

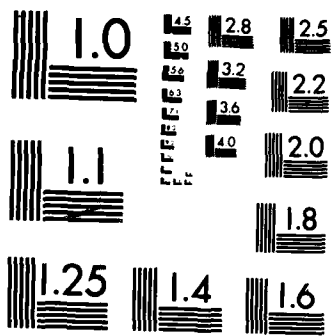
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INTRODUCTION

There are several remote unmanned submersibles which are under development or have been proposed. They all require manual vehicle control while simultaneously requiring operator control or attention to other tasks such as operating the search sonar, grabber, manipulator, etc. It became apparent that if voice control over the movement of these vehicles could be accomplished, the operator would have greater freedom to concentrate efforts on the more demanding tasks requiring immediate attention.

The remote unmanned submersible selected for voice control implementation was the Fiber Optic Controlled Underwater Stereo (FOCUS) vehicle. This vehicle was selected because of its availability and its ongoing development. Figure 1 shows a block diagram of the voice control FOCUS system.

BACKGROUND

The FOCUS vehicle (see figure 2) is a remote unmanned submersible which is controlled over a single fiber optic cable. The fiber optic cable carries all of the instrumentation and control signals required to operate and monitor the vehicle. The vehicle carries two T.V. cameras, giving it a

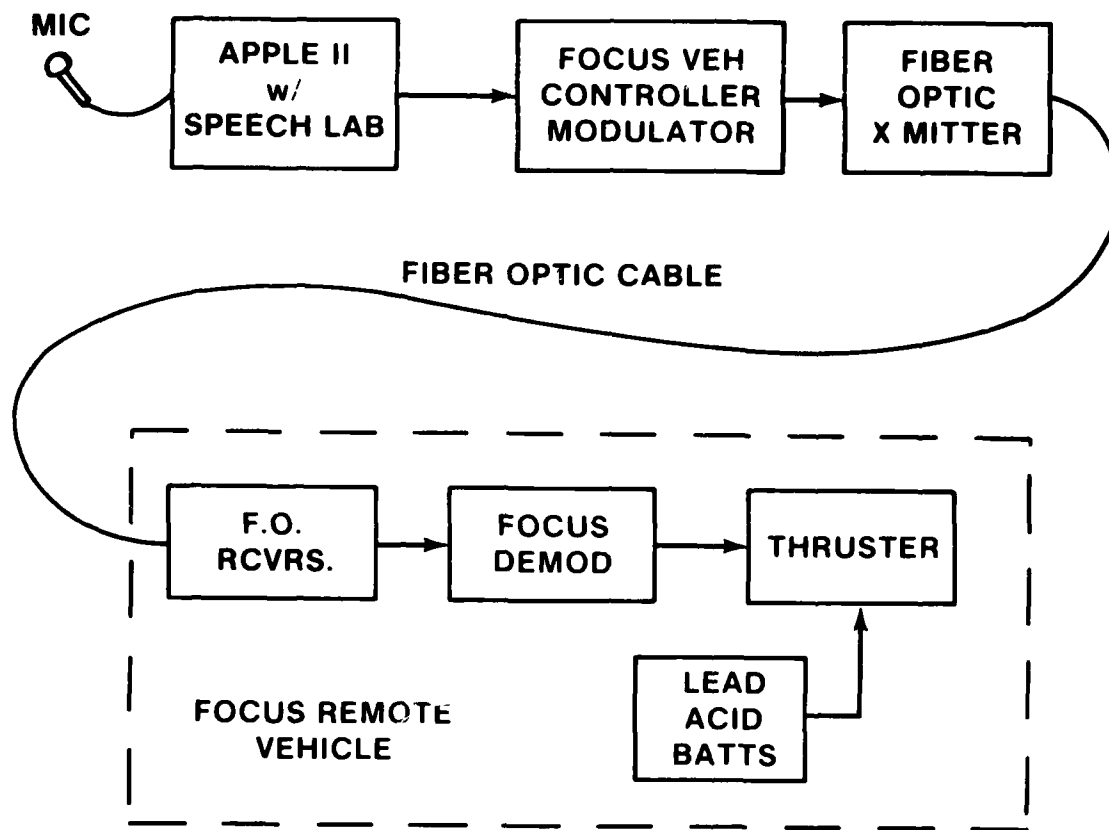


Figure 1. Voice Control Block Diagram.



