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ABSTRACT

This thesis presents the functional requirements of an analysis tool for manufacturing-related systems. The term manufacturing-related is meant to encompass not only equipment or shop floor systems, but also the supporting entities such as order control or communication and their varied components, including humans.

Structured analysis techniques provide the basis for this study. These well-known methods have been used in the design and development of information systems for several decades. They are potentially one of the most useful tools for examination of manufacturing systems. Four case studies drawn from actual manufacturing analysis are developed as test cases.

Performance evaluation of the existing analysis tools and techniques reveal several problems with the current implementations which prevent wide-spread use. These include: restrictive and yet incomplete application methodologies, insufficient computer support, poor user interfaces, difficulties with model maintenance and integration, and rigid data structures.

Functional requirements for overcoming the barriers are presented. These are grouped by issue into the following areas: model structure and element

functionality, implementation support, and ease of use and maintenance control. Aside from addressing the problems mentioned above, the need for a true model and analysis capability is discussed. In addition, the specifications deal with necessary facilities such as: logic operators, interfaces to other analysis tools, and a rough-cut and development support mechanism.

The development of a general purpose manufacturing systems analysis tool would provide significant assistance to those responsible for the continued improvement and evolution of manufacturing.

INTRODUCTION

All systems have a life cycle. Analysis is critical to the development, maintenance, and death or phase-out portions of a system's life cycle.

Current manufacturing systems are composed of a variety of elements, several of which can and do exist as completely independent systems in their own right. But the increasing size, complexity, and level of integration present in manufacturing today present a difficult problem for the systems designers and engineers. No one analysis tool, or even small set of tools, are sufficient to the task of describing these systems and providing a base for analysis. And without analysis, how can new systems be developed and old systems be maintained and replaced?

The purpose of this thesis is to develop the functional requirements for a manufacturing systems analysis tool capable of handling the complexity of today's environment. The methodology presented is based upon structured analysis techniques and the requirements are generated by means of test case evaluations. The organization of this study is as follows.

Chapter one contains the problem definition and motivation as well as the approach used for the work.

Chapter two presents background on the most common forms of structured analysis and the systems designed to support the techniques. A brief explanation of development conventions and usage is also included.

Areas for technique and tool improvements are identified in chapter three. Representative manufacturing and related systems are presented as test cases for the analysis tool. These systems are drawn from authentic industrial analysis experience and include discussion of project sizes, methods, and goals. Problems resulting from both the methodologies and the support mechanisms are identified.

Based upon this study's findings, the functional requirements for a multi-purpose structured analysis tool suitable for manufacturing-related systems are developed in chapter four.

Chapter five closes this thesis with conclusions and identification of areas for future work.

CHAPTER 1

PROBLEM DEFINITION AND MOTIVATION

At the beginning of the industrial age, production and control were relatively simple and straightforward. Much of the manufacturing consisted of larger-scale versions of the quickly displaced cottage industries. As technology advanced, manufacturing became complex and more adaptive control methods were developed.

In today's environment, manufacturing and its many related support systems are highly complex and becoming more closely integrated through concepts and techniques such as Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM), Manufacturing Requirements Planning (MRP), and Just-In-Time (JIT). Certainly the elements out on the production floor have changed radically in recent times. Robots, automated guided vehicles (AGVs), automated storage and retrieval systems (ASRSs), and electronic identification systems have changed the complexion of manufacturing. Office and management systems now incorporate network, data base, and decision-support technologies. All of these new elements are combined with the many still-viable older implementations to create hybrid environments. And the most complex element, the human, finds his or her role changing at a rapid pace.

But as we integrate our islands of automation and functional departments, the lines which once gave definition to each system become blurred, and multi-dimensional super-systems are created. As these systems develop and grow, we find that the analytical tools we used to employ are incapable of "blurring the lines" as well. The management and control of these new systems becomes a critical issue and a need emerges for generalized but powerful tools.

In order to control a system it must be understood and fully described. Many tools for system description exist: general ledgers and balance sheets for financial system, organizational charts for corporate control systems, or blue prints for mechanical or structural systems. But what tools exist for manufacturing systems?

In fact, there are many: one or more for each type of system or sub-system: mathematical modeling and simulation for scheduling, process control charts or routings for operations, flow charts or decision trees for computer programs, procedural handbooks for human systems, etc., the list goes on. Each of these tools is designed to accomodate a specific type of system and to provide a specialized form of results. But what happens when a system containing several different sub-systems must be examined and the goal of the analysis can no longer be

easily defined? Suddenly, these specialized tools can not support the analysis. A more generalized instrument is required.

APPROACH

Structured Analysis provides a basis for such a tool. Systems, specifically manufacturing systems for this thesis, have at least one consistent attribute: structure. Since this is the only major prerequisite for the use of structured analysis, the application is not unnecessarily restricted. However, several problems are encountered with the use of the tool as it currently exists today. Therefore, it is used in this study as a starting point.

In order to investigate the application of structured analysis to the manufacturing systems area, an implementation of the theory had to be chosen. Many different techniques exist, all enjoying varying levels of popularity and computerized support among different user bases. Two of the most widely-used are:

1. IDEF (the ICAM DEFINITION language), developed by the Air Force ICAM (Integrated Computer-Aided Manufacturing program), which was designed for use by the military and DoD contractors, and

2. DFD (Data Flow Diagramming), most notably promoted by Yourdon and DeMarco as well as Gane and Sarson, which

enjoys a large civilian sector following.

For the purposes of this research the DFD approach was chosen over IDEF because the user base was larger and more computer support and tools were available. However, many of the conclusions and recommendations of this thesis apply equally to the IDEF modeling approach. A discussion of the DFD approach to structured analysis is presented in Chapter Two.

CHAPTER 2

STRUCTURED ANALYSIS

Structured analysis had its earliest roots in the information systems area, or data processing as it was commonly referred to back in the 1960s/1970s. Out of the turmoil created by the many individual styles of computer programming, came structured programming which greatly improved productivity and efficiency. This framework provided the beginnings for structured design and structured analysis techniques. All of these tools had concepts in common: top-down approaches, modularity, and a focus on data flow.

Structured analysis soon became an accepted standard as part of the information systems development process. As computers and their related information systems proliferated, so did the techniques used to analyze and design them. Eventually, the high level of computerization lead to the concept that almost any system could be modeled as an information system. Thus, applications began appearing in areas other than data processing.

The structured analysis methodology provided a systematic approach to the collection, organization, and review of information. Although there has been some

augmentation of the original principles, the basic method focuses on information flow and transformation.

THE DFD APPROACH

As is the case with many of the structured analysis techniques, Data Flow Diagramming (DFD) relies upon two tools: diagrams and data dictionaries. The diagrams are used to graphically show data flow through a system. The data dictionary is used to store information about all of the data elements within the system under study.

Although a few software tools support both diagramming and dictionary functions, most of the time these are separate elements. Data dictionaries are frequently created and maintained by one or more of the project team members using a data base package. Because the dictionary contains detailed information on all of the system elements at the most elementary level, the dictionaries are usually large and may vary greatly in appearance from system to system.

DFD diagrams are developed in a top-down, hierarchical manner. The first level shows the system to be examined and how it is related to other systems present in the organization. This is referred to as the context diagram. All subsequent diagrams provide views of the system with greater levels of detail but less breadth.

DEVELOPMENT CONVENTIONS AND USAGE

The diagrams contain four element types as defined below.

Process: This represents a manipulation point during data flow. Examples include, but are not restricted to: creation, addition, deletion, alteration. These are usually drawn as circles or rounded-edged rectangles.

External Entity: This signifies a logical area which interacts through data transmission or reception with the function being diagrammed. This element is not a part of the function explained by the diagram and it is depicted as a square.

Data Store: This indicates a logical store of data and they are usually external. Examples include electronic storage devices and filing cabinets. These are customarily shown as rectangles, usually with the right-hand side open.

Data Flows: These delineate the paths of data between processes, external entities, and data stores and are represented by lines.

In creating these diagrams, the methodology dictates that no one diagram should contain more than five to seven processes in order to keep the drawings manageable. Each diagram is numbered to indicate its level of detail depth.

Examples of this convention can be found on Figures 1 and 2.

The DFD diagram in Figure 1 is numbered 0 and is labeled as the context. Within the diagram, the process numbered 2 is shown to be the system under examination through the use of a boundary line. Figure 2 shows a diagram numbered 2 and labeled as the explosion of process 2. This is a "blow-up" or more detailed view of the element shown in Figure 1, Diagram 0. This process of increasing detail is continued until the lowest level data elements are depicted. The diagram numbered 0 is considered the only Level 0 drawing. The subsequent Level 1 contains all of the diagrams numbered 1, 2, 3, etc.. Level 2 diagrams would contain labels such as 1.1, 1.4, 4.3, and 5.5. Level 3 would contain 1.1.4, 1.4.3, etc.. The periods between the numbers assists in identifying the levels.

The integrity of the graphical representation is enforced through the requirement that all lower-level diagrams reflect the same relationships and data flows as the previous level. Therefore, if a data flow is shown to enter a process on a Level 3 diagram, the Level 4 diagram of the process must also show the data flow.

