THE 80 - COLUMN - EXPANSION SYSTEM MANUAL *-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 80 COLUMN EXPANSION SYSTEM

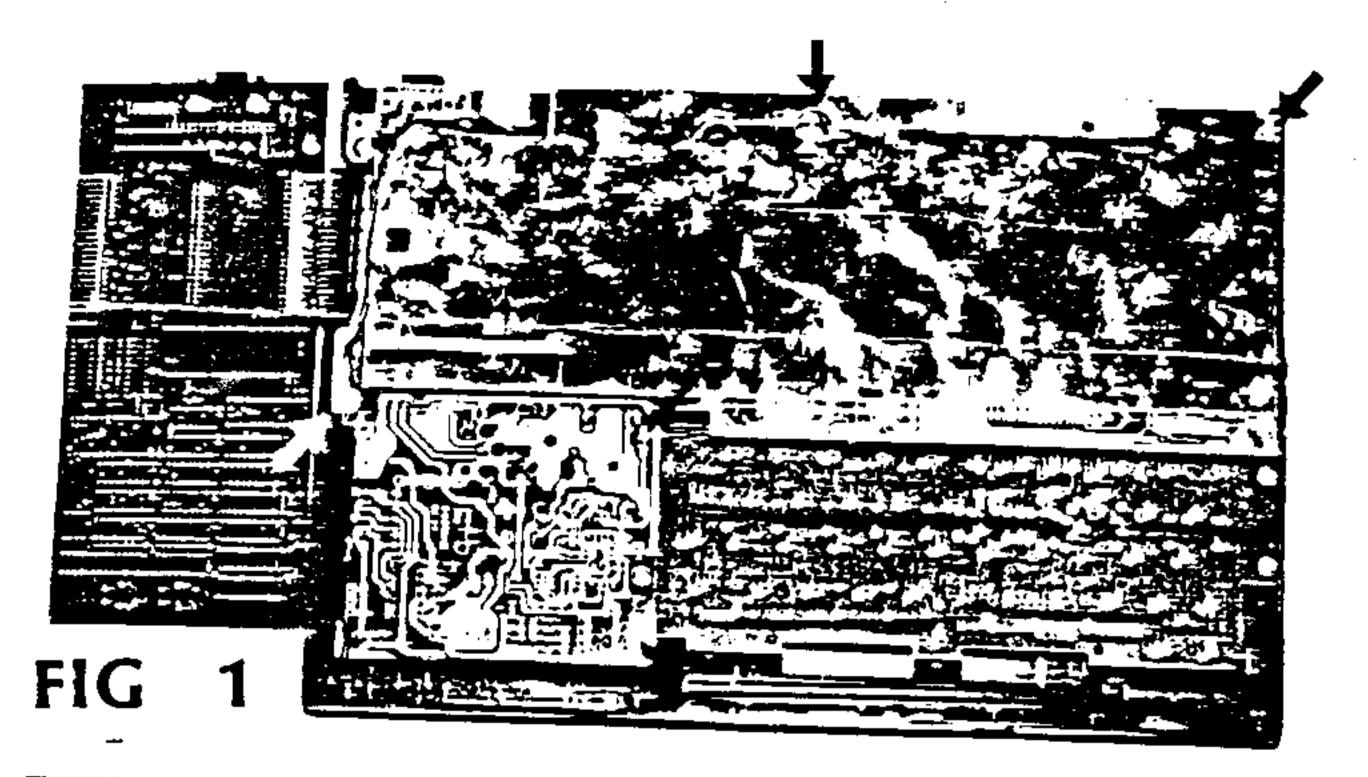
CONGRATULATIONS YOU ARE NOW AN OWNER OF THE MECHATRONIC 80 COLUMN-EXPANSION SYSTEM.

THE 80-COLUMN EXPANSION SYSTEM IS AN EXTENSION FOR THE TI 99/4A, WHICH GIVES YOU (WITH PROPER SOFTWARE) 80 COLUMNS AND 26 LINES. IN THE GRAPHICS MODE, YOU HAVE WITH THE PROPER SOFTWARE 256×212 PIXELS IN 256 COLORS OR 512×121 PIXELS IN 16 COLORS. THE 80-COLUMN SYSTEM IS ATTACHED TO THE SIDE (I/O PORT) OF THE TI 99/4A.

1.0 ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

FIRST YOU MUST DISASSEMBLE THE TI-CONSOLE. THE ONLY TOOL NEEDED IS A PHILLIPS-SCREWDRIVER, AND A PLACE AWAY FROM STATIC-ELECTRICITY. BE SURE NOT TO WEAR WOOL CLOTHIN.

- 1. TO TAKE THE CONSOLE APART, LAY IT FLAT UPSIDE DOWN ON THE TABLE AND REMOVE THE 7 SCREWS OF THE HOUSING.
- 2. AFTER YOU HAVE DONE THIS, AND YOU HAVE A BLACK CONSOLE, GENTLY PULL THE SWITCH STRAIGHT FORWARD.
- 3. REMOVE THE PLASTIC SHELL
- 4. MARK THE POSITION OF THE SHIELD-CLAMP AND REMOVE IT.
- 5. REMOVE THE SHIELD AND DISCONNECT THE CONNECTOR FROM THE POWERSUPPLY. (FIG.1)
- 6. WITH A SMALL SCREWDRIVER PRY LOOSE THE CONNECTOR FROM THE KEY-BOARD.BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THIS CABLE, SINCE IT IS VERRY STIFF AND EASY TO BREAK. (FIG.2)
- 7. NOW REMOVE THE PC-BOARD, AND REMOVE THE REST OF THE SHIELD (FIG. 3)



