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GENERAL

The purpose of this document is to provide a functional description of the RJE/TERMINAL system software package, NDL version, as implemented for the Burroughs B1700 system. This manual, together with the B6700, and B2700/3700/4700 RJE/HOST information manuals, will provide the B1700 RJE user with a working knowledge of the RJE system.

The Mark V.1 RJE package makes a B1710 or B1720 appear as a remote terminal to either a B6700 or B2700/3700/4700 central computer, enabling the B1700 user to enter a job at the remote system for execution by the central computer, to monitor and control the program via the B1700 console printer, and to receive all relevant print and punch output back at the remote site.

The package consists of two programs, RJE/MCS and RJE/NLDCH. The latter program, the NDL network controller, performs all transmitting and receiving of data to and from the central computer and sends all messages received from the central computer to RJE/MCS. RJE/MCS performs all I/O for the B1700 RJE/TERMINAL system, sending all messages received to the appropriate output devices, either console printer, printer, punch, or if desired, to backup disk files. In addition, RJE/MCS exerts a partial control over RJE/NLDCH, forcing it to re-establish connection with the central computer, causing it to idle waiting to answer a phone call from the central computer, or to terminate.

RELATED DOCUMENTATION

B6700 RJE System Information Manual	5000300
B2700/3700/4700 RJE System Information Manual	
B1700 NDL Information Manual	1073715
B1700 System Software Operational Guide	1068731
B1700 System Data Communication Information Manual	1089992

