4K Laboratory FOCAL

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While FOCAL has become a commonplace calculational language in many small computer laboratories, the use of FOCAL as an experimental control system has been largely ignored. In the present paper, a 4K FOCAL laboratory system is described. Extensions to the FOCAL function and command lists provide for integer manipulations, high- and low-speed output, and a variable DO statement. By providing access to experimental peripheral devices, FOCAL can be used as a powerful operating system. As an illustration, a two-choice reaction time experiment is discussed, a FOCAL control program for this experiment is described, and an assembly language listing illustrates how changes to FOCAL can be made.

Like many of you, I began my computer training on a small computer. The selection of a small computer was not so much a matter of choice as of necessity, for at the time most computers were small—if not physically, then at least computationally. The Bendix G15-D was such a computer. The D signified the presence of a drum that revolved to expose, slowly, each of 1,024 words of bulk storage. The machine was user operated, and, because of modest operating tolerances, was abused by the vagaries of both humidity and temperature. We programmed it in hexadecimal, without an assembly language, but usually with what we conceived of as consummate skill and lofty logic. We soon learned the canard that while people are smarter than computers, computers are smarter than programmers.

As computers and their operating systems grew, so grew our nostalgia for the "hands on" feature of a small computer. We progressed to the 709, the 7090, the B5500, and a variety of CDC machines only to abandon them at the arrival of the first PDP-1. Our nostalgia abated, we advanced toward the use of small laboratory computers that were fast, simple to operate, reliable, but often contained only 4K of core memory.

It was with this background that I approached reviewing Bernard Weiss' very fine new book, *Digital Computers in the Behavioral Laboratory* (1973) (Link, 1974). About the only criticism I had concerned the omission from the book of a chapter describing how FOCAL could be modified to provide a laboratory operating system. I claimed that FOCAL could be a powerful laboratory language; Bernard Weiss asked me to demonstrate how—so here we are.

My purpose, then, is to illustrate in rather simple terms how 4K FOCAL has been used in a laboratory where choice responses and their response times are always gathered and where the number of within-subject experimental outcomes is at most 30-about the largest number that can be conveniently investigated during a 1-h experimental session. The point of this example is to illustrate that a considerable savings in programming effort can be obtained by the modification of one manufacturer's user-oriented software.

The application of FOCAL to experimental control is not new. A number of previous papers have pointed to FOCAL applications, and some have even included illustrations of FOCAL programming together with patches designed to implement new instructions or permit input from external experimental devices (e.g., Reece, 1973; Siegel, 1972). At least one author has suggested, however, that FOCAL will require more than 4K of storage for all but the simplest of experiments (Doll, 1972). Yet, for many laboratories, simple experiments are quite common, and the use of FOCAL will provide faster set-up time than could be obtained by assembly language programming or by the modification of some quite sophisticated laboratory packages (Matthews & Wescourt, 1974; Millman, 1971).

The laboratory environment will determine how often, and how many additional, peripheral devices must be sampled or supplied with data by FOCAL. In this regard, our laboratory is similar to laboratories for which large operating systems have been written. Minor inspection would reveal the usual jungle of computer (PDP-81), peripheral equipment, and assorted, if not tangled, cables connecting the computer to an experimental room. We run one subject at a time, in part because the stimulus equipment must sometimes be calibrated for each subject, but mostly because our experiments are lengthy within-subject psychophysical studies which do not require more than a single subject station. In addition to a high-speed reader/punch and ASR-33, we have a calligraphic display system (Griffin, 1968; Link, 1969), auditory and tactual stimulus control devices, indicator lights, various types of response panels, a programmable clock, and a Tri-Data Cartrifile that has been taught to perform like a DEC disk monitor system.

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A TWO CHOICE RT EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN WITH CUED PRESENTATION PROBABILITIES.



(7 VALUES OF IT) × (2 STIMULI) × (2 POSSIBLE RESPONSES) = 28 POSSIBLE EVENTS PER

Figure 1: A two-choice reaction time experimental design.