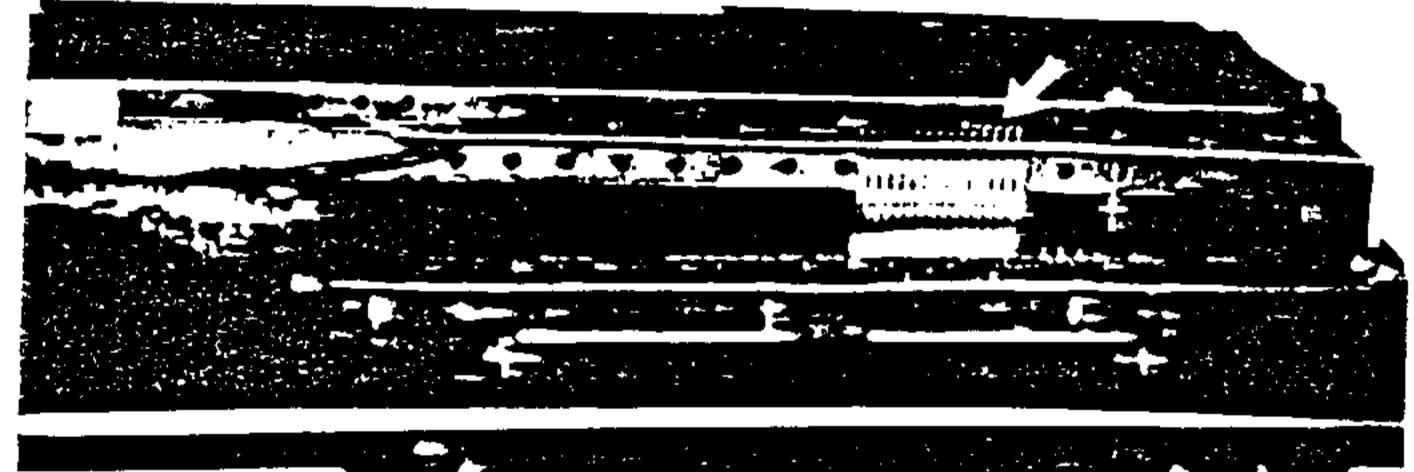


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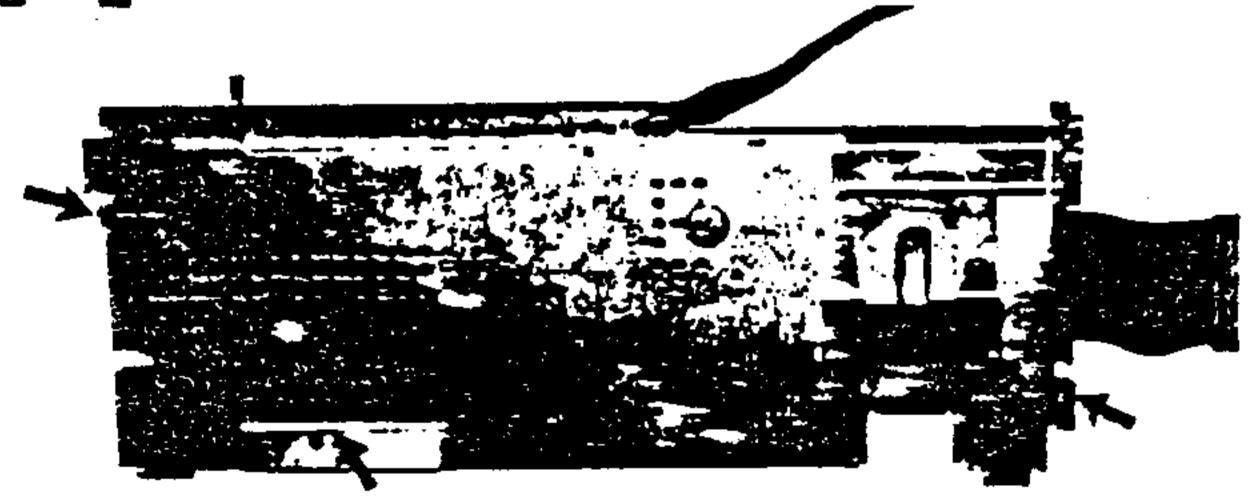


FIG 3

FIG 4



- 9. INSERT THE FLAT RIBBON CABLE INTO THE SOCKET, SO THAT THE BLACK WIRE OF THE CABLE IS CLOSEST TO THE CENTER OF THE PC-BOARD, AND ROUTE IT AROUND THE CARTRIDGE-PORT CONNECTOR. (FIG. 5)
- 10. UNSCREW THE SMALL COPPER CONNTACT PLATE ON THE I/O PORT AND SLIP THE CABLE THROUGH IT, THAN FASTEN IT BACK ON. NOW YOU ARE READY TO REASSEMBLE THE COMPUTER.
- 11. THIS IS DONE EXACTLY IN THE REVERSED WAY OF THE WAY TOU
- 12. BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO SQUEZE ANY WIRE OR SHORT ANY PC TRACES WITH THE COVER.
- 13. IF EVERYTHING FITS TOGETHER PROPERLY, REMOVE THE 4 PHILLIPS SCREWS ON THE 80 COLUMN-EXPANSION BOX AND LIFT UP THE COVER.
- 14. INSERT THE RIBBON-CONNECTOR INTO THE CONNECTOR IN THE SYSTEM. (FIG. 6)
- 15. YOU USE YOUR 80 COLUMN-SYSTEM IN THE SAME MANNER AS YOU DID
 T199/4A BEFORE ,EXCCEPT THE EXPANSION-SYSTEM HAS TO BE POWERD UP,
 FIRST WITH THE 5 VOLTS POWER-SUPPLY (THE ROUND CONNECTOR ON THE BACK OF THE CARD).
- 16. THE MONITOR CONNECTOR (9 PIN CONNECTOR) IS FOR THE RGB MONITOR WITH A TTL SYNC.OUTPUT.

A VIDEO-COMPOSITE INTERFACE CABLE IS AVAILABLE.

N O T E :

A TV SHOULD NOT BE USED, AS THE SCREEN -QUALITY IS VERY POOR.



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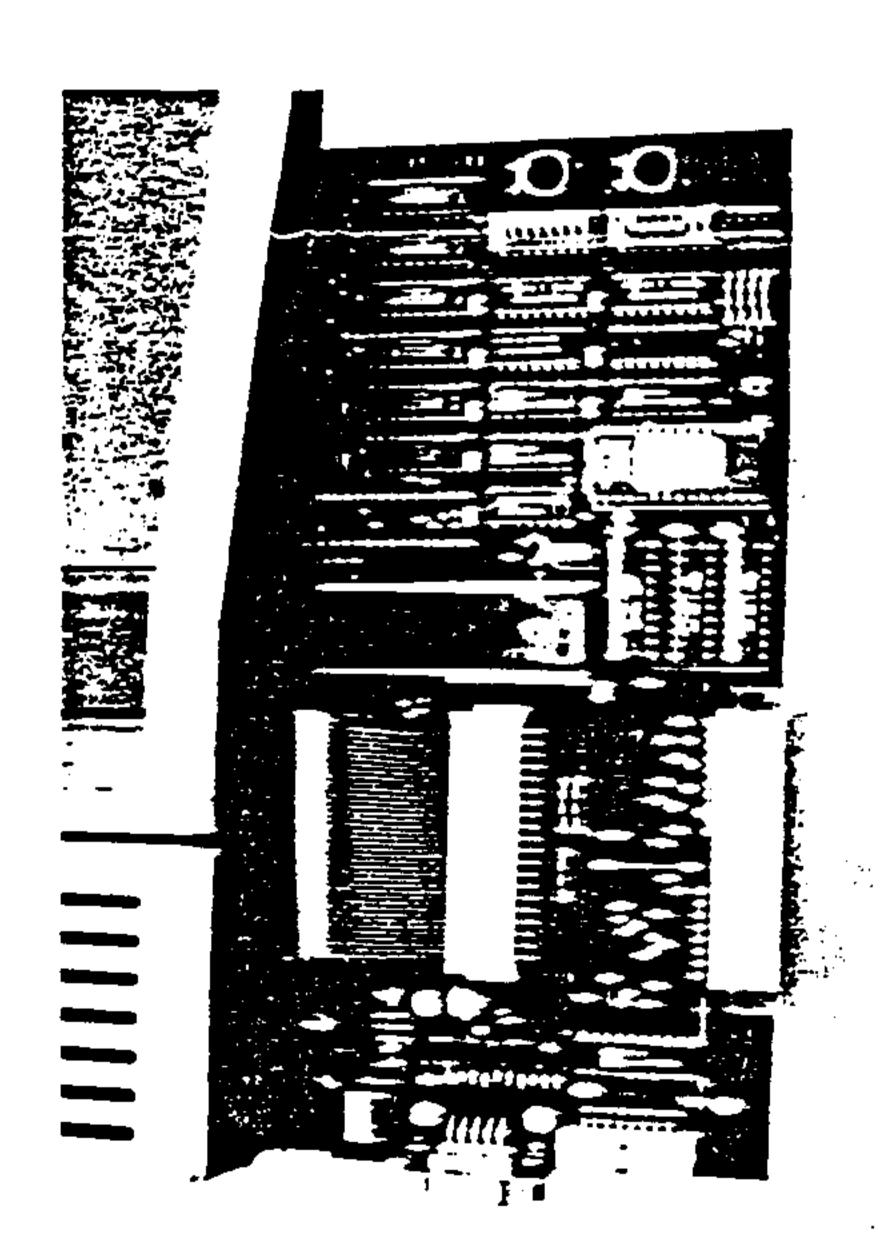


FIG 6

BASIC DIPSWITCH SETTINGS.