Figure 2. FOCUS Vehicle

stereo viewing capability, and a scanning obstacle avoidance sonar for navigation and search. Propulsion is furnished by two horizontal and one vertical thruster. The power required to operate the vehicle is furnished by eight lead-acid batteries which are housed in four pressure housings.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this project is to demonstrate the advantages of voice control on a remote controlled submersible and show its feasibility.

APPROACH

The FOCUS vehicle requires three input command channels. The commands control: (a) Speed (forward, reverse), (b) Turn (left, right), and (c) Vertical (up, down).

An Apple II computer with a speech recognition peripheral was purchased to be the voice recognition control system. A computer to fiber optic telemetry interface circuit (see figure 3) was designed and fabricated on an Apple computer hobby board for installation in the computer.

The computer (see figure 4) recognizes the command and speed, then outputs signals to the respective thrusters through the interface circuit. The software (see Appendix A) has been developed to interface with the speech recognition

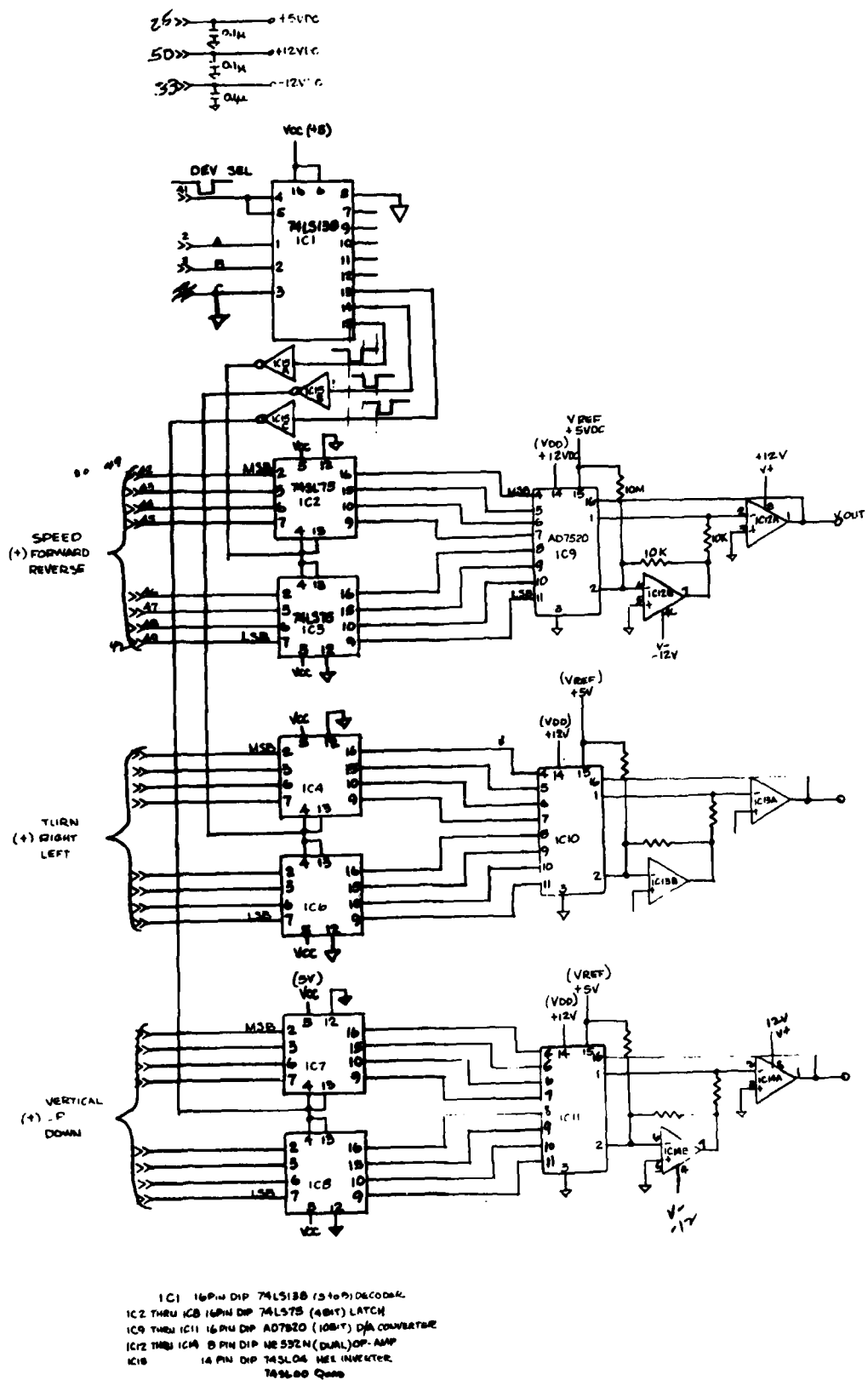


Figure 3. Computer Interface Circuit.