A typical laboratory experiment is illustrated in Figure 1. The purpose of this two-choice response time experiment was to bias a subject on a trial by trial basis toward one of two response alternatives, R_A or R_B . A point of major theoretical interest was how correct and error response times would change as a function of response bias (Link, 1975).

The program controlling the experiment must perform the following tasks. At the start of each self-paced trial, the probability of presenting stimulus S_A , on the current trial, must be presented to the subject for a convenient length of time (T1). Thereafter, a blank display screen is presented (for time T2) to clear the visual field and provide a warning signal. Then stimulus S_A is presented with a marginal probability equal to the displayed probability. The stimulus remains visible until the subject responds R_A or R_B , and both the response made and the response time must be recorded and saved for later analysis. However, to provide the experimenter and the subject with a summary of results, we accumulated for each displayed probability value, π_i (i = 1, ..., 7), the numbers of responses of each type to each stimulus and the associated response times. Since there were seven values of π , two stimuli, two responses, and two response measures, the results from a single trial would occupy 2 of 56 data collection bins. At the end of the subject session, response frequencies and mean RTs for each stimulus-response combination and each value of π were to be reported on the Teletype.

The first question we face in adapting FOCAL to our experimental needs is what changes to make. Any changes that are made must either replace or modify existing FOCAL routines or be patched to FOCAL in any unused space. It is, therefore, of primary importance that we have a clear idea of how free space can be obtained.

There are three methods of increasing the amount of available memory space. First, by deleting the extended

functions (LOG, EXP, ATN, SINE, and COSINE), an area from 3206_8 to 5400_8 is made available. The size of this area is greater than the space occupied by Symbolic Editor. Second, by limiting the memory area used for storage of the FOCAL program, variables, and the push down list, we can reserve a memory area for patches or data storage. Last, there are many sections of 4K-FOCAL 69 that are unused, and some command routines, such as the L command, provide additional free space when deleted. By these simple methods, well over one-quarter of the 4K memory is free to be used for storage of the FOCAL program, variables, push down list, and user defined routines.

Having determined the available free space, we now wish to use this space efficiently.

When a large number of variables are to be defined, and the values assumed by these variables are less than 4095, an efficient use of free memory space can be made by treating these variables as integers. In contrast to variables defined by FOCAL, which require five contiguous memory locations, our integers each occupy only a single location. Naturally, deviating from the FOCAL definition of a variable will require additional programming space (approximately 18 locations), but this increase is offset by more efficient storage.

In the sample program below, integer manipulation is accomplished by defining two new FOCAL functions. The function FPUT (X,Y) will convert to an integer 0 < Y < 4095 either the value Y or a fixed numerical value and place the integer value in Memory Location X (specified in decimal). An example of FPUT is shown in statement, 01.03 of the sample FOCAL program. We wished to fill Memory Locations 2342 to 2453 with zero. It can be seen that rather than using a FOCAL variable set equal to zero, a fixed integer value of 0 was used. To retrieve an integer already in memory, another FOCAL function FLST (x) will convert the integer found in (decimal) Location X to a FOCAL variable. For example, the command S Z=FLST(X) will set the

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FOCAL variable Z equal to the integer value found in Location X. These two FOCAL functions control input to and output from user selected areas of memory and vastly increase the capability of FOCAL to store experimentally obtained data values such as frequencies of stimulus-response pairings.

In addition to functions providing for integer storage and retrieval, other functions can increase the convenience of Laboratory FOCAL. To the version of FOCAL controlling the two-choice reaction time experiment, we have added a new random number generator and a routine to switch between high- and low-speed output. By setting Z=FRAN(), a pseudorandom number bounded by 0 and 1 will be generated. The random numbers so obtained have satisfied marginal probability, runs, and sequential tests for randomness. Switching between low- and high-speed output is accomplished by the instruction S Z=FSWP(). Each execution of this instruction promotes a change from the current to the alternative output mode. High-speed output will, in many cases, obviate the need to devote large memory areas to storage of trial by trial results.