2.0. DIPSWITCH SETTINGS :

DIPSWITCH 1:

WITH THIS SWITCH YOU CAN ADJUST THE PICTURE ON YOUR MONITOR IN A CERTAIN RANGE:

S1 ON - UP S1 OFF- DOWN

S2-S4 INTENSITY OF THE MOVEMENT

S5 ON - LEFT S5 OFF RIGHT

S6-S8 INTENSITY OF THE MOVEMENT

DIPSWITCH 2 :

HAS A MULTI-FUNCTION:

- SI OFF PAL VERSION (VIDEO CONTROLER WORKS IN PAL 50 HZ
- SI ON NTSC VERSION VIDEO CONTROLLER WORKS TO NTSC SPECIFICATIONS
- S2 ON KEYBOARD INTERUPT IS PERMITTED
- S2 OFF KEYBOARD INTERRUPT IS NOT PERMITTED
- 33 ON US-ASCII IS LOADED
- S3 OFF GERMAN LETTERS ARE LOADED
- S4 TO S6 NOT IN USE AT THIS TIME

DIP SWITCH 3 :

DIPSWITCH 3 IS ONLY USED TO SELECT THE CRU - ADDRESS OF THE 80 COLUMN EXANSION SYSTEM

IMPORTANT:

FOR ERROR-FREE OPERATION OF THE CARD, THE ADDRESS HAS TO BE > 1000 . NO OTHER ADRESS IS ALLOWED.
FOR THAT REASON ALL SWITCHES HAVE TO BE SET TO "UN"

SHOULD ANOTHER EXPANSION BE SET TO THIS ADDRESS, PLEASE ASK THE MANUFACTURER FOR THE CHANGE OF THIS ADDRESS.

TI USED THIS ADDRESS FOR TESTING, AND THERE SHOULD BE NO OTHER CARD ON IT.

2.1. THE BUTTONS

ON THE PC-BOARD ARE TWO BLACK-BUTTONS, WHICH CAN BE REACHED WITH A PENCIL THROUGH THE TWO HOLES IN THE COVER. THIS WAS NECESSARY, BECAUSE TI MADE SOME CONSOLES WITH FALSE VALUES. IF YOU TURN YOUR CONSOLE ON, AND NOTHING OR UNDEFINED CHARACTERS ARE VISIBLE, JUST PRESS THE LEFT BUTTON, AND THE VIDEO-CONTROLLER OF THE 80 COLUMN-EXPANSION WILL ADJUST FOR THE DIFFERENCE AND EVERYTHING WILL WORK AS BEFORE.

IF YOU DONT HAVE ONE OF THESE CONSULES SET DIP-SWITCHH 2 S2 TO THE OFF POSITION

THE RIGHT BUTTON HAS NO FUNCTION AT THIS TIME.

3. BUILT-IN SOFTWARE:

THE 80 COLUMN CARD HAS AN EPROM WITH DIVERSE SOFTWARE BUILT IN, WHICH TAKES OVER AS SOON AS YOU TURN YOUR COMPUTER ON TO INITIALIZE THE CARD, IT WILL TAKE UP TO 2 SEC. IN THIS SETTING YOUR TI WILL WORK NORMALLY.

THERE IS ONLY ONE EXCEPTION, THE VDP-RAM IS LOWERED BY 2 BYTES.

4.0.0 TEXT MODES: *********

FROM THE EXTENDED BASIC OR FROM OTHER MODULES YOU CAN CALL FOR THE 80-COLUMN. THIS CAN BE DONE EXACTLY LIKE A PRINTER COMMAND . THE FILE NAME IS TEXT 80 ". AS FILE TYPE ONLY FILES WITH DISPLAY AND A FILE LENGTH OF 80 CAN BE CHOSEN.
THE NAME TEXT 80 CAN BE EXTENDET IF YOU ADD A PERIOD.

HAVE THE RIGHT CLOSING STATEMENTS, SO THAT THE REGISTERS OF THE VIDEO-CONTROLER ARE CLEARED AND THE PROGRAM NORMALLY CONTINUES.

4.1.0 "TEXTSO". THE NAME TEXTSO CAN BE EXPANDED AS FOLLOWES:

4.1.1 FROM EXTENDED BASIC :

"TEXT80".0000E0002000"

IN EXTENSES BASIC YOU CAN USE THE DEFAULT SETTING:

"TEX 180"

- 100 OPEN #1:"TEXT80.0000E0002000000"
- 110 FOR X= 1 TO 20
- 120 PRINT #1:"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv wxyz(:)1234567890ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[/],!"
- 130 NEXT X
- 140 CALL KEY(0,S,T)::IF T=0 THEN 140
- 150 CLOSE #1

WITH THE COMMAND PRINT# YOU ARE ABLE TO WRITE DIRECT TO THE SCREEN INPUT# OR LINPUT# DATA CAN BE INSERTED THROUGH THE KEY-BOARD. YOU CAN USE THE NORMAL EDITING KEYS (DELETE , INSERT, AND AROW-KEYS) IF YOU USE THE PRINT STATEMENT, THE CURSOR IS AUTOMATICALLY RETURNED AFTER A DATASENTENCE, AND SET TO A NEW BEGINNING LINE. THE TEXT-MODE IS CLOSED WITH THE STATEMENT CLOSE #1.AND YOUR COMPUTER SWITCHES BACK TO THE NORMAL MODE.

IMPORTANT :

IF THERE IS A BRAKE OR ERROR DURING A PROGRAM, AND YOU ARE IN THE TEXT80 MODE THERE COULD BE ERROROUS SYMBOLS ON THE SCREEN. THROUGH EDITING WITH AN NONEXISTING PROGRAMLINE (1 REM) THE TEXT-MODE WILL BE CLOSED.

4.2 SPECIAL CONTROL CHARACTERS FOR THE 80 COLUMN-EXPANSION:

THERE ARE SOME SPECIAL CHARACTERS ASSIGNED FOR THE CONTROL OF THE SOFTWARE.

THEY ARE THE SAME AS YOU WOULD USE FOR A REGULAR PRINTER, IN THE SAME FORMAT.AS WITH THE REGULAR T199/4A.

THE TEXT-MODE WILL BE OPENED WITH AN "OPEN" COMMAND. THE SCREEN WILL BE SET FOR 80 COLUMNS.

4.2.1. CLEARING OF THE SCREEN

WITH THE CONTROL CHARACTER CHAR(17) WILL WIPE THE SCREEN BLANK. SAME EFFECT AS IN BASIC "CALL CLEAR"

SHOULD YOU HAVE A CONSOLE ON WHICH YOU HAVE TO PRESS THE LEFT BUTTON THEN YOUR OPENING STATEMENT SHOULD BE :

"TEXT80.0700E0F00CF8"

WITH REGULAR BASIC (WITHOUT PRESSING THE BUTTON)
YOU CAN USE:

"TEXT80.0000E0000C00"

4.1.2 EDITOR-ASSEMBLER:

"TEXT80.0000E0000E01"

4.1.3 TI-WRITER PRINT SECTION :

"TEXT80.0000E0000E01"

THE VALUES ARE AS FOWLLOWS :

THE FIRST TWO DIGITS: 16KBYTE RAM-BANK OF THE VDP-RAM

3RD AND 4TH DIGIT VALUE OF THE VDP-REGISTER 0

5TH AND 6TH DIGIT VALUE OF THE VDP-REGISTER 1

7TH AND 8TH DIGIT VALUE OF THE VDP-REGISTER 2

9TH AND 10TH DIGIT VALUE OF THE VDP-REGISTER 3

11TH AND 12TH DIGIT VALUE OF THE VDP-REGISTER 4

AFTER THIS, 2 MORE BYTES CAN BE ADDED AS EXPANSIONS. THE START ADDRESS OF THE CURSOR ON THE SCREEN .

EXAMPLE: "TEXT80.0000E00020000000"

WITH THIS THE CURSOR WILL BEGIN IN THE UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER OF YOUR SCREEN.

THE WAY TO OPEN THE 80 COLUMN-TEXTMODE, IS DONE EXACTLY AS WITH THE TIP9/4A WITH AN OPEN COMMAND. (SEE EXEMPLE).

SAMPLE PROGRAM: (ON DISK FILE NAME "TEST!"

SITH THE STATEMENT OPEN #1:"TEXT80", AND THE MONITOR IS SET FOR THE 80 COLUMN MODE.AND ALL NORMAL COMMANDS TO THE SCREEN LIKE CALL CHAR, CALL CLEAR ... ARE ACTIVE BUT NOT VISUAL, UNTIL YOU CLOSE THE TEXT MODE THEN YOU SEE THE RESULTS.

