

Notes on the back story of this letter:

This letter was sent to me by *Tony Collinson*, at the time a fairly new member (#5491) of PPC who (apparently) seemed to work at the local HP premises, judging by the envelope, which bears the text "HEWLETT -PACKARD - 308-314 Kings Rd. - READING", as you can see in the image.

As it happened, some time ago I had submitted to *Richard Nelson* an article about the various outstanding uses of the synthetic pair of instructions **STO b** & **RCL b** which I had figured out on my own, including how to very easily defeat **PRIVATE** using just them and nothing else, on any plain-vanilla HP-41C, no bugs or module-pulling needed.

Mr. Nelson censored that part of the article, which thus wasn't published in the corresponding PPC CJ issue, but forgot to remove my *mention* of it in the article's introduction, so a number of interested members noticed the fact and wrote directly to me asking for the details.

Mr. Collinson's was one of those letters and I promptly sent him the censored part, thanking him for his interest in my article. It was my pleasure to do it, but the problem was that my always meager finances consequently suffered the impact, as there were more than a dozen people asking the same and I had to pay for as many reply letters.

Nowadays it's but an anecdote but back then it was a definite problem.

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Dear Mr Albillo

Your letter in V7 N5 P40 has prompted me to write for your help.

To break PRIVATE I have been using the Wickes Black-box programs which are laborious and program room consuming.

My problem is when the program takes all of the available space and Code/Decode cannot be entered as well. Does your method of using RCL b, STob get around this restriction? If so, I would be very pleased if you could send me the part of your article that PCC left out.

My very best regards

Yours sincerely

Tony Collinson

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