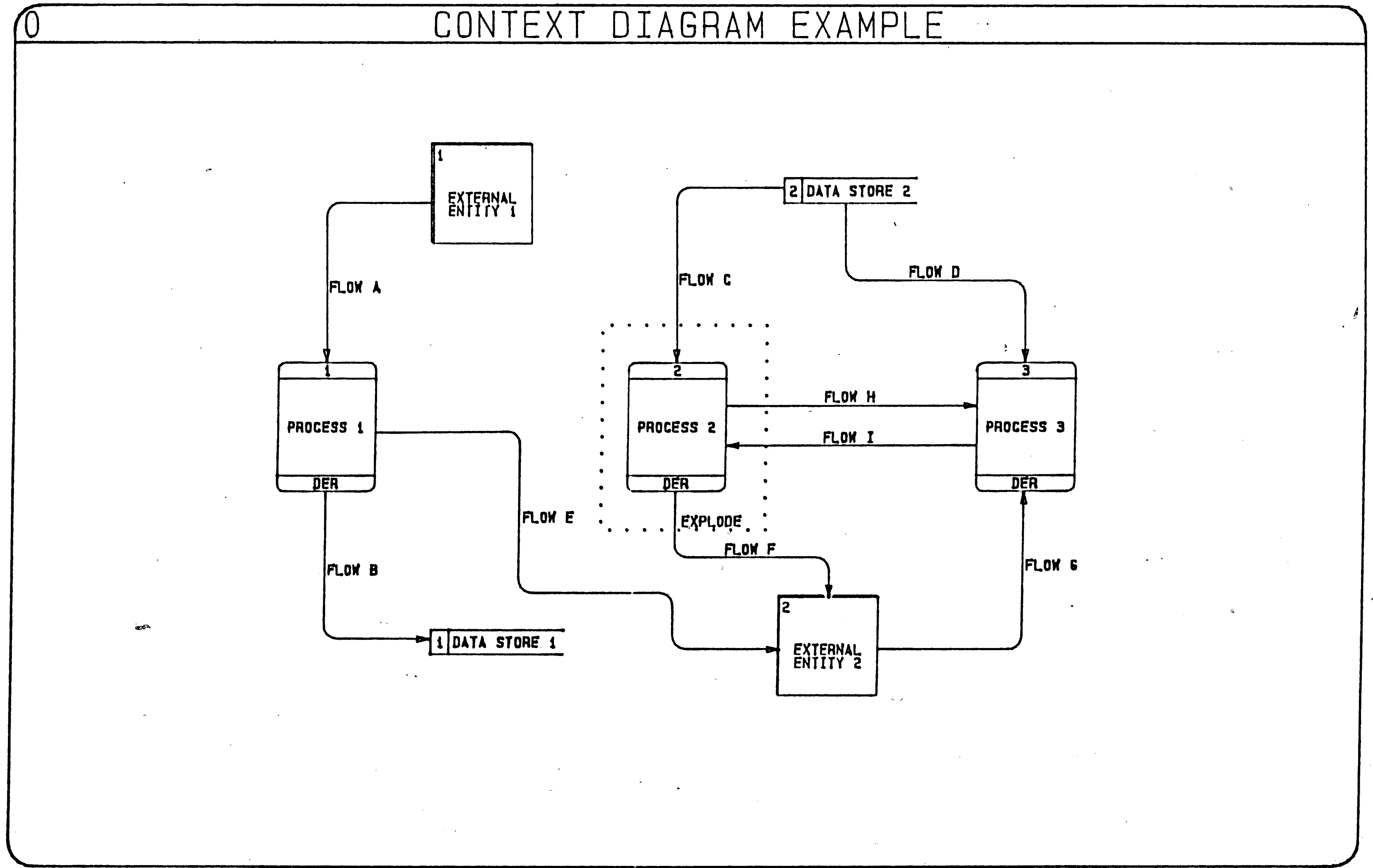


Figure 1

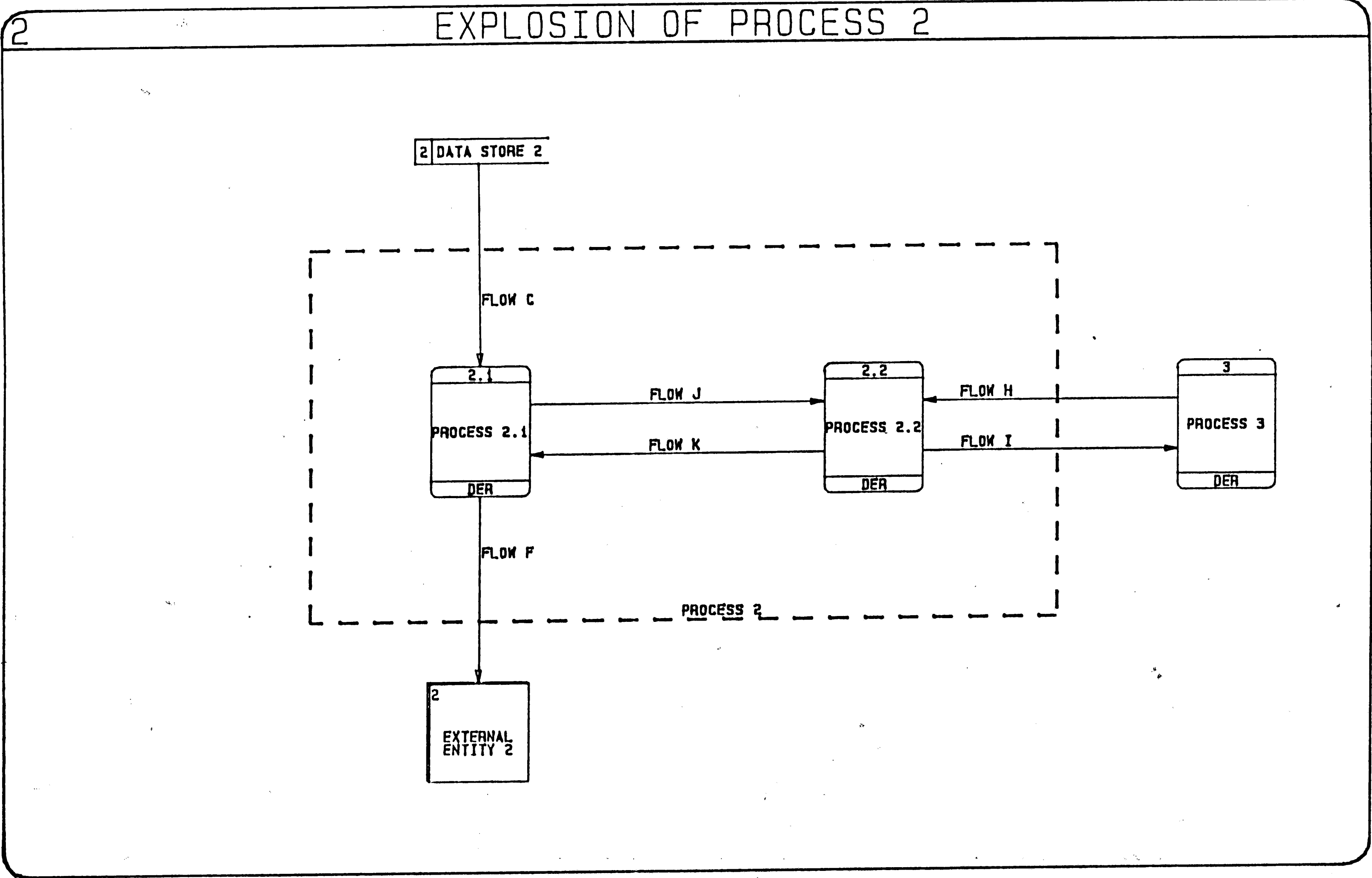


Figure 2

CHAPTER 3

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS TEST CASES

In this chapter, four cases are presented as tests for structured analysis-based techniques in the modeling of manufacturing systems. The sizes of the companies and the projects themselves range from relatively small to very large.

The cases themselves are abridged; a brief description of each company, project, and model is included. In this chapter, the drawings presented are limited primarily to level one and two diagrams and are used to document the modeling difficulties discussed for each case. The bulk of the DFD diagrams generated for each case study and examples from the data dictionaries are provided in the appendix for reference. The test cases were abbreviated in order to highlight and provide context for the problems encountered, while not over-burdening the thesis with extraneous information.

Each case study presented includes the following information: Company Description, Project Purpose and Scope, Project Approach and Results, Model Size (as measured by the number of elements in the final model), a brief High Level Model Description, and Modeling Problems Encountered. The problems highlighted in this chapter are

most-often specific to the individual models and are best described using text and the diagrams. Additional problems of a more general or global nature are presented in Chapter 4.

Test Case One

DoD Manufacturer's Shop Floor Control System

Company Description:

A mid-sized Department of Defense (DoD) heavy equipment and vehicle contractor.

Project Purpose and Scope:

The goal of the systems analysis was two-fold. The first objective was to document the existing operation of the shop floor and warehousing functions. The second objective was to develop an architecture and migration path toward a new data collection and manipulation system.

Project Approach and Results:

Two teams were assembled to for this project. One consisted of six university personnel and the other was made up of approximately ten company people. The two teams worked together, each supplying its own area of expertise and exchanging knowledge with the other. The university team provided the techniques and skills necessary for the analysis, while the company people provided the guidance, focus, and access to information necessary.

One of the university team members acted as systems

administrator and database coordinator. Once the data collection began, this became a full-time requirement. The analysis lasted three full months with each university member participating full-time and the company members working half-time.

Significant among the findings of the analysis was an error checking and correction time factor rate of over 50% for the labor tracking data collection process. This prompted a new system requirement for automated labor tracking.

In addition, it was found that the labor and material tracking information paths were parallel enough to allow a single system to track both functions.

Model Size:

Data Flow entries numbered over 250. One hundred processes were identified. Twenty-five data stores and ten external entities were mapped. Over 100 interviews were required to collect the data. Significant document review was also employed.

