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DIAL-MS for 1600 BLOCKS

This version of DIAL-MS and PIP will automatically access all 1600 (octal) blocks of a LINCTape which has been marked with the "B" option of MARK12. The tape I/O routines were already capable of accessing tape blocks beyond 777. In most cases, patches to the DIAL-MS function routines eliminated the 777 block upper limit. However, as these patches were made to the DIAL editor, the assembler and to PIP, and NOT to the I/O routines, the results of using this version of DIAL on a disk system is questionable, but will probably work correctly.

When using this version of PIP to copy a 1000 block LINCTape onto a 1600 block LINCTape PIP will indicate via an error message that it is unable to access block 1000 on the original tape, of course because it does not exist. Use this error message as the indicator of the end of the copy run.

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