Other efficiencies are to be had by modifying or augmenting the FOCAL command list. In the present case, only two changes have been made. The first change is a modification of the Comment (C) command. Normally, whenever a C is encountered, the FOCAL processor will simply ignore any subsequent characters up to the next text terminator. With a rather minor modification, the Comment command can also be made to clear all device flags. If peripheral devices are not to be serviced by a FOCAL interrupt handler, then it is particularly important that these devices and their flags be cleared at the beginning of a FOCAL program. Were these devices not cleared, FOCAL would sense an "illegal interrupt" and become quite confused.

The second command change provides for multiple branching beyond that offered by use of an IF statement. Suppose, for example, that on the basis of calculation from random numbers, experimental trial outcomes, or other methods, any 1 of 20 different resultant computations must be performed. A chain of IF statements would, of course, eventually lead to the desired computation. On the other hand, if the calculation yields a number that can be put into correspondence with numbers ranging from 1 to 20, then a single branching statement could provide direct transfer to the desired computational sequence. To effect this operation, we have replaced the usual Library function, L, with a routine which will transfer program control to an arbitrary FOCAL group number. Execution of the statement L X will force a transfer of control to Group Number X. After execution of Group X, control is transferred back to the statement following L X. Thus, the multiple branching statement can be considered similar to a variable DO statement.

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91.01 C PROGRAM FOR TWO CHOICE RY WITH PROBABILITY DISPLAY 01.02 C ERASE INTEGER STORAGE AREA 01.03 F 1-2342,2453;S Z=FPUT(1,0) 01.05 C SET UP STIMULUS LIST 81.86 5 1/23413F K=8,6;0 8 81.86 5 1/23413F K=8,6;0 8 81.99 C RUN 5 ELOCKS OF 56 TRIALS EACH 91.19 F K=1,5;F I=8,55;0 5 91.10 C PRINT OUT SUMMARY OF RESULTS 02.05 (GROUP 2 CONTROLS SUMMARY PRINTOUT 02.10 t !;F l=K#4+1,(K+1)#4;D 3 R 82.28 Ø3.01 C GROUP 3 PRINTS ONE LINE 0F RESULTS Ø3.05 S J:1+2397 Ø3.10 I (FLST(J))3.3,3.3;5 T(1)=T(1)/FLST(J) Ø3.30 T %5,FLST(J),T(1);R 94.01 C GROUP 4 RANDOMLY CHOOSES THE STIMULUS AND 94.92 C GROUP * RANDONET CHOUSES THE STIMUOUS AND 94.92 C FRANCIS THE STIMULUS LIST TRIAL BY TRIAL 94.93 C FRAN() YIELDS A PSUEDO-RANDOM NOMBER >0,<1. 94.19 S J=56-1;S M=FITR(FRAN()=J+2342);S x=2341+J 94.29 S R=FLST(M);S Z=FPUT(M,FLST(X));S Z=FPUT(X,P) 84.30 \$5.\$1 C GROUP 5 CONTROLS A SINGLE TRIAL BY FIRST OBTAINING \$5.\$2 C A STIMULUS LIST NUMBER AND CONVERTING IT TO A \$5.\$3 C STIMULUS NUMBER, S, AND TO A PROBABILITY DISPLAY 5.46 C POINTER, X. 5.46 C POINTER, X. 5.46 C POINTER, X. 5.47 C POINTER, X. 5.47 C POINTER, X. 5.48 C POINTER, X. 5.49 C POINTER, X. 5.49 C POINTER, X. 5.49 C POINTER, X. 5.40 05.60 05.70 05.80 08.01 C THIS ROUTINE COMPUTES AN ARRAY (LINEARIZED) OF 7 ROWS ys.gi L THIS ROUTINE COMPUTES AN ARRAY (LINEARIZED) OF 7 ROWS g8.g2 C AND 8 COLUMNS. ODD NUMBERS REFER TO STIMULUS 1 AND EVEN g8.g3 C NUMBERS TO STIMULUS 2. THE MAGNITUDE OF A NUMBER INDICATES g8.g4 C A ROW OF THE ARRAY AND ALSO DETERMINES THE PROBABILITY g8.g5 C DISPLAY TO BE SHOWN TO THE SUBJECT(CALCULATED IN GROUP 4). g8.l1 F 1=1,7-K;S J=J+1;S Z=FPUT(J,2*K+1) g8.z2 F 1=9,K;S J=J+1;S Z=FPUT(J,2*K+2) g za 08.30