High Level Model Description:

As Figure 3, the context diagram shows, the shop floor was the primary focus of our analysis. Mid-way through the project, the warehousing function was included for

SHOP FLOOR DATA COLLECTION

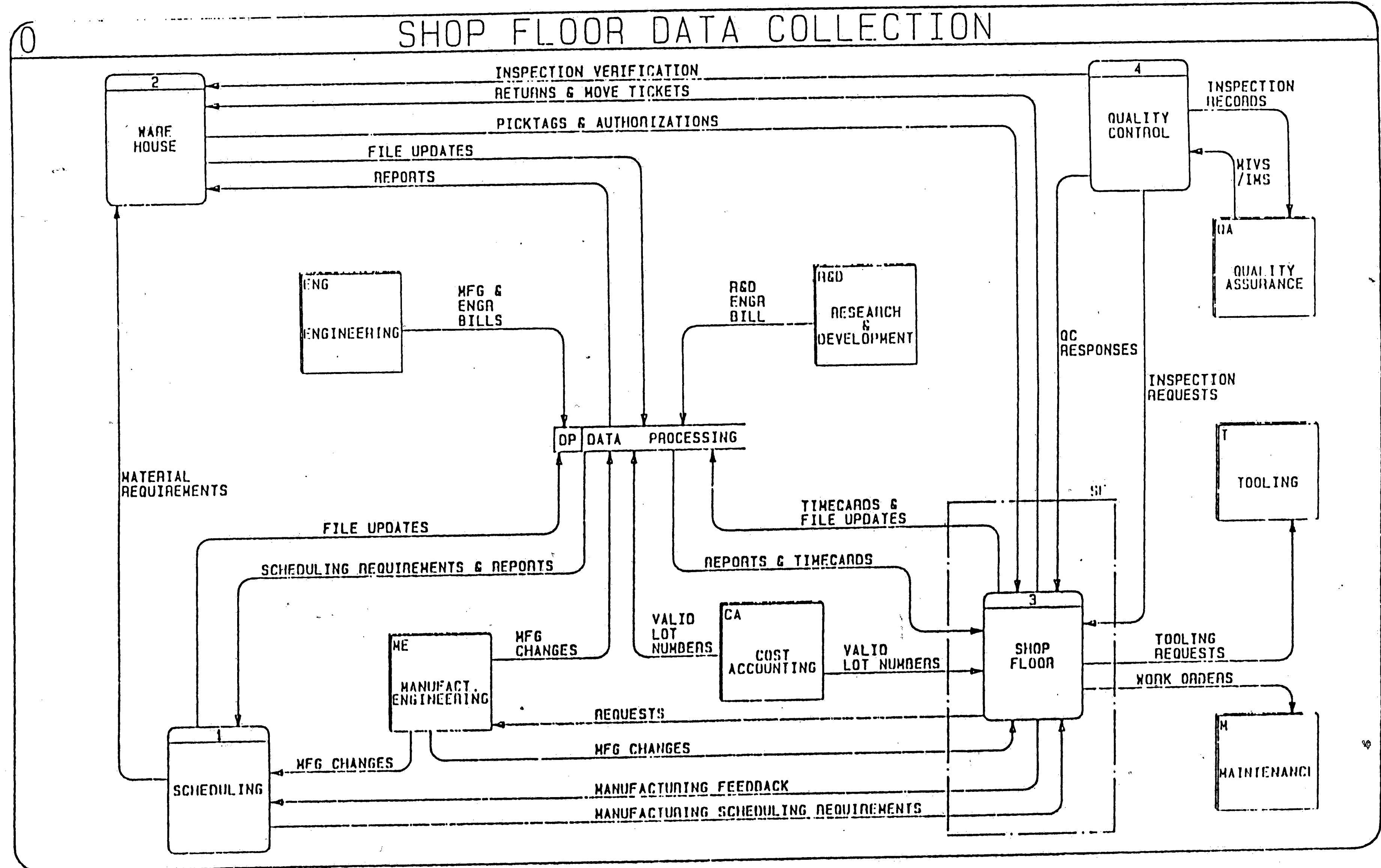


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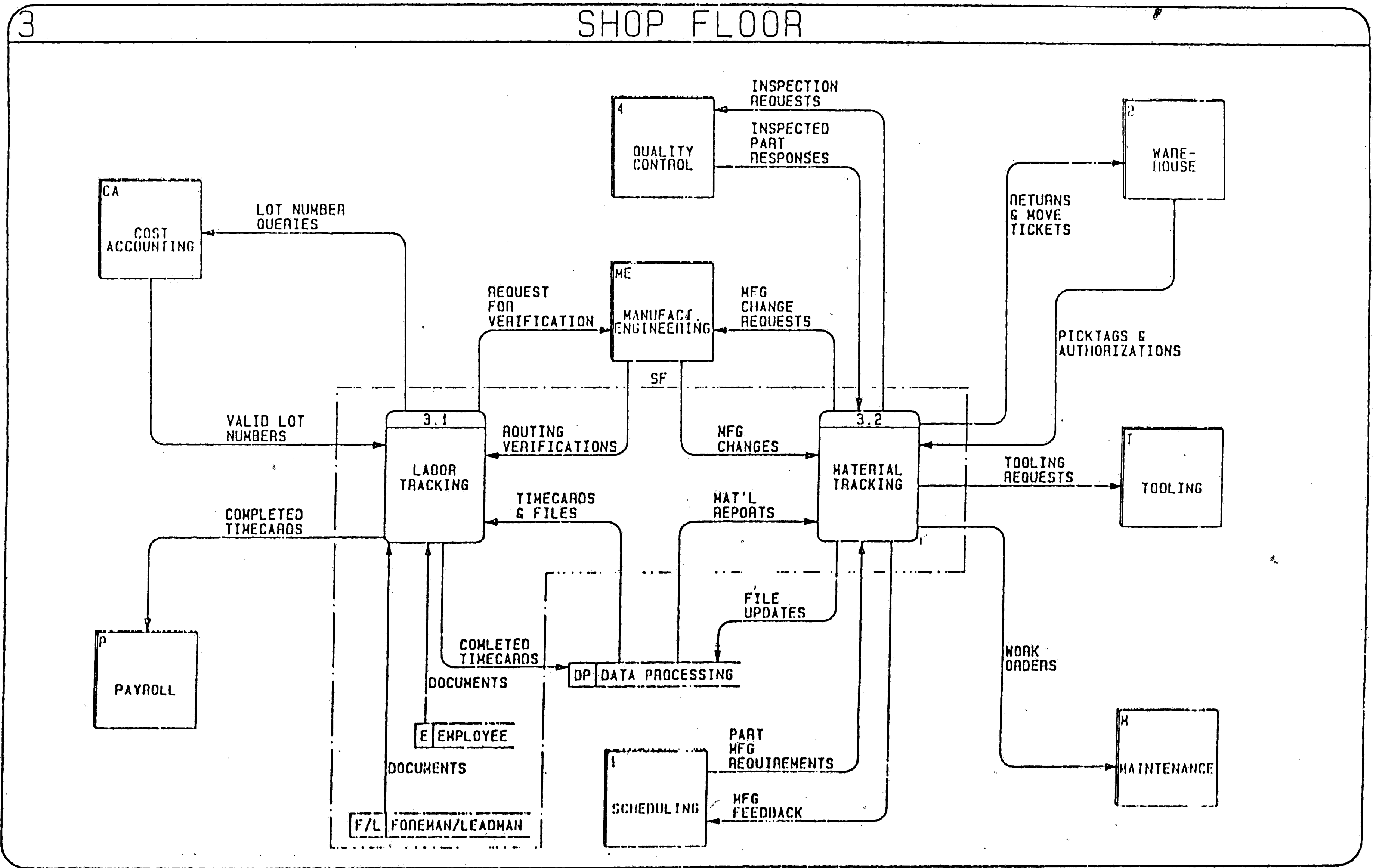


