meeting, with WKE, WHP, BLP, CHI:

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Agreed that we would generate a plan for Output-Processor evolution that included integration of the new Create Display as a special-device output. (BLP to produce this)

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Also generally acknowledged that both kinds of portrayal (for hard copy or for display) would have the equivalent of a "display list" (what will become a "display structure" I guess), generated and kept associated with that portrayal, to be referenced when the need arose to identify the file entity referenced by a coordinate-pair variable as generated by a mouse selection (or by some coordinate-pair operatnd provided with reference to a hard-copy page).

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New graphic package in NLS would seek some temporary solutions to Label manipulation -- although it is realized that someday labels would probably be handled as just another form of "text area".

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WHP will look into the possibility for using the "everyman's NLS calculator language", equipped perhaps with special procedure calls for doing basic things with picture constructs, to build up whatever extended-entity features he'd add into the picture package. DCE would like this approach because of its compatibility with the way other users could add special features of their own using the calculator/graphic facility.

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The new hard-copy hardware system looks now to be likely made up of:

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The guts from an ARDS terminal, providing ASCII compatible interface, ready-made character generator, and a general, point-plotting capability. (at a cost of like \$6000)

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A Princeton-Electronics scan converter unit, that takes the xyz signals from the ARDS and stores the resulting "display" pattern on its storage screen (not directly viewable).

6e2

A TV monitor, into which the scan converter can provide a video picture of what it has stored -- thus providing a check view (if desire) before converting to hard copy.

6e3

A Xerox LDX, high-resolution scanning receiver, which can take output from another video output of the scan converter to produce a page copy of the stored display.

6e4

Considerable discussion as to whether the character generator would have adequate quality to have general use to us, whether the point-plotting raster would be fine enough for us to produce characters of the quality we'd like (and that the scan-converter and LDX unit evidently can accommodate), etc.

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Request by DCE that the specific details of our plans and designs, as they will be shaping up in our Baseline Records, soon begins to show the effects of the above agreements and considerations.

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WKE for coordinating responsibility, WHP in graphics and languages, BLP in the Portrayal Generator plans and designs, CHI in the balance of user-feature details.

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A Brief Description Of the 'Core NLS' Concept, and a guide to using super processors on the 940

Core NLS

The core NLS model views what we now call NLS as a tree, with the lowest node on the tree being a Library of routines for performing NLS functions...in effect a 'Core NLS'.

The functions performed by the library are essentially the non-interactive functions in NLS, e.g.

Structure Manipulation

Text editing

File handling

The remaining functions of our (current) NLS are performed either by libraries at intermediate nodes on the tree, or by Terminal Node Programs (TNP).

An example of an intermediate node library would be our current Input/Feedback SPL library, and an example of a TNP would be the Main Control portion of what we now call NLS, or TODAS.

All programs at a given level node in the tree may depend on any programs at lower levels on the same branch, but must operate independently of any program-nodes on different branches or at different levels.

Any TNP may, however, call any other TNP in one of two manners:

(1) Branch

A terminal node may pass control to another TNP. This is in effect a branch, insofar as there may be no return

(2) Call

A TNP may call another TNP as though it were a procedure. In this instance, a return location is stacked, so that the called TNP may return control to the calling TNP.

Super processors.

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Super Processors on the 940 are a first step toward the Core NLS described above.

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They allow a front end to be written for what is now a greatly expanded Core NLS, i.e. the current Core NLS contains many routines which rightly belong in intermediate nodes.

2a1

In other words, a super processor is roughly the equivalent of a TNP, and all of the lower nodes on the tree are included in the Core NLS (or in some cases, the 'Super Processor').

2a1a

Creating a Super Processor:

2a2

A super processor is described by a 'Super Processor Information block'.

2a2a

Word 1: Station mode (0=Does Not interact, 1= Work Station, 2=typewriter terminal)

2a2a1

Words 2-n: List of overlays used by SP. First in list must be overlay in which control is to be initially passed, and overlay position in list must reflect position of overlay (page) in save file, If SP is in separate file.

2a2a2

The list is terminated by a -1.

2a2a2a

Word n+1: Number of characters in Processor file name, or starting address if no file.

2a2a3

Word n+2: Number of characters to skip over in file name for running system

2a2a4

Words n+3-m: Number of characters in file name

2a2a5

The super processor file must be a save file with the desired overlays in the same order as in the list in the information block. When a super processor is called, any overlay which is not in the relabeling is read from the indicated file.

2a2b

The starting address of the file must be equal to the starting address of the processor + 1B7. The 1B7 will be unnecessary at some future date.

2a2c

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Calling a super Processor.	2a3
To call a super processor:	2a3a
EXU recint;	2a3a1
spcall(\$procib,parm);	2a3a2
procib is the name of the processor information block, and parm is a bit mask which indicates which overlays of the calling processor are to be released from the PMT when the call is executed. A one in a bit position means to release the overlay in the corresponding position in the information block list. The high order bit represents the first entry in the list.	2a3a3
spcall skips if there are no errors in the call, and no fatal errors in the processor.	2a3a4
A no-skip return means that the processor was not around, or something was wrong with the file, or an error or serious error occurred in the processor.	2a3a4a
Returning from a super processor:	2a3b
EXU recint;	2a3b1
spreet(errorf,parm)	2a3b2
parm is the same as in spcall, but refers to processor which is returning	2a3b3
errorf = 1 for no skip return.	2a3b4

' :4888', 10/07/70 1000:26 MEJ ; ' :CORE NLS', 10/06/70 1711:03 WSD ;
.HED=" 4888 WSD 60CT70

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super processors on the 940";

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PROGRAM FOR PRODUCING A TITLE CATALOGUE FROM JOURNAL ACCESSION NUMBER CATALOGUE (TITLES SORTED ALPHABETICALLY)

(pa1) pattern for re-organising catalogue

PROGRAM (p)PROCEDURE;

:C D \$D↑P|←P| ["
"] \$NF ↑P2:

IF flag THEN :C SE(P|) ↑P3 < ["OS"] \$NP ↑P3; ST P| ← P2
P3,"

SF(P|) P|: flag ← 1; ENDF

RETURN END. FINISH

(pa2) pattern to use for sorting

PROGRAM (p)PROCEDURE;

:C ↑P| -"':X" SF(P|) \$D \$NP ↑P| [NP] ↑P2←P2 ←P2: IF flag
THEN :C ST P| ← "@",P| P2,"@",P| SE(P|): ENDF

RETURN END. FINISH

(go)evcd% ca n%so%fcO%%et:go1%

(go1)ea:pa1 d%viO%et:go2%

(go2)ex%f (jo):newjo%o xnewjo%et:go3%

(go3)g%eq%lf(duv):catpat%et:go4%

(go4)vj%ea:pa2 d%viO%et:go5%

(go5)ex%f xnewjo1,xnewjo2%o titcat%s%d%lng%eq%pp|%j%eq%

'4889', 10/07/70 1221:22 MEJ ; :CATPAT, 10/06/70 2026:23 WSD ; .HED="4889 WSD 6OCT70
PROGRAM FOR PRODUCING A TITLE CATALOGUE FROM JOURNAL ACCESSION NUMBER
CATALOGUE (TITLES SORTED ALPHABETICALLY)"; TITLE CATALOGUE IS NAMED
'TITCAT1', 'TITCAT2', ETC.
.SNF=72;.MCH=65;.PGN=0;.DSN=1;.DPR=0;

Special note regarding latest NASA report:

2c

Since we have to re-publish it anyway to achieve better-quality typescript, we perhaps could use new, Journal-consistent printout conventions.

2c1

I will contact Gene Gribble about his feelings thereto.

2c2

WKE and BLP have raised the possibility of using III COM service for producing an improved version. This would be a valuable experiment. If we do it, I want to find out (via BLP) if we could put some small-font referencing items on the pages.

2c3

E.g., use an SNF-directive variation to put unobtrusive, tiny statement-location numbers down the right margin.

2c3a

Somewhere on each page put the ARC catalog number for that chapter's file.

2c3b

' :4890', 10/13/70 0906:36 MEJ ; ' :ARCJO', 10/12/70 1201:42 DCE ;.HED="
12OCT70 DCE 4890
Notes About ARC Journal";
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On Catalog Conversion

Here are some notes about converting our catalog into the unified system we're aiming for:

We begin with a number of different conventions, used for existing entries:

About four different XDOC conventions, each over a stretch of XDOC entries (Refer to them as CATX1, CATX2,...).

The biblio collection generated for Geoff Ball on computer-aided text manipulation (CATUSR),

The early NIC items, as developed by Mimi (CATNC),

A general new form, for current NIC collection (CATNEW).

We'll plan to end up with one uniform convention -- but this may well have many variations.

One "variation" which I expect to have around for some time (maybe forever) are some that have an unambiguous descriptor tag, NYC, saying "this item is NOT YET CONVERTED to standard form" -- for items we haven't gotten around to converting yet.

Another tag, NLR, which says "NO LONGER RELEVANT", can retire some of the older entries from any concern about reformatting and (added) classification concern.

The conversion process needs to produce:

An official Master Catalog File Set, kept up by a Catalog Development and Maintenance Activity that serves NIC, DSS, RINS, individuals, etc., in their various cataloging activities.

A safely protected, archived version of MCFS.

A generally available (read only) working version of MCFS.

Procedures and processes for developing and maintaining special sub-collections -- which each should be viewed as a subset that can easily expand and contract over the master set, and that may have arbitrary intersections with other special-collection sets.

This, for instance, leads toward considering the form of a catalog entry to be affected more by the intrinsic nature of the item being cataloged than by the current expectation of special-collection membership.

For instance, a catalog entry for a hardware-design plan could end up in collections having to do with parts-acquisition, funds allocation, design discussion, maintenance planning, design-methodology study, management-system study, study on analytic-calculation aids, study on portrayal-generation techniques, etc.

Some consideration and possibilities for the way we go about the conversion process:

Estblish a Master Catalog File Set.

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- A procedure for storing, backing up, and accessing that keeps it safe but accessible. 3a1
- A very unified "custodianship" organization -- providing careful and well-observed responsibilities and procedures for producing updated versions. 3a2
- This is very important: Like even requiring five officially responsible people to produce notarized statements of approval for a Brinks-guarded next-version candidate, etc. 3a2a
- At least, we shouldn't have different people going into MCFS, independently editing, adding descriptors, etc., without careful coordination. 3a2b
- A general means of organizing various conjoint efforts toward building and updating the MCFS -- e.g., converting entry formats, establishing classification groupings, assigning descriptors to entries, inserting descriptors, developing processes and procedures, etc. 3a3
- Put all entries, of all forms, into the MCFS, each with a standard "Descriptor Field". 3b
- The Descriptor Field must be uniquely delimited, for every catalog-entry form, by one common analyzer pattern. 3b1
- Multi-statement entries (such as from CATUSR and CATNC) may be entered in their full-branch form -- with the top-level statement having the Descriptor Field. 3b2
- Add to each entry a descriptor identifying its catalog-entry format. 3c
- This may evolve into a group of descriptors during the conversion process: identifying, for instance, the stage of conversion, the nature of special content (entered by hand to guide an automatic conversion process), etc. 3c1
- From here on, evolution and addition of descriptors could proceed in parallel with the format-conversion activity. 3d
- Format conversion steps need always preserve the contents and the unique delimiting syntax of the Descriptor Field. 3d1
- E.g., that the Level-1 statement contains the DF, delimited with P1 and P2 by :C ↑P1 SE(P1) < ["ld*"] > ["*"] ↑P1 ["*"] < [SP] ↑P2; (assuming "dl" is a front delimiter and "*" an end delimiter to the field. 3d1a
- Or, always at the end of the statement, delimited by P1 and SE(P1), with :C ↑P1 SE(P1) < ["la*"] > ["*"] ↑P1; 3d1b
- Format conversion could be viewed in several ways. We should seek a balance between them: 3e
- Getting it done soon, by any means (retyping, or big on-line push on a weekend, or, etc.); 3e1
- Exercising Analyzer-Formatter processes, to help make changes faster and more accurately, to shake down the language, to learn the tricks, etc.; 3e2

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Perhaps writing some special, one-shot programs (e.g., to collapse multi-statement entries into one statement).

3e3

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(Distribute copies to JCN WLB JBN WSD) .DSN=1;.DPR=0;

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OTHER RELEVANT FILES

all the following files are in Tomlin's KDF space unless otherwise noted

ADSUG	Additional SUGgestions or new PASS4 Directives	2
	List of suggestions for new directives for PASS4 from members of ARC.	2a
AX	PASS4 directives to get the AX	2b
	This contains a list of current PASS4 Directives proposed to be deleted. It also has a list of the directives that will be kept.	2b1
		2c
FMTDS	ForMaT Designer/user interface	2c1
	A presentation of the questions the Format Designer will ask the user.	2d
OPGLU	Output Processor	2d1
	An outline of all the envisaged features for the full Output Processor and sort of a proposed implementation order. It also contains some thoughts on the internal design of some of the features. In particular it contains the beginning of a taxonomy and listing of attributes for Areas.	2e
OPROP	Output Processor PROPosal	2e1
	Proposals for order of doing things for the OP	2f
OPSCN	Output Processor SCaN	2f1
	List of subjects relevant to the Output Processor to be used for scanning Doug's notebooks.	2g
TBLC	Table of Contents for the OP notebook	2g1
		2h

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(To do)
see (parsley,todon,la:wh)

3
3a

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(Questions)

what (s the best/good COM (with graphics and infinite
character set)

4

4a

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(People) who know something about COM's and/or microforming	5
Elmer Shipiro	5a
Kaye Tomlin	5b
Steve Miller	5c
Humphrey	5d
CRT'S	5d1
hard copy	5d1a
what is EB doing	5d2
microfiche	5d2a
how write on it	5d2a1
Hofferth	5e
EB's microfiche research	5e1
state of the research	5e1a
who's doing it	5e1b
any good?	5e1b1
PIA conference	5e2
Eigel	5f

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(Meetings) notes from	6
Talk with Doug	6a
date forgotten	6a1
USE	6a1a
must have graphics	6a1a1
color coding	6a1a2
slow	6a1a3
local	6a1a4
our publications	6a1a5
NICK subset of computer held stuff	6a1a6
RCA man says:	6a1b
no advantage to large volume printing	6a1b1
advantage is fast turnaround and machine readable text	6a1b2
McGraw-Hill	6a1c
getting into this	6a1c1
EB has of course	6a1d
Talk with Steve Miller	6b
date forgotten	6b1
nobody else there	6b1a
there exist three classes of COM's	6b1b
1. printer-quality photocompositors	6b1b1
Videocomp, IBM 2860, Harris Intertype, Linotype	6b1b1a
about \$350K	6b1b1b
Videocomp has a new model that writes 35mm microfilm and does point to point graphics	6b1b1c
2. inbetween	6b1b2
S-C 4060	6b1b2a
3. line printer or worse quality (usually no graphics)	6b1b3
Beta, Information International, CDC	6b1b3a
mag tape thru character generator (to CRT) to film	6b1b3b
NCR does ultrafiche things (Ford maintenance manual)	6b1c
there exists a Mossler	6b1d
talk to SRI printing plant -- Felix?	6b1e
Dan Paymar under Rum1	6b1f
left EB	6b1f1
Talk with Kaye	6c
date forgotten	6c1
read BB&N document	6c1a
Department of Defense Communication	6c1b
they microfiche everything (reports)	6c1b1
can order them cheap	6c1b2
Datamation, October 1969, p261	6c1c
GODOS notebook from Ann Geoffrion	6c1d
NLS Tomlin GODFD file directory	6c1e
Mark Larwood System	6c1f
gives problems	

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microfiche from microfilm	6clfl
Grant C.Lang	6clfla
George Lithograph	6clg
940 files-mag tape-SC 4060	6clgl
can't get documents in their real form into NLS form	6clh
Computing vs. Publishing Panel at the FJCC	6d
during the FJCC	6dl
RAND has a publishing system that does kerning,,	
diacriticals, maybe everything	6dla
(remember TV Guide)	6dlb
NY Times will use its index as a key into a data base	6dlc
ask IBM guy about who's doing the map thing	6dl d
IBM's doing it	6dl d1
IBM guy says keep text and layout in separate data	
bases	6dle
Q. what do you see for new representations and	
manipulations of info	display
organize	6dlf
they didn't understand the question	6dlf1
IBM	6dlg
does item layout graphically	6dlgl
then computer tries page layout graphically	6dlg2
then fellow at CRT moves items around	6dlg3
Talk with Shapiro	6e
date forgotten	6el
standards NMA 14x7 COSATI 12x6	6ela
on-line files Shapiro Cl9 and some previously	6elb
these are Elmer's NIC files	6elb1
see Kaye's stuff too	6elb2
they contain a history of the people talked too	6elb3
George has a package that runs on their DDP 516	6elc
right justification,etc.	6elcl
no graphics	6elc2
ODC 280 is bad hardware quality	6eld
very slow	6eld1
Kaye Tomlin looked at viewers at Fall Joint	6ele
took Kaye 2 weeks to write Output to Device Printer	6elf
it was a rewrite of the output to the 280?	6elf1
Pass4 has paging	6elf2
Meeting with Microform Data Systems	6f
3 Dec. 1969	6fl
Robert Davies was marketing man that we talked too	6fla
Mimi and Bill English were there too	6flb
\$25/master film thru UCR to ultrafiche	6flc
\$.30/copy	6fld
hardcopy is 2000 pages/strip	6fle
COM stuff is 1500 pages/strip	6flf
\$.10-20 per printed document page to 35mm film	6flg

