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CTSS BULLETIN #23

New Command: PRBIN

1. Purpose: PRBIN prints, on the user's console, the contents of a disk file in octal. This command may be used to examine SAVED or BSS files, as well as BCD files, when they happen to include non-printable characters. PRBIN calls CHNCOM, hence, it may be used in a chain of commands.
2. Format: PRBIN NAME1 NAME2 [Ø] [N] [R]
3. Execution: The file NAME1 NAME2 is printed in octal form, in groups of R words, (6 words per line).

Printing begins with the Nth word in the file, and every group is labeled with the rank of its first word, i.e., N, N+R, N+2R, etc...

Ø is optional, and when specified, must be the letter "Ø". Its effect is to allow N and the numbering to be specified as octal numbers, which may be more convenient in some cases.
4. Options: R may be omitted, and will be assumed 10, (or 8 if "Ø" is specified). R may not be greater than 40. N may be omitted, and will be assumed 1.