Figure 4

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LABOR TRACKING

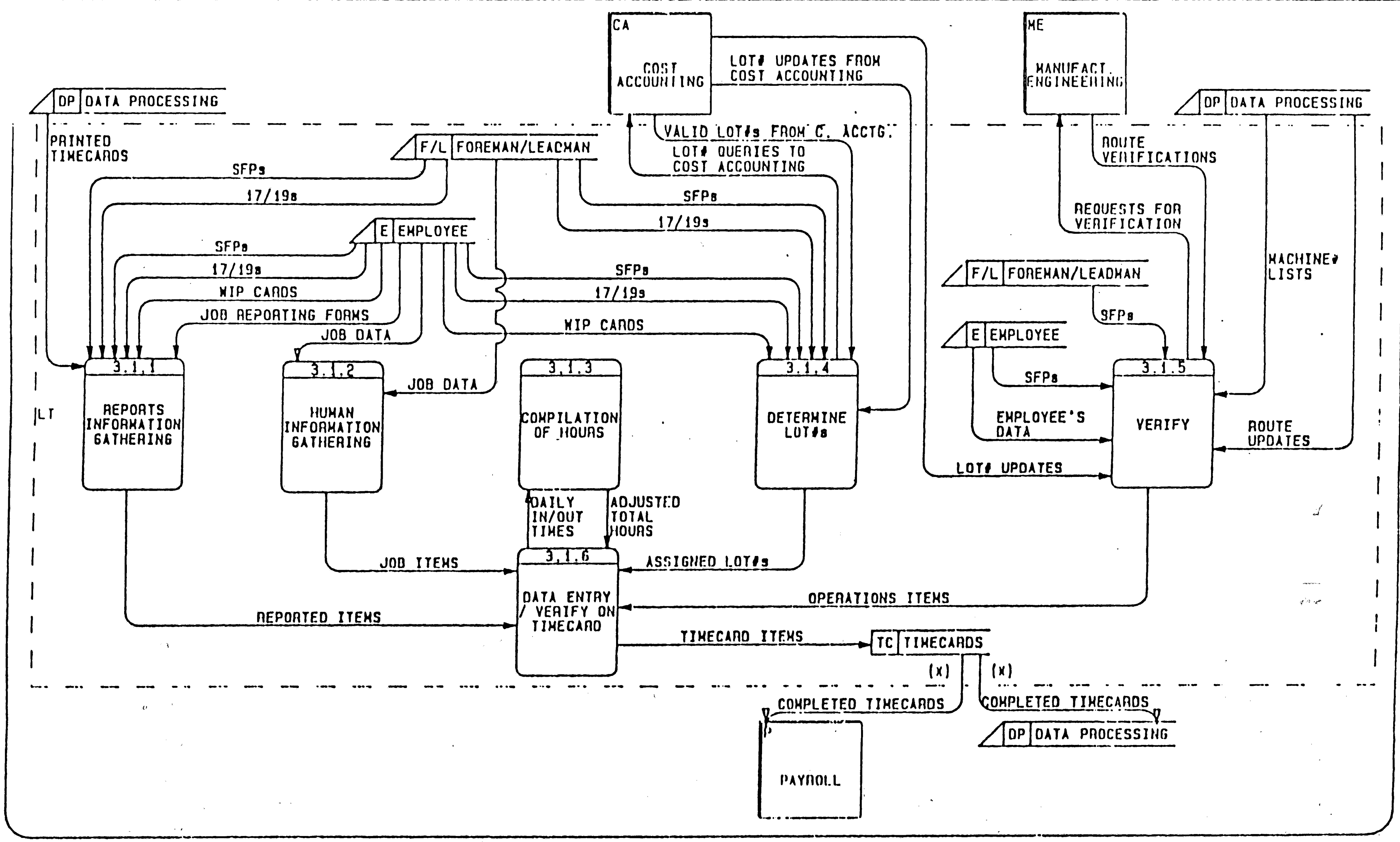


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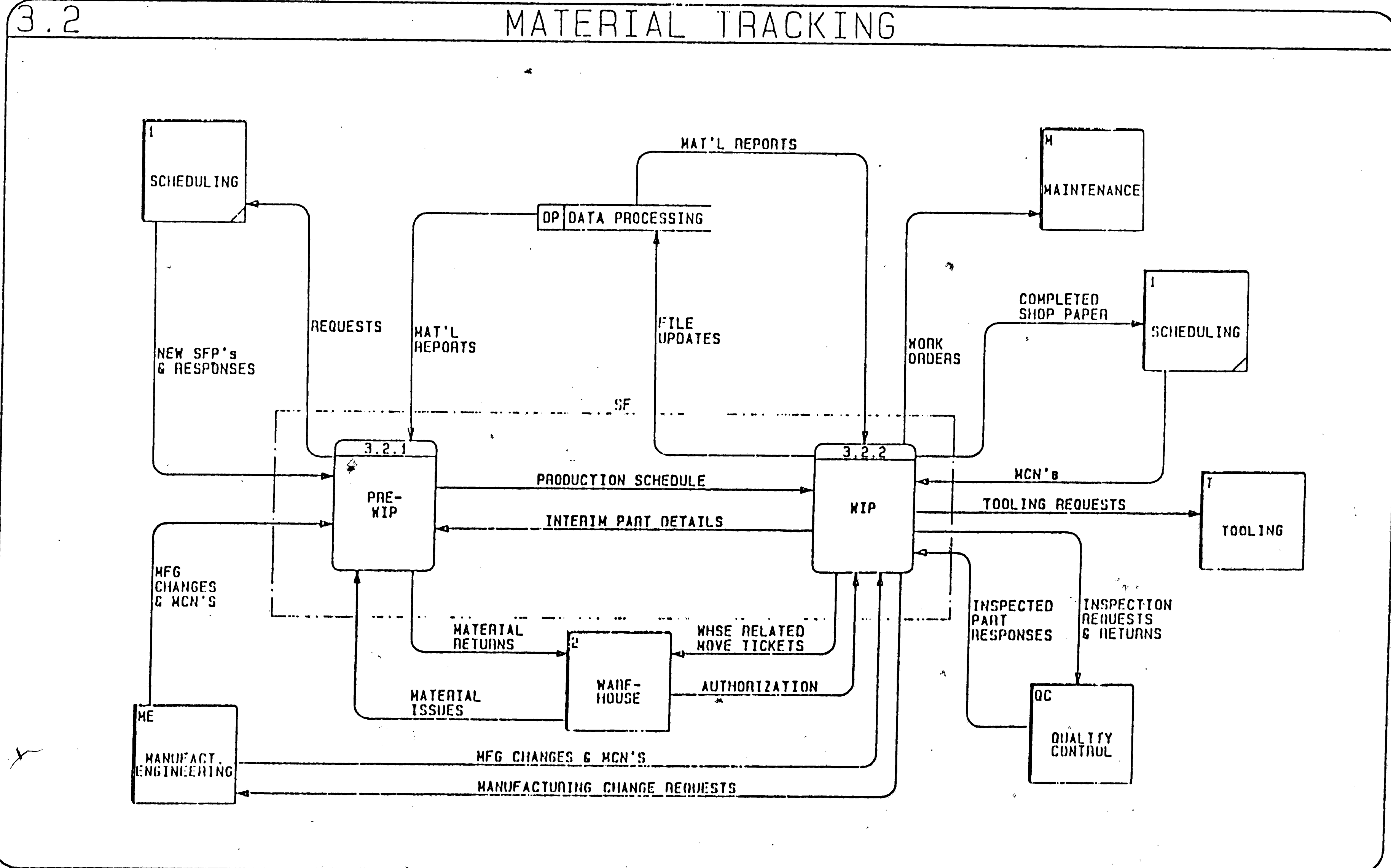


Figure 6

detailed study. The shop floor interacted regularly with many traditionally inter-related functions such as maintenance, quality control, scheduling, and the data processing group. In addition, there was frequent contact with cost accounting due to the contract-tracking requirements of DoD regulations.

In Figure 4, the level-one diagram labeled 3 - Shop Floor shows the decomposition of the system into logically almost independent labor and material tracking functions. The level-two diagrams, included in the Appendix, show the basic components of these processes. Although the two systems are triggered by many of the same events, the information flows of each are handled separately from one another.

Modeling Problems Encountered:

The need for a data structure flexible enough to handle a construct such as "human being" is necessary as seen in Figure 5. Neither a data store nor a process is as descriptive a structure as needed, even though humans are capable of performing the tasks assigned to the structures.

Allowance for multiple methods or process choices would be useful. An example is shown in Figure 5 where the data flow Completed Timecards goes to one of two

places depending on certain known conditions. In the diagram, the symbol "*" is used to show a logical OR option, as advocated by some structured analysis techniques.

A closer connection between levels of data flow is required. As can be seen in comparing Figures 3, 4, and 6, the data flow name for the information passed between Shop Floor/Material Tracking and Manufacturing Engineering has different names (due to the differing levels of detail available) at each level. This connectivity is critical within the data dictionary.

Test Case Two

Food Producer's Production Scheduling System

Company Description:

A small, privately owned manufacturer of snack food products.

Project Purpose and Scope:

The focus for this project included all aspects of production scheduling. The goal was the documentation of the scheduling function and an analysis of weaknesses and strengths found therein. Based on the analysis, recommendations for improvement were to be made.

Project Approach and Results:

A small team consisting of two full-time university people and two part-time company people completed the basic system documentation after less than a month of data collection and revision. Because the analysis portion of the project required additional tools not integrated with the model, analysis required several more months of effort for one of the university members.

During the documentation of the system, it became evident that the scheduling function relied completely on one set of resources, with no back-up or fail-safe

available. As a result, a computer-based scheduling assistant was developed and a previously high risk to the company was significantly reduced.

Model Size:

A small system consisting of 50 data flows and 25 processes was described. One data store and six external entities were included. Approximately 25 interviews occurred during data collection and model verification. Work monitoring techniques were also used to collect information.

High Level Model Description:

Production scheduling is closely tied to the production planning, order control, shipping and production functions as shown in Figure 7. Although, it is not normally in direct communication with the order entry process, this process labeled 1.1 is the internal driver for the entire system, and therefore required careful examination. In addition to these processes, production scheduling works closely with the sales/marketing group, the purchasing entity, and shipping, as well as large customers. Diagrams 1.1 through 1.7, located in the Appendix, depict the workings