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48 hours mag tape to master	6flh
\$.02-10/COM page	6fli
Beta does Cal/comp things	6flj
Byron Mandel at MDS knows about programming Beta	6flk
Meeting with Will Meyers	6g
10 Dec.	6gl
Mimi was there thruout and Doug for a few minutes at the end	6gla
read: Data Processing Magazine; August 69 p34;	
"Computer Output Microfilmers, Part I"; September 69	
p34; "Computer Output Microfilmers, Part II"	6glb
book: Computer Output Microfilmers ;National Microfilm Association; Annapolis; about \$10	6glc
NMA meeting April 28-30 in S. F.	6gld
1/2 of exhibits will be COM and related	6gl dl
100' cartridge 16mm	
2400 images	
@ \$5 each	6gle
1 ultrafiche with 2400 images	
@ \$1 per copy	
+ \$500 per master	6glf
several systems now of publishing catalogues (parts and spec sheets)	6glg
leave the basic info alone (except for prices)	6glgl
just change the index	6glg2
new index just doesn't point to an old version of a page	6glg2a
index can be hardcopy	6glg2al
standards for fiche	6glh
COSATI - 4x6" 5x12=60 images about 18-20X reduction	6glhl
NMA - 4x6" 7x14=98 images about 24X reduction	6glh2
you have to clean your reader to get readability	6gli
EB's library publishing	6glj
is going 65X reduction (super-fiche)	6gljl
3x5" fiche	6glj2
FR-80 -- might be able to go 80X reduction, i.e., can write super-fiche directly	6glk
FR-80 first customer (LA service bureau) they very happy with it	6gli
he impressed by Beta	6glm
Planning meeting, With Bill English, Bill Paxton, Mimi, Chuck	6h
11 December	6hl
meeting was held essentially at suggestion of Doug --	

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purpose was to allow Paxton to do coordinating role for software people 6h1a

specifically to integrate work on the output processor with other software stuff 6h1a1

results: idea of user interactively setting up output formats was liked 6h1b

another meetin is to held on or about 30 Dec. I am to work out a more or less complete, general plan for the output processor plus an order of implementation plus some time estimates 6h1b1

Discussion with Doug 6i

12 Dec.; nobody else there 6i1

there will be a great deal of pressure from ARPA on ARC to provide NIC with some fairly sophisticated features and soon 6i1a

first of all Doug sort of stole the privelege? of doing NIC 6i1a1

several of the other nodes would like to do NIC and can apply a lot of political type pressure on ARPA to let them do it 6i1a1a

ARPA must justify its dispersal of funds and Network support is justifiable, so our support of NIC goes a long ways towards guaranteeing us funding 6i1a2

the soon comes because the schedule for the Network has been greatly accelerated because of pressure from ARPA 6i1a3

Doug sees the "Output Processor" as including as an integral part of the output specification and functions to be performed such things as automatic generation of table of contents, indices, concordances, link conversions to page references, and KWICs. 6i1b

Doug sees the Output Processor as having great importance, both because of the political considerations mentioned above and because the Output Processor could be an important, integral part of an Augmentation System downstream sometime, 6i1c

Doug sees himself as having at least two roles (not positions) 6i1d

one is as manager, i.e., as order giver, overall coordinator, and general strategist 6i1d1

the other is as promoter of systems designs that definitely facilitate system evolution (see below for more on this idea) 6i1d2

this is a general design principle of his and is seen as an integral part of the augmentation and bootstrapping strategies 6i1d2a

In this last role Doug wants a hand in on at least

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the design of the architecture of the Output Processor

61ld3

Doug wants something like daily conversations with me to insure that at least his minimum requirements for an evolutionary systems design are met and that service for the NIC is provided at an early date to provide this last I am also to keep close contact with Mimi

61ld4a

it is to be well noted that Doug allows and expects negotiation between me, him, English, Mimi and Paxton on all these points and that he can be persuaded and/or outvoted

6ile

In keeping with the above considerations Doug offered the following ideas and suggestions:

6ilf

it might be wise to implement as the first step an index generator, table of contents generator, link convertor, or other NIC-wanted features

6ilfl

these might initially be separate, self-contained "processors"

6ilfla

We must consider how much time would be lost by such an approach

6ilflb

how much of the work on these processors could be carried over to the eventual Output Processor

6ilflb1

how soon could these processors be programmed as usable features anyway

6ilflb2

For a system architecture Doug suggested that the Output Processor work thru a portal with NLS and that its architecture look something like the present NLS, namely that there be three hierarchical levels: a state machine that interpreted commands and went to the right place to execute them, a section that contained the algorithms for executing each of the features, and a group of subroutines that actually did the dirty work.

6ilf2

Doug presented his philosophy that a system could be designed to allow evolution in four dimensions:

1. the languages for programming functions
2. new or added functions
3. the means a user has to specify what he wants done

4. the architecture of the system?

6ilf3

Another idea was that since the Portal Processor is unlikely to be ready soon, the possibility of driving TODAS with MOL programs be investigated (see Duvall).

6ilf4

I am to come up with at least two approaches to the Output Processor. One will be as a grand design, the other approach will implement the NIC-wanted features

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first. The thing I'm to come up with will include at least system architecture, gross features envisioned, possibilities for future evolution, implementation order, gross time estimates, and predictions of what if anything is lost by taking the second approach.

61lg

Post mortem thoughts by me on this discussion

61lh

most of the following thought were not presented by me at the discussion with Doug

61lh1

It now seems that Bill English has the role of coordinator of software efforts and Bill Paxton has the role of overseeing systems design. This is at variance with what was implied before, namely that Paxton had the coordinating role (see Planning meeting of 12 Dec. branch)

61lh2

I am still unhappy and will probably remain so about not getting to design a general system from the start. But that's the way it goes sometimes.

61lh3

The following are considerations mitigating against the exercising by Doug of the role of system design monitor:

61lh4

Good people usually do not like someone watching over their shoulder and suggesting or requiring that the watcher's ideas get into the design.

61lh4a

If this role is carried far enough, some people could be driven out of the group. There are already beginnings of this.

61lh4b

I don't think Doug has the time to do this, or at least his time is better spent elsewhere.

61lh4c

This all sounds like the old problem of managers delegating responsibility.

61lh4d

It helps if the two roles of Doug are made explicit -- people will be more comfortable when he exercises the second role, but there is still the problem that the role of manager exists. Doug may not be able to sufficiently divide the roles. People may not always be able to tell which role is currently speaking. Undue weight may be lent to statements said while in the system design monitor role because of the same person having the manager role.

61lh4e

The following is a suggestion for a way to handle the above problems:

61lh5

Doug should make sure that his system design philosophy is well known by every programmer. It would be nice for many reasons if it were well documented some place. It could be indicated that all systems designs were expected to follow these general criteria unless the designer showed very

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good reasons why they didn't apply to his particular system or he could show a better or at least reasonable different design philosophy.

61lh5a

Either it is assumed that system designers are good enough to follow the above rules or some monitoring could be done. If monitoring is to be done then Doug should lose most of his monitoring role. He could still have the role of final approval of all major designs and perhaps even review designs at a few points along the way, but closer monitoring (and certainly day-to-day stuff which probably shouldn't be done anyway) should be the role of say Bill Paxton.

61lh5b

Talk with Vic Christianson

6j

On 13 Dec. 1969,

6jl

He is an IBM salesman, tel: 328-3200, and ordered all documentation on Composition 360. He said to expect a three week waiting period. In the mean time there is one document in the local IBM office library at 525 University, 5th floor, in Palo Alto. I have to be cleared by him before the librarian will let me in.

6jla

Meeting with Mimi

6k

16 Dec. Mimi and I were the only ones there

6kl

Mimi agreed to what NIC presently needs and/or wants and assigned what she thought should be the priorities. This last should be checked with Doug.

6kla

Here are the features desired in the order of Mimi's priorities:

link conversion

6klb

table of contents

6klb1

KWIC or KWOC

6klb2

index and/or concordance

6klb3

6klb4

Mimi mostly agreed to do the KWIC and I'm probably supposed to do the link conversion. I am also to very soon come up with at least the architecture of the OP so that Mimi can do the KWIC so that it can be moved over easily to the OP later.

6klc

Mimi also mentioned a couple of things that NIC would like at some time in the future:

provision for special symbols (especially math)

6kl d

provision for getting either photographs or links to them in NIC documents.

6kl d1

6kl d2

Meeting with Mimi

6l

17 Dec. Mimi and I were the only ones present

6ll

special character translation should be earlier says M.

6lla

she suggests doing final translation to a device by means of a table look up rather than the compiler method

6lla1

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we discovered that the creation of the intermediate file (paginated) is very device dependent because of number of lines per page and must be able to recognize special characters and know how much space they take	611b
Mimi would like to have an errata list generated, e.g., unresolvable links	611c
With Dave Casseres	6m
19 Dec.	6m1
I didn't take any notes and I can't remember anything	6m1a
With Casseres, Duvall, Chuck, Mimi, and Jed	6n
22 Dec.	6n1
idea of separating format from text file was lengthally discussed	6n1a
Casseres really liked it	6n1a1
nobody else did	6n1a2
was pointed out that of course format has to be associated with file (at least attached in some way to specific points in the file)	6n1a3
most everybody seemed to favor the old method of directives	6n1a4
was suggested that thing to do was to rationalize and expand the current PASS4 directives	6n1b
Casseres liked idea of doing page layout (which PASS4 really doesn't do) and he said most of his difficulties with PASS4 come from that fact he thinks probably	6n1c
also much discussion on inefficiency and time consumption of my design	6n1d
also proliferation of files and file types was criticised	6n1e
has been tried here before and didn't work	6n1e1
Q was asked what does this do for you that PASS4 doesn't -- A: not much except indexing, etc.	6n1f
suggestion was made that you want to keep a current format for each sitting and only change it on command	6n1g
for ultimate default case -- want to output working copy according to current viewspecs	6n1g1
PASS4 will not work with the new NLS	6n1h
idea came out	6n1i
set up Format File as nothing but an NLS file that is a text string of directives	6n1i1
for the time being user does an insert QED branch	6n1i1a
has to insert directives directly in the NLS text	6n1i1b
later a preprocessor takes text file and format file (including format info linked to characters in the text file) and merges them and then passes that to the above formatter	6n1i2
OP Planning. With English, Paxton, Mimi	6o
30 Dec.	6o1

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there were no strong objections to my design of the OP, nor to my implementation schedule
 new things that went down
 the OP ends up being mostly a front end to PASS4
 things like the index generators will take as input NLS files and produce as output NLS files
 format info will be kept either as directives in the NLS file itself or as a string of directives in an NLS Format file
 one of the first things that I will do is to rewrite PASS4 in the new MOL and change it so it will recognize links
 about the second thing I will do is to do the link converter
 new ideas
 links will be syntatically identified by the opening and closing parens being preceded by a special 8-bit code
 the 8-bit code will be mostly the same as those presently used, but will be either one not currently used, if such exist, or a combination of bits that are rarely used
 this would necessitate little or no change to NLS with the exception of the addition of something like a Set Text to Link command
 I, not Mimi, will do the TOC generator
 it still has not been decided in what manner the Link Converter will know where links point to
 an idea of mine not brought up at this meeting: for the first pass the LC will only remember where documents start
 About NIC. With Doug, English, Paxton, Mimi
 30 Dec.
 only a KWIC index and bibliographies with accession numbers and both maybe only in hardcopy are necessary by 1 March
 the rest of the meeting was about Doug's ideas for a query system for NIC
 Doug is mumbling about my doing the format stuff for showing a user the catalogue entries that are members of a set
 this is mainly because I'm supposed to know about formatting output
 Doug will look into and talk to Ed about my using Dean for the OP
 With Doug
 7 Jan. 1970
 A strange thing happenned in this discussion -- at

601a
 601b
 601b1
 601b2
 601b3
 601b4
 601b5
 601c
 601c1
 601c1a
 601c1b
 601c2
 601d
 601e
 6p
 6p1
 6p1a
 6p1b
 6p1c
 6p1c1
 6p1d
 6q
 6q1

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least roles were reversed from our previous discussions. This time Doug was the one talking about big, super features with groovy ways of implementing them and I kept plugging for the interim, easily, and quickly implementable things.

6qla

New ideas from Doug

6qlb

would like eventually for formatting to be changed by tags in the NLS text file, by content analysis performed on the NLS text file, and by such things as level dependency (this last I'd planned on).

6qlb1

He talked about having links and/or their converted form containing PSID's or the new idea of system-wide, eternal pointers.

6qlb2

He wants to have enough info around in some form or another to be able to bug points on the microfiche reader screen and do NLS things

6qlb3

Doug is hot for the idea of using a higher level language to describe how you format. I pointed out and he mostly agreed that that was not so important since people describing formatting will often be editor, non-programming type people and their best language is the interactive formatting I plan to do.

6qlc

Ideas that sort of came out between us

6qld

maybe move the "Page Location File" building function to the Formatter and away from the link converter

6qld1

con: the Formatter is mostly PASS4 and this means more modifications there instead of a fresh start

6qld1a

if we do copy fitting before link converting then would have to redefine the page locs

6qld1b

pro: user ought to be able to let his page locations get into the file and not have his links converted

6qld1c

Maybe need a separate Copy Looker pass where you just get to look at what the formatter did (this will be the first pass at the Copy fitter anyway)

6qlf

My idea: may as well move the link converter after the copy fitter pass

6qlf

pro: would have to reconvert intra-file links again after copyfitting

6qlf1

con: would be nice to present at copyfitting time the real formatted output -- i.e., with the number of characters in the links known and their content too

6qlf2

would also be able to show unresolvable links at copyfitting time

6qlf3

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asked him to keep me better informed about	
developements in NIC	6qlg
he said my using Dean was OK	6qlh
he was talking about my using him full time	6qlh1
I said I didn't have enough for him to do	6qlh2
I'm to talk to Ed to try and work out something	6qlh3
Ed has first priority on Dean's time	6qlh4
Discussion with Chuck about link conversion	6r
12 Jan. 1970	6rl
The initial design of the link conversion process came	
out of this discussion.	6rla
see (idlc)	6rlb
Discussion with WHP about link conversion	6s
15 Jan. 1970	6sl
Refinements of the design of the link conversion	
process came out of this discussion.	6sla
see (idlc)	6slb
Discussion with WHP about link conversion	6t
19 Jan. 1970	6tl
Refinements of the design of the link conversion	
process came out of this discussion.	6tla
see (idlc)	6tlb
Meeting with Computer Micrographics Inc.	6u
26 Jan. 1970. Steve Miller was there.	6ul
CMI salesman we talked to was: Peter Klein, 46	
Freemont St., S.F., tel: 433-0134	6ula
CMI is a microform service bureau offering nearly	
comprehensive service	6ulb
CMI also handles uform viewing equipment	6ulb1
they have a FR-80 (it has a PDP 9L inside)	6ulb2
don't now have 105mm camera -- its on order and they	
expect it to be running in a month or two	6ulb3
can get 700 chars/line and 3-400 lines/page; they do	
their reduction this way and not necessarily with lenses	6ulc
Photo-mem makes a fiche jumper; Mossler too	6uld
Prices	6ule
for a 14x7 frame fichees:	6ule1
\$24-25/1000 pages original this is for mag tape	
to roll film master	6ule1a
graphics	6ule2
tape to film (35mm) -- \$.40/page + \$5 setup +	
\$.08/sheet of paper or \$.13/vellum	6ule2a
4 character fonts -- working on 3 more	6ulf
can give probably one day turnaround on large(NIC)	
batches with preschedulling	6ulg
Comparison of machines	6ulh
SCORS	IGS
4060	4060 FR-80
	6ulh1
	6ulh2

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char size	1	4	64	6ulh3
char set	upper only	u/1	u/1	6ulh4
char rotation	none	90	every	
45				6ulh5
line/char width	1	2	8	6ulh6
line weight (density)	2	4	8	6ulh7
raster (addressable)	1024	4096	16K	6ulh8
Meeting with Jack Byrne (Senior Editor at SRI)				6v
10 Feb. 1970 Byrne's boss and Dean were there				6vl
their algorithm for widow lines is that not less than				
two lines of a paragraph are allowed to start a page				6v1a
they have some problems leaving room for pics				6v1b
they often want chapters to start on the right hand				
page				6v1c
they suggested we talk to Long Range Planning as the				
only people at SRI that do real and fancy page layout				6v1d
they were very insistent about the usual editor's				
demand to do editing on hardcopy -- not on-line.				6v1e
all they want from an on-line system is to have the				
latest draft come back fast in hardcopy and they will				
pencil in the changes in their normal manner and hand				
it to a secretary to get the updated, clean draft				6v1e1
Meeting with an RCA salesman				6w
about March 1970 Steve Miller was there				6w1
Donald Van Deusen is the salesman's name				6w1a
he's at Palo Alto 321-5000				6w1a1
he was selling "Videotext" a new program by RCA that				
runs on the Videocomp -- not the Spectra				6w1b
it will accept input tapes formatted for a line				
printer and drive the Videocomp to get hardcopy				
output				6w1b1
it will handle both upper and lower case				6w1b2
it will handle strictly verticle and strictly				
horizontal lines				6w1b3
with a specially formatted input tape it will handle				
graphics in general (I think)				6w1b4
J.W. Clement Co. is a local firm that has a Videocomp				
with Videotext that will rent time on a service Bureau				
basis				6w1c
Discussion with Doug				6x
18 March 1970				6x1
I told him about the file OP and gave him a print out				
of the planning branch				6x1a
the following came out as new information to me that				
ought to be kept in mind				6x1b
there will be two different kinds of links in				
on-line NLS files				6x1b1
normal -- to on-line files				6x1b1a

