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Output to the PDP-6 Calcomp Plotter

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The plotter on the console of the PDP-6 is currently attached to device number 774, and accepts stepping pulses given under control of a CONO to that device. Its normal mode of operation is to CONO the desired bits on, wait an instruction, and cono a zero.

No status information is available. The maximum stepping rate is 200 steps/second. The pen may be raised or lowered up to 10 times/second. Each step of the plotter is 1/100 inches. Routines are currently being written by Mike Speciner to operate the plotter in conjunction with the real time clock.

Status register:

Bit Effect

- 35 Move drum up one step
- 34 Move drum one step down
- 33 Move pen left one step
- 32 Move pen right one step
- 32 Move pen off paper
- 30 Move pen onto paper

Typical usage:

CONO 774, bits on

JFCL

Cono 774,0

On teletypes other than TTY// (the console TTY) only bits 28, and 32-35 will have an effect on CONI, and only bits 30-35 are available on EONI. Bits 20-23 and 33-35 are available on CONI at all times.

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