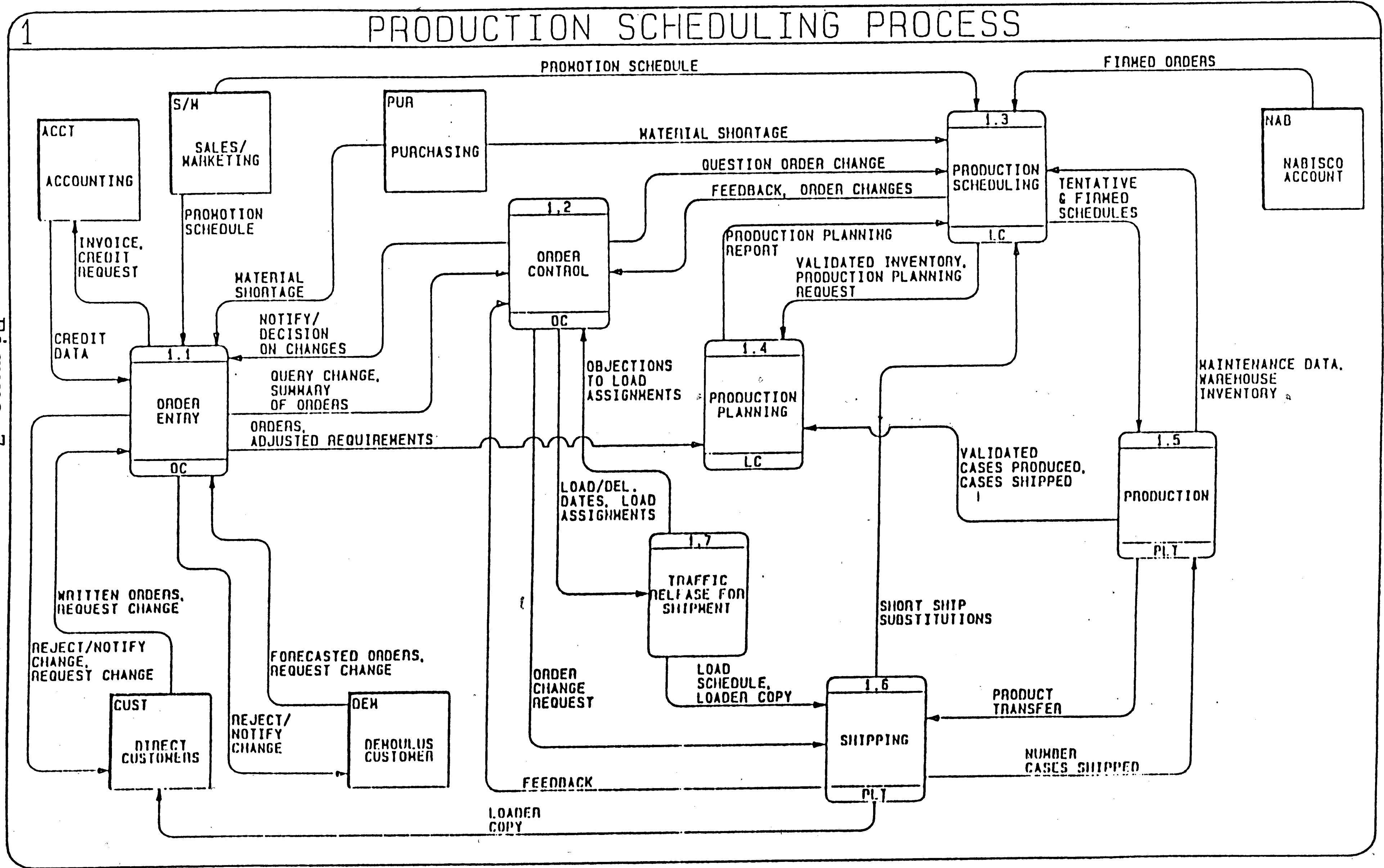


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1.3

PRODUCTION SCHEDULING

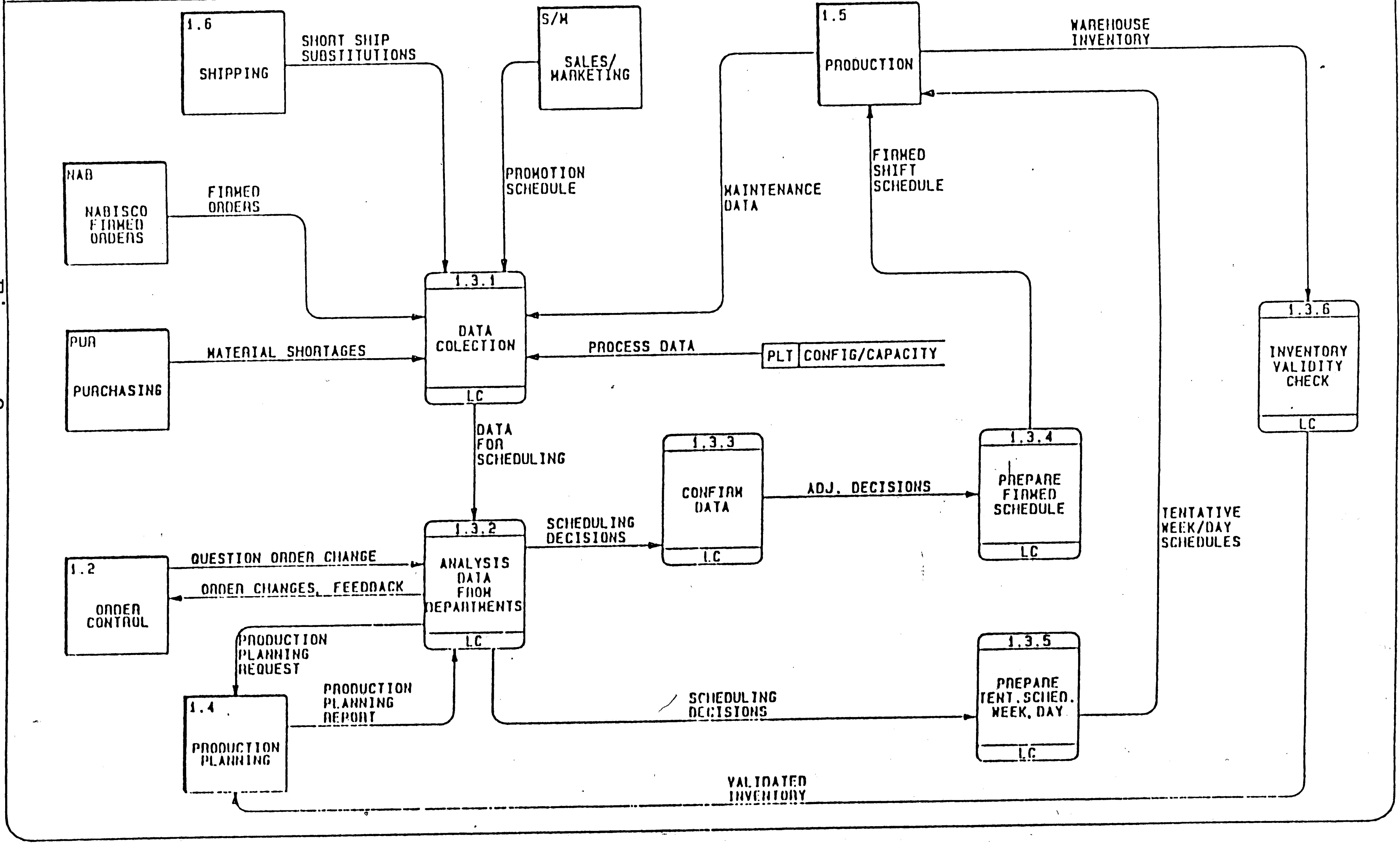


Figure 8
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of the inter-related processes.

Modeling Problems Encountered:

The artificial structure imposed upon the system under examination by the "no more than seven data elements per diagram" convention can produce great confusion about the true nature of that system. Figure 7 shows several more data elements than it normally should, but to divide the elements randomly to accommodate the page size would falsely alter the system structure.

Interfaces with other, more task-specific analysis tools should be possible. Depicted in Figure 8, the process labeled 1.3.4, Prepare Firmed Schedule, is best further explained through the use of a spreadsheet program, but no link to the structured analysis tool exists. As a result of this problem, model integration between the structured model and the spreadsheet model became a major issue.

Test Case Three

Computer Manufacturer's Production Communications Systems

Company Description:

A mid-to-large size manufacturer of personal and mini computer systems.

Project Purpose and Scope:

The goal of this analysis was to investigate the feasibility of a common manufacturing communication and networking standard. The standard was to be implemented for the production floor and related functions by multiple plants within a division. Each plant however, manufactured different products and possessed varying levels of technological sophistication.

Project Approach and Results:

Because multiple plants were involved but time constraints did not permit detailed analysis of each one, it was decided that the two plants at either end of the technology spectrum would be modeled. It was reasoned that if the architecture could support these two environments, that the remaining plants could also adopt the architecture.

Based on this approach, three teams were developed. A

three-person team of full-time university personnel worked on-site at each of the plants for intensive one-week data collection periods. One team of company personnel from each plant provided location support and high-level information. Following the data collection, an eight week period of data analysis ensued. Approximately four of the weeks were spent on model creation and structured analysis.

Model Size:

The completed model contained over 150 data flows and over 60 distinct processes. Four external entities were included in the model. Between 50 and 75 interviews were performed during the data collection phase. Review of existing protocols and systems was also utilized.

High Level Model Description:

Although the plants were considerably different from one another from product and manufacturing technology aspects, their methods of operation and overall functionality were similar. Some similarities were to be expected given the fact that they were plant within the same division of a corporation, but these resemblances quickly dissipated beyond the highest model level.