4.3.0 BY INPUT TAKE OVER SCREEN DISPLAY.

AFTER THE OPENING OF TEXTSO ALL LINES FOR AN INPUT ARE CLEARD SHOULD THE LETTERS WHICH ARE ALREADY ON THE SCREEN TO BE DISPLAYED WITH THE INPUT COMMAND. THIS CAN BE DONE WITH THE CONTROL CHARACTERS: CHR\$(27); CHR\$(105)

TO RETURN TO THE BEGINNINGS VALUE THE CONTROL CHARACTERS ARE USED CHR\$(27); CHRR\$(106)

5.0.0 PIN OUT FOR MONITOR :

THE 9-PIN SUB-D CONNECTOR IS USED FOR CONNECTING THE RGB MONITOR TO THE 80 COLUMN EXPANSION.

PIN 1 GROUND

PIN 2 GROUND

PIN 3 R-SIGNAL (ANALOG)

PIN 4 G-SIGNAL (ANOLOG)

PIN 5 B-SIGNAL (ANALOG)

PIN 6 OPEN

PIN 7 + 5V

PIN 8 SYNCHRUNISATION (TTL)

PIN 9 OPEN

5.1 COLOR DEFINITION:

THE TI 99/4A HAS 14 BASIC COLORS, WHICH CAN BE DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN THESE COLORS CAN BE FURTHER DEFINED.

THE DEFINED COLOR VALUES ARE IN THE COMPUTER, UNTIL A HARDWARE RESET APPEARS. YOU SHOULD BE CAREFULL WITH THE COLOR CHANGES, OR, AS A RESULT YOU CAN HAVE A BLACK SCREEN AND YOUR LETTERS ARE

THE DEFINITION OF THE COLORS ARE CALLED BY A FILE DEFCOL", IT IS A DISPLAY VARIABLE 80 FILE. A SIMPLE WAY TO CHANGE COLORS IS TO : OPEN #1: DEFCOL".

PRINT#1:"1777,7000"

1 DEFINES THE COLOR WHITE, AND 7 BLACK.
FOR EACH COLOR THERE IS A 7 DIGIT NUMBER.
THE FIRST DIGIT DESIGNATES THE COLOR (0-9 AND A-F)
PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE TO DEDUCT 1 FROM THE BASIC KNOWN NUMBERS.
THE OTHER 3 DIGITS DETERMINE THE COLOR PARTS, STARTING WITH BLUE THEN RED AND LAST GREEN. THE VALUES ARE RANGING FROM 0 TO 7.
0 GIVES YOU THE LEAST INTENSITY AND 7 IS THE MAXIMUM.
AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED THE DEFINITION OF YOUR COLORS, YOU HAVE TO CLOSE THE FILE AGAIN WITH CLOSE #1.
TO SEE ALL COLOR-SHADES POSSIBLE RUN EXEMPLE PROGRAM "DEFCOL"

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR NEW TOY, AND GOOD LUCK...

SHOULD YOU COME UP WITH SOME NEW PROGRAMS FOR THE 80-COLUMN SYSTEM PLEASE SHARE IT WITH US. THANK YOU.

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4.2.8. DEFINITION OF THE BLINK FREQUENCY

THE BLINK FREQUENCE CAN BE CHANGED FROM 0 SEC. TO 1 SEC. THE CONTROL CHARACTER USED ARE FOLLOWING.

PRINT #1: CHR\$(27); CHR\$(102); CHR\$(n)

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME CLOSE VALUES:

NORMAL			BLINK		
16 32 48 64 80 96 112 128 160	0.00 0.16 0.33 0.5 0.67 0.83 1.00 1.17 1.34 1.67	SEC SEC SEC SEC SEC	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	INK 0.00 0.16 0.33 0.5 0.67 0.83 1.17 1.34 1.67	SEC SEC SEC SEC SEC
192 208 224	1.84 2.00 2.17 2.34 2.5	SEC SEC	12 13 14	2.00 2.17 2.34 2.5	SEC SEC

IF YOU SELECT O FOR THE NORMAL DISPLAY, THAN YOU CAN MARK SPECIFIC FIELDS ON THE SCREEN

4.2.9. CHARACTER DEFINITION:

TO THE TI-WRITER.

TO DEFINE A CHARACTER SIMILAR TO THE CALL CHAR COMAND IN BASIC LIKE IN BASIC, THIS IS DONE AS FOLLOWS:

PRINT#1:CHR\$(27);CHR\$(38);CHR\$(0);CHR\$(N);"DEFSTR\$"

DEFSTR\$ HAS THE SAME FORM AS IN BASIC CALL CHAR.

N IS GIVEN IN ASCII- VALUES FOR THE CHARACTER TO BE DEFINED.

TO GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL DEFINATION OF THE CHARACTERS LIKE IN BASIC

CALL CHARSET. YOU WILL USE CHR\$(27);CHR\$(38);CHR\$(1)

NOW DEPENDING ON THE POSITION OF DIPSWITCH 2 ,SWITCH 3 SETTING TO LOAD THE ASCII (USA) OR THE GERMAN CHARACTER SET.

DEPENDING ON DIP-SWITCH 2 SWITCH 3

THE CHARACTER-SET HAS 255 CHARACTERS,AND IS UP TO CHARACTER 32 EQUAL

FOREGROUNDCOLOR BACKGROUND-COLOR 0 TRANSPARENT 0 TRANPARENT 16 BLACK 1 BLACK 32 MEDIUM GREEN 2 MEDIUM GREEN 48 LIGHT GREEN 3 LIGHT GREEN 64 DARK BLUE 4 DARK BLUE 80 LIGHT BLUE 5 LIGHT BLUE 96 DARK RED 6 DARK RED 112 MEDIUM BLUE 7 MEDIUM BLUE 128 MEDIUM RED 8 MEDIUM RED 144 LIGHT RED 9 LIGHT RED 10 DARK YELLOW 160 DARK YELLOW 176 LIGHT YELLOW 11 LIGHT YELLOW 192 DARK GREEN 12 DARK GREEN 208 MAGENTA 13 MAGENTA 224 GRAY 14 GRAY 240 WHITE 15 WHITE

TO RECEIVE THE FULL VALUE OF a YOU HAVE TO ADD THE FOREGROUND-COLOR TO THE BACK-GROUND COLOR.

4.2.2. CURSOR IN THE UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER:

DURING WRITING TO THE SCREEN THE CURSOR CAN BE POSITIONED TO THE

UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER OF THE SCREEN WITH CHR\$(19)

THIS COMMAND CAN BE GIVEN AT ANY TIME .

4.2.3. TURN ON BLINK ATTRIBUTE :

WITH THE CONTROL CHARACTER CHR\$(18) THE BLINK-ATTRIBUTE IS TURNED ON AND ALL CHARACTERS TYPED IN FROM THIS MOMENT WILL BE BLINKING

IN THE MIDST OF A SENTENCE YOU CAN TURN IT OFF WITH THE CONTROL CHARACTER CHR\$(20)

4.2.4. CLEARING OF THE BLINK-ATTRIBUTE :

BLINKING CHARACTERS ON THE SCREEN, WILL STAY SO UNTIL A SCREEN SCROLL OR A CLOSE STATEMENT IS ISSUED. WITH THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS YOU CAN ERASE THE BLINKING OF THE CURSOR: CHR\$(27);CHR\$(101) AND NONE OF CHARACTERS ON THE SCREEN WILL BE BLINKING SAMPLE PROGRAM ON DISK "TEST2"

4.2.5. CURSOR POSITIONS.

THROUGH THE CONTROL CHARACTERS CHR\$(27); CHR\$(98); CHR\$(n); CHR\$(m) > YOU CAN PLACE THE CURSOR AT ANY SPOT ON THE SCREEN YOU LIKE TO THE VALUE n IS DESIGNATED FOR THE ROW (0 TO 25)
THE VALUE m IS DESIGNATED FOR THE COLUMN (0 TO 79)
THE CONTROL SEQUENCE IS:
CHR\$(27); CHR\$(98); CHR\$(8); CHR\$(40)
THIS POSITIONS THE CURSOR IN THE
9 TH ROW AND IN THE 41ST COLUMN FROM THE TOP.

