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1 OPERATIONS

1.1 PDP-10 System

Friday	17 November	maintenance until 0835, system setup 0840-0915 system failure, offline 0920-1000, reloaded monitor system failure 1015-1320, monitor reloaded system offline 1410-1500, to enable restoration of files after numerous errors occurred on accounting and private files.
Monday	20 November	maintenance until 0845, system setup 0910.
Tuesday	21 November	system unavailable 0800-1400, while restoring disk packs.
Wednesday	22 November	system setup 0830-0900, teletype controller unit offline 0900-0912 system failure, offline 1725-1728, continued satisfactorily.
Thursday	23 November	system setup until 0850 system offline 1100-1115, monitor reloaded system offline 1445-1450, restarted successfully system offline 1503-1508, continued satisfactorily system offline 1543-1600, reloaded monitor.

2 CARRIAGE RETURN CHARACTER THROUGH BATCH

The character <cr> has a card punching 12-5-8-9. However, batch assumes card images terminated by the characters <cr><lf> and the occurrence of an isolated <cr> on a card is likely to cause batch to hang.

Please do not do this, <cr> and <lf> may be used in Macro by, for example

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margin
.*
.  BYTE(7) 15           ;<cr> only
.
.  [ASCIZ /           ;<cr><lf>
./]
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3 DECODE ERROR

The new decoder, when it leaves an argument string to be analysed by the called program, may improperly set up the pointer to the argument string, with the result that the first character of the argument string may be lost. This error occurs when the verb and argument are separated by a space and can be overcome for the moment, by using a comma as a separator. Thus,

DUMP ABC will fail

whereas

DUMP ,ABC will succeed

This error will be corrected in the near future.

4 LOST AND FOUND

A pair of blue-grey spectacles have been found at the Centre. They appear to be men's spectacles. Please contact Mr Dal Anderson for their recovery.