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special -- to "frozen records", e.g., the Journal, frozen NLS files, various hardcopy documents (XDOC)	6x1b1b
the two types of links will be syntactically distinguishable	6x1b2
there will exist on-line catalogues where you can find out the type of the frozen record	6x1b3
the LC has to look at the catalogue and format output according to what it finds	6x1b3a
Discussion with Doug	6y
19 March 1970	6yl
there are arising two general problems	6yla
many files that are related very closely -- like different representations of each other	6yla1
need a general solution to what to do when one version is changed	6yla1a
general links	6yla2
lots of different and different types of files get "linked" -- must be two way links	6yla2a
would be nice to have a general way of representing those two way links and accessing that info	6yla2b
Meeting with Dave Evans and Manuel Lindgren?	6z
20 March 1970 lots of other people there	6zl
the hundred line/inch raster printer output is bad -- need much more lines/inch	6z1a
the "character generator" of Manuel is neat	6z1b
how it works:	6z1b1
one command positions the "beam"	6z1b1a
second command has three parts:	6z1b1b
enter text mode	6z1b1b1
value of Foreground intensity	6z1b1b2
pointer to data	6z1b1b3
data has four parts	6z1b1c
pointer to font	6z1b1c1
vertical scale factor	6z1b1c2
horizontal scale factor	6z1b1c3
character string which is really indexes into the font I think	6z1b1c4
each entry in the font is a 5x8 matrix	6z1b1d
each entry in the matrix is 3 bits long	6z1b1d1
if the three bits have the value x, then:	6z1b1d1a
Intensity of "dot" = $x/8 * (\text{foreground intensity} - \text{background intensity})$	6z1b1d1a1
Talk with Mimi	6a
2 April 1970	6a1
topic was what would the first version of the LC provide	6a1A

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agreed was: 6a1B
 three cases: 6a1BL
 continuous "pagination" over the specified
 collection 6a1BLA
 number according to form n,m where user specifies
 m 6a1BLB
 e.g. use: microfiche where m is the number of
 frames on a fiche 6a1BLBL
 number according to n,m where m is the number of
 pages in each document, but $m \leq mm$ where mm is
 specified by the user 6a1BLC
 e.g. use: microfiche where each document goes
 on a separate fiche and mm is the number of
 frames on a fiche 6a1BLCL
 user specifies a mask, e.g., '[gronuk ***]' where
 the number goes in the place of the *'s 6a1B2
 Output Processor Meeting 6aa
 6 April 1970 Mimi, Paxton, Jed, Casseres, and Dean were
 there; Norton came later and that discussion is included 6aal
 I went thru the "how to output a file" chart and
 explained the features 6aala
 there ensued a discussion about the features 6aalb
 it was realized that there are three basic ways of
 approaching the OP 6aalc
 1, incremental -- first add features to PASS4, go
 to step 2 or 3 6aalcl
 2, half-assed -- do a Format Designer (a subset of
 the grand one), a Key Designer, a Key Attacher, and a
 front end to PASS4 to convert the information from
 the above into directives to feed to PASS4 at the
 appropriate points; go to step 3 6aalc2
 3, scrap PASS4 (lifting the line formatting code as
 subroutines) and build a real page formatter; there
 are two ways to do this 6aalc3
 a, do-it -- do the formatting in a fairly
 straight forward way 6aalc3a
 b, grandiose -- attempt to develop the "area"
 concept and implement that way 6aalc3b
 the consensus of those present (except that I'd
 rather do it the grandiose way) was that #1 was the
 best way and then maybe go to step 3 rather than 2 6aalc4
 the reasons are that you get valuable results
 quickly and at a cheap cost doing #1 first 6aalc4a
 the following are suggestions for additions to PASS4
 during step #1: 6aalc5
 output as one document pieces from several NLS
 files 6aalc5a
 Table of Contents Generator 6aalc5b

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KWIC generator	6aalc5c
other index generators	6aalc5d
invisible text on/off (this could be both a new	
NLS feature with an attendant viewspec and a new	
PASS4 directive)	6aalc5e
link conversion	6aalc5f
straighten out the treatment of tabs (PASS4	
currently has some bugs here)	6aalc5g
see branch named (Bugs) for other current bugs in	
PASS4 that should be eliminated	6aalc5h
print the time of printing and/or the time the	
file was last changed as part of the running head	6aalc5i
on the following items, implement new directives	
to PASS4 (if necessary) and make their default	
setting be the viewspecs in force at the time the	
file is output to PASS4	6aalc5j
T setting	6aalc5jl
statement number on/off	6aalc5j2
statement names on/off	6aalc5j3
indentation setting	6aalc5j4
names on/off	6aalc5j5
signatures on/off	6aalc5j6
NMA Convention	6ab
29 & 30 April Mimi and O'Connell also attendedJ	6abl
Kodak KOM-90	6abla
no CPU; no core	6abla1
mag tape in; character codes <= 128	6abla2
no vectors; characters generated with a stroke	
generator	6abla3
Beta 700	6ablb
characters generated by means of a dot matrix stored	
in ROM <= 128	6ablb1
could also stroke generate characters	6ablb2
also can have disk or fonts (bit matrices) stored	
out there	6ablb3
Dan O'C will get specs from Peter Simon	6ablb4
8K core max	6ablb5
\$141K min	6ablb6
LINC (Singer)	6ablc
\$125K	6ablc1
no CPU	6ablc2
online or offline with a tape and a character	
generator	6ablc3
PTI 2600	6abld
printer only -- no graphics	6abld1
Memorex 1603	6able
printer	6able1
3M	6abl1f

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printer	6ablfl
UCC	6ablg
no CPU	6ablg1
all hardwired	6ablg2
about \$130K?	6ablg3
CalComp	6ablh
apparently have resolution of 4Kx4K dots whereas	
Beta's is 1Kx1K	6ablhl
Beta is faster in print mode (12-25KC)	6ablh2
Beta has a universal camera	6ablh3
FR-80	6abli
PDP-9 inside	6abli1
will soon put in PDP-15's	6abli2
no documentation	6abli3
4K-8K core; can get disc	6abli4
have vector generator, stroke generator, and a	
graphics arts quality character generator (extra	
option, like a Videocomp)	6abli5
normal is tape input	6abli6
fonts stored in core or on disk	6abli7
8 widths, 8 intensities	6abli8
\$200K min. \$7K/month	6abli9
color option	6abli10
filters under program control	6abli10a
programmer type says he sees no limitations	6abli11
full blown	6abli12
graphics option never sold	6abli12a
\$300K	6abli12b
have a font designer	6abli13

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(Problems)

two facts:	7
when KDF goes:	7a
file directory size will not be increased	7a1
each disk file no matter how small takes 4K words	7a1a
blocks are 2K -- 1 block for data, 1 block for index	7a1b
this means a large number of small files is a very bad idea	7a1b1
this means separate named format files is bad	7a2
this means maybe one format file per user with a Format Designer built index by name into it	7a3
there also exist implications for separate backlink files	7a4
LC may have to change page numbers	7a5
how about files output thru the trail, keyword, or content analyzer features	7b
output file will mostly be a tape	7c
problems:	7d
header/trailer blocks	7d1
getting the tape produced on-line	7d1a
labeling the tape	7d1b
link conversion	7d1c
how do you keep track of where things got stuck (page no.) for later generation of indices	7e
how do you attach format info to a character in the file	7f
to named statements (or position therein) only	7g
to pointers	7g1
to special entity types	7g2
could bury format info in file if had this	7g3
	7g3a

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(Bugs) in PASS4	8
currently cannot get pagination without getting page numbers	8a
Casseres says that TCR may not work	8b
Casseres says that NBL may not take effect immediately	8c
Casseres says that centering doesn't work right	8d
Casseres says that directive defining doesn't work if define	
directive as a string of directives	8e
Casseres doesn't like the syntax or conditionals	8f
the thing about tabs ought to be straightened out	8g
Casseres says he thinks that tabs work OK for the DURA	8gl
if it starts to print on a page but then hits something like	
a SKP=1 and does not print anything, it thinks it did print	
and a subsequent SKP=0;RES causes it to leave a blank page	8h
see p. 18 of BBPERS printout	8hl

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(Thoughts) random	9
for case of OP as an RPG	9a
probably need to do special formatting at syntatically	
recognizable places	9a1
Create Display and OP have very different design criteria:	9b
efficiency vs. powerr and multiple hardware devices	9b1
but if I do area things, I want to divide out functions	9b2
keys	9c
have keys defined two ways	9c1
1) within a document format	9c1a
2) whnthin a user's "Key Library"	9c1b
at any time using the Key Attacher a user may attach	
either of the two types -- one within the document format	
that is currently in force or qualify the key name invoked	
say with an 'L and you get a key out of the library	9c2
how the Format Designer should handle apparent	
inconsistencies in format specifications	9d
impossible conditions	9d1
ask user to resolve and give a recommendation	9d1a
automatically change something	9d1b
(in most cases would at least notify the user of the	
change)	9d1b1
made tentative change and ask user if it's OK	9d1c
(about the same as the first)	9d1c1
probable	9d2
give a warning -- did you really want to do that?	9d2a
from Doug's notebooks:	9e
Don Jevons' (x 2604 SRI Commercial Artist) specialty is	
layout and typography	9e1
1-69 p. 8	9e1a
only output updated pages	9e2
1-69 p. 21	9e2a
Maybe this is what the "Area" approach does for you:	9f
It isolates the difficult problem	9f1
The formatting within a rectangular area was solved a	
long time ago -- sure you can keep thinking of new	
features, but they're almost always very easy to solve	9f1a
Size is easy	9f1b
Shape (as long as convex (maybe not that) and edges are	
mathematically describable curves is easy	9f1c
Attitude is easy	9f1d
Margin is easy	9f1e
Souce from which to fill is new and I can't think of a	
good way to solve now	9f1f
Position as determined by Priority is the hard one --	
here is where describable algorithms need to be	
developed	9f1g

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running head has multiple parts that get filled from different sources 9g

Formatter is equivalent to a bigger Create Display 9h

Copy Fitter is equivalent to a bigger NLS 9h1

generalized sequence generator that can go get a branch of another file in the middle of the current file 9i

this file (branch) could be full of directives (or a dummy) and the input routine generates the directive string 9i1

the sequence generator would have to be conditional -- then could format a file several different ways 9i2

NLS has to tell PASS4 if the input PASS4 is receiving is under the control of the content analyzer, trails, keyword reordering, or is normal 9j

eventually PASS4 or a new program is going to have to do real page formatting and not just line formatting 9k

(np4) proposed things to do for a rewriting of PASS4 9l

see (parsley,ax:wh) for a list of directives proposed for deleting 9l1

the following is a list of directives that will be kept that were suggested to be cut in the first AX proposal 9l1a

RTJ 9l1a1

MSP (max number of spaces to use in right justification) 9l1a2

TYP 9l1a3

PGN 9l1a4

SSW (insert a stop code at end of every page) 9l1a5

CSW 9l1a6

CMD 9l1a7

conditionals and expressions in directives are proposed to be dropped 9l2

the following are changes internal to PASS4 that should cause no functional change other than maybe an increase in speed 9l3

get rid of the interpreter 9l3a

use CASE statements instead 9l3a1

make into two real coroutines -- OUTST and DINGHR 9l3b

need DINGHR to decide where next input comes from 9l3b1

if a major rewriting is to be done all at once then the additional directives mentioned in the branch named Features could be implemented at that time 9l4

need a "Key Attacher" 9m

could be an integral part of the Copy Looker 9m1

it would construct or add to the Connection File mentioned below 9m2

N.B. would need a subsequent pass thru the Formatter to make keys effective -- i.e., produce another paginated file 9m3

have three files 9n

the original NLS text file 9n1

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a connection file (connecting points in the NLS file to named formats) -- much like the idea for implementing back links	9n2
named format files (of different types)	9n3
when formatting algorithm can't do too well, e.g., picture forces referring text to next page	9o
flag that and when user is scanning formatted text ask him:	9o1
add more lines to this page	9o1a
make picture smaller	9o1b
etc.	9o1c
he chooses (or lets slide) and gets presented with how it turned out (can change it again)	9o2
eventually we find out what is usually done and also what options we missed and change the first pass algorithm accordingly	9o3
Strategy questions	9p
what has this to do with augmentation	9p1
not much	9p1a
thus maybe not worth the resources	9p1b
maybe hardcopy is inherently too limiting	9p2
maybe want to wait til can do all this on CRT's	9p2a
(but this approach would be able to treat that CRT as another device)	9p2b
maybe it's good approach, because don't make any initial restrictions on ways of representing information because of hardware limitations (except maybe "pages")	9p3
ways of representing info is part of our work	9p4
don't want to set up in-house printing microfilming capability	9p5
Pro Doug wants it (and I think a general solution)	9p6
Necessary changes to PASS4	9q
1. recognize links	9q1
new directives:	9q1a
CVL ConVert Links (will eventually be superseded by a flag set by the Commander)	9q1a1
SPL=n allow n SPaces for converted Links (could combine these two directives into one)	9q1a2
2. recognize special characters and leave proper room for them	9q2
3. set up Page Location File??	9q3
4. pass along statement numbers	9q4
need line number where statement begins in the ring element	9r
need ignore codes appended on end for short textual links	9s
for the first pass the LC will only remember where documents start	9t
Formatter uses Special Symbol Table to:	9u

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recognize occurrence of character strings that represent special symbols	9u1
find out size of the target special symbols	9u2
by looking it up in the device description file?	9u2a
translates user's notation into internal notation that will display on the screen in proper size	9u3
translate meaning of character size; boldface; italic; flashing; underline; overbar.	9u4
maybe special symbol table could contain content analyzer patterns	9u5
Note that PAGEL retains directives	9v
but they claim flexibility of named formats	9v1
fairly big thing in their advertisement	9v1a
what you do is change meaning of a format call (e.g. A4)	9v2
what you end up doing then is identifying functional/format entities (e.g. title, subhead1, subhead2, subsubhead1, etc.) and delimiting them with FFD's and then get different outputs by redefining meaning of a format call associated with a given FFD	9v3
after OP is created	9w
write a user's guide	9w1
give users teaching session	9w2
after a while -- pass out a detailed questionnaire to user's on a scale of 1-10 rate frequency of use of each of the features and directives	9w3
complaints	9w4
suggestions	9w5
features desired	9w6
bugs	9w7
maybe way to attach format info to a character is to generate a link to the character in the format file and maybe a backlink in the text file	9x
use backlinks to attach format info to a character in file	9y
original format designer (not copyfitter) has to allow at least separate formatting for TOC, index, etc., and main body	9z
way to attach formats to point in file is by occurrence of link (with special syntax so is recognizable by the formatter) in the NLS file	9a
Table of Contents generator	9aa
system default conditions	9aa1
first and second level statements truncated to one line (i.e., L=2, T=1)	9aa1a
options	9aa1b
L=n, T=n, truncate to n characters	9aa1b1
set L, T, or truncation for a branch	9aa1b2
show user the first pass at the TOC	9aa2
he gets to use normal NLS commands to change it	9aa2a
he may also use copyfitter to change printing format	9aa2b

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Page layout becomes interactive and neat when:	9ab
page layout in line/graphic representation shown on screen	9ab1
user can get current value of some entity (say chap. heading) by bugging its line on the screen	9ab2
he can change it	9ab2a
in the page layout program, he can specify that if certain conditions are met, e.g., if chap. heading has more than 31 characters, then page layout will show that thing as flashing	9ab3
will be able to move entities about by bugging them, they get attached to bug (same as move labels) and then deposited	9ab4
will need to be able to show facing pages anyway	9ab5
problem exists of changing changed things in NLS file	
format file	
page makeup program as the user does page layout	9ab6
on-line composition	9ac
call in named text and picture entities, make up headings as you go along	9ac1
move, narrow, widen, shorten, heighthen, heavier, lighter face the elements	9ac2
have a command: Print It!!	9ac3
several systems now of publishing catalogues (parts and spec sheets)	9ad
leave the basic info alone (except for prices)	9ad1
just change the index	9ad2
new index just doesn't point to an old version of a page	9ad2a
index can be hardcopy	9ad2a1
Fonts	9ae
pick a standard character grid	9ae1
say 2**10x2**10	9ae1a
each character is then stored as a bit matrix	9ae1b
fonts are named sequential files of indefinite length	9ae1c
specify a character by name, number	9ae2
will have facility for setting name till is changed and symbolic representations of the numbers (say the ASCII 7 bit code is the assumed symbolic)	9ae2a
set of functions that transform character matrices to another	9ae3
size tilt rotation heighth	
translate a 2**nx2**m matrix into a 2**10x2**10 matrix	
thicken/thin horizontal/verticle lines condense expand	
transform (move to left or right in matrix)	9ae3a
look at optical scanner logic for ideas here	9ae3a1

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how do you handle character spacing with some of these	9ae3a2
compose text ultimately into a 2**nx2**m grid	9ae3b
separate programs take this as input and produce output for a specific device	9ae3b1
IBM guy says keep text and layout in separate data bases	9af
IBM	9ag
does item layout graphically	9agl
then computer tries page layout graphically	9ag2
then fellow at CRT moves items around	9ag3
keep accounting of references to a document and thereby move it in level storage	9ah
hard, film. on-line	9ahl
Page Composition Language	9ai
have several entities	9ail
e.g. title, chapter heading, subheading, sub-sub, folio number, illustration, marginal note	9aila
all have attributes of placement on page	9ailb
centered, noncentered, centered about a certain point, justified, right left, hyphenated (hyphen rule is another)	9ailc
all probably turn out to be character strings	9aild
actually might treat them as blocks same as Page-1	9aildl
other attributes	9aile
type size, boldface, italic, upright, underline, overline, font	9ailf
PAGE-1's idea of format labels (macros) is good	9aj
Page Layout Language could be subroutinized and user could write a routine to replace something he didn't like	9ak
could be hole for user supplied subroutines	9akl
setting up a format file must be interactive	9al
could give a list of blanks to fill in	9all
or the blanks already filled with the default values	9al2
non-changed ones would be system set values	9al2a
could give a sample format and let fellow move it around	9al3
he could also bug an entity and blanks to fill in with numeric or literal values would occur	9al3a

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(Meta-design)
APPROACH

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10a

what service,
quantity, & time
wanted

newly
discovered
services

find all possible
ways of providing
that service

what does each
method cost

is
cost
acceptable

yes
Architecture
Formatter

10a1
10b

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type in ..

values ...
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or NLS ..-Portal--. formatt

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10b1


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NLS
file
copy
NLS Portal.
fitter
format
file

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Output file generator

.-----, .-----, .-----,

output

file

NLS

format

discriptor

file/s

file/s

.---?---, .---,---, .---,---

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Output

Processor

.-----,---

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.---,---,---

Output

Compiler

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.---,---,

output

file...