4.2.6 INPUT LENGTH DEFINITION:

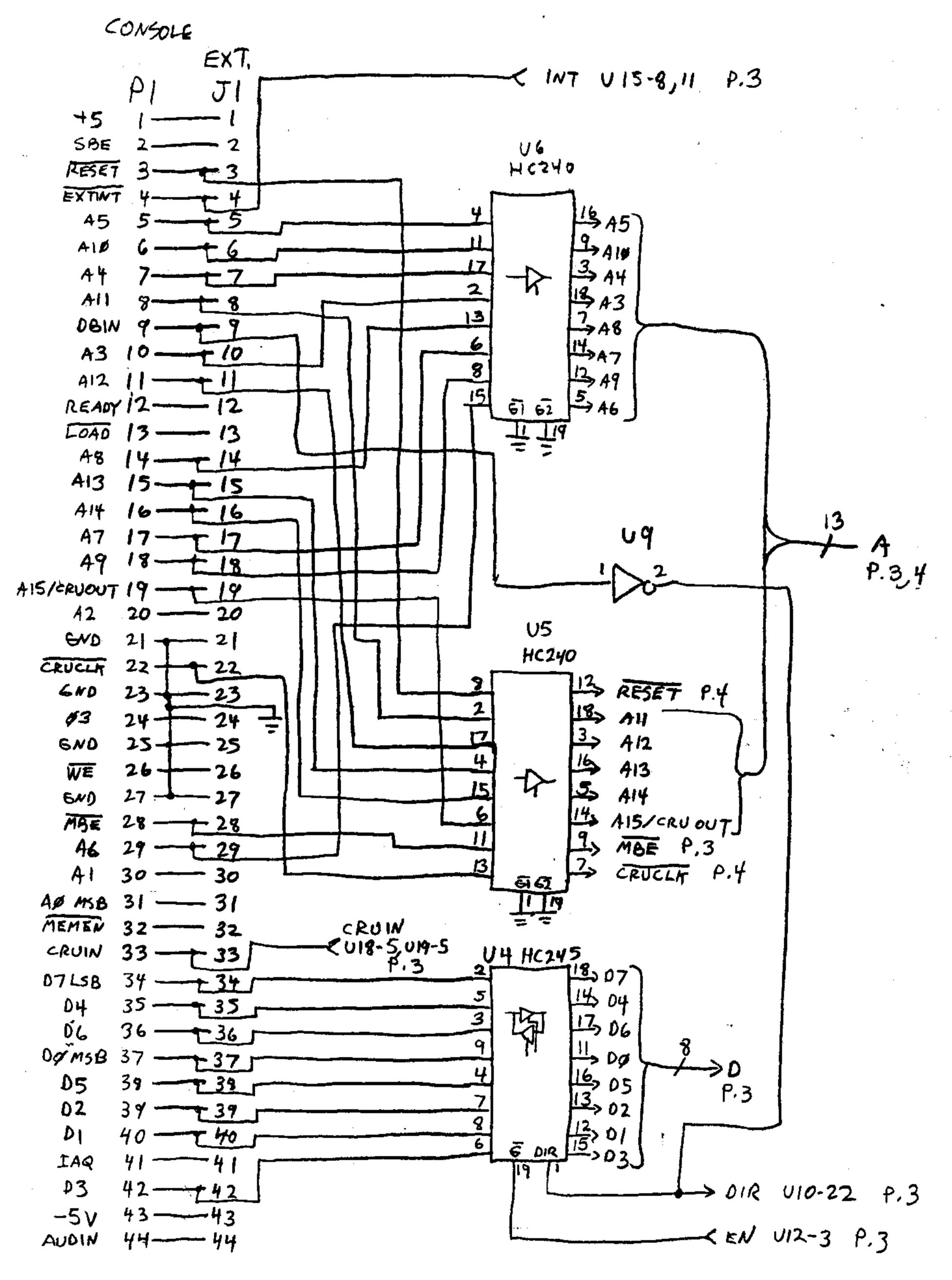
USUALY AN INPUT-LINE IS CONSIDRED FROM THE CURSOR
POSITION TO THE END OF THE SCREEN. THE INPUT CHARACTER LENGTH
CAN BE DETERMENED BY THE FOLLOWING CONTROL CHARACTERS:
CHR\$(29);CHR\$(112)CHR\$(n)
n IS THE LENGTH OF THE INPUT CHARACTER, AND CAN ONLY
BE 0 TO 79 CHARACTERS (NEVER OVER THE SCREEN OR LONGER THAN 80).

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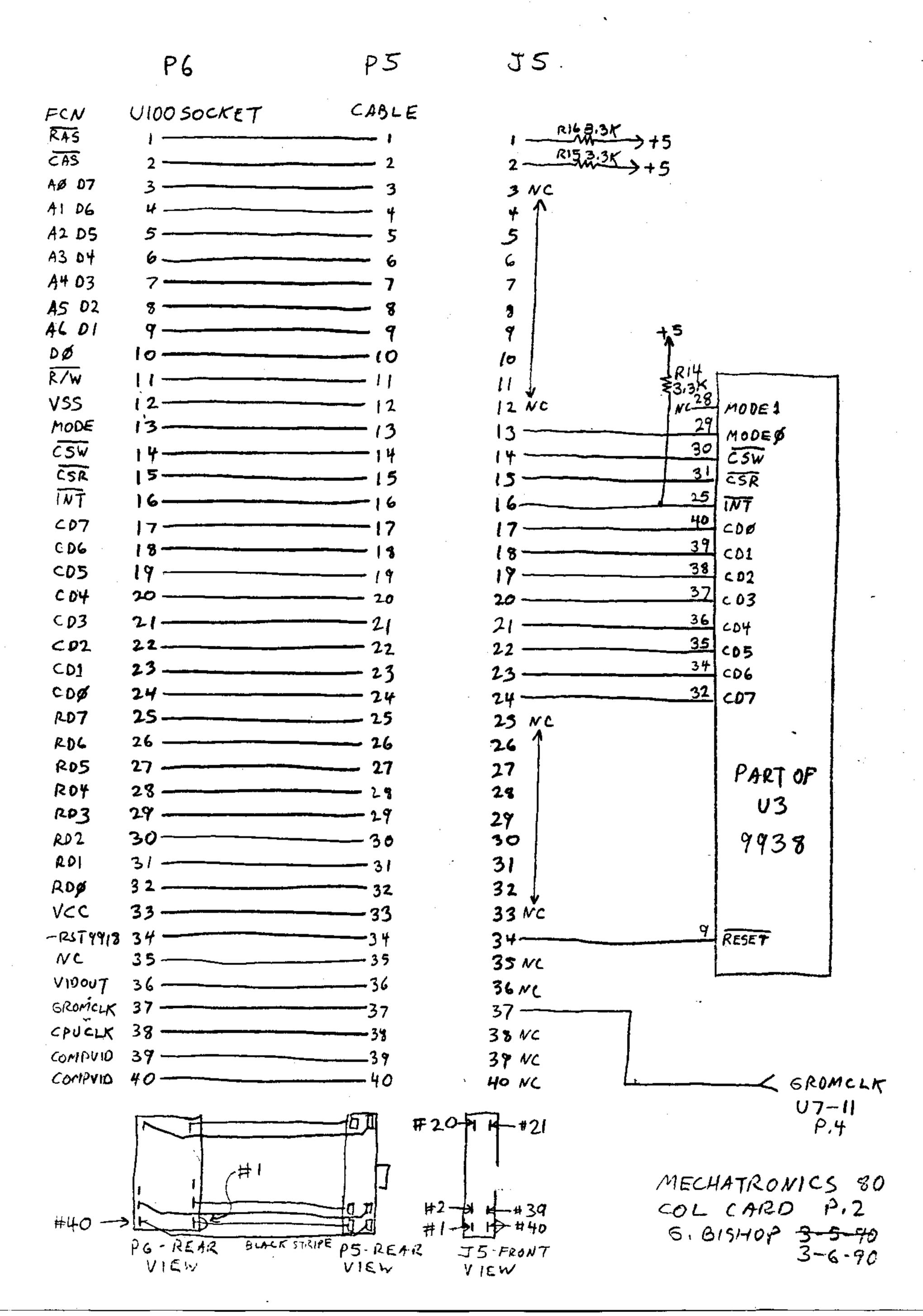
IF A CHARACTER INPUT IS DEFINED FOR 12 COLUMNS THIS CAN ONLY BE CHANGED WITH THE CONTROL-CHARACTER: CHR\$(27); CHR\$(112); CHR\$(80) BACK TO 80 COLUMN