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SYSTEM FLOW

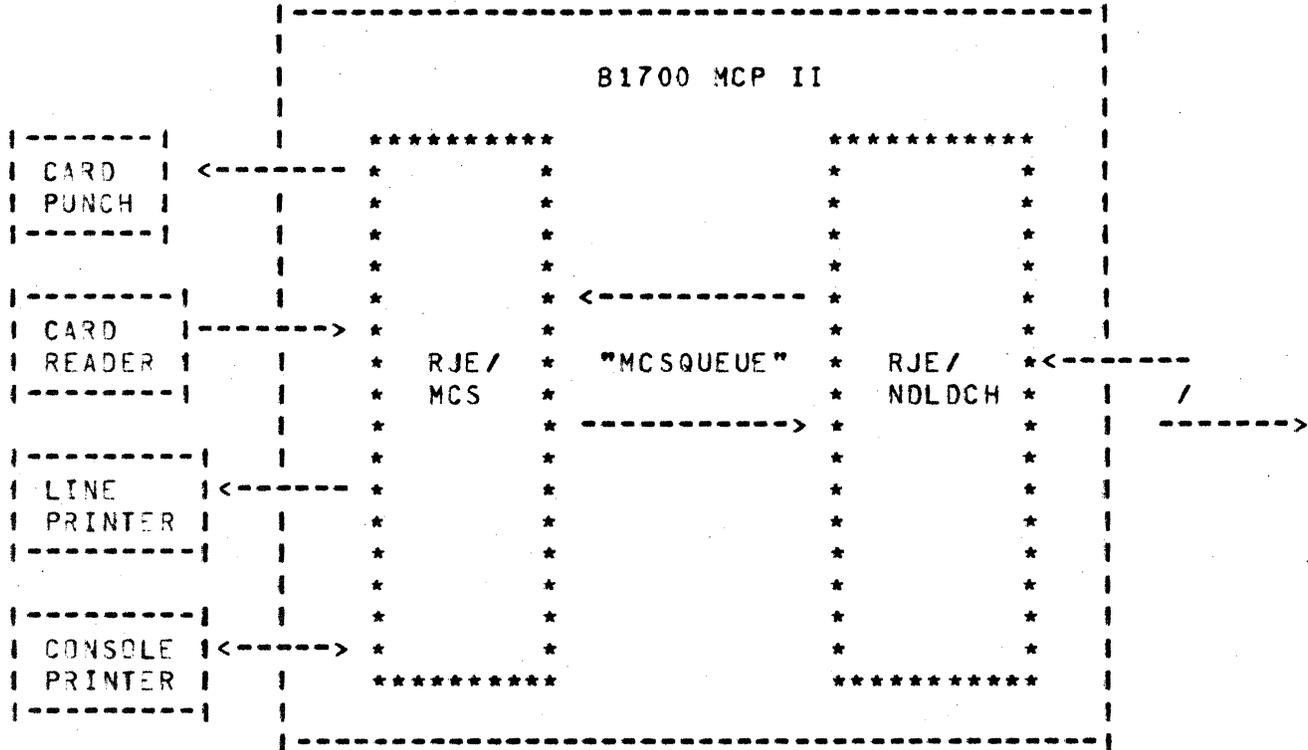


FIGURE 2.1 B1700 RJE NDL INTERFACE

The program RJE/MCS controls the B1700 peripherals. It reads cards, accepts messages from the console printer, displays messages on the console printer, prints output and punches cards. RJE/NDLDCH, on the other hand, is responsible for data communications with the central computer system. The two programs communicate with each other through queues.

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The transfer of data from the remote system to the central computer system and back occurs as follows:

The remote user prepares a card deck for transmission to the central computer system. The card deck is read by RJE/MCS and queued for RJE/NDLDCH. RJE/NDLDCH then begins to transmit the card images to the central computer system. This process continues until all cards are read and transmitted. The job is now under the control of the central computer MCP which processes the request and initiates the compile or execute function. The BOJ/EQJ messages and all other central computer messages pertaining to this job are sent to RJE/NDLDCH which in turn queues them for RJE/MCS. These messages are then displayed on the B1700 console printer. Central computer system messages can be keyed at the remote console printer to control the job.

When the job is completed, all associated printer and punch output created at the central computer system is transmitted to the B1700. RJE/NDLDCH accepts this output from the central computer system and queues it for RJE/MCS; it is then printed or punched on the local printer or punch respectively.

The above cycle describes the flow of data between the B1700 and the central computer system and is referred to as a job stream. Any number of job streams may be initiated at the same time from the B1700; the number of jobs is limited only by any central computer system restrictions.

Pseudo-reader and printer and punch backup B1700 system functions may also be used in conjunction with RJE.

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Following are the hardware requirements:

??K MEMORY

34K MCP II

07K RJE/MCS

??K RJE/NDLDCH

80 OR 96 COLUMN CARD READER

80 OR 96 COLUMN PUNCH

120 OR 132 POSITION PRINTER

CONSOLE PRINTER

DISK (CARTRIDGE, DISK PACK OR HEAD-PER-TRACK)

B1700 SINGLE-LINE CONTROL OR MULTI-LINE CONTROL

B1700 STANDARD SYNCHRONOUS, ASYNCHRONOUS OR TWO
WIRE DIRECT CONNECT ADAPTER

LEASED, SWITCHED OR DIRECT CONNECTION WITH
APPROPRIATE DATA SETS AND CABLES

When using 96 column equipment only 80 columns are used.

It is suggested that the timeout period be set to 2.5 seconds at the
B1700 and three seconds at the central computer system.

The B1700 RJE/TERMINAL package requires MARK V.1 level MCP II (or
higher) and NDL. It requires the following level of central
computer system software:

B2700/3700/4700 MCP V ASR 5.3 or higher
B6700 MCP MARK II.5 or higher

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GENERATING THE NETWORK CONTROLLER (RJE/NDLDCH)

RJE/MCS is supplied as object code and requires no user generation. However, RJE/NDLDCH, which is the network controller for RJE, requires the user to write NDL specifications to generate the specific network controller. The following list of guidelines is intended to help the user to generate the correct NDL network controller. Please refer to B1700 NDL manual, for extended specifications and definitions.

1. Program name:

The network controller is here defined RJE/NDLDCH, but it is not necessary for it to be so named.

2. Declaration section:

The only required entry is the specification for the "NIF" file name:

```
NIF="RJE"/"NDLDCHNIF".  
MAX FILES = 2.  
MAX BUFFERS = 2.  
MAX MESSAGES = 20.  
MAX MESSAGE SIZE = 405.
```

3. Request section:

The required request section is contained in the NDL library. It is named "RJE".

```
$LIBRARY RJE
```

4. Control section:

The required control section is contained in the NDL library. It is named "RJECTL".

```
$LIBRARY RJECTL
```

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5. Terminal section:

Only one terminal entry in the terminal section is required; any other values may be used for the remaining statements possible within the terminal section ("TYPE" and the name specified for the terminal).