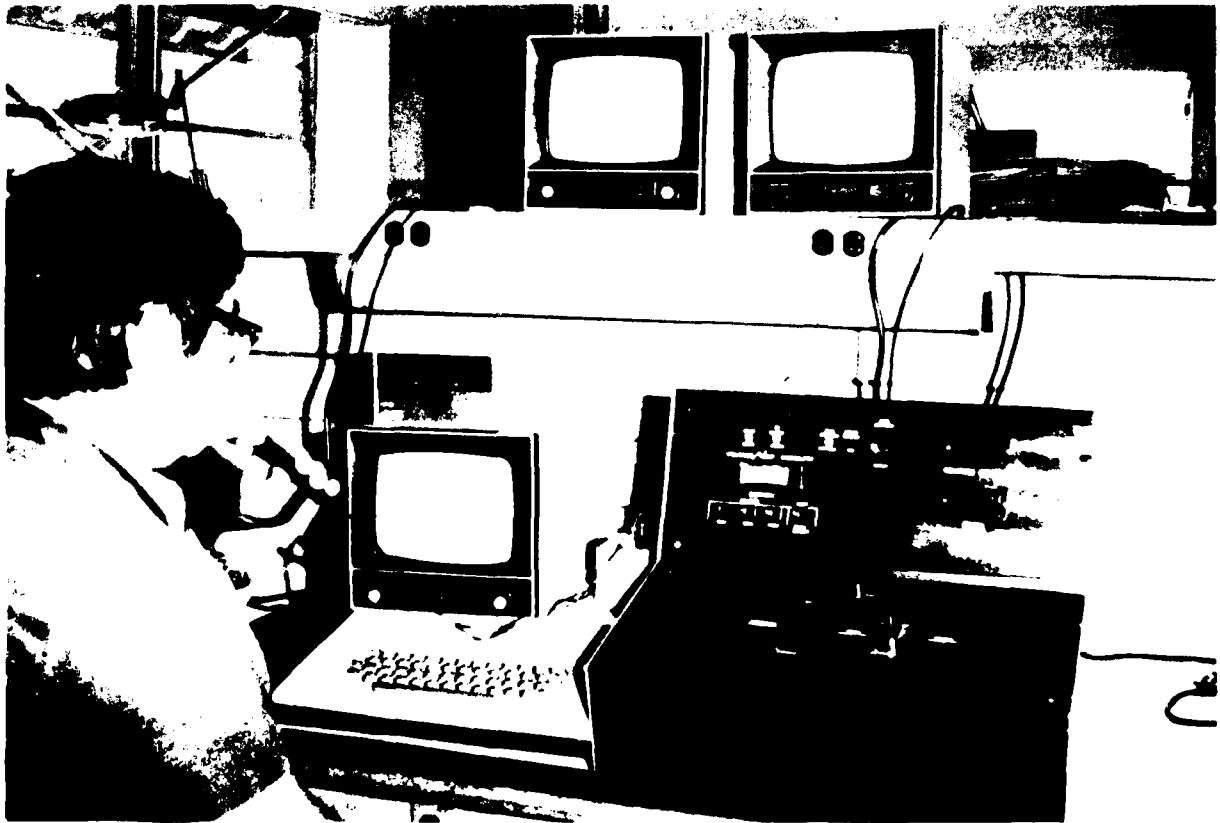