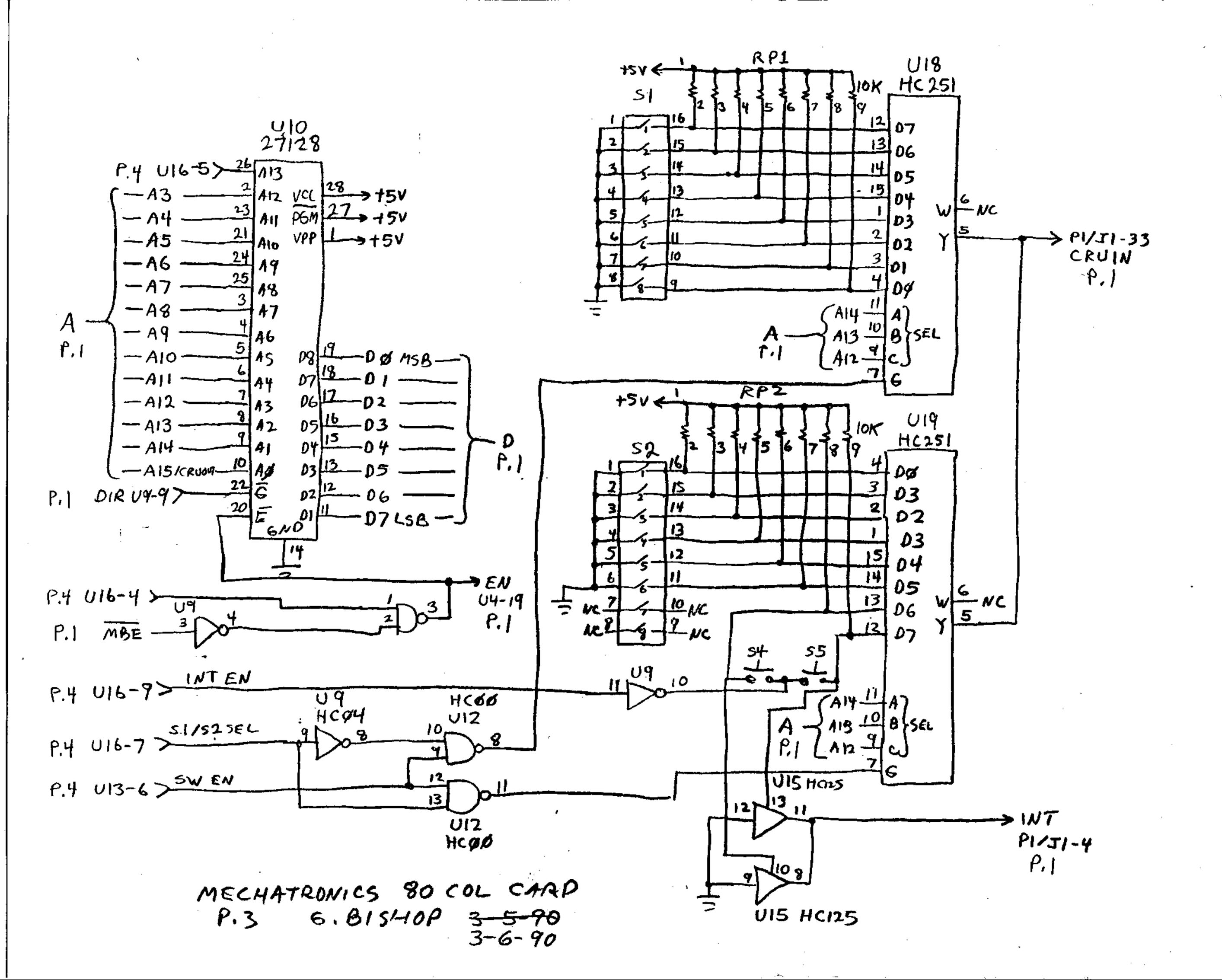
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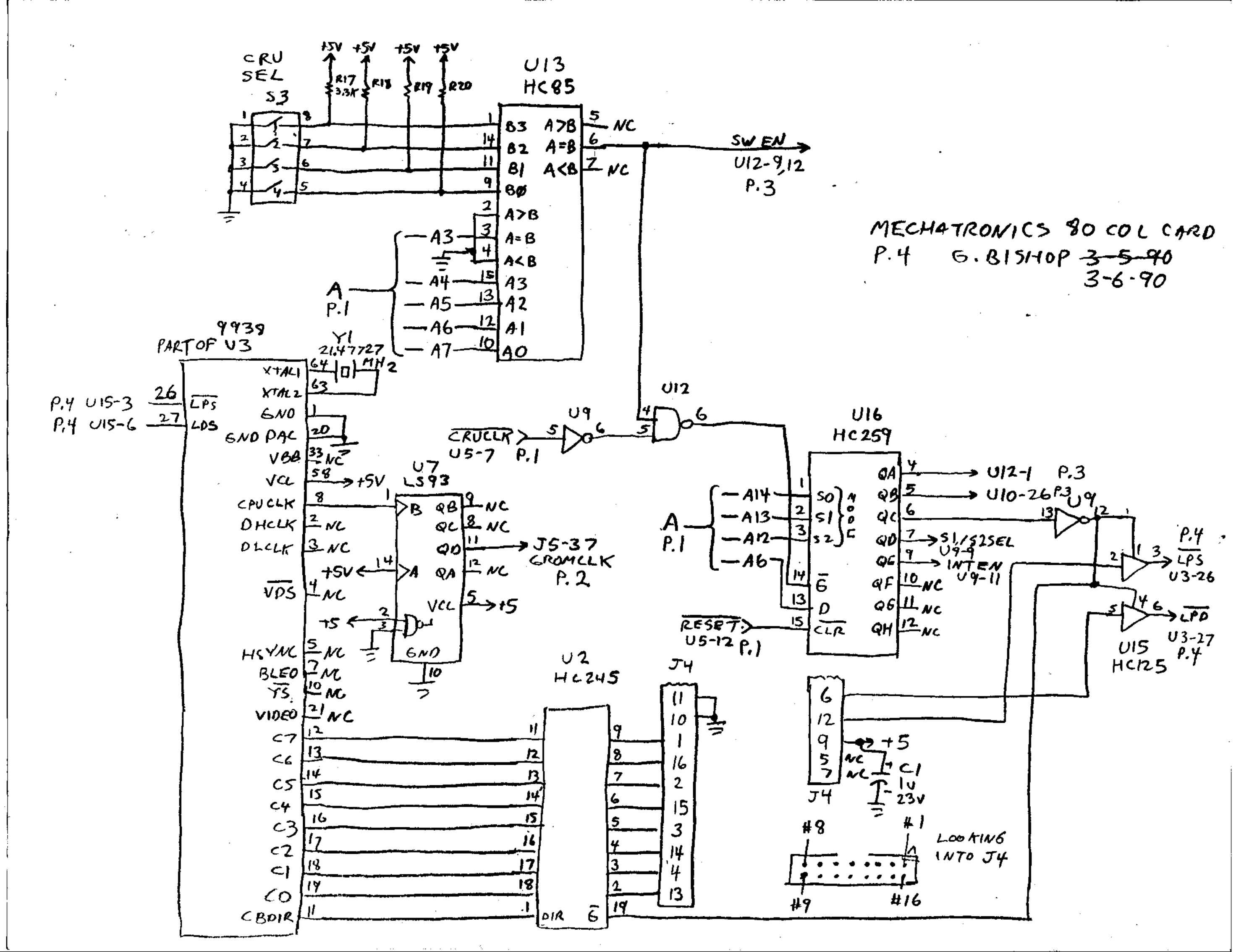
NORMALLY THE COLORS ARE SET BLACK BACKGROUND AND WHITE CHARACTERS. THE COLORS CAN BE CHANGED TO YOUR LIKINGS.
CONTROL CHARACTERS: CHR\$(27); CHR\$(99); CHR\$(n); CHR\$(m)
n IS THE DEFINITION OF THE NORMAL COLORS
m IS THE DEFINITION OF THE BLINKER.

