

Harwood:

Present plans call for adapting the standard IQS Adapter to handle the 868 Typewriter. Due to the presence of the "program tape" (Used with the 632 system) this device will be physically located on a table separate from the console.

Adaption of the Adapter is required because of the different codes which must be used i. e. , translation of the STRETCH code into 868 code. This typewriter will still have 88 characters although the exact description does not correspond to our IQS.

The devices which are in use were salvaged from the junk heap. Modification is not permitted for reasons which I do not understand.

Dr. Buchholz has written a memo, I believe, in answer to Mr. Youngdale's memo. However, I have not seen it. You might wish to check with him on his story.

Modification of the console consists of inserting a plate in the typewriter hole to make a smooth surface.

If you wish me to describe this in a memo to Mr. Kenney, I'll be happy to do so.



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P. S. Minor alterations required at the console require cables, under the floor, connecting the 868 typewriter to the Standard IQS connections.

Minor differences in coding control information for the typewriters exists. Such niceties as color control, line space separate from carriage return and possibly a few others exist.

The prime reason for my not composing a letter to Mr. Kenney is a question on the \$50,000 console modification cost. This appears to be a total cost on the final manufacturing of all consoles rather than a per console item.

Checking with Gerry Blaauw, I understand that Dr. Buchholz's plan is actually to make the temporary lash-up so annoying as to force early announcement (or at least delivery) of the STRETCH IQS in May. You might wish to discuss this point.