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## Memorandum

To: Addressee
From: J. M. Payne J/

Subject: 8-Feed Rotation

Attached is a simple block diagram of the positioning system for the eight-feed system. The eight-feed receiver is mounted on a rotating table within the front-end box. The eight feeds are defined to be at $0^{\circ}$ when the line of the feeds is parallel to the elevation axle. Normal operation will be confined to $90^{\circ}-270^{\circ}$ with hard limits at $45^{\circ}$ and $315^{\circ}$. Increasing angle is defined as CW when viewed down into the receiver box. The positioning accuracy will be better than $0.1^{\circ}$ and the speed of rotation will be $20^{\circ}$ /second.

The electronics will be a slightly modified version of the central mirror positioning electronics. Position information is derived from a 14 bit encoder attached to the table. The encoder reading is subtracted from digital commanded position and a D/A converter provides an error signal for a velocity loop driving the feed table.

All commands and status are transmitted vertically, one twisted pair for up data, one twisted pair for down. In computer control the input will be a 16 bit word (probably from DMUX II) and in manual control from either a 10 turn pot (followed by an A/D) or thumbwheels. The feed position will be continuously monitored and displaced in a decimal format with 0.1 resolution. A position error $>0.1^{\circ}$ will result in an error bit being set. We need to limit the commanded position to the range $+45^{\circ}$ to $315^{\circ}$. What is the simplest way to do this?

## Jobs

Job Person
Build up cards and card cage. ..... Ralph
Order components.
Get chassis drawn up and sent ..... Ralph
to GB.
Finish mechanical design. ..... Jeff
Decide on interfaces, etc. Bob, John
Bob, John, Jeff, and Ralph should meet sometime this week(3rd August) to discuss this.
JMP: jen
cc: Darrel Emerson
Phil Jewe11
Bob Freund
Jack Cochran
Jeff Kingsley
Ralph Becker
Betty Stobie