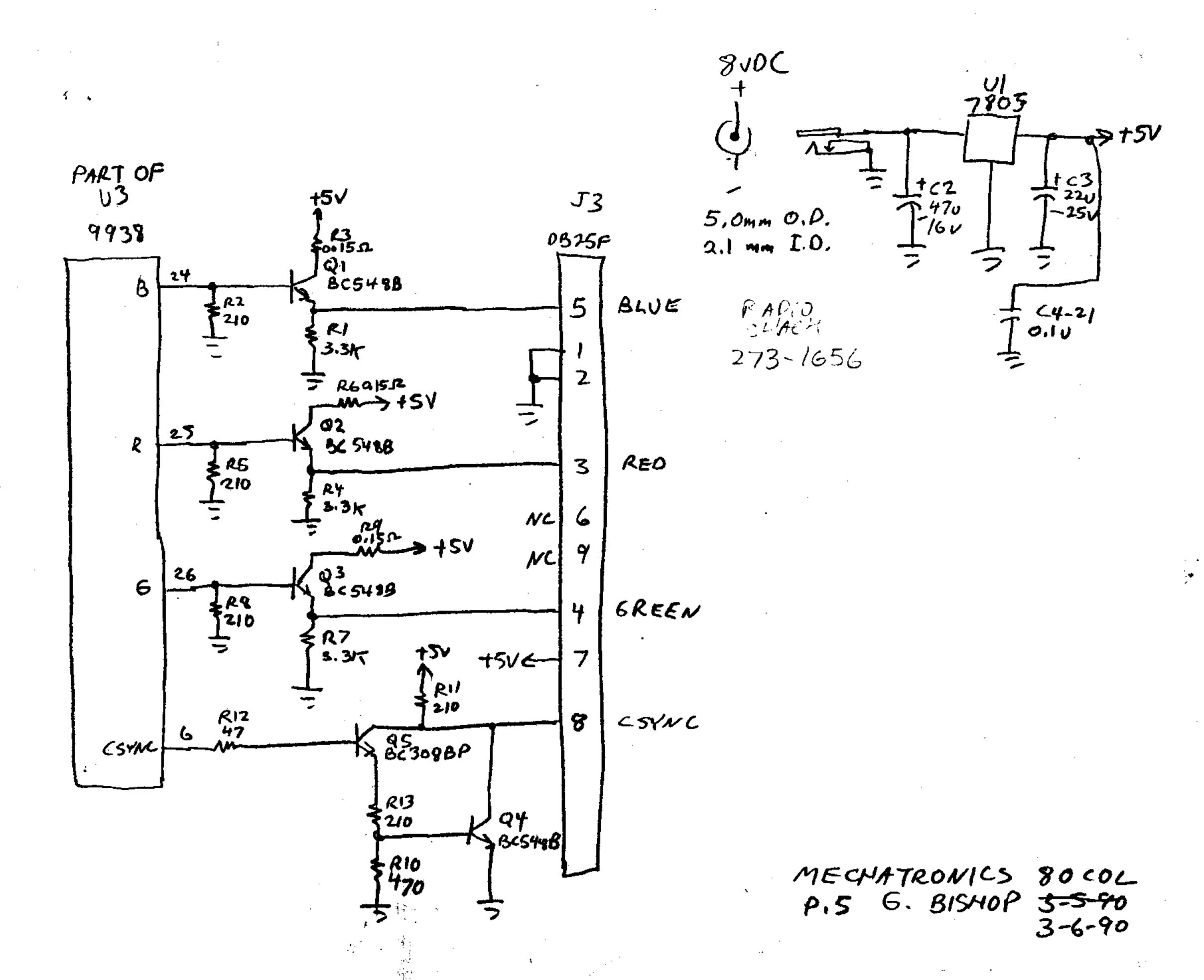


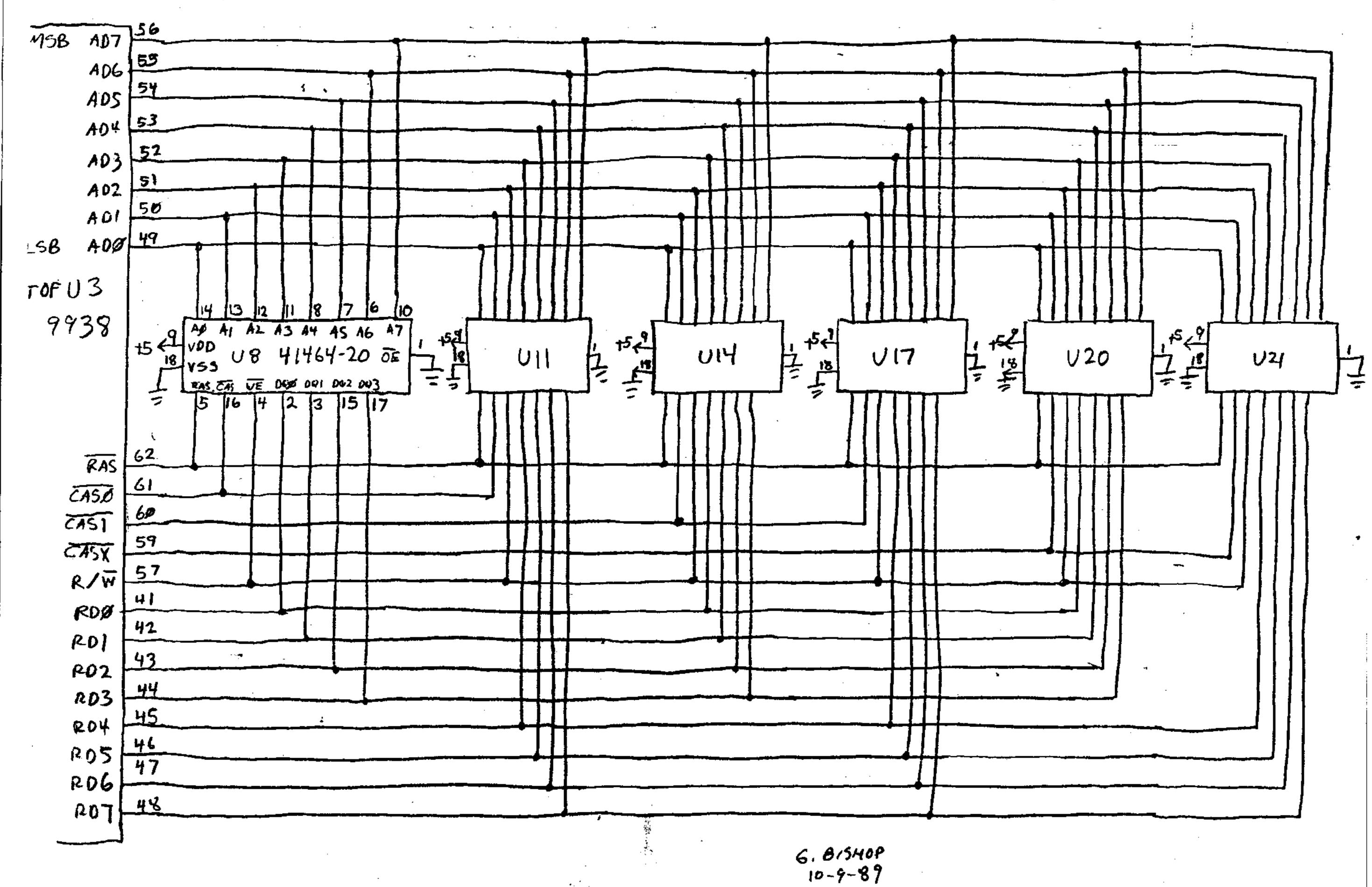
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