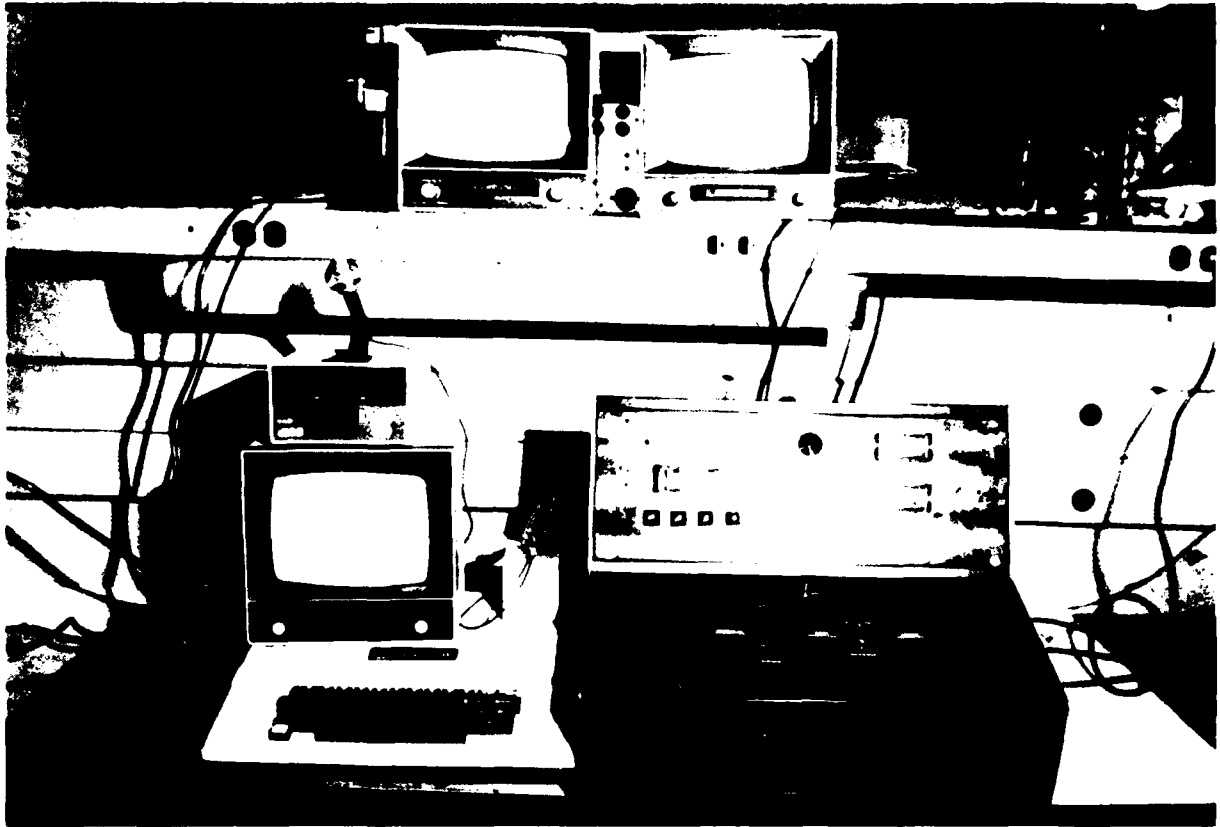