Note: Unless a user written MCS is supplied, the "TERMINAL DIAGNOSTIC REQUEST" statement cannot be utilized.

Required terminal section statements.

```
BUFFERSIZE=410.  
ADDRESS=2.  
REQUEST=RJE:RECEIVE, RJE:TRANSMIT.  
TRANSMISSION=1.
```

Note: The RJE request section is used both for transmitting and receiving.

6. Station section:

Four stations are used with RJE, each of which references the one terminal section defined above. It is recommended that the retry limit be set at 25 and that the input and output frequencies be set to identical values.

The "MYUSE" statement must be set as follows:

```
MYUSE=INPUT,OUTPUT.
```

The addresses for the four stations must have the following values:

```
"00" for Station 1  
"01" for Station 2  
"02" for Station 3  
"03" for Station 4
```

If other stations are to be defined in the network controller it is absolutely necessary that these be the first four stations

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declared in the NDL program.

7. Line section:

The address of the adapter of the line to be used is specified in the line section. This address will vary from system to system. The station statement must reference the four stations defined above.

The following is a list of required statements in the line section:

```
ADDRESS=P:C:A. (Where P = port#,
                  C = channel#,
                  A = adapter#)

STATION=Station list.
CONTROL=RJECTL.
```

8. File section:

One remote file is required. It is necessary that the following file section be used:

```
FILE MCSQUEUE:
FAMILY=S1,S2,S3,S4.
```

9. Sample NDL RJE declaration:

The following is a sample NDL RJE declaration:

```
?CO RJE/NDLDCH NDL LI
?DATA CARDS
DECLARATION:
  NIF="RJE"/"NDLDCHNIF".
  MAX FILES = 2.
  MAX BUFFERS = 2.
  MAX MESSAGES = 20.
  MAX MESSAGE SIZE = 405.
$LIBRARY RJE
$LIBRARY RJECTL
TERMINAL B1700:
  TYPE=63.
  ADDRESS=2.
  BUFFERSIZE=820.
```

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TRANSMISSION=1.
REQUEST=RJE:RECEIVE, RJE:TRANSMIT.

STATION DEFAULT DF:
TERMINAL=B1700.
RETRY=25.
FREQUENCY=255, 255.
MYUSE=INPUT, OUTPUT.

STATION S1:
DEFAULT=DF.
ADDRESS="00".

STATION S2:
DEFAULT=DF.
ADDRESS="01".

STATION S3:
DEFAULT=DF.
ADDRESS="02".

STATION S4:
DEFAULT=DF.
ADDRESS="03".

LINE CONVERSATIONAL:
ADDRESS=7:12:0.
CONTROL=RJECTL.
STATION=S1, S2, S3, S4.

FILE MCSQUEUE:
FAMILY=S1, S2, S3, S4.

FINI

?END

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QUEUE DEPTH CONTROL

In a computer-to-computer operation such as RJE there are two significant data rates that affect performance and throughput:

- A) Data Comm line speed
- B) Peripheral speed

If the Data Comm line speed is relatively slow, when compared to the peripheral speeds, the peripherals can usually process data faster than the Data Comm line can transfer it.

If, in the case of input from the RJE terminal to the central computer, the card reader can process data faster than the Data Comm line can transmit the data to the central computer, the queue between RJE/MCS and the network controller ("MCSQUEUE") will grow larger and larger as the network controller waits for Data Comm transmissions to complete.

To control the size that the input portion of "MCSQUEUE" can grow to, a marker record system has been implemented. When RJE/MCS is inserting records into "MCSQUEUE", RJE/MCS includes a marker at selected intervals. The marker is a special value in the header of the record. The record that contains the marker will also contain data read by RJE/MCS.