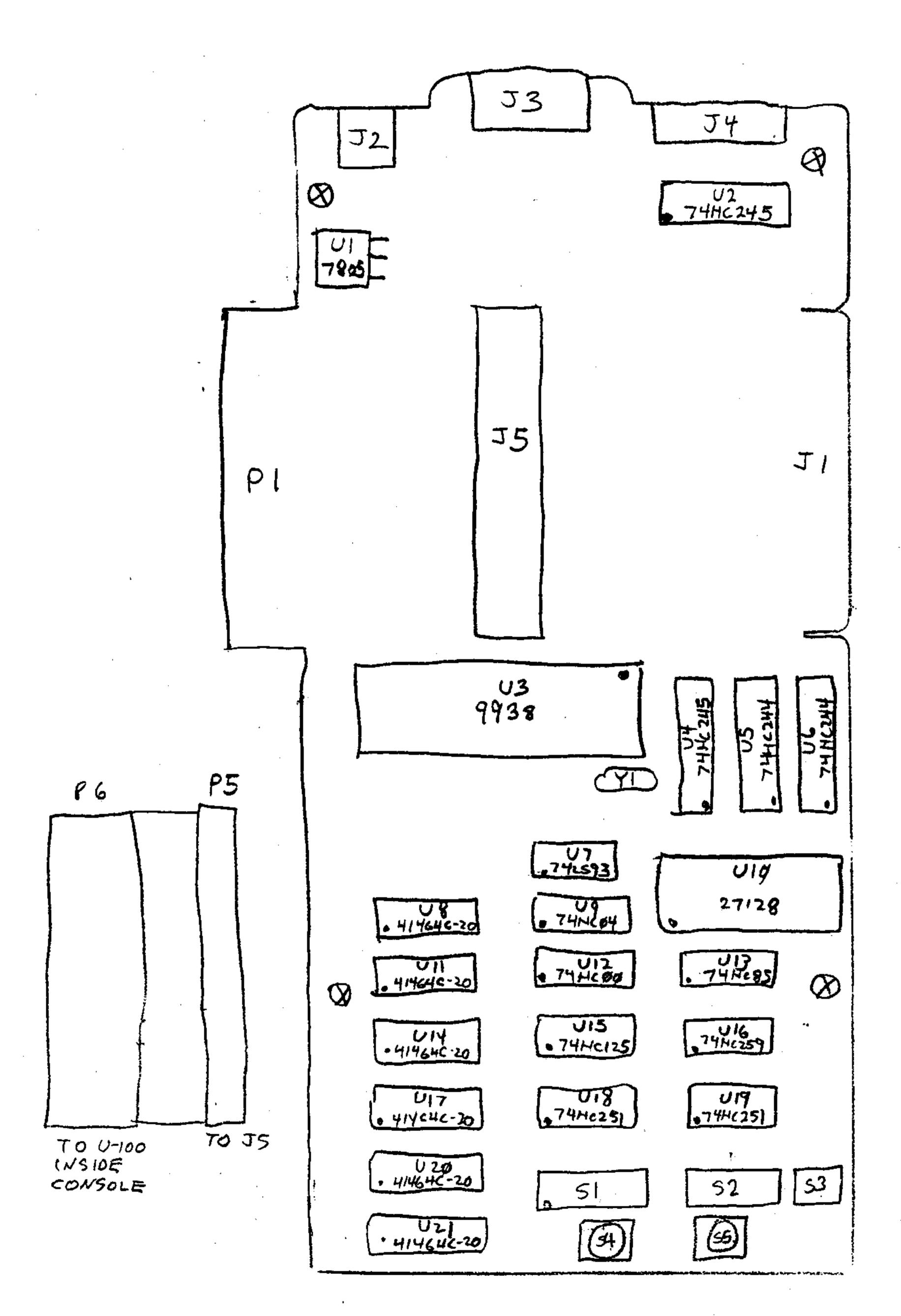




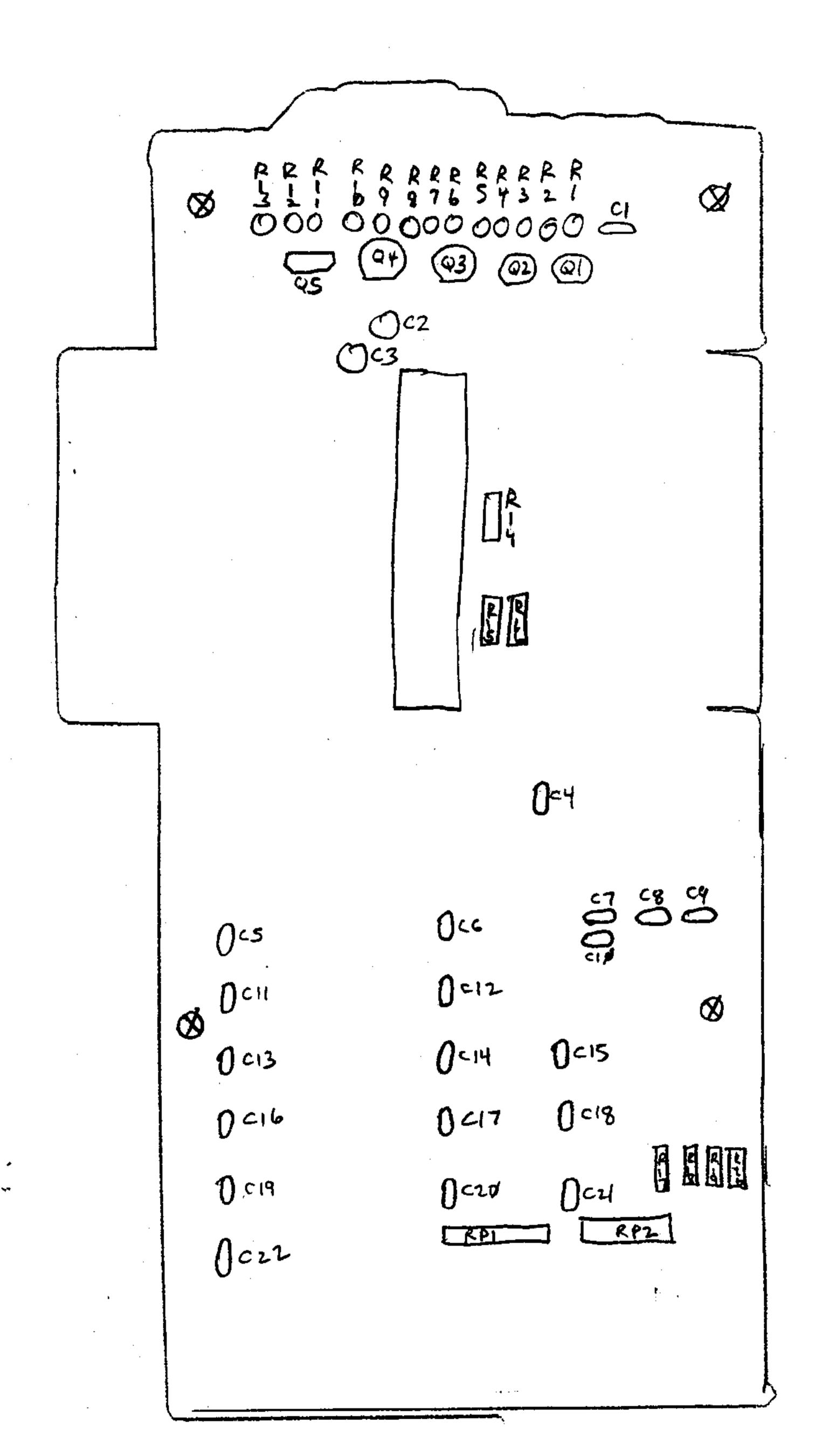








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