As an illustration of this command, let Y be a random number uniformly distributed between zero and one. If we want to execute 20 different, but equally likely, calculations based on the value of Y, we set X=20*Y+10. The value of X will range from 10 through 29, and execution of the L X command will transfer control to Group Number X where the appropriate calculations can be performed.

A more powerful use of the L command is in sequencing program operation. The execution of the instruction F I=1, N; L X(I) provides an example. In this statement, the first group of statements to be executed is defined by X(1). A statement in Group X(1) could modify any values in the vector X(I). Furthermore, since the values of I and N can be changed by statements within Group X(1), the sequence of program operation, after the completion of Group X(1), can be altered. Since any group may operate on I.N. or any value of X(1), a program can be thought of as series of transitions from one group to another, where each group is sensitive to the current state of the program vector X. The use of the L command can provide great programming flexibility and can greatly simplify complicated multiple branching structures.

The final problem to be faced in adapting FOCAL to the laboratory centers on access to experimental control devices. Access from the FOCAL control program can be provided by extension of the FOCAL function and command repertoire. At a minimum, a single function could pass to an assembly language subroutine all parameters required for execution of a single experimental trial while the subroutine would return to FOCAL the observed response measures. In this instance, the subroutine would assume complete control during an experimental epoch by disabling the FOCAL processor and operating in real time.

A second, and often preferable, method is to define a FOCAL function or command which will control a single experimental device such as a display device, a clock, and so forth. This method has the advantage of providing a single FOCAL operating system that can be used by experimenters not acquainted with assembly language programming. Although the implementation of this method may require substantial modification to the FOCAL interrupt handler, it provides a quite flexible experimental language (cf. Reece, 1973).

A FOCAL EXAMPLE

Figure 2 represents a FOCAL program which uses many of the function and command features described above. The program has been used to obtain two-choice RT data in an experiment designed to bias a subject toward one or the other of the two response alternatives. In this program, a single FOCAL function passes parameter values to an assembly language subroutine, FTRL, which assumes complete computer control during an experimental trial. Each group of statements is self-explanatory, given the numerous comments, but a short description of the main features of the program may be of some value.

Briefly, the FOCAL function FTRL (Y, T1, T2, S) was defined so that the arguments of the function could be computed in the body of the FOCAL program. These arguments refer to the presentation probability to be displayed to the subject, Y; the duration of that display, T1; the time interval between the termination of the probability display and the presentation of the stimulus, T2; and the value of the stimulus, S. Upon execution, FTRL controls all within-trial experimental events, waits for the subject's response, and then stores the response and response time in absolute memory locations. When FTRL has completed execution, the main body of the FOCAL program retrieves the response and response time. FTRL uses one page of memory.

The FOCAL program consists of two main sections. Group 1 is an executive routine that first clears all device flags and then initializes Locations 2342 to 2453 to zero. Then a 7 by 8 linearized array is filled with numbers which simultaneously indicate presentation probability and stimulus values. After these initial computations have been completed, five blocks of 56 experimental trials are run, and then summary results are printed on the Teletype.

Group 5 executes a single trial. First, a value is selected at random from the linearized array filled by Group 1. The value obtained is decomposed into a presentation probability indicator ranging from 1 to 7 and a stimulus value S. These values, together with T1 and T2, are passed to the assembly language trial controller by FTRL. After a response, control returns to FOCAL, and the values of the response and response time are obtained from Absolute Locations 2745 and 2746. All data summarizing the trial are then punched on paper tape, and summary statistics are gathered in two linearized arrays. At the end of Group 5, control is returned to Statement 1.10.

