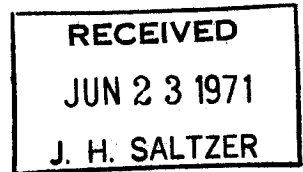


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Subject: Proposed changes in command status

Two proposed (independent) status changes, to be carried out primarily by appropriate documentation:

1. We should have a "runoff" facility as a supported part of Multics. I propose that we adopt the BCPL version of runoff as 'development system', and place the BCPL compiler in "tools", until we have a PL/I replacement for runoff. We should obtain Art Evan's permission first, and also plan to convert to PL/I as soon as possible.
2. Tom Kurtz' letter about the proprietary nature of BASIC and the Dartmouth System suggests that we reclassify all facilities from Dartmouth as Author-Maintained. This would help make clear that they are not "part of Multics" from contract, distribution, and documentation points of view.

Your comments are invited.

I agree with both suggestions.

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