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10b3

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(Design)

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the following is a suggestion of Chuck's for handling the problem of keeping the original text of a link in the paginated file, but assuring that the line breaks get done correctly

11a

when the special 8-bit code beginning a link is seen for the first time, scan the input buffer to make sure that there really is a link there

11a1

if so, steal the text of the link away from the format routine and squirrel it away somewhere and feed the format routine the pattern to be substituted for the link instead

11a1a

then when the format routine gets ready to make its line break, change the number of characters to output for that line, feed the format routine a few spaces and then the text of the link that was squirreled away

11a1b

in this manner the original text of the link gets printed in the margin of the document

11a1c

now when the Link Converter starts doing it's job it will replace the pattern in the paginated file with a page reference and either blank out or fill with ignore codes the marginal text of the link

11a2

(1d1c) Initial Design of the Link Conversion process

11b

The basic idea is that PASS4, while processing a file, sets up a Structure File that looks a great deal like NLS's ring element file. Each statement of input generates a "ring element" in this Structure File.

11b1

There were basically n considerations that led to this approach:

11b2

1) PASS4 has to pass along statement number information because it is impossible to even tell where a statement begins in the output files from PASS4, so that info can't be calculated later on;

11b2a

2) the information needed for converting links to page or frame numbers is very much like what would be needed for on-line fiche jumping, commenting, editing, etc., so since it's as easy to generate information in one format as another, why not leave around all the information gathered for converting links for the on-line fiche stuff and in a format well suited for that?

11b2b

3) we might be able to use some NLS machinery or at least some of the algorithms for handling something that looks like an NLS ring element file

11b2c

The process for converting links looks like this:

11b3

Output a file thru PASS4 telling it to set up for converting links in this file.

11b3a

As PASS4 reads each new statement, it sets up a ring

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element in a the Structure File for that input file.
These ring elements contain the items listed below.

11b3b

Also each time a new statement is input to PASSh, it gets that statement's statement number from NLS and writes it into the Structure File (into a list that is separate from the ring elements but of course pointed to from the appropriate ring element). This is necessary to do only for files output with the content analyzer, trails, or keyword reordering turned on.

11b3c

Each statement is scanned for links. When one is found the column width of that line is changed appropriately, the link is allowed to pass thru to the paginated file unaltered, the text of the link is copied into the Structure File in a list for links only, the ring element for that statement gets a pointer off to the link in the Structure File, and the scan continues.

11b3d

When all documents that make up a collection have been thru PASSh, the LINK Converter may be activated. It is told a list of documents that are interlinked and the order in which the documents fall if the numbering is to be continuous over the collection. The LC then collects all the Structure Files for the documents, figures out the relocation factor for continuous paging, and starts its scan.

11b3e

The scan consists of looking at a new Structure File, finding the head of the link list, getting the next link, decoding the link, going to the appropriate Structure File, picking up the ring element for the statement that link points to, pulling out the page number, adding the relocation factor, going to the paginated file of the original Structure File, finding the link there, changing the text in the Paginated file, picking up the next link in the link list, and continuing.

11b3f

Voila!! the link conversion is complete for that week. The Structure Files are left around for the on-line fiche interacter.

11b3g

Details of items in the Structure File.

11b3h

General: the Structure File is a random file with three types of items (see below). Each item in each item type is the same length. The ring element list has one element per item, the statement number and link lists have variable length elements that cross item boundaries at will (the items are linked together to form list).

11b3h1

Ring element:

11b3h2

element type flag

11b3h2a

pointer to successor ring element

11b3h2b

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pointer to down ring element	11b3h2c
head flag	11b3h2d
tail flag	11b3h2e
name hash	11b3h2f
pointer to link element	11b3h2g
page number (where the statement begins)	11b3h2h
line number (where the statement begins)	11b3h2i
pointer to the statement number element	11b3h2j
pointer to the statement text beginning	11b3h2k
(into the paginated file)	11b3h2kl
pointer to vector data	11b3h2l
(into the paginated file)	11b3h2ll
Link element	11b3h3
character count	11b3h3a
line of page where it falls	11b3h3b
next page flag	11b3h3c
pointer into paginated file	11b3h3d
in same statement flag	11b3h3e
text of link	11b3h3f
(pointer to next link item)	11b3h3g
Statement number element	11b3h4
statement vector	11b3h4a
(pointer to next statement number item)	11b3h4b
Notes:	11b3i
mark every statement ring element as a tail when it is output	11b3il
may be best to keep an array in core (need only be 16 cells long) that is indexed by level and contains the item (block) number for the immediately previous statement at that level	11b3i2
Some inner design thoughts	11b4
Ring Element Generator	11b4a
goes just after call to INST	11b4a1
sets up skeleton of current element and outputs or rewrites pointers from previous elements	11b4a2
Statement Number Element Generator	11b4b
goes after INST up there	11b4b1
get #	11b4b1a
write pointer in ring element	11b4b1b
write statement number element	11b4b1c
Link Element Generator	11b4c
goes in FMT when ready to try a line break	11b4c1
scan for link	11b4c2
if find beginning and end, change mschar	11b4c2a

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(Features) including additional directives for PASS4 [see also (Melvin,adsug,)]	12
The following branch gives the correspondence planned between NLS View specs and Viewset parameters and the initial setting of some PASS4 directives	
Viewspects to be used	12a
L setting	12a1
T setting	12a1a
content analyzer on/off	12a1b
trails on/off	12a1c
keyword reordering on/off	12a1d
statement numbers on/off	12a1e
statement names on/off	12a1f
blank lines on/off	12a1g
indenting on/off	12a1h
signatures on/off	12a1i
Viewspects not used	12a1j
branch only	12a2
frozen statements on/off	12a2a
pointers show/not show	12a2b
picture clip on/off	12a2c
tree structure display	12a2d
Viewchange parameters to be used	12a2e
tab stops	12a3
number of columns	12a3a
indentation amount	12a3b
if entire page is indented more than n spaces, reduce indentation by m spaces	12a3c
thus maintaining relative indentation	12b
line numbers down the side of the page	12b1
statement id at right and below each statement	12c
vertical placement	12d
on first line of each statement	12d1
on last line of each statement	12d1a
in blank line immediately preceding the statement	12d1b
in blank line immediately following the statement	12d1c
horizontal placement	12d1d
right justified to column n	12d2
leftjustified to column n	12d2a
first n levels	12d2b
every n lines/statements	12d3
truncate to n characters	12d4
want to output more than one file merged into the same document	12d5
including files or branches that contain only directives	12e
number "sections" like 18.5.45.s.a.1	12e1
translate meaning of character size; boldface; italic; flashing; underline; overbar.	12f
	12g

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new PASS4 directive : if you can't finish this branch (this	12h
sublist) on this page, do a RES	12hl
would require at least 1 statement look ahead	12i
suggestions for new directives	12il
delete names	12i1
set T level	12i2
if see character -- skip rest of statement or until see	
another character (not necessarily the same character)	12i3
need to increment page number by some amount	12i4
print time of day it was printed	12i5
change viewspecs	12i6
Mimi also mentioned a couple of things that NIC would like at	
some time in the future:	12j
provision for special symbols (especially math)	12jl
provision for getting either photographs or links to them	
in NIC documents.	12j2
this implies at least provision for leaving space for	
photos	12j2a
see document from Casseress under "Hardcopy" in BLP's	
pendaflex file	12k
PAGE=1 control words	12l
point size	12l1
body leading	12l2
measure	12l3
suggested by Mimi	12m
invisible strings -- the OP would not print strings	
surrounded by predefined special symbols	12ml
this should be easily done by the text compilers	12mla
could have various symbol tables lying around -- one	
could contain the predefined special symbols	12mla1

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(Hardware)

COM's

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13a

S-C 4060 3M (there exists a rental in S.f. area; we have brochures) Eastman-Kodac Beta Instruments Itek NCR CalComp

13a1

character generators

13b

Charachatron (extruded beam) Videocomp Stroke generator

-- input is character codes, output is analogue signals

dot generator line generators

13b1

there exists an FM 3400 that can superimpose character on microfilm viewing screen

13c

see BLP's Pentaflex folder: "COM Hardware"

13d

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(Misc,)

fiche to hardcopy

Xerox 16 or 35mm

Don Currey (SRI)

Elmer Shapiro knows an SRI Engineering Editor that would play
with on-line editing

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14a

14a1

14a2

14b

Mostly history of ideas about the Output Processor

(Planning)

.DSN=1;.RTJ=0;.DPR=0;

(name) OUTPUT PROCESSOR BLP

Description of: OUTPUT PROCESSOR

Summary: The OP will eventually be a rather to very large set of programs that will enable a user to interactively design a format and then output an NLS file according to that format onto various devices. Besides that basic capability there will be automatic generation fo various types of indices, conversion of links to page or microfiche references, provision for special symbols, and an interactive copyfitter. As fallout, the Output Processor will leave around information for NIC users to do on-line fiche jumping.

() Significant *'milestone" points for: OUTPUT PROCESSOR

Step 1: PASS4 rewritten and first pass at Link Converter.

Step 2: the Output Processor becomes a Processor; first version of the Format Designer; Formatter (front end to PASS4) gets written; Table of Contents Generator; probably a second pass at the Link Converter.

Step 3: a Copy Looker; provision for special characters; a second version of a Format Designer; probably another pass at the Link Converter.

Step 4: first version of the Copy Fitter; maybe another pass at the Link Converter; more features for the Format Designers.

Step 5: a Font Designer; another version of the Copy Fitter; more features for the Format Designers.

Steps 6 thru n: more features for the Copy Fitter and the Format Designers.

NB. Various index generators will be provided all through the above.

Date/initials of major plan updates 01/09/70

Relation of: OUTPUT PROCESSOR to other tasks and goals

Dependency on other tasks: Portal Processor; any changes to NLS that may be necessary to provide needed functions thru the Portal; a special 8-bit code and attendant command(s) in NLS to identify links.

Other tasks dependent on this task: Features desired by NIC (at least enough information left around for fiche jumping);

Notes on relative importance to the overall ARC goals: Because of NIC dependency, it seems to be very important.

*Estimates re: OUTPUT PROCESSOR

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15a

15b

15b1

15b1a

15b1b

15b1c

15b2

15b2a

15b2b

15b2c

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Initials	Estimated man-weeks of effort		15b3
*XXX	8	Step 1	15b3a
*XXX	7	Step 2	15b3b
*XXX	4	Step 3	15b3c
*XXX	8	Step 4	15b3d
*XXX	4	Step 5	15b3e
*XXX	--	Step 6	15b3f
			15b3g
			15b3h
Timing:			
Step 1			15b3h1
*Start --			15b3h2
*End -- 1 March			15b3h3
Step 2			15b3h4
*Start -- 1 March			15b3h5
*End -- 1 May			15b3h6
Step 3			15b3h7
*Start -- 1 May			15b3h8
*End -- 1 June			15b3h9
Step 4			15b3h10
*Start -- 1 June			15b3h11
*End -- 1 August			15b3h12
			15b3h13

PASS4 has been rewritten in the new MOL and debugged so that it will work with the new NLS and it's "mini-portal". The link converter has been designed. Coding is about 40% completed. No debugging yet. Also the first Format Designer and the Formatter are about 60% designed.

03/18/70 about 5 weeks behind schedule

15b4
15b4a

Mostly history of ideas about the Output Processor

Possible Additional Tasks

add directives to PASS4 (see Features)

delete directives to PASS4 (see np4)

delete conditionals and expressions in directives

rewrite parts of PASS4 to make it faster, internally cleaner, and smaller (see np4)

It would be most efficient to do this all at once --

time estimate: 3 weeks

rewrite PASS4 and whatever else has been done up to that point to make the Output Processor a real page by page rather than a line by line formatter -- time estimate: 2 months??

15b4b

15b5

15b5a

15b5b

15b5c

15b5d

15b5d1

15b5e

Mostly history of ideas about the Output Processor

(Short Planning)

(name) OUTPUT PROCESSOR BLP

Description of: OUTPUT PROCESSOR

1. Link Converter

clean up Structure File Generator

2. Work on PASS4

a. new directives

signatures on/off

truncate statements (T setting)

date of printing and/or last file change in
running head

statement identification to right hand margin

b. some directives take initial setting from
current viewspecs

c. remove some bugs in PASS4

*Estimates re: OUTPUT PROCESSOR

Initials

Estimated man-weeks of effort

*BLP

3

Step 1

*BLP

5

Step 2 (total)

*BLP

2

Step a

*BLP

1

Step b

*BLP

2

Step c

*Start -- 4/20

*End -- 5/21

Step1

*Start -- 4/27

*End -- ?

Step2

16

16a

16a1

16a1a

16a1a1

16a1b

16a1b1

16a1b1a

16a1b1b

16a1b1c

16a1b1d

16a1b2

16a1b3

16a1b4

16a2

16a2a

16a2b

16a2b1

16a2b2

16a2b3

16a2c

16a3

16a4

16a5

16a6

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16a6a

Mostly history of ideas about the Output Processor

(NIC) considerations/tie-ins

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the current files to look at are (Church) NICMASP(what can be
promised), NICDES, NICPLAN(what we'd like to be able to do)

17a

'4893', 10/20/70 1637:55 MEJ ; .DPR=1; 'OP', 10/20/70 1329:15 BLP ;
.DSN=1;.DPR=0;

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Plans for Output Processor until the Coming of the 10

The following is a fairly complete outline of what I intend to do to PASS4 (one thing is to change the name to the Output Processor) before the coming of the 10. There are several stages:

- 0) This was (September 1970) the running PASS4. There are some changes that don't appear in the current PASS4 Users' Guide.
- 1) The addition of several new directives, a couple of bugs removed, a few directives working a bit differently, and a radical reorganization of the Output Processor.
- This stage should be the running version of the Output Processor by around the first of September. (Made it in the first week of October)
- 1a) The addition of a few new directives.
about 2 weeks' work
- 2) The addition of several more directives and the rewriting of the Directive Recognizer/Executor with an expanded syntax for directives (written in Tree-Meta with a special library). This last will be attended by some further reorganization of the Output Processor.
- This stage should be debugged before the 10 is ready for it.
- 3) Make necessary changes to the Output Processor code for L10 and 10-Tree-Meta
- This stage should take less than a week and will be done whenever 10-TODAS is running well enough to provide the proper input for the Output Processor.
- 4) A Stage IV is included in this file as a collection point for ideas of things to do sometime.

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1a
1b
1b1
1c
1c1
1d
1d1
1e
1e1
1f
1f1

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Plans for Output Processor until the coming of the 10

(sched) Output Processor schedule BLP:		2
Month	! OC OC OC NO NO NO NO DE DE DE DE JA JA	
JA JA JA FE FE FE FE		2a
Day	! 17 24 31 07 14 21 28 05 12 19 26 02 09	
16 23 30 06 13 20 27		2b
Reorg OP & add dirs !x		2c
(PAR, oplan, Stage I:wg)		2cl
OP Users' Guide !xxx		2d
Add a few directives ! xxxxx		2e
(PAR, oplan, Stage Ia:wg)		2el
New Dir Recog/Exec ! xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx?		2f
(PAR, oplan, Stage II:wg)		2fl
Survey print reports !xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx?		2g
Talk to service bureaus in area and SRI Report		
Reproduction to find means of producing ARC reports of acceptable quality.		2gl
Debug device Film ! xxxxxxxxx		2h
Get Output Device Film to generate tapes (not including any pictures) for George Lithograph to run some tests to what George can do.		2hl
Add device Scan-print!		
?xxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx?		2i
This means the new scan-line printer/display system that is expected to be operational in February.		2il
Move OP to 10 ! ?xxx		2j
(PAR, oplan, Stage III:wg)		2jl
Integrate OP/GDSPLY !		
?x>		2k
Start of evolution towards the Portrayal Generator, which will eventually include all of the "Output Processor's" devices plus the function of the current Create Display.		2kl

Plans for Output Processor until the Coming of the 10

(Stage 0)	3
Recent Directives	3a
DPN=1/0: Don't Print statement Names	3a1
(this got changed to SNA (Statement NAME on/off) in	
Stage 1)	3a1a
SNF=n: Statement Number Format	3a2
See (P4DOC, SNFBL,) for a detailed description of how	
to use the (then) current form of SNF.	3a2a
GRB=n: GRaB	3a3
Paginate if first line of next statement is within n+1	
lines of the bottom.	3a3a
Other Recent Changes	3b
There is the Output Device Teletype command available in	
TODAS.	3b1
Bugs That Have Been Removed	3c
Subscripted directives didn't work.	3c1
	3c1a

Plans for Output Processor until the Coming of the 10

(Stage I)

Reorganization

The Output Processor has been radically reorganized. To a large degree it has been subroutinized -- mainly with a view to the purposes of the later Output Processor when it works with something like "areas" and it will do something like page formatting rather than the current line or statement formatting.