What has been gained through this approach to the laboratory use of FOCAL is a bookkeeping system that relegates to FOCAL data handling operations. The control of a single trial is in the hands of FTRL where real time operation can be effected. Taking advantage of the great flexibility provided by FOCAL saves valuable programming time and yet allows for hands-on operation by laboratory personnel who are unfamiliar with assembly language programming. Furthermore, debugging time is greatly reduced since the experimenter can simultaneously act as programmer and subject and can easily modify his FOCAL program to meet the demands of a new experimental design.

The major question most computer users ask concerning this application of FOCAL is how to get started. My experience is probably similar to that of others who have adapted FOCAL to their own purposes. First, one needs a model illustrating the assembly language programming required in defining new commands and functions. One of the best models is that of Reece (1973). However, to provide other illustrations, the appendix to this paper contains a PAL8 listing of the FOCAL modifications required to define FRAN, FLST, FPUT, FSWP, and changes to the C and L commands. In order to write a patch to FOCAL, one should have available a listing of FOCAL, the Advanced Focal manual (DEC-08-AJBB-DL, 1969). and the very useful monograph by Wrege entitled "FOCAL: How to write new subroutines and use internal routines." With these programming aids, an experimenter should have little difficulty in adapting FOCAL to his laboratory needs.

APPENDIX

The program listed below provides examples of patches to 4K-FOCAL 69. Some routines are identical to those employed by Reece (1973), and some other routines will be recognized by FOCAL users.