Figures 9 and 10, BF0 and BT0, are the context diagram

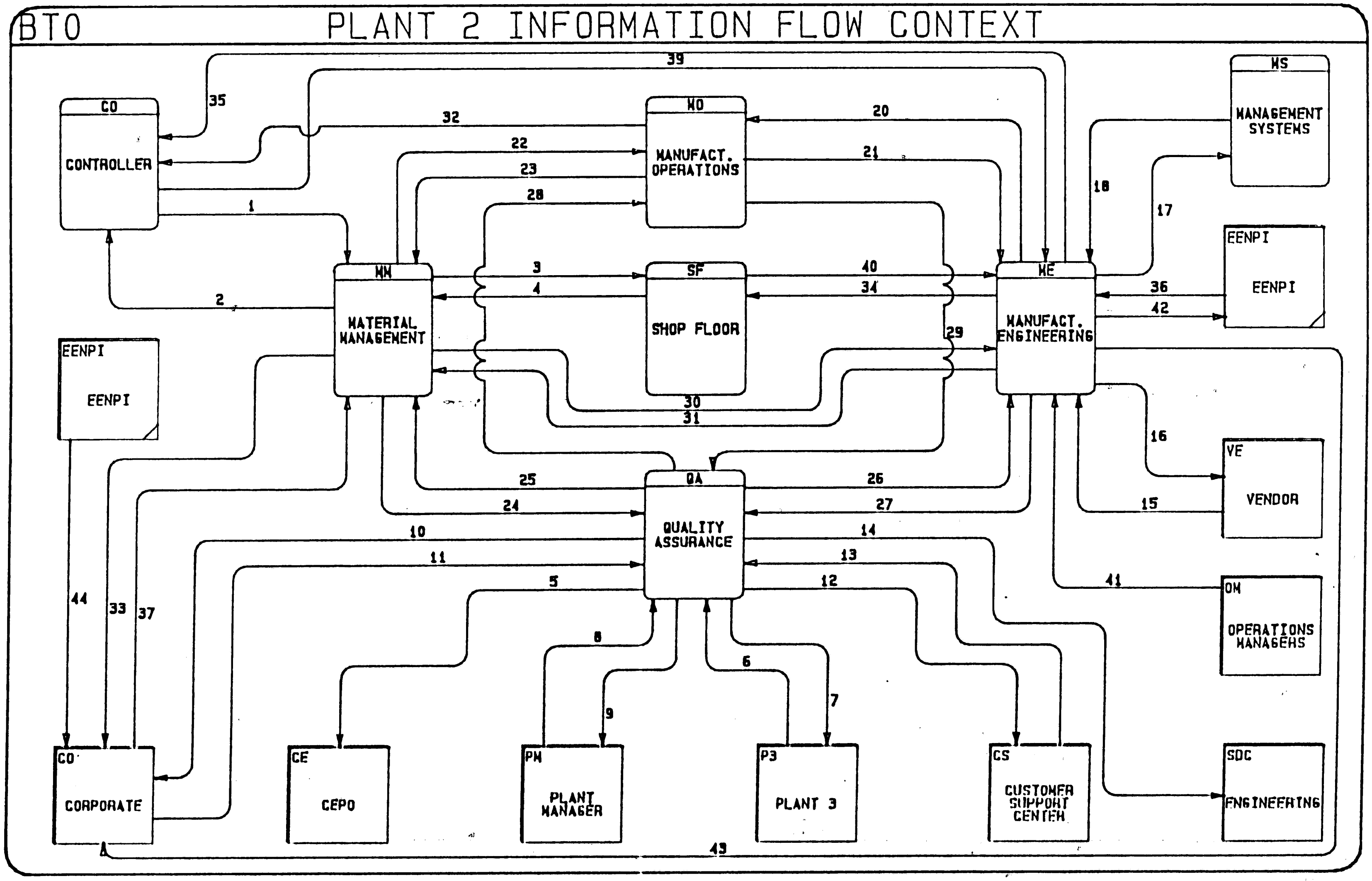


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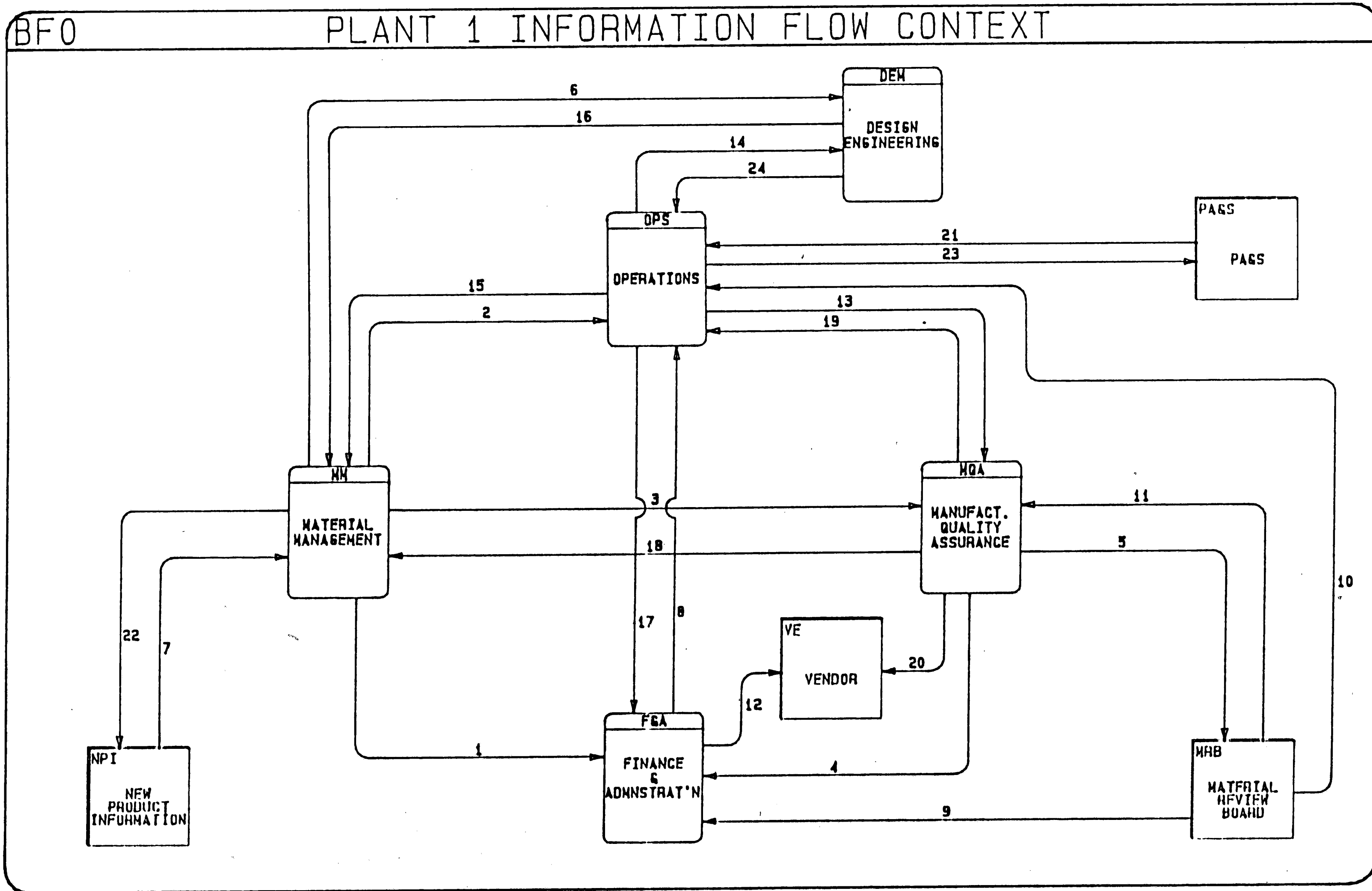


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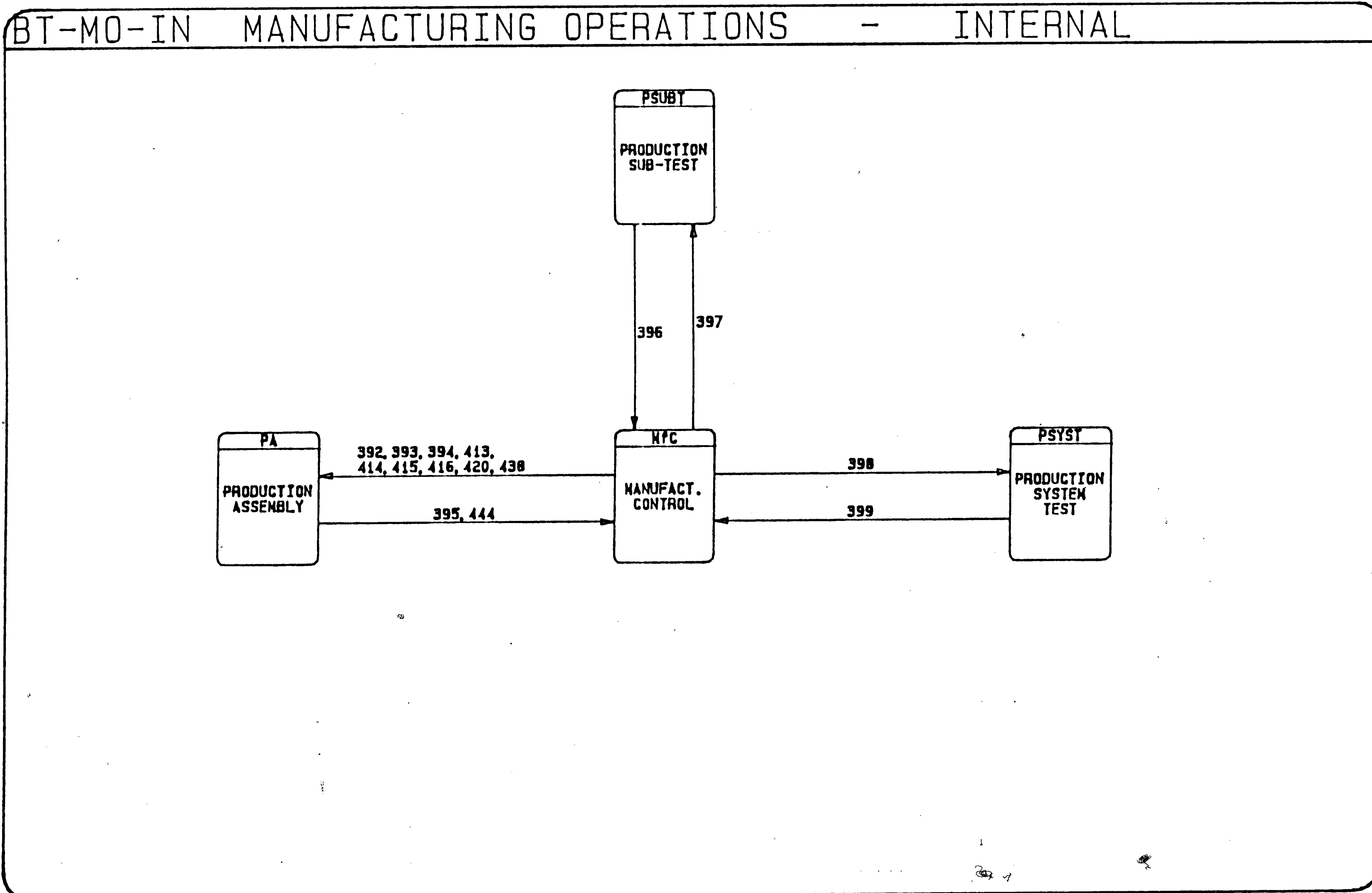