After inserting a marker record into the queue, RJE/MCS will suspend all card reading until the network controller acknowledges receipt of the marker record from RJE/MCS. The network controller acknowledges the marker record by returning the record with the marker in it to RJE/MCS.

When RJE/MCS receives the acknowledgement from the network controller, RJE/MCS starts reading cards again until the next marker record is sent.

The number of records allowed to be queued between RJE/MCS and the network controller is limited by default to four. However the user can change the maximum number by the ".QS" command (See Section 6:

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LOCAL CONTROL MESSAGES).

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OPERATING PROCEDURE

ESTABLISHMENT

The RJE package is initiated by executing RJE/MCS and executing the network controller. If switch 0 has been set ("EX RJE/MCS SW 0=1"), then RJE/MCS will display the message:

"ENTER ID FIELD PLEASE, FROM 0 TO 17 CHARACTERS."

This identification field must be obtained from the personnel at the central computer site. RJE/MCS then displays the message:

**** 81700 RJE (DATE) (TIME) ****

RJE/NDLDCH will establish communication with the central computer system. For switched lines, it is necessary to manually dial the central computer system. A message is displayed to indicate central computer connection, either

"ONLINE." or "HOST ESTABLISHING."

depending upon which system sees the other's establishment first.

LOG ON

The first function of an RJE session is the successful completion of security tests. The user must enter a "USERCODE" and "PASSWORD" that the central computer recognizes. Until such time as this is accomplished and a "LOGGED ON" control message sent to the remote site, an additional darkened field is printed following every console printer message displayed. This field is used for entering one's "USERCODE" and "PASSWORD" thereby providing remote system security. An example of the log-on procedure is:

```
**** 81700 RJE IV.I 07/15/74//10:09:07 ****
ONLINE
B 6700 SYSTEM/RJE 2.5.60 MIX = 6415.
#####
# USERCODE?
```

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```

#####
# AND YOUR PASSWORD?
#####
RJE LOGGED ON AT 10:09:31 01/21/74..
SESSION 6417.
  
```

The darkened fields (###) are used for entering one's "USERCODE" and "PASSWORD". Refer to the central computer's RJE manual for each system's unique log-on requirements.

REMOTE DECKS

All cards with invalid characters in the first column are considered to be control cards for the B1700 MCP. Since decks to be sent to the central computer system also have invalid characters in the first column of control cards (see B6700 or B2700/3700/4700 system information manual for the exact deck format), a special feature has been implemented in B1700 MCP II permitting programs to read control cards, namely the STREAM and TERMINATE super delimiters. All remote decks must have the following format:

```

?STREAM RJE/CARDS
  REMOTE DECK(s)
?TERMINATE RJE/CARDS
  
```

All card images in the remote deck(s) with invalid characters in column one will be passed to the central computer after RJE/MCS has converted the invalid character to a null (000) character. MCP II rejects cards with an invalid character in any column other than column one.

All decks, regardless of size, must have the delimiters around them. If the last card is not a terminate card, RJE/MCS will hang waiting for another card. STREAM and TERMINATE super delimiters may also be used with pseudo card readers; there is no difference in the format of the remote deck(s). Only EBCDIC card decks may be read.

If the RJE user desires to file equate the card file to tape or disk, that file must be built with the required central computer control cards. It is an RJE requirement that all data cards and

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control cards for a particular job must be contiguous. When card images are in a tape file or disk file there is no such thing as an invalid character. Therefore it is necessary for the RJE user when creating disk or tape files for transmission by RJE to make sure that column one on all central computer control cards contains a null code (@00@).

The RJE user can create tape or disk files for RJE transmission by using the STREAM and TERMINATE super delimiters. If a card file is delimited by STREAM and TERMINATE, the MCP will return an exception condition if column one is an invalid character on 80 column equipment or a question mark on 96 column equipment. The card reader exception procedure must check for a question mark in column one and replace it with a null before writing the card image to tape or disk.

When using 96 column readers, question marks (?) in column one are treated the same as invalid characters by the B1700. The RJE user must avoid having data cards with question marks in column one.

The B1700 converts invalid characters in column one of 80 column readers to question marks.

CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEM CONTROL MESSAGES

Normal console printer input messages for transmission to the central computer use the following form (up to 72 characters):

<MIX INDEX>AX<MESSAGE>

where <MIX INDEX> refers to the mix number of the RJE/MCS program.

The content and format of these console printer messages is dependent on the central computer system. In general, these messages include all central computer system input messages which allow the remote user to check the status of, and exert control over, all programs and data files entered via the remote terminal.

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LOCAL CONTROL MESSAGES

If a console printer message is entered with a "." (period) as its first character, it is considered to be a local control message intended for the RJE/TERMINAL package. These are of the form:

<MIX INDEX>AX.OPERATOR

Note: The first character after AX must be a ".".

If the operator does not conform to any of the six possible commands, the message:

"ERROR: INVALID OPERATOR IN "." INSTRUCTION, RE-ENTER."

is displayed.

.CLCP

The close card punch, .CLCP, command will close the card punch file.