/PATCH	TO FO	CAL FOR T	wo сно і	CE PAL8-V7			///PANDOM_NUMBER_GENERATOR: FRAN///
		/PATCH T	0 FOCAL	FOR TWO CHOICE RT EXPERIMENT	a 5 a 52	30/52 30/44	REPAN FRAN. DCA 44
		/DEFINIT	IONS		03053	1174	TAD RANDOM+1
	ØØ53 Ø136	EFUN31=	136		03055	1175	TAD RANDOM+2
	456Ø 4542	SPNOR=49 PUSHA=45	6Ø 42		Ø3Ø55 Ø3Ø57	3046 4543	DCA 46 PUSHF /FLAC=R*2112
	4543	PUSHE=45	43		Ø 3 Ø 6 Ø Ø 3 Ø 6 1	Ø173 4544	RANDOM POPE
	1413	POPA=14	3		03062	8841	EX1+1
	4544 5541	POPF=454 POPJ=554	+4		23255 23264	1343 3¢11	DLA CT
	4557 1022	RTL6=455	7		03065 030665	4527 2011	JMS I M2P 152 CT /TO GET R#2+16
	8865	NAGSW=6			03067	5265	JMP2
	8967 8848	EX1=4Ø	.,		1931971 1931971	4572	JMS [ADD /+R≈R"(2†16+1) JMS [M2P /"2≈R"(2†17+2)
	0044 0420	EXP=44 DO=420			Ø 3 Ø 7 2 Ø 3 Ø 7 3	4572 4543	JMS I ADD /+R≈R≚(2≬17+3) PUSHF
	1613	EVAL=16	13 15701		Ø 3 Ø 7 4 4 3 Ø 7 5	99 45	EXP+1
	8374	FNTABF=	374		93976	Ø173	RANDOM /NEW RANDOM NUMBER
	2165	FNTABL#1 COMGO=1	2165		Ø3Ø77 Ø31ØØ	39147 319144	DCA EXP+3 /CHOP TO 2 WORDS DCA EXP /MAKE A FRACTION
	2600 30152	SAVAC=20 FRAN=30	5 80 52		Ø3101 Ø3102	1045 2700	TAD EXP+1 /CHECK SIGN
		/	DEEINI	TIONS FOR PATCH	03103	5536	JMP I 136 /RETURN
	4578	ARG=JMS	I XARG1		Ø31Ø5	1945 7149	TAD EXP+1 /TAKE I'S COMPLEMENT CLL CMA
	5200 6160	XTRL=52	5 Ø		Ø31Ø6 Ø31Ø7	3045 1046	DCA EXP+1 TAD EXP+2
	75Ø3 4626	SWAP=75	83 26		Ø3110 87311	7848	CMA
	2564	XLST=25	64		Ø 3112	5536	JMP I 136 /ALWAYS RETURN A POSITIVE NUMBER
	0011	CT=11	+ 5		Ø(11)	7774	• M4-, -4
	B 127	M2P=127 /					/ROUTINE TO EXECUTE A COMPUTED DO X WITH X AS
	668 Z	/CHANGE	S TO LOW	CORE FOCAL			DEFINE GROUP NUMBER. THIS ROUTINE REPLACES THE
8888 1	6451	•	6451	/CLEAR RESPONSE FLAG		4626	PE COMMAND.
PD#D4	/		NUP		Ø4626	7300	LCOM, CLE CLA
88885 88884	26 9 3		26Ø3	/FOCAL INTERRUPT HANDLER	Ø4639	4542	PUSHA /ON THE PUSHDOWN LIST FOR RETURN
	## 35	×35			₿4631 ₿4632	4579 4557	ARG /EVALUATE THE SYMBOL FOLLOWING L RTL5 /CONVERT TO GROUP NUMBER
88935	4423	воттом,	LCOM-20	3 /LAST FOCAL LOCATION	₿4633 ₿4634	7004 3067	RAL DCA JINENO
	0170	∺17 Ø			Ø4635	3065	DCA NAGSW /SET ALL GROUP SWITCH
00170 00171	1343 ØØØØ	XARG1, SHOW,	XARG Ø	/LOCATION FILLED WITH FWA	₽4636 ₽4637	4549 0421	DO+1
44172	5722	400	5783	/OF DISPLAY ROUTINE	84648 84641	1413 3022	POPA / GET RETURN DCA PC / RESTORE PROGRAM COUNTER
00173	4421	RANDOM,	4421	CURRENT FLOATING	₿4642	5541	POPJ /EXIT
00174 00175	3040 0001		3949 9991	/REPRESENTATION OF /RANDOM NUMBER			/ROUTINE TO CLEAR ALL FLAGS AND BUFFERS. THIS
		/ CHANGE !	TO FUN	CTION TABLES	8 4643	7344	ROUTINE REPLACES THE C COMMAND IN FOCAL.
48377	0377 5200	*FNTABF	KTRI	(MAIN TRIAL SEQUENCER	84644	6 Ø 12	6012
40174	2170	"FNTABL	-3		194645 194646	6 9 22 6 0 32	6 Ø 2 2 6 Ø 3 2
021/0	2700 8488	*FNTABF	2788	/CODE FOR FIRESANTEZAREL	Ø4647	6042	6842 6842
88488	3052 0401	RENTABE	FRAN F5	/NEW RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR	84651	6451	6451 /CLEAR AND SKIP ON RESP FLAG