Figure 4. Computer and Control Console.

peripheral to which control is passed when commands are input. The peripheral has two modes of operation: (1) a training mode in which examples of each word are provided; and, (2) a recognition mode in which previously trained words are recognized. The peripheral executes its own program, which is independent and unchangeable, to determine which of the previously trained words were spoken. It then outputs the recognized word and returns the control to the original program. Three commands, direction, speed, and execute are entered sequentially in the program. The direction command must be recognized before a speed command can be entered and the speed command must be recognized before the execute commands can be entered. The direction commands used are: AHEAD, BACK, PORT, STARBOARD, UP, DOWN, and ALL STOP. The speed commands are: ONE/THIRD, TWO/THIRDS, FULL and ZERO. The execute commands are GO (for execute) and IGNORE. IGNORE will cancel all previous inputs.

CONCLUSION

The testing done with voice control on the FOCUS vehicle demonstrated the feasibility of voice control on remote unmanned submersibles. Due to the late start of the program, extensive operator tests were not run. However, the subjective responses

of the operators during the testing that did occur were positive. The vehicle could easily be controlled and learning to use the voice control was simple.

APPENDIX A

VOICE CONTROL SOFTWARE

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10 Poke 74, 124: Poke 204, 124: Poke 75, 21: Poke 205, 21.
15 REM Set Lomen: 5500 for speechlab program
20 Call -936: dim #$(15, FA (3), FB (3), FC (3))
30 Print: Print "TO CONTROL THE FOCUS VEHICLE,": Print:
Print "THE OPERATOR MUST GIVE A COMMAND,"
40 Print: Print "SPEED, and EXECUTION. The command":
Print: Print "AND SPEED ARE PRINTED OUT FOR YOUR"
50 Print: Print "CONVENIENCE. If the Command or": Print:
Print "SPEED PRINT OUT IS INCORRECT,"
60 Print: Print "USE 'IGNORE' to delete the command.":
Print: Print "IF THE COMMAND AND SPEED ARE CORRECT,"
70 Print: Print "EXECUTE WITH 'GO' STATEMENT.": Print:
Print
80 Input "TYPE 'GO' to begin voice control program.", #$(
90 Slot 1 - 3: REM speechlab slot
95 Slot 2 - -16160: REM Focus Address
100 FA = 0: REM ahead/back flag
105 FB = 0: REM port/starboard flag
110 FC = 0: REM down/up flag
115 F1 = 128:REM halt (1000) (0VDC)
120 F2 = 255:REM neg full (1111) (5VDC) (235 approx - 4VDC)
125 F3 = 192:REM neg half (1100) (2VDC)
130 F4 = 144:REM neg slow (1001) (.9VDC)
135 F5 = 1: REM plus full (0000) (5VDC) (20 approx 4VDC)
140 F6 = 64: REM plus half (0100) (2VDC)
145 F7 = 106:REM plus slow (0110) (.9VDC)
160 DIM C$(15), W$(15), A (3), B (3), C (3)
170 Gosub 9000: REM init speechlab

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180 Call -936: Print "THIS IS A PROGRAM TO CONTROL": Print:
Print "THE FOCUS VEHICLE BY VOICE COMMANDS."
190 Print: Print "COMMANDS ARE: AHEAD-BACK-STARBOARD": Print:
Print "PORT-UP-DOWN-ALLSTOP."
200 Print: Print "Speeds are: ONE/THIRD, TWO/THIRDS": Print:
Print "FULL-ZERO.": Print: Print "FIRST, WE TRAIN THE
SYSTEM.": Print: Print
210 Input "Type 'GO' to start the program:" W$
220 For I - 1 to 2
230 W$ = "ALL STOP": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
240 W$ = "GO": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
250 W$ = "IGNORE": Print "SAY: "; W$ GOSUB 9100
270 W$ = "BACK": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
280 W$ = "STARBOARD": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
290 W$ = "PORT": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
300 W$ = "UP": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
310 W$ = "DOWN": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
320 W$ = "ONE/THIRD": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
330 W$ = "TWO/THIRDS": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
340 W$ = "FULL": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
345 W$ = "ZERO": Print "SAY: "; W$: GOSUB 9100
350 NEXT I
360 Call -936: Print: Print "THE SYSTEM IS NOW READY."
370 Print: Print "THE FOCUS VEHICLE WILL NOW OBEY": Print:
Print "YOUR COMMANDS.": Print: Print
380 Input "TYPE 'GO' to begin operation.", W$
390 GR: color = 15
400 Call -936: Print "COMMAND PLEASE": GOSUB 9200: REM get
a command

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410 C$ = W$: A=FA: B=FB: C=FC
420 Call -936: Print C$
430 If W$ = "ALL STOP" then 9250
440 A1 = Slot 2
450 If W$ = "AHEAD" then 600
460 If W$ = "BACK" then 610
470 A1 = Slot 2 + 1:
480 If W$ = "STARBOARD" then 630
490 If W$ = "PORTP" then 620
500 A1 = Slot 2 + 2:
510 If W$ = "UP" then 650
520 If W$ = "DOWN" then 640
530 Print: Print "DID NOT UNDERSTAND YOU"
540 For I = 1 to 300: NEXT I
550 GOTO 400
600 FA = 1: GOTO 9300
610 FA = -1: GOTO 9400
620 FB = 1: GOTO 9300
630 FB = -1: GOTO 9400
640 FC = 1: GOTO 9300
650 FC = -1: GOTO 9400
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700 GR: Color = 15
710 If FA = 1 Then 9600
720 If FA = -1 Then 9610
730 If FB = 1 Then 9630
740 If FB = -1 Then 9620
750 If FC = 1 Then 9650
760 If FC = -1 Then 9640
770 GOTO 400