```
*****
*                                     *
*           <mix-index>AX.CLCP       *
*                                     *
*****
```

.CLLP

The close line printer, .CLLP, command will close the printer file.

```
*****
*                                     *
*           <mix-index>AX.CLLP       *
*                                     *
*****
```

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.CP NR

The card punch not ready, .CP NR, command informs the B1700 RJE/MCS program and the central computer system that the card punch has become not ready. The central computer system will temporarily suspend transmitting buffers for the punch device.

It is the responsibility of the B1700 RJE operator to inform the B1700 RJE/MCS program and the central computer, that the card punch is ready to receive data. The local control command ready card punch, .RY CP, has been provided for this purpose. If the card punch device has become inoperative, then the local control command save card punch, .SV CP, has been provided.

```
*****
*                                     *
*           <mix-index>AX.CP NR      *
*                                     *
*****
```

.EST

The establishment, .EST, command causes the B1700 RJE/NDLDCH program to attempt to re-establish the line connection with the central computer system. The message "ONLINE" is displayed when the line connection is re-established.

The .EST command may be used in conjunction with the retry function. The error message "RETRIES-UP" is displayed when the current buffer being sent to the central computer system is not being received. By entering the .EST command the buffer being sent will be discarded and an attempt will be made to re-establish the line connection.

```
*****
*                                     *
*           <mix-index>AX.EST        *
*                                     *
*****
```

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.LP NR

The line printer not ready, .LP NR, command informs the B1700 RJE/MCS program and the central computer system that the line printer has become not ready. The central computer system will temporarily suspend transmitting buffers for the printer.

It is the responsibility of the B1700 RJE operator to inform the B1700 RJE/MCS program and the central computer, that the line printer is ready to receive data. The local control command ready line printer, .RY LP, has been provided for this purpose. If the line printer has become inoperative, then the local control command save line printer, .SV LP, has been provided.

```
*****
*                                     *
*           <mix-index>AX.LP NR      *
*                                     *
*****
```

.QS=NNNN

The queue size, .QS=NNNN, command allows the user to set the maximum number of buffers than can be queued between the RJE/MCS and the network controller (See section on queue depth control). "NNNN" is one to four decimal digits that the new queue depth limit will be set to. A value of 0 for "NNNN" will set the queue depth to infinity.

```
*****
*                                     *
*           <mix-index>AX.QS=NNNN    *
*                                     *
*****
```

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.READ or .RE

The read, .READ or .RE, command causes the B1700 RJE/MCS program to open a card file labelled "RJE/CARDS" and begin transmitting the data to the central computer system. When the end of file condition has been detected, the card file will be closed. The .READ or .RE command is required to read each card file. A card file is any group of cards whose first card is a STREAM card and whose last card is a TERMINATE card.

The .READ or .RE command is only valid if the B1700 RJE/NDLDCH and RJE/MCS programs have been properly logged on with the central computer. It is possible to override this feature by entering the local command .RY CR.

```
*****
*
*           <mix-index>AX.READ
*
*****
```

---- or ----

```
*****
*
*           <mix-index>AX.RE
*
*****
```

.RY CP

The ready card punch, .RY CP, command informs the B1700 RJE/MCS program and the central computer system that the card punch device is now ready to receive data. Any data stream that was temporarily suspended by using the .CP NR local control command will continue without loss of data, if the local control command .SV CP was entered, the data file will be transmitted beginning from the first record of that file.

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The .RY CP command is only valid if the .CP NR or .SV CP was issued previously.