00401	75 83 2172	FNTABL	SWAP	/SWITCH OUTPUT MODE	124652 124653	6456	6356 /FREEZE SLOPD 6456 /CLEAR OUTPUT BUFFER
02172	2712	SENTARE	2712	/CODE FOR FSWP=4*S+2*W+P	84654 84655	5655 ₿614	JMP I XCLR1 /RETURN XCLR1, 014 /RETURN FOR A CALL
444.11	2464		+15 XI.O.T	(DOUTINE TO DETUDA LOCATION CONTENTS			/EXPERIMENTAL ROUTINE FOR TWO CHOICE PT
80411	2204	RENTABL	+15	TROUTINE TO RETURN LOCATION CONTENTS			/CALL WITH S Z=FTRL(X*3,T1,T2,S)
02202	2652 Ø412	*ENTABE	2652 +16	/CODE FOR FLS1=44L+28S+T			/TEDURATION OF PROBABILITY DISPLAY IN .1 SEC. UNITS
00412	616Ø 22Ø3	FNTABL	XPUT ⊧16	/ROUTINE TO PUT INTO CORE			SESTIMULUS(1 OR 2)
02203	2676	ATLIST	2676	/CODE = 4*0+2*0+T			THE CODING OF THIS ROUTINE WILL BE UNIQUE TO INDIVIDUAL
₿1574	# 614		614	/REPLACE ADDR OF SYMBOL TABLE TYPEOUT			'LABORATORIES AND HAS BEEN OMITTED FROM THIS LISTING. /FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS LISTING THE AVAILABLE SPACE
G 1 1 7 G	1170	"COMGO	+5 XCLD	C COMMAND NOW CLEADS SLACS AND BUSE	0 C		115 FROM 4656 TC 5400.
	1173	"COMGO	10				/ROUTINE TO PUT DATA INTO CORD LOCATION. //All As S 7-ERUT(X X) WHERE X IS ADDRESS
WI1/5	4626	×1217	LCOM	THE L COMMAND NOW EXECUTES A DO X.			/(IN DECIMAL) AND Y IS DATA VALUE.
81217	7680 6002	¥6 99 2	7600	/ERASE COLONS	\$ 616 \$	616# 4453	HXPUT XPUT. JMS I INTEGER /GET X
86882	76 99		1600	/ERASE EQUAL SIGN	Ø6161 Ø6162	3365 4578	DCA XPUT1 ARG / GET DATA VALUE
		ROUTIN	TO GET	AN ARGUMENT FROM A FUNCTION CALL.	Ø6163 Ø6164	3765	DCA I XPUTI MR I EFUNISI (PETURN FROM CALL
41267	1343	"XARG	4		Ø6165		XPUTI, Ø
81344	7300	AARG,	CLL CLA	PENIRT PUINI			ROUTINE TO CHANGE OUTPUT MODE FROM LOW TO HIGH OR FROM
Ø1345 Ø1346	4560 4540		SPNOR PUSHJ				THE TO LOW SPEED, DAGI CALL REVERSES THE MODE,
Ø1347 Ø135Ø	1612 4453		EVAL-1 JMS I I	NTEGER	87583	75183 11816	SWAP, TAD 16 /WAIT FOR OUTPUT TO FINISH
Ø1351	5743		JMP I X	ARG / RETURN	Ø75Ø4 Ø75Ø5	764Ø 53Ø3	SZA CLA JMP2
		/ROUTIN	E TO GET	CONTENTS OF A CORE ADDRESS.	Ø75Ø6 Ø75Ø7	1324	SWITCH, TAD CURDEV /(CURDEV)=20 OR -20
	2564	75 Z=FL! "XLST	sici), W	HERE I IS ADDRESS IN DECIMAL	Ø751Ø	3329	
02564	4453	XLST,	JMS 1 1	NTEGER /GET I	Ø7511 Ø7512	1325 3011	DCA 11
02566	1777		TAD I X	LISTI /GET CONTENTS OF 1	187513 187514	1411 7450	LOOP, TAD I II SNA
Ø2567 Ø2570	711Ø 3045		CEL RAR DCA 45	/NORMALIZE IN FLAC	#7515	5536	JMP I EFUN3I /RETURN
82571	7010 3046		RAR		#7517	1723	TAD I PLACE /GET LOT
82573	1376		TAD XFL	CN 1	Ø7528 Ø7521	1324 3723	IAD CURDEV DCA I PLACE
Ø2574 Ø2575	5044 5536		UCA 44 JMP I E	FCN31 /RETURN	Ø7522 Ø7525	5313 8888	JMP LOOP Place, Ø
192576 192577	0014 0000	XELCN1, XEIST1,	14 Ø		Ø7524 Ø7525	8920 2525	CURDEV, 20 /SET INITIALLY FOR LOW TO HIGH SPEED ADDRS, ADDRS

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₿7526	2606	26₿6	/6041	XELCN1	2576
87527	2610	2610	/6242	XLISTI	2577
₿7530	2615	2615	10844	XIST	2564
₿7531	2711	2711	/6046	XPUT	6160
07532	2762	2762	16846	XPUTI	6165
Ø7533	8888	8888		XTRI	5200

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