There are mainly two subroutines that were not there before:

an input line routine that is used independently by the parts of the Output Processor that make up the "areas" of the body, header, and page number

a line formatting and outputting routine that formats (centers, "right justifies, etc.) and outputs the results left by the line input routine

virtually all the device dependence has now been localized in two areas: the initialization process and the output character routine

previously, device dependence was scattered throughout the Output Processor

The code has been straightened out and probably made substantially faster -- no timing tests have been run as yet.

This is an interim reorganization.

Because the Directive Recognizer/Executor won't be rewritten for this stage, the control mechanism is still badly screwed up, but most of the Output Processor won't know it, so the Stage II reorganization will be very easy.

The Output Processor looks a lot more like a page formatter (at least there is a controlling routine that acts sort of like one), but it isn't really because there is no backup beyond one line.

This all means that the Output Processor is a lot closer to a "page/area" formatter where new "areas" can be added easily and each "area" can have an independent set of directives that govern its formatting within the area and its placement on the page.

Completely New Directives

TLN=n: Truncate to n Lines

Will work the same as the NLS T Viewspec.

The "default setting" is the NLS T Viewspec at the time the file is output thru the Output Processor.

LCP=n: Level CLipping

4
4a

4a1

4a1a

4a1a1

4a1a2

4a1b

4a1b1

4a2

4a3

4a3a

4a3b

4a4

4a4a

4b

4b1

4b2

4b2a

4b2b

4b2b1

4b3

This will work similarly to the NLS L Viewspec.
The "default setting" is the NLS L Viewspec at the time
the file is output thru the Output Processor.
If 1 is the setting of the L Viewspec when the file is
output thru the Output Processor, the Output Processor
only sees the first 1 levels of statements. So having n
> 1 just won't do anything.

4b3a

4b3b

4b3c

4b3cl

4b4

LMS=n: Left Margin Setting

This sets the left margin of the page to n columns to
the right of the standard (on all devices it's to the
right of the edge of the page to begin with). Thus
except for lines that are "centered with respect to the
page", all lines will be indented at least n columns.

4b4a

The default setting is zero.

4b4b

LMS applies equally to the body, header, and page
number areas.

4b4c

4b4cl

4b5

PES: Paginate at End of Statement

When the entire statement (including statement number,
signature, and/or picture) has been output, a new page
is begun.

4b5a

It is suggested that this directive be used in almost
all places where the RES directive is now being used.

4b5b

If you are using SNF and/or SGF then you will
probably want the statement number and/or signature
to be printed on the same page as their statements.
If SNF and SGF are not being used and the RES is the
last thing in its statement, there will be SCR blank
lines at the top of the body area of the next page.
Thus it would seem that the only time someone would
want to use a RES would be to paginate in the middle
of a statement or to get a blank page by having a RES
immediately precede a PES at the end of a statement.

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4b5b1a

4b6

PSH=n: Page Show

Only produce output for page n, but format and scan all
the other pages for directives.

4b6a

The default setting is zero, which means print all
pages.

4b6b

This would be nearly equivalent to beginning the file
with a TYP=0 and having a TYP=1 immediately before page
n and a TYP=0 immediately after.

4b6c

Note that there could be several PSH's in a file and if
put in the right places, one could get any number of
single pages as output.

4b6d

4b6d1

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HJB=n: Horizontal Justification of the lines in the
Body area

The default setting is 1.

How do you want the lines of the body area formatted --
let me count the ways:

- = 0: don't format the lines
i.e., don't bother backing up to last invisible to
make a line break, but maybe make a line break in the
middle of a word
This replaces the old directive FLN=0 (don't
Format LiNes)
- = 1: set lines flush left
This replaces the old directive FLN=1 (Format LiNes)
when CEN=0 (CENTERing off) and RTJ=0 (Right
Justification off)
- = 2: set lines flush right
- = 3: set lines centered with respect to left margin
setting
i.e., centered between the left and right margins
This replaces the old directive CEN=1 (CENTERing
on)
- = 4: set lines centered with respect to page
i.e., centered as if LMS=0
- = 5: set lines centered with respect to indentation for
the statement
i.e., indent according to LMS and the statement's
level and then center between that point and the
right margin
- = 6: set odd/even numbered pages lines flush right/left
- = 7: set odd/even numbered pages lines flush left/right
- = 8: set lines "right justified"
if can't: set lines flush left
"can't" means that it would take more than MSP
spaces to do it. Also the last output line of
every statement is set according to the "can't"
option.
This replaces the old directive RTJ=1 (Right
Justification on)
- = 9: set lines "right justified"
if can't: set lines flush right
- = 10: set lines "right justified"
if can't: set odd/even pages lines flush
right/left
- = 11: set lines "right justified"
if can't: set odd/even pages lines flush
left/right

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4b7a

4b7b

4b7b1

4b7c

4b7c1

4b7c1a

4b7d

4b7d1

4b7e

4b7f

4b7f1

4b7f1a

4b7g

4b7g1

4b7h

4b7h1

4b7i

4b7j

4b7k

4b7k1

4b7k1a

4b7k1b

4b7l

4b7l1

4b7m

4b7m1

4b7n

4b7n1

<p>If there is a tab in a line then the line is set flush left.</p> <p>HJH=n: Horizontal Positioning of the Header lines Same options as with HPB except that centered with respect to indentation doesn't make any sense. The default setting is 1 -- left flush. Maybe it ought to be changed to centered.</p> <p>HJP=n: Horizontal Positioning of the Page number lines Same options as with HPB except no "right justification" and centered with respect to indentation doesn't make any sense. The default setting is 3 -- centered with respect to LMS. HJP=3 replaces NSW=1 (center page numbers) HJP=6 replaces NSW=2 (put odd page numbers flush right and even page numbers flush left)</p> <p>PNO=n: Page Numbering Option This combines the old option NSW=0 (no page number) and the directives ROM (Roman numeral page numbers or not) and FNC (upper or lower case for Roman numeral page numbers). The default setting is 1. The four possible settings are: = 0: no page number replaces NSW=0 = 1: arabic numeral page numbers replaces ROM=0 = 3: lower case Roman numeral page numbers replaces ROM=1 and FNC=3 or 5 = 4: upper case Roman numeral page numbers replaces ROM=1 and FNC=1 or 4</p> <p>IRS: Ignore Rest of Statement At the point this directive is encountered the same thing happens as if the directive were the last thing in its statement.</p> <p>IST: Ignore this SStatement Normally the Output Processor will behave just as if a statement containing an IST were not there. It will not get confused if the next statement it sees is of a lower or higher level. Any directives occurring in the same statement but before this one are recognized and executed. Thus a good way to hide directives on output might be to make</p>	<p>4b70 4b701 4b8 4b8a 4b8b 4b8b1 4b9 4b9a 4b9b 4b9b1 4b9b2 4b9b3 4b10 4b10a 4b10b 4b10c 4b10c1 4b10c1a 4b10c2 4b10c2a 4b10c3 4b10c3a 4b10c4 4b10c4a 4b10c4a1 4b11 4b11a 4b11a1 4b12 4b12a</p>
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up a statement consisting entirely of directives, the last of which is IST. Then you won't even get a blank line output for the statement.

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If IST would occur in the *i*th output (printed not input) line of a statement, then the first *i*-1 lines of that statement will be printed -- there is no backup beyond the current line -- so be sure to put the IST early enough in the statement.

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4b12c1
4b13

IBR: Ignore BRanch

At the point this directive is encountered, the statement containing it is treated the same way as if an IST had occurred. In addition all subsequent statements are ignored (without any scanning at all) until a statement is seen that is of a level less than or equal to that of the statement in which the IBR occurred.

4b13a
4b13a1
4b14

HLT: HaLT

At the point this directive is encountered the same thing happens as if the directive were the last thing in its statement and the statement were the last in the file. The output file is closed normally and everything up to that point gets printed.

4b14a
4b14b
4b14b1
4b15

(existed previously, but now it'll do it)

SGF=*n*: SiGnature Format

Its setting has a similiar meaning to that of SNF, i.e.,

4b15a

if *n* > 0, print each statement's signature (date, time, and initials of the person when the statement was created or last altered) right justified to column *n* after the last of the text of the statement has been printed.

4b15a1

The "default setting" is determined by the NLS Viewssecs in force at the time the file is output thru the Output Processor. If signatures are on and blank lines are on, then SGF is set to 60; otherwise it is set to zero -- this is the same convention as in NLS.

4b15b

If SCR*NBL = 1, the Output Processor will attempt to put the signature in the last line of the statement. If the signature would "overlap" the text of the statement or the statement number, then it will put the signature in a blank line following the statement. A blank line will be forced, if necessary, to accomodate the signature (before the statement number was not printed if SCR*NBL=1 and the statement number overlapped the last line of text).

4b15c

A convention will be followed that if SCR > 1, then the

signature will be forced onto a blank line following the last line of its statement -- it will not go on the same line as the last line of its statement even if it wouldn't "overlap".

4b15d

If both SNF and SGF are set and they "overlap" each other, then the statement number has precedence (the signature will be printed on the next line).

4b15e

Two things "overlap" if there is not at least one space between the ends of the things. There are 20 characters in a signature.

4b15e1

The signature and statement number will be printed no matter what SCR and NBL are. However the lines occupied by SGF and/or SNF are subtracted from SCR*NBL -- there won't be SCR*NBL blank lines following the signature and statement number unless they are both printed on the same line as the last line of the text of their statement.

4b15f

If the signature is printed on a line following the statement, the directive LMS (Left Margin Set) will not be effective for that line so that it will be possible to get the signature printed in the left margin. The amount of indentation for a statement has no affect on the placement of the signature. This is a different convention than was used before with SNF.

4b15g

If $0 < n \leq 20$, the signature will be printed flush against the left edge of the page (there are 20 characters in a signature).

4b15g1

The signature (and statement number) will always go on the same page as the last line of its statement (unless there is a RES in the statement).

4b15h

The bugs that occurred before with SNF when the line containing the statement number was supposed to be centered or the line contained nothing or nothing but but blanks will not occur.

4b15i

SGF may be used in conjunction with the directive MCH, which sets the right margin for the body of the printout. SGF is not constrained by the setting of MCH -- it can be larger.

4b15j
4b15j1

New Directives That Replace Old Directives

HJB=n: Horizontal Justification of lines of Body area
A subset of its options replace FLN (Format Lines on/off), RTJ (Right Justification on/off), and CEN (CENTER lines on/off).

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4c1
4c2

Default setting is 1 -- flush left.

4c2a

HJB=0 replaces FLN=0

4c2b

HJB=1 replaces FLN=1, CEN=0, RTJ=0

4c2b1

4c2b2

HJB=3 replaces GEN=1	4c2b3	
HJB=8 replaces RTJ=1	4c2b4	
	4c2b4a	
	4c3	
PNO=n: Page Numbering Option		
This combines the old option NSW=0 (no page number) and the old directives ROM (Roman numeral page numbers or not) and FNC (upper or lower case for Roman numeral page numbers).		
Default setting is 1 -- arabic page numbers.		4c3a
The four possible settings are:		4c3b
= 0: no page number	replaces NSW=0	4c3c
= 1: arabic numeral page numbers	replaces ROM=0	4c3c1
= 3: lower case Roman numeral page numbers	replaces ROM=1 and FNC=3 or 5	4c3c1a
= 4: upper case Roman numeral page numbers	replaces ROM=1 and FNC=1 or 4	4c3c2
		4c3c2a
		4c3c3
		4c3c3a
		4c3c4
		4c3c4a
		4c3c4a1
		4c4
HJP=n: Horizontal Justification of Page number		
A subset of its options replace NSW = 1 or 2 (page numbers centered or flush right on odd pages and flush left on even pages).		4c4a
Default setting is 3 -- center between right and left margins (taking LMS into account).		
HJP=3 replaces NSW=1		4c4b
HJP=6 replaces NSW=2		4c4b1
		4c4b2
		4c4b2a
		4c5
TAB=n: TABs -- what to do with them		
This will replace parts of the old directives TAL (Tab Algorithm), TSP (Tab Space), and TSW (Tab Switch) and straighten them out.		4c5a
The default setting is 1.		4c5b
The three possible settings will be:		4c5c
= 0: delete tabs		4c5c1
= 1: keep tabs		4c5c2
= 2: replace tabs by a single space		4c5c3
TBD=n: describes how the Device hardware handles Tab characters		4c6
Replaces the rest of TSW, TAL and TSP. Don't fool with TBD. It will disappear soon anyway.		4c6a
		4c6a1
UBD=n: describes how the Device hardware handles UnderBar characters		4c7
Replaces USW, UPR, and USP.		4c7a
OVD=n: describes how the Device hardware handles OverBar characters		4c8
Replaces OSW, POV, and SOV.		4c8a

Don't fool with UBD or OVD. They will disappear soon anyway.

4c8b
4c8b1
4c9

New Name and meaning of setting reversed

The action performed is exactly the same as with the old directives. The specification of the action is different. First of all there is a new directive name. Also, the settings are reversed, i.e., setting the new directive to one gets the same results as setting the old directive to zero and vice versa.

4c9a

This is an effort to do away with the the problem of trying to figure out what setting a Delete or Don't Print Something to 1 or 0 does. There will be no more directives of the negative sense. All directives will name some entity and if you set that directive to zero (off), then the entity won't be printed, If you set the directive to any positive value (on), the the entity will be printed.

4c9b
4c9b1
4c9c

SNB=1/0: Statement NumBERS print on/off

Replaces old directive DSN=0/1 (Delete Statement Numbers)

Default setting is 0 -- don't print statement numbers.

Note that SNB is entirely independent of SNF.

4c9c1
4c9c2
4c9c2a
4c9c2a1
4c9d

SNA=1/0: Statement NAMES print on/off

Replaces old directive DPN=0/1 (Don't Print statement Names)

Default setting is 1 -- print the names.

4c9d1
4c9d2
4c9d2a
4c9e

PIC=1/0: PICTURE print on/off

Replaces old directive DPV=0/1 (Don't Produce Vector output).

Default setting is 1 -- print pictures -- for the printer and 0 -- don't print pictures -- for all the other devices.

4c9e1

4c9e2
4c9e2a
4c9f

UBR=1/0: Underbar print on/off

Replaces old directive DUB=0/1 (Delete Underbars). The new directive applies only to 8-bit underbars.

Default setting is 0 -- delete underbars -- for the printer and teletype and 1 -- print underbars -- for all the other devices.

4c9f2
4c9f2a

OVB=1/0: OVerBar print on/off

Replaces old directive DOV=0/1 (Delete OVerBars).

The new directive applies only to 8-bit overbars.

4c9g
4c9g1

Default setting is 0 -- delete overbars -- for all devices.

New names only

New names only. The new directives will do exactly what the ones they replace did.

DIR=1/0: DIRECTive print/not print

Replaces old directive DPR (Directive PRINT)

Default setting is still 0 -- don't print directives.

PEL: Paginate at End of Line

This directive replaces REL. The old form was REL=1 -- the new form is PEL.

DSH=n: code to be used for character to do NDH

Replaces FDS (the code for the character to be printed when NDH (Number of Dashes at end of each page) is greater than zero). Note that you can print a row of Q's at the bottom of every page if you'd like.

The default setting is 15B -- a dash (minus sign).

GCR; Generate a Carriage Return

Replaces CRL.

GTB; Generate a TaB

Replaces TAB.

There are going to be a lot more directives of the "Generate" kind -- see Stage II. This is an effort to make their names consistent -- the directive names will all begin with a G.

Don't pay any attention to the following. If you fool with them you'll get in trouble.

ICR=n; Input code for a Carriage Return
replaces FCR

ISP=n; Input code for a SPace
replaces FSP

ITB=n; Input code for a TaB
replaces FTB

IUB=n; Input code for an UnderBar
replaces FUB

IOV=n; Input code for an OverBar
replaces FOV

BSP=n; code for a BackSPace
replaces FBS

SHU=n: output code for a SHift to Upper case

4c9g2
4c9g2a
4c10

4c10a
4c10a1
4c10b
4c10b1

4c10b2
4c10b2a
4c10c

4c10c1
4c10c1a
4c10d

4c10d1
4c10d2
4c10d2a

4c10e
4c10e1
4c10f
4c10f1

4c10f2
4c10f2a

4c10g
4c10g1
4c10g1a
4c10g2
4c10g2a
4c10g3
4c10g3a
4c10g4
4c10g4a
4c10g5
4c10g5a
4c10g6
4c10g6a
4c10g7

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replaces FSU	4c10g7a
SHD=n: output code for a SHift to Lower case	4c10g8
replaces FSD	4c10g8a
STP=n: output code for a STOp code	4c10g9
replaces FSC	4c10g9a
	4c10g9a1

Modifications to Old Directives (the way they work or their syntax)

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4d1

The following directives will have their "default settings" set according to the settings of the corresponding NLS Viewspects or Viewchange Parameters in force at the time the file is output thru the Output Processor.

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Actually the following directives have no default settings in the usual sense, but are initialized at Output Processor execution time according to the NLS settings. All of course are completely open to change by means of directives (except that setting LCP to be greater than what it was initialized to won't do any good).

4d2a

Watch out for the blank lines thing. This is the only directive that under usual conditions will get initialized to something other than with the old PASS4 default settings.

