Memo 4C-3/142

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Subject: Pointers in Subentries 001

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             Memo 4C-1/64 part 2).

During the 1975 4C-Meeting it was mentioned that the possibility of having pointers in the first subentry creates programming difficulties, as well as visual complications for the users. Since the benefits of this feature seem to be limited, such difficulties are, perhaps, not justified.

Meanwhile we came to the following conclusion about the feature of pointers in subentry 001: If there is at all a demand for this feature, this demand seems to occur so seldom that the implementation of this feature has low priority.
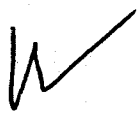
We therefore propose the following changes in the Manual:

to replace the paragraph on page IV.3.(= IV.2a) line 11-13 by: "A pointer is valid for one subentry only. A pointer must not be used in subentry 001. (Whenever the need for having pointers in subentry 001 is encountered, the subject may be reviewed again.)"

to add under (4) at the bottom of page V.2: "A pointer must not be entered in subentry 001. (Whenever the need for having pointers in subentry 001 is encountered, the subject may be reviewed again.)"

The entry 30290., which we considered as an experimental case of a generalized use of pointers, will be retransmitted without pointers in subentry 001. - Since 4C-1/64 did not mention our memo 4C-3/133, we assume that the application of pointers as proposed in 4C-3/133 does not create any difficulties at NNCSC.

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