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Responsive to amendment of September 2,
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- (1) The cancellation of claims 1 and 4 is hereby noted.
- (2) The Friedman patent has been correctly identified by counsel as No. 2080416.
- (3) Applicant's interpretation of claim 2 is considered to render the claim unpatentable over either of the Friedman patents or Hebern. It is not considered inventive to provide means for changing the significance of the indicating means in re references.
- (4) The term "a predetermined number" in claim 3 is applicable to a selector that can close all the inputs and also only one. If it is desired to limit the claim to selector 90-97 which closes input circuits which are neither one nor all then the claim should be amended accordingly. Claims 3 and 5 as at present worded,

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are rejected for the same reasons as claim 2.

(5) Claim 6 appears allowable as at present advised.

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