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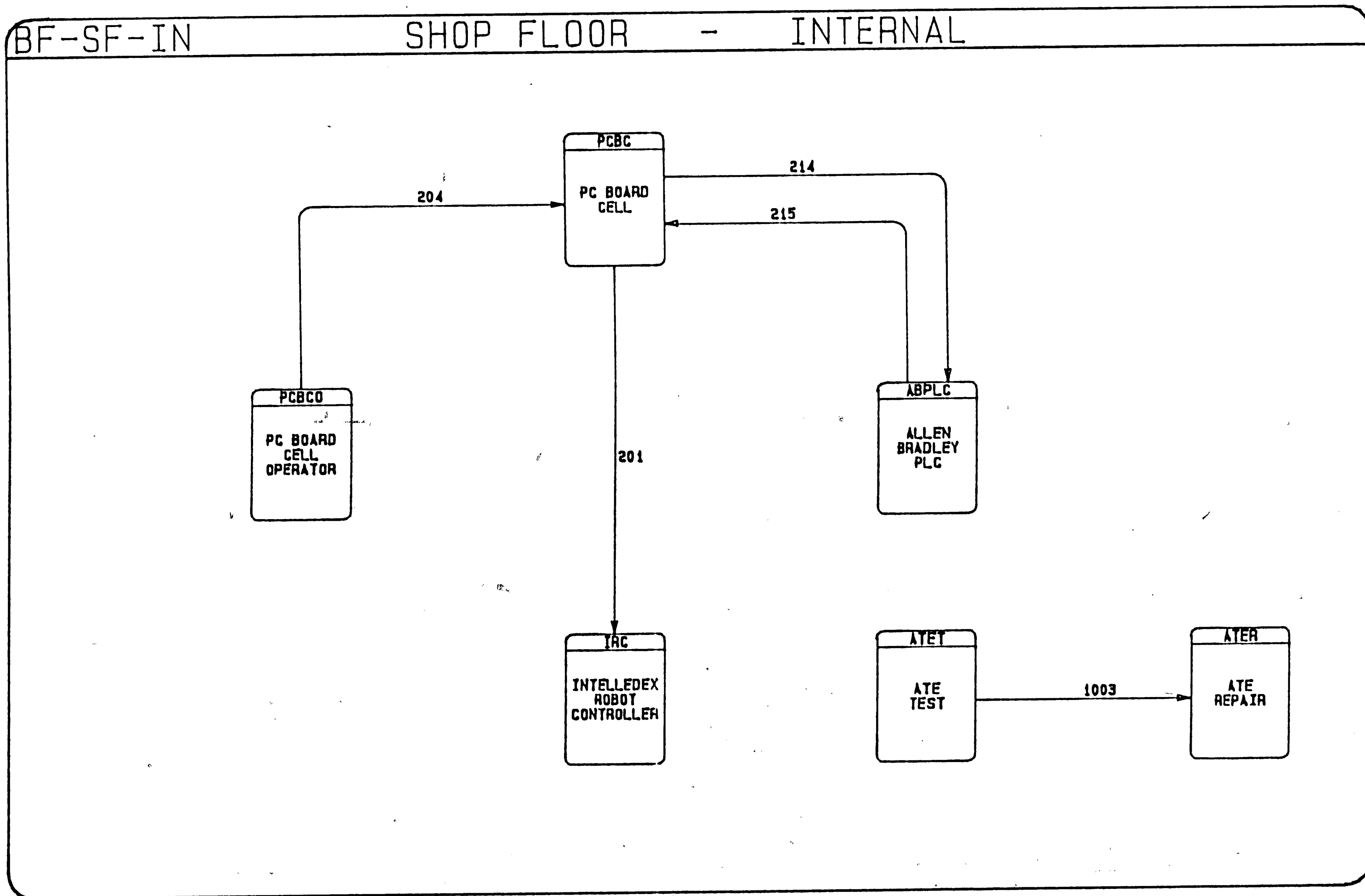


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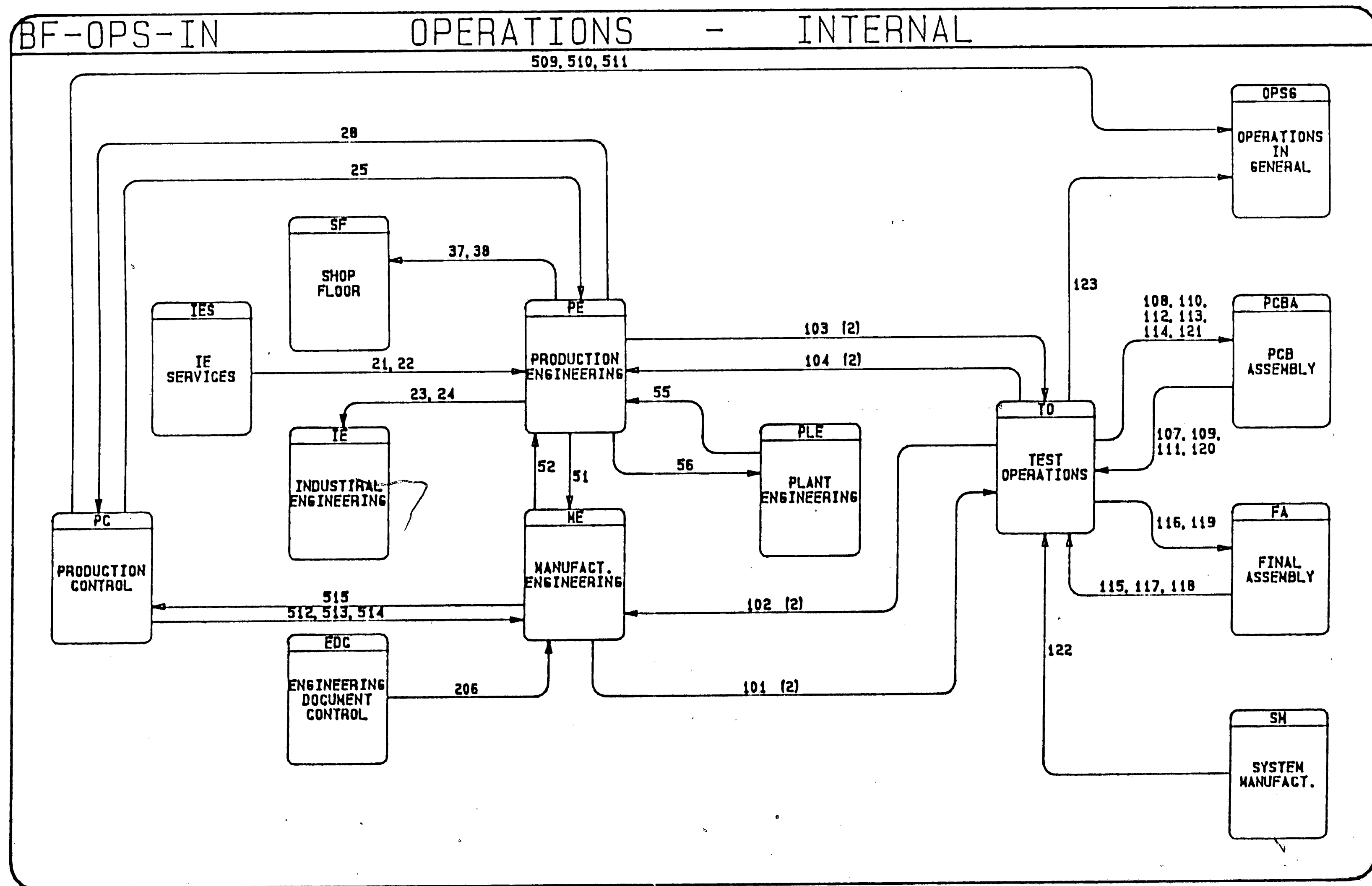


Figure 13

for the two plants. Here, the commonality can be easily recognized, particularly when it is noted that the operation function on BF0 is equivalent to the two separate functions denoted as manufacturing operations and manufacturing engineering on diagram BT0.

Examination of the level one diagrams, included in the Appendix, begins to highlight the differences between the two organizations. Much of the functionality is the same but the implementations are radically different. The functionality and implementations of the respective shop floors as shown in the diagrams designated by -SF-IN, are different as dictated by their product lines.

Modeling Problems Encountered:

Structured analysis techniques require that the physical and logical models be completely separated from one another. For this project, the two models had to be viewed more as two facets of the same stone and the analysis tool was not able to accommodate the need. This is evidenced in Figures 11 and 12, where physical names had to be assigned to what should have been logical entities in order to tie the diagrams to the other physical model.