```
*****
*                                     *
*               <mix-index>AX.RY CP   *
*                                     *
*****
```

.RY CR

The ready card reader, .RY CR, command will enable the B1700 RJE/MCS program to read cards again, if the central computer has instructed the B1700 RJE/MCS program to halt temporarily or abort its card reader. The .READ or .RE local command is still required before the B1700 RJE/MCS program can start reading cards.

If the B1700 RJE/MCS program has not been properly logged on with the central computer, the .RY CR command will allow the B1700 RJE/MCS program to read cards and transmit the data file. In addition, the darkened field that is displayed after every console printer message sent from the central computer will be ignored.

```
*****
*                                     *
*               <mix-index>AX.RY CR   *
*                                     *
*****
```

.RY LP

The ready line printer, .RY LP, command informs the B1700 RJE/MCS program and the central computer system that the line printer is now ready to receive data. Any data stream that was temporarily suspended by using the .LP NR local control command will continue without loss of data. If the local control command .SV LP was entered, the data file will be transmitted beginning from the first record of that file.

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The .RY LP command is only valid if the .LP NR or .SV LP was issued previously.

.SIZE=NNN

The size, .SIZE=NNN, command allows the B1700 operator to set the maximum buffer size being transmitted to, and received from the central computer, where "NNN" is a three position decimal number from 080 to 402.

```
*****
*
*           <mix-index>AX.SIZE=NNN
*
*****
```

.STOP or .ST

The stop, .STOP or .ST, command notifies the central computer system that the B1700 system is terminating the RJE session. The B1700 RJE/NDLQCH programs breaks the Data Comm line connection and terminates the B1700 RJE/MCS program.

```
*****
*
*           <mix-index>AX.STOP
*
*****
```

---- or ----

```
*****
*
*           <mix-index>AX.ST
*
*****
```


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.WAIT or .WT

The wait, .WAIT or .WT, command will inform the central computer that the B1700 RJE/NDLDCH is going to break the Data Comm line connection and wait for a call from the central computer system. The B1700 RJE/NDLDCH program will issue a test-op for data-set-ready. When data-set-ready comes true, the B1700 RJE/NDLDCH will re-establish communication with the central computer.

The .WAIT or .WT can only be used when the Data Comm line connection between the central computer and the B1700 system is switched.

```

*****
*                                     *
*               <mix-index>AX.WAIT   *
*                                     *
*****

```

---- or ----

