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MONITORING THE STRETCH SYSTEM

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., April 19.... Seated at the main maintenance console of STRETCH, the most powerful computer in the world, an IBM engineer monitors the electronic process taking place within the system's central processing unit. The system was built for the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico.

Patterns of light displayed on the console indicate actions being taken by the computer. Smaller maintenance consoles on STRETCH's Exchange, disk synchronizer, power distribution and other units enable engineers to review what is happening within those elements of the computer.

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