LCP=n: Level CliPping	4d2b
L setting	4d2b1
TLN=n: Truncation to n LiNeS	4d2c
T setting	4d2c1
SCR=n: Carriage Returns between Statements	4d2d
SCR is set to 1 or 2 depending on whether blank lines are on or off	4d2d1
SGF=n: SiGnature Format	4d2e
If signatures are on and blank lines are on, then SGF is set to 60; otherwise it is set to zero -- this is the same convention as in NLS.	4d2e1
MCH=n: Maximum number of printing CHaracters to a line	4d2f
MCH is set to the number of NLS/TODAS columns minus one (unless the device is Teletype, in which case MCH gets set to 65).	4d2f1
MCH is set to the number of columns minus one because Create Display has a different line break algorithm than that of the Output Processor. This way the Output Processor will almost always make the same line breaks as Create Display did.	4d2g
SNB=1/0: Statement Numbers on/off	4d2g1
	4d2g2
	4d2h

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statement numbers on/off	4d2h1
SNA=1/0: Statement NAMES on/off	4d2i
statement names on/off	4d2i1
IND=1/0: INDentation on/off	4d2j
indenting on/off	4d2j1
INS=n: INDent n spaces per Statement Level	4d2k
indentation amount	4d2k1
TST Tab Settings array	4d2l
The array TST is initialized according to the tab stops set in the NLS Viewchange Parameters.	
	4d2l1
	4d2l1a

Not all of the above is true for Output Device QED. It does what is usually desired, so don't worry about it unless you want to do something strange.

Other changes to default values:

The default setting for DTS (Delete Trailing Spaces) is now one, i.e., delete the spaces.

MCH is set to one less than the viewset parameter for the number of columns in NLS. This is so that the Output Processor will almost always make the same line breaks as NLS's Create Display.

Output Device Teletype has the following special default settings:

SNF = 72

MCH = 64

NDH = 9

Output Device QED has a bunch of special default settings.

SNF=n: Statement Number Format

This works the same as it did before except that a few bugs and shortcomings will no longer happen:

if n > 0, print each statement's statement number right justified to column n after the last of the text of the statement has been printed.

The default setting is zero, except for Device Teletype where it is 72.

The Output Processor will attempt to put the statement number in the last line of the statement. If the statement number would "overlap" the text of the statement, then it will put the number in a blank line following the statement. A blank line will be forced, if necessary, to accomodate the statement number (before the number was not printed if SCR*NBL=1 and the number "overlapped" the last line of text).

If both SNF and SGF are set and they "overlap" each

other, then the statement number has precedence (the signature will be printed on the next line).

4d4d

Two things "overlap" if there is not at least one space between the ends of the things.

4d4dl

The statement number and signature will be printed no matter what SCR and NBL are. However the lines occupied by SGF and/or SNF are subtracted from SCR*NBL -- there won't be SCR*NBL blank lines following the statement number and signature unless they are both printed on the same line as the last line of the text of their statement.

4d4e

The statement number (and signature) will always go on the same page as the last line of its statement (unless there is a RES as the last thing in the statement).

4d4f

The bugs that occurred when the line containing the statement number was supposed to be centered or the line contained nothing or nothing but but blanks will not occur.

4d4g

If the statement number is printed on a line following the statement, the directive LMS (Left Margin Set) will not be effective for that line so that it will be possible to get the statement number printed in the left margin. The amount of indentation for a statement has no affect on the placement of the number. This is a different convention than was used before.

4d4h

If $n = 1$, the statement number will be printed flush against the left edge of the page.

4d4hl

SNF may be used in conjunction with the directive MCH, which sets the right margin for the body of the printout. SNF is not constrained by the setting of MCH -- it can be larger.

4d4i

4d4il

4d5

PLO=n: Paginate for each Level n statement

PLO can now be set to any number n -- which means that all statements of level n or higher will cause a page break to occur if the statement is not the head of its sublist (which I think is what is wanted).

4d5a

The default setting is still zero.

4d5b

4d5bl

PGP=n: Verticle Position of the PaGe number

4d6

n is now the number of blank lines to insert between the bottom of text body area and the line that is to contain the page number. Thus the page number will be printed in line $MLN + PGP + 1$ of the page,

4d6a

This will allow the changing of the text body size (MLN) without having to also change PGP.

4d6b

PGP used to be the number of lines up from the page bottom to put the page number.

4d6c

The default setting is still 5. New pages will look like old pages.

4d6d
4d6d1
4d7

WLN=n: Widow Lines

The algorithm for estimating the number of output lines a statement will take up has been changed and (hopefully) is now much more accurate.

4d7a
4d7b

The default setting is still 2.

PST=1/0: Paginate when Statement won't all fit on page on/off

4d8

The algorithm for estimating the number of output lines a statement will take up has been changed and (hopefully) is now much more accurate.

4d8a
4d8b

The default setting is still 0.

4d8b1
4d9

SKP=1/0: SKiP on/off

Now while SKP is on, directives (except SKP) won't be executed (they used to be).

4d9a
4d9b

The default setting is still 0.

Here is how this directive now works. I think it is slightly different than it was before.

4d9c

If the SKP=1 and SKP=0 occur in the same statement then the text in between disappears on output.

4d9c1

If the SKP=1 and SKP=0 are in different statements then the front end of the SKP=1 statement and the rear end of the SKP=0 statement are "merged", i.e., appear on output as if they were in the same statement.

4d9c2

This may seem at first as if it is not what is wanted, but wait a minute. The usual use of SKP seems to be to skip entire statements. Thus if the SKP=0 is the last thing in the last statement to be skipped, then the desired thing will happen. There will be only one statement end for all the statements skipped and thus only one set of SCR*NBL blank lines.

4d9c3
4d9c3a

CAS: CASE array

The following cases are now possible:

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= 0: the character will print in any case

4d10a

= 1: lower case only

4d10a1

= 2: upper case only

4d10a2

= 3: special film case only

4d10a3

4d10a4

The default settings of this array depend on the device. The array is not used for Devices Printer and Teletype so don't worry about changing this array when you use the COD directive if you are outputting to either of these devices.

4d10b
4d10b1

CMD=n: force all alphabetic characters to specified Case

n now has the following meanings:

- = 0: don't change
- = 1: force lower case
- = 2: force upper case

The default setting is still zero.

New type

Each of the following existed previously. Their meaning remains the same. Previously a user could change their value by means of a directive. That is no longer allowed. Only the Output Processor programs can change their values. The user can only query their current value, e.g. in an IF clause of another directive.

NCH: Number of CHaracters in current line
 NLN: Number of LiNeS in current page
 NIN: Number of INdentation blanks for current line
 (now includes LMS)

List of Old Directives Replaced by New Directives

The old directive names are no longer recognized by the Output Processor (see other branches for additional information).

DPR=1/O: Directive PRint

Name changed to DIR=1/O (DIRective print on/off)

REL=1: page Restore at End of Line

Name changed to PEL (Paginate at End of Line). The old form was REL=1, the new form is PEL.

FDS=n: output code for a DaSh

Name changed to DSH (output code for a DaSH -- the character that will go out when NDH (Number of DaSHs to output at end of page) is greater than zero)

CEN=1/O: CEnter,

RTJ=1/O: Right Justification, and

FLN=1/O: Format LiNeS

Superseded by HJB (Horizontal Justification of Body):

CEN=1 is now HJB=3 CEN=0 is now HJB=1

RTJ=1 is now HJB=8 RTJ=0 is now HJB=1

FLN=0 is now HJB=0 FLN=1 is now HJB=1

NSW=n: page Numbering Switch,

ROM=1/O: ROMan page numbering, and

FNC=1/O: Case of the Roman page Numbers

Combined into options of the new directives PNO (Page Numbering Option) and HJP (Horizontal Justification of Page Number):

NSW=0 is now PNO=0	4ella
NSW=1 is now HJP=3	4ella1
NSW=2 is now HJP=6	4ella2
ROM=0 is now PNO=1	4ella3
ROM=1, FNC=0 is now PNO=2	4ella4
ROM=1, FNC=1 is now PNO=2	4ella5
	4ella6
	4ella6a

The following have had their names changed and the meanings of their settings reversed:

DSN=1/O: Delete Statement Numbers	4el12
Replaced by SNB=0/1 (Statement NumBer print off/on).	4el12a
DPN=1/O: Don't Print statement Names	4el12a1
Replaced by SNA=0/1 (Statement NAMES print off/on).	4el12b
DPV=1/O: Don't Produce Vector output	4el12b1
Replaced by PIC=0/1 (PICTure print off/on).	4el12c
DUB=1/O: Delete Underbars	4el12c1
Replaced by UBR=0/1 (UnderbaR print off/on). The new directive applies only to 8-bit underbars.	4el12d
DOV=1/O: Delete OVERBars	4el12d1
Replaced by UVB=0/1 (OverBar print off/on). The new directive applies only to 8-bit overbars.	4el12e
	4el12e1
	4el12e1a

TAL=n: Tab ALgorithm,	4el13
TSP=n: Tab SPace, and	4el14
TSW=1/O: Tab SWitch	4el15

Combined into TAB (what to do with TABs) and TBD (how Device hardware handles TABs).

The three possible settings of TAB are:	4el15a
= 0: delete tabs	4el15a1
= 1: keep tabs	4el15a1a
= 2: replace tabs by a single space	4el15a1b
Don't fool with TBD.	4el15a1c
	4el15a2
	4el15a2a
	4el16

USW, UPR, and USP

Replaced by UBD=n (describes how the Device hardware handles UnderBar characters). Don't fool with UBD.	4el16a
OSW, POV, and SOV.	4el17

Replaced by OVD=n (describes how the Device hardware handles OVerbar characters). Don't fool with OVD.

CRL: Output a CaRrriage Return and Line feed	4el17a
Name changed to GCR (Generate a Carriage Return)	4el17a1
TAB: Output a TAB	4el18
Name changed to GTB (Generate a TaB)	4el18a
	4el19
	4el19a
	4el19a1

There are some other name changes, but the old directives were never used and should never be used. They will disappear soon. Don't worry about the changes.

List of Old Directives with Modified Meanings for Their Settings

SKP=1/0: SKiP on/off

Now while SKP is on, directives (except SKP) won't be executed (they used to be).

The default setting is still 0.

Here is how this directive now works. I think it is slightly different than it was before.

If the SKP=1 and SKP=0 occur in the same statement then the text in between disappears on output.

If the SKP=1 and SKP=0 are in different statements then the front end of the SKP=1 statement and the rear end of the SKP=0 statement are "merged", i.e., appear on output as if they were in the same statement.

This may seem at first as if it is not what is wanted, but wait a minute. The usual use of SKP seems to be to skip entire statements. Thus if the SKP=0 is the last thing in the last statement to be skipped, then the desired thing will happen. There will be only one statement end for all the statements skipped and thus only one set of SCR*NBL blank lines.

PGP=n: verticle Position of the PaGe number

Meaning of n changed.

n is now the number of blank lines to insert between the bottom of text body area and the line that is to contain the page number. Thus the page number will be printed in line MLN + PGP + 1 of the page,

This will allow the changing of the text body size (MLN) without having to also change PGP.

PGP used to be the number of lines up from the page bottom to put the page number.

The default setting is such that new pages will look like old pages.

CMD=n: force all alphabetic characters to specified Case

n now has the following meanings:

- = 0: don't change
- = 1: force lower case
- = 2: force upper case

4e20
4e20a

4f
4f1
4f2

4f2a
4f2b

4f2c

4f2c1

4f2c2

4f2c3
4f2c3a
4f3
4f3a

4f3b

4f3c

4f3d

4f3e
4f3e1

4f4
4f4a
4f4a1
4f4a2
4f4a3
4f4a3a

<p>CAS: CASE array</p> <p> n now has the following meanings:</p> <p> = 0: character will print in any case</p> <p> = 1: lower case only</p> <p> = 2: upper case only</p> <p> = 3: special film case only</p> <p>DNM; Directive NaME array</p> <p> The order of the directives in the arrays has been changed. Thus if you used this directive, now it will change the wrong name.</p> <p>DMX; Directive MaXimum value array</p> <p> The order of the directives in the arrays has been changed. Thus if you used this directive, now it will change the wrong maximum value.</p> <p>List of Deleted Old Directives</p> <p> DTY -- array directive that gives the name of the array in the the Output Processor program which contains the directive types</p> <p> DVL -- array directive that gives the name of the array in the the Output Processor program which contains the directive values</p> <p> IGS -- insert ignore codes in document before each character added to the output which was not in the input (page number, header, right justification, etc.)</p> <p> ICR -- put ignore codes in front of generated carriage returns on output (meaningful only for dura and flex)</p> <p> FIG -- output code for ignore (used to delete next character; see directive IGS (only has meaning for dura and flex)</p> <p> DEV -- gives the device number for which the current document is being formatted. (dura=7, teletype=1, NLS-QED=3, flexowriter=2, printer=6, film=5, controlling teletype (QED format)=4)</p> <p> TCR -- replace all carriage returns in the statement by spaces during output (normally for input from QED using the the Output Processor Subsystem)</p> <p> CSW -- perform case analysis on/off</p> <p> QBS -- put backslashes in front of capital letters during Output Device QED</p> <p> RSW -- whether or not PASS4 was going to attempt to "right justify" the current line</p> <p>Other Changes</p> <p> Directives can now appear in the string given in the HED directive. They will be executed each time the running header is printed.</p>	<p>4f5</p> <p>4f5a</p> <p>4f5a1</p> <p>4f5a2</p> <p>4f5a3</p> <p>4f5a4</p> <p>4f5a4a</p> <p>4f6</p> <p>4f6a</p> <p>4f7</p> <p>4f7a</p> <p>4f7a1</p> <p>4g</p> <p>4g1</p> <p>4g2</p> <p>4g3</p> <p>4g4</p> <p>4g5</p> <p>4g6</p> <p>4g7</p> <p>4g8</p> <p>4g9</p> <p>4g10</p> <p>4g10a</p> <p>4h</p> <p>4h1</p>
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It is no longer possible to define new directives. This feature will reappear in the next version.

Setting SCR to zero will no longer work properly -- it never worked very well anyway. This feature may reappear in the next version.

The "non-explicit pagination" thing

A "non-explicit pagination" occurs when:

1) the body area is full -- line MLN has been printed

2) because of the WLN (Widow Line) directive

3) because of the PST (Paginate when current Statement won't all go on current page) directive

Whenever a non-explicit pagination occurs, the Output Processor will throw away all immediately following lines that consist of only a carriage return (and are to go in the body area). Also, an "explicit pagination", i.e. due to the directives RES (REStore), PEL (Paginate at End of LINE), PES (Paginate at End of Statement), GRB (GRaB), or PLO (Paginate for each Level n statement), will be ignored if executing them would cause a blank page immediately following a non-explicit pagination or with only (thrown away) blank lines intervening.

If there are two explicit paginations (if the user really does want a blank page) following a non-explicit pagination, then the second one will be executed.

Blank lines following an explicit pagination are not thrown away.

Bugs that won't happen anymore:

It is possible to have an unlimited number of HED directives and now each new one will indeed change the running head.

Tabs on the Dura didn't work correctly.

Centering didn't always work correctly.

Page numbers weren't centered correctly.

A bug that's still there:

The Output Processor and Quickprint and TODAS and Create Display do different things with tabs. Create Display apparently has a bug. TODAS apparently uses a slightly different algorithm. The Output Processor and Quickprint do what they they think they should (I think they do the same thing). All of this may be straightened out soon.

List of Old Directives That Are Still There and Unchanged

LSP=n: Leading SPaces

If SNB=0 (don't print Statement NUMbers), then print n

blanks before printing the first character of the statement text.

4k2a

Note that the n blanks are in addition to the blanks required for the LMS (Left Margin Setting) and statement indentation (IND and INS) directives. This directive is effective for the first output line of the statement only -- not subsequent ones.

4k2b

The default setting is 0.

4k2c

4k2c1

4k3

DLS=1/0: Delete Leading Spaces

DLS is effective for each output line in the body area (but the LSP spaces won't be deleted).

4k3a

If the first character(s) of a statement are blanks then they are affected by DLS. Because of the OP's line break algorithm, the only other time leading spaces will occur is when there are spaces following a carriage return in an input statement. If one is using leading spaces to produce tabular output, then be sure DLS is zero.

4k3b

The default setting is zero -- leave the spaces alone.

4k3c

4k3c1

4k4

DTS=1/0: Delete Trailing Spaces

DTS is effective for each output line in the body area.

4k4a

Because of the OP's line break algorithm, the only time this directive has any effect is when lines are being centered, set right flush, or "right justified". Any trailing spaces will then cause their lines to be positioned differently than if the trailing spaces were not there.

4k4b

The default setting is one -- delete the spaces.

4k4c

4k4c1

4k5

IND=1/0: INDentation option

If IND=1 then indent according to the statement's level (see INS) will be performed. This directive has no effect on LMS (Left Margin Setting).

4k5a

The "default setting" is set according to the NLS Viewspec.

4k5b

INS=n: amount to INDent per each Statement level

4k6

The "default setting" is set according to the NLS Viewchange Parameter.

4k6a

MIN=n: Maximum number of spaces to INDent

4k7

LMS is included when enforcing MIN.

4k7a

The default setting is 48.

4k7b

4k7b1

MSP=n: Maximum number of SPaces to put into line to do "right justification"

4k8

If more than MSP spaces would be required, the line is

set according to the "can't" option. See description of the new directive HJB.

The default setting is 15.

4k8a
4k8b
4k8b1

MCH=n: Maximum number of printing CHaracters to an output line (line length)

4k9

MCH is equally applicable to the body, running head, and page number "areas".