```

*****
*                                     *
*               <mix-index>AX.WT     *
*                                     *
*****

```

RJE/MCS OUTPUT MESSAGES

RJE/MCS may display a number of messages either in response to a local control message being entered, in response to a message being received from the central computer or when the program itself senses a condition of which the operator should be notified.

1. "ERRGR: INVALID OPERATOR IN "." INSTRUCTION, RE-ENTER."

The control command just entered was found to be invalid. The operator should enter the correct command.

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2. "ERROR: NO "=" IN ".QS" INSTRUCTION."

This message occurs when a ".QS" command message is entered which lacks an equal sign. The correct format is ".QS=NNNN". The ".QS" request will be ignored. The operator should re-enter the command correctly.

3. "ERROR: OPERATOR INVALID, DEFAULT VALUE USED."

This error occurs when a non-numeric field is entered in a ".SIZE=NNN" control message. The default buffer size of 402 will be used. If this value differs from the current value, a message will be sent to the central computer requesting a change be made to the buffer size.

4. "ERROR: OPERAND OUT OF RANGE, CURRENT VALUE USED."

This is displayed when a ".SIZE=NNN" control message is entered and the three digit decimal in the instruction is not between 80 and 402 inclusive. The current buffer size is assumed and no buffer size change is sent to the central computer.

5. "ERROR: ".QS" OPERAND INVALID."

If a non-numeric field is entered in a ".QS" control message, then this message is displayed. The control message will be ignored and it will be necessary to re-enter the message correctly.

6. "ERROR: ".QS" OPERAND TOO LONG."

More than four numeric character were entered in a ".QS" instruction. It will be necessary to re-enter the message correctly to change the change the queue depth.

7. "HOST SYSTEM CARD READER ABORT."

When a message is received from the central computer system aborting the remote card reader, this message is displayed. If a card file is active, the file is closed and flushed. It will not be possible to enter any other cards to the program until either a message from the central computer is received

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indicating that it will once again accept cards or a ".RY CR" control message is entered.

8. "HOST SYSTEM CARD READER HALTED."

This indicates that a request has been received from the central computer to temporarily suspend the remote card reader. The remote card file will still be retained but no further card buffers will be transmitted until a card reader ready message is received from the central computer or a ".RY CR" message is entered on the remote console printer.

9. "HOST SYSTEM CARD READER READY."

After either a "CARD READER ABORT" or "CARD READER HALT" message is sent by the central computer, when the central computer is able to receive data once again this message will be displayed. Cards will then be read by RJE/MCS.

10. "INPUT FILE EOF."

After processing an input file, the program will display this message when end of file has been read on the input file and the file is closed. A special end of file control message will also be sent to the central computer at this time.

11. "LOG FEATURE NOT IMPLEMENTED IN NDL/RJE."

The NDL generated handler has no provision for counting line activity.

12. "PARITY ERROR ON CARD PLEASE READ LAST CARD AGAIN."

When processing an input file, should a parity error occur this message will be displayed. The operator should re-submit the last card read.

13. "PRINTER EOF."

After an entire print file has been transmitted to the remote, the central computer transmits a special "EOF" control message.

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The RJE/MCS will close the printer file and display this message when the control message is received.

14. "PUNCH EOF".

After an entire punch file has been transmitted to the remote, the central computer will transmit a special "EOF" control message. The RJE/MCS program will close the punch file and display this message when the message is received.

15. "PRINT.PUNCH.QUEUE OVERFLOW: PROGRAM ABORT".

The RJE/MCS program maintains a disk file queue to store buffers received for the printer or punch after the device has become not ready and a ".LP NR" or ".CP NR" control message has been entered at the remote console printer to notify the central computer of a not ready condition. Should the central computer continue to send data to the remote site after receiving the not ready message, the disk file would eventually overflow. The RJE/MCS program will display this message, give a program dump of itself and go to end of job.

16. "REQUEST IGNORED: CARD FILE STILL OPEN".

If a ".READ" control message is entered while the RJE/MCS program has an input file active, this message will be displayed and the ".READ" message discarded.

17. "REQUEST IGNORED: CARD READER ABORTED".

If a ".READ" control message is entered while the card reader is aborted (the message "HOST SYSTEM CARD READER ABORTED" having been displayed but neither a ".RY CR" message entered nor a "HOST SYSTEM CARD READER READY." displayed), then this message is displayed. It will not be possible to enter cards until the card reader becomes ready.

18. REQUEST IGNORED: NOT LOGGED ON".

It is not possible to enter cards to the RJE/MCS program until a logged on control message has been received. If this is attempted, this message will be displayed in response to the