9000 REM init speechlab
9010 PR#Slot 1: Print: PR #Ø: RETURN

9100 REM Train Routine: ARG = W$
9110 PR# Slot 1: Print W$:PR#Ø: RETURN

9200 REM recognize routine
9210 In #Slot 1: Input W$
9220 PR #Ø: In #Ø: RETURN
9250 POKE SLOT 2, F1: Poke slot 2 + 1, F1: Poke slot 2+2, F1:
GR: color = 15: HLIN 4, 6 at 5: VLIN 4, 6 at 5
9260 FA = Ø: FB = Ø: FC = Ø
9270 Print Slot 2, Slot 2 + 1, Slot 2+2: Print F1, F1, F1:
For I = 1 to 200: NEXT I
9280 GOTO 400

9300 REM Plus speed routine
9305 Call -936: Print C$
9310 Print: Print "SPEED PLEASE": GOSUB 9200

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9315 If W$ = "IGNORE" then 9560
9320 D1 = F7
9325 If W$ = "ONE/THIRD" then 9500
9330 D1 = F6
9335 If W$ = "TWO/THIRDS" then 9500
9340 D1 = F5
9345 If W$ = "FULL" then 9500
9350 D1 = F1
9355 If W$ = "ZERO" then 9570
9360 Print: Print: Print "SPEED UNKNOWN": For I = 1 to 300:
Next I
9365 GOTO 9300
9400 REM Neg Speed routine
9405 Call -936: Print C$
9410 Print: Print "SPEED PLEASE": GOSUB 9200
9415 If W$ = "IGNORE" then 9560
9420 D1 = F4
9425 If W$ = "ONE/THIRD" then 9500
9430 D1 = F3
9435 If W$ = "TWO/THIRDS" then 9500
9440 D1 = F2
9445 If W$ = "FULL" then 9500
9450 D1 = F1
9455 If W$ = "ZERO" then 9570
9460 Print: Print: Print "SPEED UNKNOWN": For I = 1 to 300:
Next I
9465 GOTO 9400

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9500 Z$ = W$
9505 Call -936: Print C$, Z$
9510 GOSUB 9200: REM get execution statement
9520 If W$ = "IGNORE" then 9560
9530 If W$ = "GO" then 9550
9540 Print: Print: Print "ILLEGAL STATEMENT": For I = 1 to 300:
Next I
9545 GOTO 9505
9550 Print: Print "COMMAND ACCEPTED": Print A1, D1: For I =
1 to 200: Next I: Poke A1, D1
9555 GOTO 700
9560 Print: Print: Print "COMMAND IGNORED": For I = 1 to 300:
Next I
9565 FA = A: FB = B: FC = C: GOTO 700
9570 If C$ = "AHEAD" then 9700
9575 If C$ = "BACK" then 9700
9580 If C$ = "STARBOARD" then 9710
9585 If C$ = "PORT" then 9710
9590 If C$ = "UP" then 9720
9595 If C$ = "DOWN" then 9720
9600 VLIN 1, 7 at 5: HLIN 4, 6 at 2: Plot 3, 3: Plot 7, 3:
Plot 2, 4: Plot 8, 4: GOTO 730
9610 VLIN 9, 15 at 5: HLIN 4, 6 at 14: Plot 3, 13: Plot 7, 13:
Plot 2, 12: Plot 8, 12: GOTO 730
9620 HLIN 5, 10 at 8: VLIN 7, 9 at 9: Plot 8, 6: Plot 8, 10:
Plot 7, 5: Plot 7, 11: GOTO 750
9630 HLIN 0, 5 at 8: VLIN 7, 9 at 1: Plot 2, 6: Plot 2, 10:
Plot 3, 5: Plot 3, 11: GOTO 750

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9640	VLIN 35, 39 at 2: VLIN 35, 39 at 4: Plot 3, 39: GOTO 400
9650	VLIN 35, 39 at 4: VLIN 37, 39 at 2: Plot 3, 37: Plot 3, 39: GOTO 400
9700	FA = \emptyset : GOTO 9500
9710	FB = \emptyset : GOTO 9500
9720	FC = \emptyset : GOTO 9500

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