4k9a

The "default setting" for all devices except Teletype is determined by the NLS Viewchange Parameter. For Teletype the default setting is 64 -- to allow room for SNF=72 on narrow teletype paper.

4k9b
4k9b1

NBL=n: NumBer of Lines per generated output line (n-spacing)

4k10

The OP makes up an output line, prints it and then outputs NBL carriage returns. The default setting is one, so if you want "double-spacing" (like when you ask a typist to double space), then set NBL to 2.

4k10a

NBL is effective for the body area only. The running head gets printed as if NBL were one.

4k10b

SCR=n: number of Carriage Returns to separate Statements

4k11

After printing the last line of a statement, the OP will output SCR*NBL carriage returns.

4k11a

The "default setting" is determined by the NLS blank line Viewspect. If blank lines are on, then SCR is initialized to two. Otherwise it is initialized to one.

4k11b

Watch out for this initialization. It is the only one that under normal conditions will result in something different from the old PASS4.

4k11c

Setting SCR to zero will no longer work correctly.

4k11d

4k11d1

4k12

WLN=n: Widow Lines

Number of lines of a statement guaranteed to be output on the next page if the statement would not all fit on the current page.

4k12a

The "guarantee" is like many guarantees these days.

4k12b

The default setting is 2.

4k12c

PST=1/O: Paginate whenever entire Statement will not fit on current page

4k13

The OP uses the same estimate of the statement's output length as for WLN, so it may not always work.

4k13a

The default setting is 0 -- off.

4k13b

4k13b1

4k14

PSW=1/O: Pagination Switch

If PSW=1 then the directives involved with page numbering (PGP, PNO, and HJP), dashes at the end of a

page (NDH and DSH), stop code at the end of a page (SSW and STP), verticle size of the page (PLN), getting to the top of the next page, spacing down from the top of the next page (NTP), and the running head (HSW, HED, HJH, and HLN) will be executed.

The default setting is 1.

4k14a
4k14b
4k14b1

NTP=n: Number of lines down from TOP of page to begin printing

The default setting is 3.

4k15
4k15a
4k15a1
4k16

HSW=1/0: Header Switch

If HSW=0 then no header will be output at the top of each page.

The default setting is 1.

4k16a
4k16b

HED: used to set the content of the running HEaD

For example: HED="HEADING" will set the OP to output "HEADING" at the top of each page (if "HSW" is set on).

4k17

HLN=n: number of blank LiNES to follow the Header

Effective only if HSW=1 and there has been a HED directive.

4k17a
4k18

The default setting is 3.

4k18a
4k18b
4k18b1

MLN=n: Maximum number of LiNES to the bottom of the body area

This means that the last line of the body area will not fall below the nth line. Note that some of the n lines may be taken up by NTP, the running head, and HLN.

4k19

Actually the last line of the body may be printed as far down as the MLN + 2nd line. If all three of the last line of statement text on the page, the SNF statement number, and the SGF signature overlap each other and the last line of a statement's text falls on line MLN, then the statement number will be on line MLN + 1 and the signature will be on line MLN + 2.

The default setting is 56.

4k19a

PLN=n: number of LiNES to a Page

Includes header, body, and page number areas.

The default setting is 66.

4k19b
4k19c
4k20
4k20a
4k20b
4k20b1
4k21

PGN=n: current PaGe Number

The page number that would appear on the current output page.

The default setting is such that the first output page would be number 1.

4k21a

4k21b
4k21b1
4k22

NDH=n: Number of DashEs at end of page

The character output for the "dash" may be changed by means of the directive DSH. 4k22a
Not meaningful for printer or film output. 4k22b
Default setting for Teletype is 9. Its 0 for the DURA. 4k22c
4k22c1
SSW=1/0: Stop code Switch 4k23
You can get a stop code inserted at the end of each page (for mats - normally only for flex). 4k23a
The default setting is 0 -- don't do it. 4k23b
4k23b1
RES: page REStore here 4k24
Causes a page restore (new page) at the point the directive occurs. 4k24a
It is suggested that the new directive PES (Paginate at End of Statement) will do what you really want done instead of using RES. See the description of that directive. 4k24b
4k24b1
TYP=1/0: TYPE 4k25
Do not output lines from the line which contains TYP=0 up to the line which contains TYP=1, but continue doing directive recognition and formatting. 4k25a
The OP only recognizes the directive after a "line" has been formatted and is ready for output, so both TYP=0 and TYP=1 become effective at the beginning of the output line in which they would fall. So watch out. 4k25b
The default setting is 1. 4k25c
4k25c1
TST: TabSTop array 4k26
An array directive which is used to determine where the tab stop settings are. 4k26a
This is a bit array stored in six words (144 bits). The ith bit corresponds to the ith column. The first bit in the array is considered to be number zero. The first word in the array is also number zero. 4k26b
A one bit indicates a tab stop and setting a position to 0 will clear a tab stop. 4k26c
An example: TST/0)=04000000B and TST/2)=00002000B 4k26d
will set tabstops in the 3rd and 61st columns; clear any previously existing tabstops in columns 1, 2, 4 thru 23 inclusive, 48 thru 60 inclusive, and 62 thru 71 inclusive; and leave in their previous state columns 24 thru 47 inclusive and 72 thru 143 inclusive. 4k26d1
This array is initialized according to the NLS Viewchange Parameters. 4k26e
4k26e1
IGD=1/0: IGnore Directives 4k27

Any directives encountered between IGD=1 to IGD=0 will be ignored except that directives will be recognized in order to effect the directive DIR (DIRective print on/off).

COD: CODE

By means of this directive and the directive giving the character case (see the description of CAS), it is possible to change the output code for any character in the input.

For example: to change the output code for the number 1 from a verticle bar to a lower case l, use the following directive: COD/21B/=114B (the input code for a one is 21B and the output code for an l is 114B), If the device is Dura or Film, then one has to worry about the case too.

NUL: NULL directive
NUL does nothing.

TMA=n: Temporary A

TMA is not used by the Output Processor. It for use by user -- for instance in IF clauses.

TMB=n: Temporary B
(same as for TMA)

TMC=n: Temporary C
(same as for TMA)

TMD=n: Temporary D
(same as for TMA)

DMX: Maximum value a Directive may assume array
The ith entry in the array contains the maximum value to which the ith directive may be set.

DNM: Directive NaMe array

The ith entry in the array contains the name, i.e., the 3 letter mnemonic, of the ith directive.

4k27a
4k27a1
4k28

4k28a

4k28b
4k28b1
4k29
4k29a
4k29a1
4k30

4k30a

4k31

4k31a

4k32

4k32a

4k33

4k33a

4k33a1

4k34

4k34a

4k35

4k35a

4k35b

(Stage Ia)

New Directives

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	5a
	5a1
	5a2
IPN=n: Increment Page Number	
A slightly nicer way to increment the page number than the present (equivalent) method: PGN=PGN+n.	5a2a
	5a2a1
	5a3
NPX=n: Number Plex	
The sublist (not the whole plex) that is one level below the statement in which the NPX occurs will be numbered. This number will go before the statement number (SNB) or leading spaces (LSP) at the beginning of the first output line of each of the statements in the sublist. The statements will be numbered consecutively according to the following options (setting of n):	5a3a
= 0: no numbering	5a3a1
= 1: Arabic numerals	5a3a2
= 2: Roman upper case numerals	5a3a3
= 3: Roman lower case numerals	5a3a4
= 4: lower case alphabetic characters	5a3a5
= 5: upper case alphabetic characters	5a3a6
= 6: statement number type	5a3a7
= 7: 7.11.6.4	5a3a8
= 8: outline type	5a3a9
	5a3a9a
GCD: Generate Current time and Date	5a4
	5a4a
	5a5
HJL=n: Horizontal Justification of Line	
Effective for just the output line in which it occurs (user doesn't have to say CEN=1--CEN=0 or HJB=3--HJB=1). Would have same options as HJB.	5a5a
	5a5b
	5a5b1
	5a6
HJS=n: Horizontal Justification of Statement	
Effective for only the current output line and the remaining lines of the statement in which it occurs (user doesn't have to say HJB=3--HJB=1). Would have same options as HJB.	5a6a
	5a6b
	5a6b1
some set of directives that allow a lot of control over indentation -- immediate need is for formatting catalogues. specify indention of nth line of each statement	5a7
	5a7a
	5a8
PIN=n: Paragraph INdent	
Guarantees exactly n spaces (after LMS and indentation) before first line of each statement (DLS=1, LSP=n doesn't work, because DLS deletes spaces following a CR).	5a8a
PBI=n: Paragraph Body INdent	5a9

<p>Guarantees exactly n spaces (after LMS and indentation) before all lines except first line of each statement.</p> <p>FLI=n: Full Line Indent</p> <p>If current line was begun because the previous line overflowed rather than a cr, add n (could be negative) to indentation amount.</p> <p>Other Changes</p> <p>Make sure checks for explicit paginations come before non-explicit checks.</p> <p>Fix CMD bug.</p> <p>Change nnexp algorithm to check for nvisch (number of visible characters) rather than nchar.</p> <p>Change default setting of DTS to 1.</p> <p>Maybe change merge thing about SKP.</p> <p>Do underlines (2nd line) for itty.</p> <p>Do the circular buffer thing on LINE.</p> <p>Reorganize the data pages.</p> <p>check where page break comes in DATA and move things around so as not to dirty second page</p> <p>look into making PASS4 shared</p> <p>psym and roman could be moved to data pages</p> <p>may as well expand size of dstr and move it to bottom of data</p> <p>Move the device dependent treatment of tabs, overbars, and underbars that now occurs in the input line routine to the output character routine where most of the other device dependence is now localized.</p> <p>think about each input char generating exactly one word in LINE (or being thrown away)</p> <p>would make treatment of tabs, under-, overbars easier</p> <p>particularly when line break and back up to wordbreak occurs</p> <p>would also allow line to be dmax/MCH/ + dmax/MSP/ cells long</p> <p>multiple blanks (for ldblnk and space filled tabs) could be included</p> <p>could include tabs in DTS</p> <p>OUTLIN could calculate wdbk and nppwbk</p> <p>then it could calculate the number of printing characters in the slop</p> <p>Do a BUMP fndtab instead of fndtab + on. Then if line breaking backs up over tabs, can find out if there is still a tab in the output line.</p> <p>Reinstate DMX.</p> <p>Make sure LMS applies to page number and header.</p>	<p>5a9a</p> <p>5a10</p> <p>5a10a</p> <p>5a10a1</p> <p>5b</p> <p>5b1</p> <p>5b2</p> <p>5b3</p> <p>5b4</p> <p>5b5</p> <p>5b6</p> <p>5b7</p> <p>5b8</p> <p>5b8a</p> <p>5b8b</p> <p>5b8c</p> <p>5b8d</p> <p>5b9</p> <p>5b9a</p> <p>5b9a1</p> <p>5b9a1a</p> <p>5b9a2</p> <p>5b9a3</p> <p>5b9a4</p> <p>5b9b</p> <p>5b9b1</p> <p>5b10</p> <p>5b11</p> <p>5b12</p>
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Plans for Output Processor until the Coming of the 10

Change place where IBR and IST are checked so that PEL's and PES's that were seen in that statement are executed.	5b13
Change dmax[DNM] to 100.	5b14
Change dmax[HJP] to 7.	5b15
Maybe change syntax of PSH, SKP, DLS, and DTS to finish job of getting rid of all directives with a negative sense.	5b16
Will type 7 really work?	5b17
Put type 7 directive names in right place,	5b18
Delete TBD, UBD, and OVD.	5b19
Delete ICR, etc., but not DSH.	5b20
Find out why OP outputs a CR after each PEJT.	5b21
Find out what PASS1 expects on the front end of its file.	5b22
	5b22a

(Stage II)

Reorganization

This will be effected by putting the Directive Recognizer/Executor in an entirely new place in the control scheme. Actually the current (October 1970) Output Processor is organized as described below except that the Directive Recognizer/Executor and its input and output routines are in a very different place.

The control scheme will look like an inverted Y -- the input and output being the two arms of the Y and levels 1, 2, and 3 described below being the stem.

In the following the highest control level is mentioned first:

1) A routine that stores all the parameters and Viewspects from NLS, initializes the Output Processor, and initializes the output file/device (a lot of device dependence here).

2) A routine that has a loop that gets the next statement from NLS and invokes the level 3 routine, and finally puts the end on the output file (some device dependence). This level will eventually be the "Page Formatter".

3) A routine that is (unfortunately) both the thing that looks a bit like a page formatter and is the statement formatter.

At a nearly parallel level is a routine that handles page breaks -- including page numbers and running heads. (some device dependence here because different devices get to the next page in different ways).

At a nearly parallel level is a routine that formats pictures

(some device dependence here because different devices do vectors in different ways).

Both these routines are invoked only by the "page formatter".

Both "page formatter" and page break routines use the level 4 line input routine -- it is invoked only once to get an entire line (actually it is invoked n times to get an output line where the output line has characters from n sources). Both routines set up a separate environment (including the ultimate (level 8) input character routine) for the line input routine.

This level will eventually (after the 10) be broken into two levels:

a higher level that is a page formatter that will replace the level 2 described above and

a level (this one) that contains one routine for each of the "areas". Actually it should be possible to have

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6a3a

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6a6b1

6a6c

6a7

6a8

6a8a

only one (or perhaps a second one for pictures) area routine. The Page Formatter would merely set up a different environment for this routine for each different area. 6a8b

4-Input) The line input routine. It usually uses the Directive Recognizer/Executor's output character routine (Level 5) as its input character routine. The Directive Recognizer/Executor is bypassed while inputting statement numbers, page numbers, and signatures. 6a9

4-Output) The routine that actually formats a line (centered, "right justified", etc.) and outputs the formatted line thru the output character routine. 6a10

5-Input) The usual input character routine for the level above and the output character routine for the Directive Recognizer/Executor. Thus it will have to be a co-routine. This routine is in the "compiler's" library. 6a11

6-Input) the Directive Recognizer/Executor. This will be a "compiler" generated by Tree-Meta with its own hand-written library. It always uses the same routine (Level 7) as its input character routine. 6a12

The Directive Recognizer/Executor will think it is a controlling routine. 6a12a

7-Input) The input character routine for the Directive Recognizer/Executor and the routine which knows about which Level 8 routine to invoke to get the next character. This routine is actually in the library of the Directive Recognizer/Executor compiler. 6a13

8-Input) There are at least the following routines on this level: 6a14

- i) read a character from a file (used to initialize the Directive Recognizer/Executor at the Output Processor load time) 6a14a
- ii) get next character from the current SDB 6a14b
- iii) get next character from the buffer that holds the string from the last HED directive 6a14c
- iv) get the next character of a "number" 6a14d
- used for page numbers and numbering sublists 6a14dl
- v) get the next character of the statement number 6a14e
- vi) get the next character of the signature 6a14f

8-Output) The output-a-character-to-the-file/device routine. Almost all the device dependence (except for initialization) of the Output Processor is here. 6a15

6a15a

6b

6b1

6b2

6b2a

Altered Directives

PIC: PICTure print

Will be superceded by the new directive FIG (FIGure).

Chuck has something written about FIG.