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".READ" control message. It is possible to override this feature by entering a ".RY CR" control message if the RJE/MCS program is not logged on.

19. "WARNING: STILL LOGGED ON."

If RJE/MCS detects an EOF on its remote file, indicating a "QC" system control message was entered to send the network controller to end of job, the RJE/MCS will display this message before going to end of job, if the B1700 was still logged on with the central computer.

RJE/NDLDCH OUTPUT MESSAGES

RJE/NDLDCH will display messages for certain error conditions which may be serious enough to require action by the operator; it will attempt to recover on its own if possible. The format of the error messages appears below.

1. "ESTABLISHMENT RETRIES UP."

When trying to establish a connection with the central computer, after fifty transmissions of an "ENQ", if a valid reply is not received, this message is displayed. RJE/NDLDCH will then send a "DLE-EOT" and disconnect if switch lines are being used. If leased lines are being used, RJE/NDLDCH will send an "EOT" and return to trying to establish a connection.

2. "HOST ESTABLISHING."

The receipt of an "ENQ" character from the central computer will cause this message to be displayed. It is an indication that the central computer system is re-establishing the connection between itself and the remote computer. RJE/NDLDCH acknowledges the message and continues.

3. "HOST TERMINATING."

The receipt of an "EOT" when running on leased lines or a "DLE-EOT" when running on switched lines will cause this

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message to be displayed. It is an indication that the central computer system is going down. RJE/NDLDCH will disconnect if running on a switch line or will attempt to re-establish if running on leased lines.

4. "LOSS OF DATA SET READY."

During the last I/O sequence, the data set went down. When this occurs, if switched lines are being used, RJE/NDLDCH will disconnect (if a connection had been established). The user must then re-dial the central computer system.

5. "ONLINE."

When attempting to establish communications with the central computer, either at the start of an RJE session or after the local command ".EST" was entered. This message will be displayed when a valid acknowledgement to the establishment request is sent by the central computer system.

6. "RETRIES UP."

This indicates that the current buffer being sent to the central computer is not being acknowledged, either due to the central computer NAKing the message or because of line problems which cause exceptions whenever the message is transmitted. After the retry limit has been reached, the "RETRIES UP." message is displayed by RJE/NDLDCH. RJE/NDLDCH then requeues the current buffer. If a buffer is queued for another station then it attempts to transmit it, otherwise, RJE/NDLDCH continues trying to transmit the same buffer. Should an ".EST" message be received at this time, then the message being re-transmitted will be discarded before the link is re-established.

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ASYNCHRONOUS DATA COMM WITH RJE

The NDL version of B1700 RJE/TERMINAL software allows the user to define other terminals, stations, lines and files in RJE/NDLDCH (the network controller). A user written program can then read and write to these additional stations asynchronously with the execution of RJE. The following is a list of restrictions that the user must adhere to in order to effect asynchronous data comm with RJE.

1. Any new stations added to RJE/NDLDCH must follow the fourth RJE station (Station S4).
2. RJE/MCS will unconditionally approve all remote file opens with the MCS non-participating as long as there are stations involved and the stations involved are not any RJE stations. Since RJE/MCS approves the "REMOTE FILE OPEN", it is necessary that RJE/MCS be executing when the user program starts executing or the user program will be suspended by the condition "NO MCS OR NETWORK CONTROLLER PRESENT."
3. RJE/MCS unconditionally approves any non-dummy station attached, as long as the attached station does not involve any RJE stations.
4. Whenever RJE/MCS causes the execution of RJE/NDLDCH all controls and requests will be started, whether the user program is present or not. When no user program is present, any messages received from non-RJE stations will be discarded. However, non-RJE messages received when the user program is present will be transferred to the user program by the network controller.

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FILES

RJE/MCS FILES

1. CARD FILE
INTERNAL NAME = RJE CARDS
LABEL = RJE/CARDS
DEVICE = CARD
OPEN.OPTION = INPUT
RECORDS = 80/1

2. PRINTER FILE
INTERNAL NAME = RJEPRINT
LABEL = RJE/PRINT
DEVICE = PRINTER OR BACKUP DISK
OPEN.OPTION = OUTPUT, LOCK
RECORDS = 132/1

3. PUNCH FILE
INTERNAL NAME = RJEPUNCH
LABEL = RJE/PUNCH
DEVICE = PUNCH OR BACKUP DISK
OPEN.OPTION = OUTPUT, LOCK
RECORDS = 80/1

4. MCS QUEUE FILE
INTERNAL NAME = MCSQUEUE
LABEL = MCSQUEUE
DEVICE = REMOTE WITH HEADERS
OPEN.OPTION = INPUT/OUTPUT
RECORDS = 455/1

5. PRINT PUNCH QUEUE
INTERNAL NAME = PRINT.PUNCH.QUEUE
LABEL = "RJE.MCS"/"QUEUE"
DEVICE = DISK, RANDOM

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RECORDS = 455/1

AREAS = 1/30

OPENED = INPUT, OUTPUT, NEW, LOCKOUT

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