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SUBJECT: Retrieval by Operations

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This is to document what must be done and who should do it in order to move the burden of retrieval from the users of the system to the Operations staff. This must be completed by October 1 so that the backup tapes can be declared not readable by programmers and thus remove an important security gap.

Primary Names: Mary Thompson

The concept of primary names must be implemented so that a user can know which of the many potential pathnames is to be used to specify a segment to be retrieved.

Dump Map Format: R. H. Campbell, J. M. Grochow

The dump map format must be made easier to read so that Operations can easily find the information needed in order to select a dump tape.

Retrieval Map Placement: R. H. Campbell

The retrieval map should be placed in a reasonable place such as the requesting users directory or the operators working directory instead of being left in the process directory with a unique name.

Directory Retrieval: R. H. Campbell, J. M. Grochow

The current retrieval control segment syntax is such that directory retrieval reloads a directory with two length branches. As a consequence of this, a miss-typed pathname of a segment can cause the deletion of all segments in a directory. A new syntax for directory retrieval should be developed.

Retrieval of Particular Version: R. H. Campbell

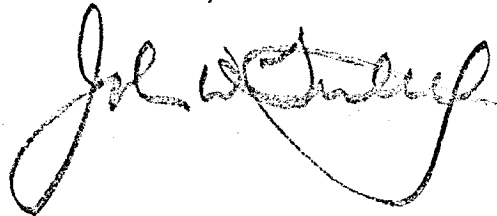
Incremental dump tapes frequently have several versions of the same segment on them. A means for specifying which instance of a segment is desired should be developed. This will enable a user to retrieve a version of a segment other than the last instance, thus overriding the default and currently only version which can be retrieved.

Design of Form: J. M. Grochow

A form must be designed on which retrieval requests are made.

Retrieval Procedure: J. M. Grochow, E. T. Reardon

A retrieval procedure to followed by the operators must be developed and documented.

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