COD: CODE conversion array	6b2a1
By means of this directive and the directive affecting the character case, it is possible to change the output code for any character in the input.	6b3
At least the syntax of this directive will be changed (perhaps like .COD 'a' + 'B';). Also the changing of the case will probably be done automatically (so the user doesn't have to worry about it). Eventually the directive may be deleted because its function can be performed by the new directive SUB.	6b3a
	6b3b
DNM: Directive Names	6b3b1
At least the syntax will change (perhaps like .DNM "DNM" + "BUL";), but eventually the directive will disappear (not til Stage IV) because its function could be mostly accomplished by the new directive SUB.	6b4
	6b4a
PLN: number of Lines to a Page,	6b4a1
MLN: number of Lines to the bottom of the text area,	6b5
HLN: number of blank Lines to follow the Header,	6b6
NTP: Number of lines to space down from the Top, and	6b7
PGP: number of blank lines to insert between body area and page number areas	6b8
may all be superseded by a new set that allow positioning and size setting of the areas of the page, body, header, and page number independently of each other.	6b9
Hopefully the above directives will not disappear until Stage III or IV.	6b9a
	6b9b
TST: Tab Set	6b9b1
Parameters are a list of numbers which will be the columns in which tab stops occur -- any previous tab settings will disappear.	6b10
This will be a new syntax for this directive.	6b10a
	6b10b
NPX = (i, j, k): Number Plex	6b10b1
This is an expanded syntax and an expanded capability.	6b11
i -- levels below current statement to number	6b11a
j -- type of numbering (see above)	6b11b
k -- field size - generate enough blanks after the number to fill the field	6b11c
	6b11d
	6b11d1
New directive type for on/off switches	6b12
Syntax will be: '.UID '= [0/1/"ON"/"OFF"] ';	6b12a
	6b12a1
New Directives	6c

<p>Some set of directives that would enable the verticle positioning of the body, page number, and header any place on the page and independently of each other; also included would be the minimum spacing that would be allowed between the specified "area" and any other "area".</p> <p>VPB (4\$4.NUM) top, bottom edge, minimum blank lines to separate above, below inner areas</p> <p>.VSB=n,m Verticle Size of Body (replace NTP and MLN) maybe similiar for header, page numberer, and pictures</p> <p>also some options like VPH = bottom</p> <p>Some set of directives that would specify the width of the areas of the body, page number, and header independently of each other.</p> <p>.HSB=n,m Horizontal Size of Body (replace LMS and MCH)</p> <p>One directive having to do with pictures.</p> <p>See a thing written by Chuck for a full specification -- it does most everything.</p> <p>RDD: Restore Default-Default Directive values (ignore NLS viewspecs)</p> <p>SNM=1/O and SIG=1/O: (on/off switches for SNF and SGF) SNM could have settings telling where you wanted the statement number -- in front of statement text (replaces SNB), after statement text (SNF), after first line of statement, etc.</p> <p>DSO=1/O: Directive Scan Only</p> <p>Scan the specified branch for directives and execute any that are found. Otherwise treat the branch as if an IBR had occured.</p> <p>TBA: TaB stops Add</p> <p>parameters are a list of numbers which will be the columns in which tab stops are to be added -- any previous tab settings will remain</p> <p>TBD: TaB stops Delete</p> <p>parameters are a list of numbers which will be the columns in which tab stops are to be deleted</p> <p>IPX: Ignore Plex</p> <p>GPN: Generate current Page Number</p> <p>GCD: Generate Current Date and time</p>	<p>6c1</p> <p>6c2</p> <p>6c2a</p> <p>6c2b</p> <p>6c2b1</p> <p>6c2c</p> <p>6c2c1</p> <p>6c3</p> <p>6c3a</p> <p>6c3a1</p> <p>6c4</p> <p>6c4a</p> <p>6c4a1</p> <p>6c5</p> <p>6c5a</p> <p>6c5a1</p> <p>6c6</p> <p>6c6a</p> <p>6c6a1</p> <p>6c7</p> <p>6c7a</p> <p>6c7a1</p> <p>6c8</p> <p>6c8a</p> <p>6c9</p> <p>6c9a</p> <p>6c9a1</p> <p>6c10</p> <p>6c10a</p> <p>6c11</p> <p>6c12</p>
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(followed by a '↑ to distinguish it from the File Change Date)	6c12a
GFN: Generate File Name	6c13
(name of the input NLS file)	6c13a
GCI: Generate file Changers Initials	6c14
(initials occurring in the origin statement)	6c14a
GOI: Generate Operators Initials	6c15
(initials of the person currently logged into NLS	
(followed by a '↑ to distinguish it from the File Changer's Initials))	6c15a
GFD: Generate File Date	6c16
(date the input NLS File was last changed)	6c16a
	6c16a1
PBL: Paginate Before Line in which directive occurs	6c17
PBS: Paginate Before Statement in which directive occurs	6c18
	6c18a
LSH: Level SHow	6c19
parameters for the directive could be a list of	
entities such as 5, < 9, > 2, 3-6, NOT 6	6c19a
	6c19a1
PSH: Pages SHow	6c20
parameters for the directive could be a list of	
entities such as 5, < 9, > 2, 3-6, NOT 6	6c20a
this is a syntax change and a generalization of the new	
directive PSH implemented in Stage I	6c20b
	6c20b1
QPH: Quick Print type Header on/off	6c21
	6c21a
GCH='c/.NUM: Generate a CHaracter	6c22
	6c22a
	6d
Other Changes	
Generalize all directives to allow them to have a scope	
(OP will reset them to previous value when end of scope is	
reached)	6d1
Possible scopes:	6d1a
line	6d1a1
statement (might want to do IRS, HJS, etc. this way)	6d1a2
plex	6d1a3
sublist	6d1a4
branch	6d1a5
page	6d1a6
level	6d1a7
set of levels coupled with above options	6d1a8
Syntax:	6d1b
MCHP=n or MCH=n,P	6d1b1
Change name NPASS4 to OUTPROC.	6d2
this is a change to NLS not the Output Processor	6d2a
Fix so header buffer never runs out of space as it did	6d3

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(this can be rather easily changed when the directive recognition is changed) 6d3a

The directive recognizer/executor will make sure each time it sees a new directive that its setting to be is consistent with other current settings, e.g., the left margin could not be set beyond the right margin 6d4

also, some directive settings may become dependent on other settings, e.g., (I can't think of any right now) 6d4a

Maybe print under- and overbars on the printer 6d5

this requires some modification to Dave Hopper's :PREX Reinstitute ability to define new directives as a string of text. It will probably be possible include directives in the text string. 6d5a

after the definition, the occurrence of that directive will cause the text string to be scanned and input 6d6

Maybe reinstitute SCR=0. 6d6a

Several directives will take effect at different times than before (these should be listed and included in the new Users' Guide). 6d7

Output Device Copy Proof 6d8

same as Output Device Teletype except OUTLIN stops at lines 30 and PLN and exits to TODAS to await restart by user 6d9

(but LNOUT must know about PSH and TYP) 6d9a

Other "device types", e.g. Journal, Network memos, Plans 6d9b

Probably ought to put INST into !INCHAR and skip the loop in PhEX 6d10

could put LCP, LSH, IBR, etc. there too 6d11

could thereby handle SCR=0 quite differently 6d11a

There should be a table or whatever to tell Direct when to set the directive variable, before or after printing the directive text 6d11b

Does recognizer or OUTST do checking for directive value consistency? 6d12

easiest to do in recog, but user might have just put DIR's in wrong order 6d13

Dave Casseres says its cool to change directive values (he's even for it), as long as the change is clearly described in the User's Guide 6d13a

make a list of such things and put it in OPLAN 6d13b

Could have both dmax & dmin arrays 6d13c

both could have some indication that they were relative to some other directive 6d14

then arrays dmax, dmin, dtype, and dname should be declared in Tree-Meta and accessed in that language 6d14a

The "tables" dmax, dmin, dwhen, dtype, dvalue, and dname should be declared and accessible in the TREE-META language 6d14b

TREE META 6d15

6d16

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when directive recognition fails, error procedure
 invoked which could output the input stream up to that
 point the same as it does now, without the accompanying
 error message and without anything from the input stream
 that had gone out previously - thus taking care of the
 printing of directives problem 6d16a

How to do Directive Recognizer/Executor 6d17

directive names and type entered as .UID's and
 attributes at NUTILITY time 6d17a

inchar initialized to get input from file 6d17a1

need change to TREE to attach attributes to .UID at
 this time or with a special syntax rule 6d17a2

rewrite library routine inchar 6d17b

in parse rule, invoke subroutine to mark window place
 for later output 6d17c

in fail -- invoke a routine 6d17d

there exists a way of backup 6d17d1

can check window full in TREE -- do a fail 6d17d2

enter literal strings as a library pop 6d17e

enter run strings done by call on library routine from
 outside 6d17f

from PASS4 at run time initialization 6d17f1

Have to be able to turn substitute off for the header 6d18

may occur that want recognizer off at times 6d18a

Where do you effect the directives like DATE and DNAME and
 GCR and GTB and OVB and UBR 6d19

they fit logically under Substitute, but Substitute
 will be slow and could be turned off most of the time if
 it didn't have these automatic, built in substitute to
 worry about 6d19a

Substitute would have a problem when IGD=1 (no -
 could just delete that part of its tables) 6d19a1

besides if put stuff in RECOGNIZER, I don't have to
 write substitute immediately 6d19b

If fellow hits a double rubout during PASS4, it would be
 nice for NLS to go to ABORT is could be is a fixed
 location - say 20B 6d20
 6d20a

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(Stage III)

This stage is the rewriting of the Output Processor for the 10 languages. The only changes envisioned are the deletion of superseded directive names, some name changes, and a few directives disappear entirely. All of these changes are discussed above.

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(Stage IV)

The following is a haphazard and very incomplete collection of various the Output Processor features that have been proposed and are unlikely to happen before the 10.

Do thing about plex/branch only not being indented.
 Beef up save Viewchange info so can drive hardcopy too.
 Would be a substitute for a library of named formats.
 Idea from Doug about how to do the format designer
 compile the format description
 each choice has a syntactic thing that identifies it
 file goes thru an analyzer/reconstructor that doesn't
 display the syntactic identifier
 then output the altered file thru compiler, handing it
 only id's and their following field
 the compiler changes the directive table
 generalize input sources to at least a series of files
 (branches within them)
 if change dmax/MCH/ + dmax/MSP/, must change size of LINE and
 TABSTP
 figure out which directives are changed in the time they take
 effect or the scope of their effect
 who scans for directives and substitute branches and how do
 they mark where they occurred for backup purposes
 a Page Formatting language
 document = file-init \$ pages file-close
 page = \$ header body \$ pnum
 body = \$1 rest-st \$ statements 0\$1 trst-st
 statement = tot-ln \$ lines 1st-line 0\$1 stnorm
 HEADER area: top edge line 7
 bottom edge < bottom edge of BODY area
 top margin 2 lines
 left margin column 6
 set left flush
 OP
 I'll want a line formatter
 it is fed a character at a time
 or a string
 or either
 anyway it will be driven by a whole bunch of directives
 (PASS4's line and character directives)
 I don't want to pass all of those as parameters, but
 just a pointer to them (an array?) (it would take to
 much time)
 but if so the line formatting code would be hard to
 read
 so I want a language that allows me to refer to the
 elements of the array, with variable names

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8h

8i

8i1

8i2

8i3

8i4

8i5

8i5a

8i5b

8i5c

8i5d

8j

8j1

8j1a

8j1b

8j1c

8j2

8j2a

8j2b

8j3

<p>but the origin of the array is an actual/formal parameter</p> <p>can a compiler do it</p> <p>also the buffer(s) that hold line(s) need to be local to the area co-routines</p> <p>this could be handled by passing string names</p> <p>Instead of estimating gln, run stateent thru INLINE.</p> <p>what to do about directivesrecognizing/executing</p> <p>later can stare the lines</p> <p>special symbol definition (both the output symbol and the input string used to invoke the special symbol on output)</p> <p>header down a margin in a single column</p> <p>a means of specifying the verticle positioning of lines within the various areas -- comparable to the possible settings of the horizontal position directives</p> <p>(flush left compares with "flush top")</p> <p>Someday the TYP directive ought to be fixed up so that it takes effect immediately -- not at the end of the current output line -- and does what is desired in general</p> <p>it is known where you are supposed to be on a page and could remember where you actually are when TYP set to 0; then when TYP set to 1, generate the appropriate number of blank lines, maybe a page break, some leading blanks, etc.</p> <p>The following new direcives may be useful:</p> <p>"lin" would indicate use of left indentation relative to statement indentation for centering. This would override any other left margin directive if set "on" (i.e., lin=1). The "dsn" directive must be considered when implementing this.</p> <p>"lhm" would indicate the spacing for the left-hand margin in the centering algorithm. It would not be considered if "lin" were set on.</p> <p>"rhbm" would indicate the spacing for the right-hand margin in the centering algorithm. It would never be set greater than the "mch" directive.</p> <p>LNM: print Line Numbers</p> <p>(or every nth one)</p> <p>BCH: Big Characters</p> <p>something like what the Output Processor currently does on the front end of paper tapes it outputs</p> <p>GRB: GRaB</p> <p>this would say: don't make a page break between this statement and the following n statements</p> <p>SUB: SUBstute one character string for another</p> <p>(comparable to NLS's Substitute Branch command)</p> <p>put statement id [centered] in the statement gap</p> <p>put line numbers, directives, when last changed, who last</p>	<p>8j3a</p> <p>8j3al</p> <p>8j4</p> <p>8j4a</p> <p>8k</p> <p>8kl</p> <p>8k2</p> <p>8l</p> <p>8m</p> <p>8n</p> <p>8nl</p> <p>8o</p> <p>8ol</p> <p>8p</p> <p>8pl</p> <p>8p2</p> <p>8p3</p> <p>8q</p> <p>8ql</p> <p>8r</p> <p>8rl</p> <p>8s</p> <p>8sl</p> <p>8t</p> <p>8tl</p> <p>8u</p>
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changed, and/or if changed since time T in the right hand margin (tear off part) of the printer output	8v
specially mark statements with a signature or date filling some criteria	8w
output as one document pieces from several NLS files	8x
invisible text on/off (this could be both a new NLS feature with an attendant viewspec and a new Output Processor directive)	8y
characters can be conditionally (i.e., by directive) indicated by some special group of delimiters.	8z
For example " :F,I: John Jacob Jinkelheimer Smith, Jr.	
:F,I: " would indicate that the text enclosed within the "	
:F,I: " delimiters was set to flicker and italics.	8zl
fix page numbering so that one may specify a page number prefix to be printed along with the page number.	8a
consider possibility of options to supress printing of: vowels, consonants, articles, etc.	8aa
right-justification is dumb for output to film. The capability exists to put in spacing characters between 1 and 14 raster units wide, so why not add an algorithm to insert more spacing characters, each of a smaller width.	8ab
have independent sets of directives apply to level n statements, header, etc.	8ac
The following are only reasonable when the Output Processor is changed-to/replaced-by a real page formatting routine	8ad
indirect references (via footnotes or end-of-section bibliography), the op-cit loc-cit problem,	8ad1
footnotes,	8ad2
Multi-columns,	8ad3
marginal notes,	8ad4
integrated graphics and tabular constructs,	8ad5
	8ad5a
output as one document pieces from several NLS files	8ae
Table of Contents Generator	8af
KWIC generator	8ag
other index generators	8ah
invisible text on/off (this could be both a new NLS feature with an attendant viewspec and a new the Output Processor directive)	8ai
link conversion	8aj
specially mark statements with a signature or date filling some criteria	8ak
the following are from Doug's notebooks	8al
put line numbers,directives, when last changed, who last changed, and/or if changed since time T in the right hand margin (tear off part) of the printer output	8all
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put statement id [centered] in the statement gap	8al2

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Made obscure (don't appear in the normal Users' guide)	9
(cas) cas : all "KASE" -- directive which gives the case for each character (an array, i.e. type 1, directive). If a code is changed for a character (via "cod" directive), its case should also be set to the proper case in an analogous manner	9a
most of this could be done automatically by the Directive Recognizer/Executor when it sees the directive COD	9a1
(ssw) ssw : all zero -- indicates a stop code is to be inserted at the end of each page (for mats - normally only for flex)	9b
(tsw) tsw : all 1 -- indication that tabs are to be searched for in order to execute appropriate directives	9c
(csw) csw : 1,0,0,1,1,1 -- indication that case shift analysis is to be performed for output	9d
(tma) tma : all zero -- temporary a (not used by program - for use by user)	9e
(tmb) tmb : all zero -- temporary b (same as for "TMA" above)	9f
(tmc) tmc : all zero -- temporary c (same as for "TMA" above)	9g
(tmd) tmd : all zero -- temporary d (same as for "TMA" above)	9h
(dmx) dmx : all "DMAX" -- array directive (type 1) that gives the name of the array in the the Output Processor program which contains the directive maximum values	9i
(pov) pov : all zero -- treat overbar as printing and spacing character	9j
(sov) sov : all zero -- indication that overbar causes output device to space	9k
(upr) upr : 1,0,1,1,0,0 -- treat underbar as printing and spacing character	9l
(usp) usp : 1,0,0,1,0,0 -- indication that underbar causes output device to space	9m
(tal) tal : 2,1,1,1,1,1 -- tab algorithm to be used for the output of tabular information (1=flex type, 2=dura type, 3=one space)	9n
(tsp) tsp : 1,1,0,0,1,1 -- space fill tab, i.e., insert necessary space characters in the output in order to produce proper tab spacing	9o
(fsu) fsu : 10b,0b,0b,172b,377b,53b -- output code for shift to upper case	9p
(fsd) fsd : 20b,0b,0b,174b,377b,54b -- output code for shift to lower case	9q
(fsc) fsc : 0b,0b,0b,13b,0b,0b -- output code for stop code	9r
(fcr) fcr : all 155b -- input code for a carriage return (i.e., the search code used by the statement input algorithm when looking for a carriage return)	9s
(fsp) fsp : all 0b -- input code for a space (i.e., the search code used by the statement input algorithm when looking for a space)	9t
(ftb) ftb : all 151b -- input code for a tab (i.e., the	

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search code used by the statement input algorithm when looking
for a tab)

9u

(fub) fub : all 134b -- input code for an underbar (i.e., the
search code used by the statement input algorithm when looking
for an underbar)

9v

(fov) fov : all 133b -- input code for an overbar (i.e., the
search code used by the statement input algorithm when looking
for an overbar)

9w

(fds) fds : all 15b -- output code for a dash

9x

(fbs) fbs : 141b,Ob,Ob,141b,Ob,141b -- output code for a back
space

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PROGRAM %search estimates and take off characters%	10
(estim) PROCEDURE;	10a
:C ↑P1 ['!/'@]↑P2←P2 CH CH CH CH CH CH CH CH ↑P3	
SE(P1)↑P4:	10a1
IF flag THEN :C STP1 ←P1 P2, P3 P4:ENDF	10a2
RETURN	10a3
END.	10a4
FINISH	10a5
Test !1234567890123456789012345678901234567890	10a6
	10a6a

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(go)evcd% ca n%cd# c. n%fc50%%vw/c%et:go d%	11
evso%%et:go ds%	11a
xb0%./d/i/r=%./d/p/r=#./p/e/l%./r/e/l=1#./h/j/b=3%./c/e/n=1%et	
:go dss%	11b
xb0%./h/j/b=1%./c/e/n=0#./h/j/b=8%./r/t/j=1#./h/j/b=1%./r/t/j=	
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xb0%./h/j/p=6%./n/s/w=2#./p/n/o=2%./r/o/m=1#./p/n/o=3%./f/n/c=	
1%et:go dssssss%	11e
xb0%./s/n/b=0%./d/s/n=1#./s/n/b=1%./d/s/n=0#./s/n/a=1%./d/p/n=	
0%et:go dsssssss%	11f
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et:go dssssssss%	11g
(last)db:go%s0%eq%	11h

'4894', 10/21/70 1016:34 MEJ ; .DPR=1; (PARSLEY):JRN12, 10/21/70 0955:43
BLP ; .DSN=1;.DPR=0;