As was the case in the previous study, the need for a link to other analysis tools existed. Figure 12 models

an aspect of the system which required mathematical analysis of data loads and transmission frequencies. This requirement could not be met within the data dictionary and a separate tool had to be utilized, creating the need for further cross-model integrity checks.

A filtering capability for the over-all model as well as individual levels or sections would permit much greater usefulness of the model. Figure 13 presents a view of internal operations at one of the plants. Each functional group represented reported to one of a few divisional groups. The ability to highlight one or more groups for analysis would have eliminated the need for manual evaluations.

Test Case Four

Automotive Electronics Manufacturer's Parts Ordering And Control System

Company Description:

One of the "Big Three" United States automobile manufacturing sites. This plant is responsible for production of electrical and electronic control systems for the corporation's major assembly plants.

Project Purpose and Scope:

The goal of this study was to develop a detailed understanding and documentation of the production scheduling and purchased-material order control functions. This was necessary because a new plant was being built and the manufacturing philosophy was shifting to a Just-In-Time concept and it was felt that the current system could not support the shift. Development of a current model was accomplished in order to identify those components which required modification or replacement.

Project Approach and Results:

Two university people served as modelers, one full-time and one quarter-time. They were responsible for data collection, model development and analysis. The company

provided no team as such, but provided access to the individuals performing the functions under analysis. The data collection lasted three weeks. The modeling and analysis were completed within six weeks.

The modeling effort showed the current system to be completely incompatible with the operating philosophy of the new plant. As a result, a newly-designed system was recommended and approved for the facility.

Model Size:

The model consisted of approximately 50 data flows and 25 processes. Six data stores and three external entities were included. Under 25 interviews were used to collect the data.

High Level Model Description:

As shown in the context diagram on Figure 14, the master production scheduling and material control functions were the focus of the examination. The level one diagram, Figure 15, of the scheduling functions illustrates the many phases of the process and the tremendous dependence on several different computing systems, modeled as data stores. The level one material control diagram, Figure 16, is oriented more toward the purchased parts cycle rather than the production parts.

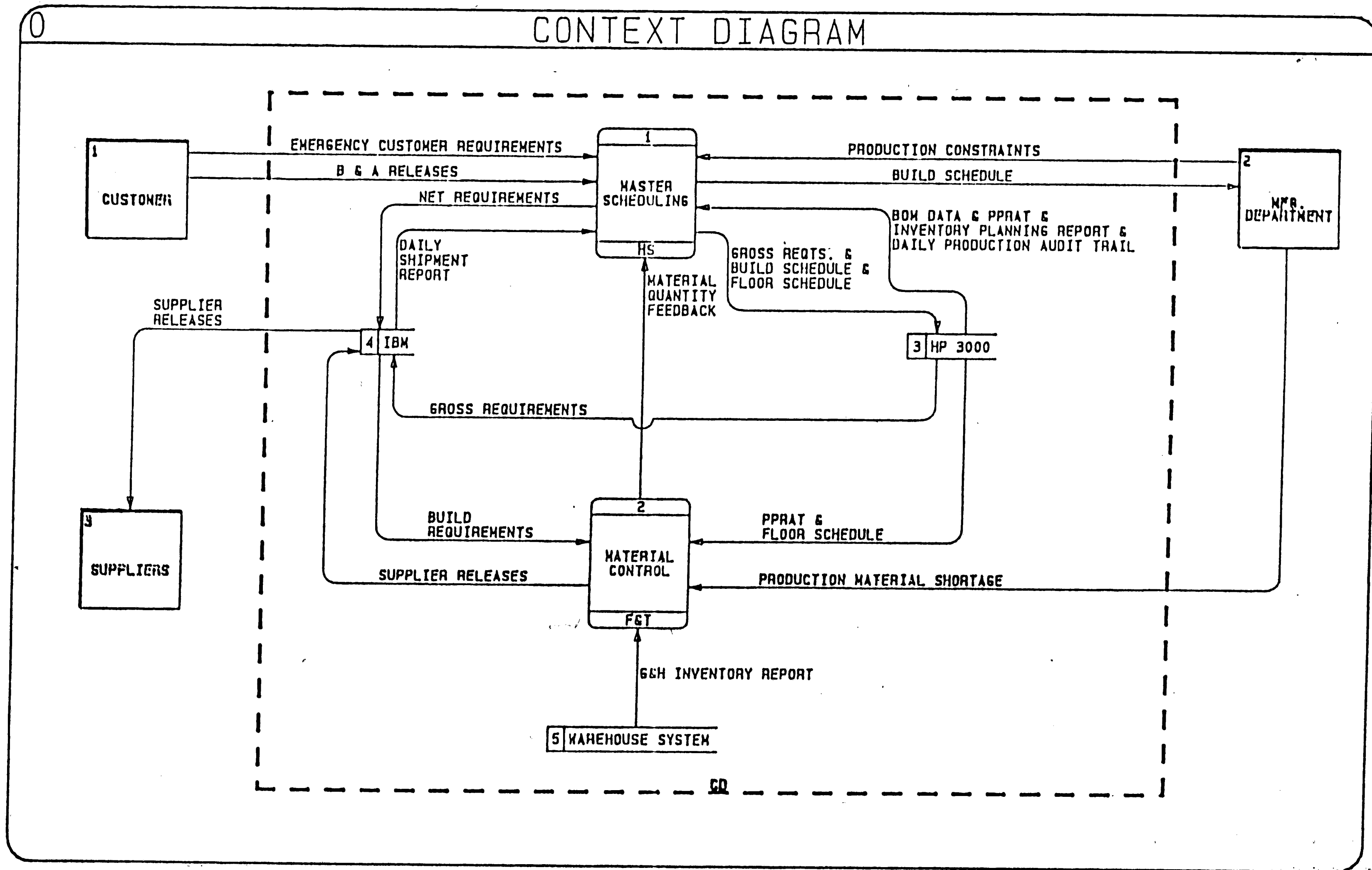


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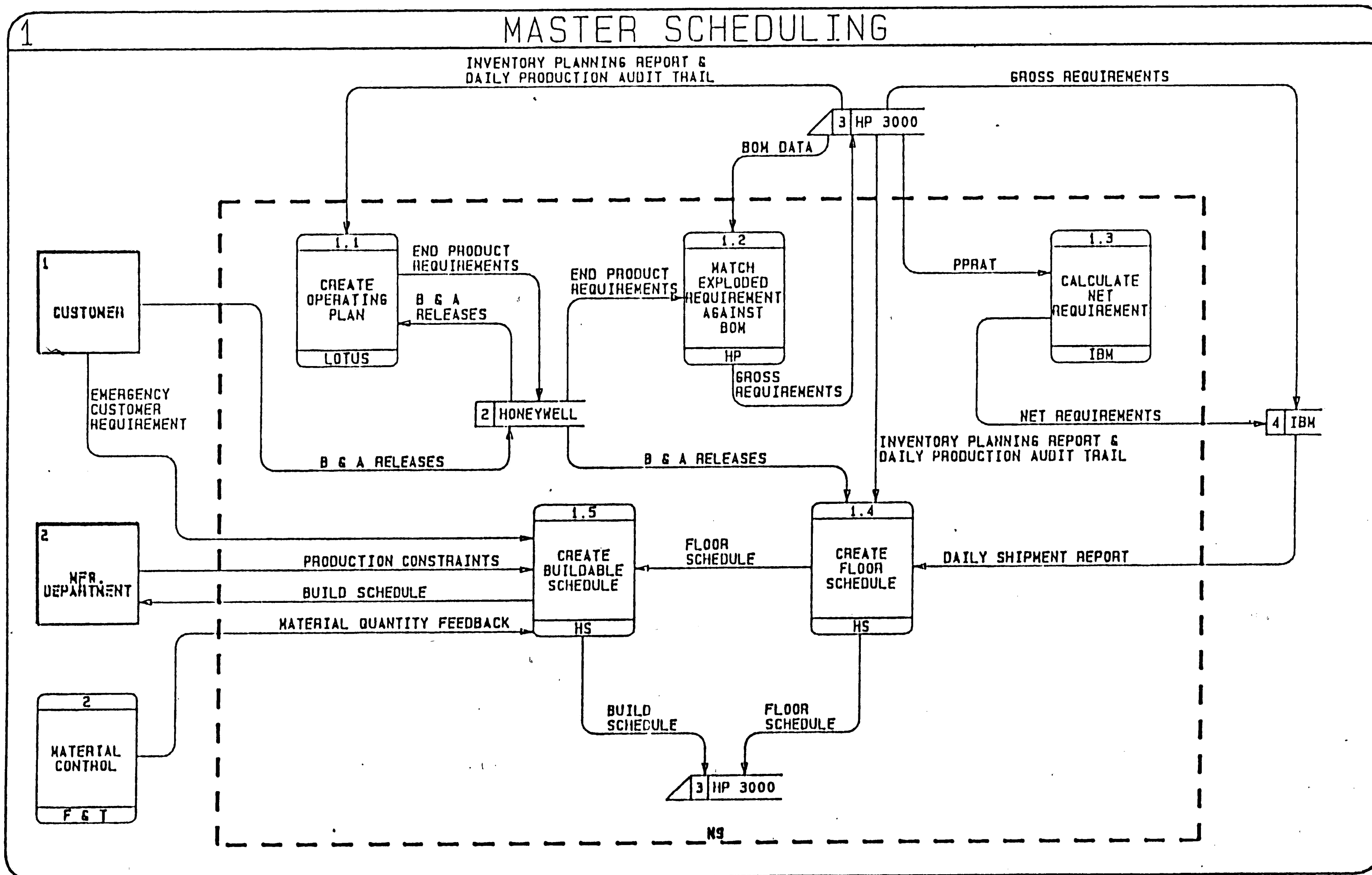


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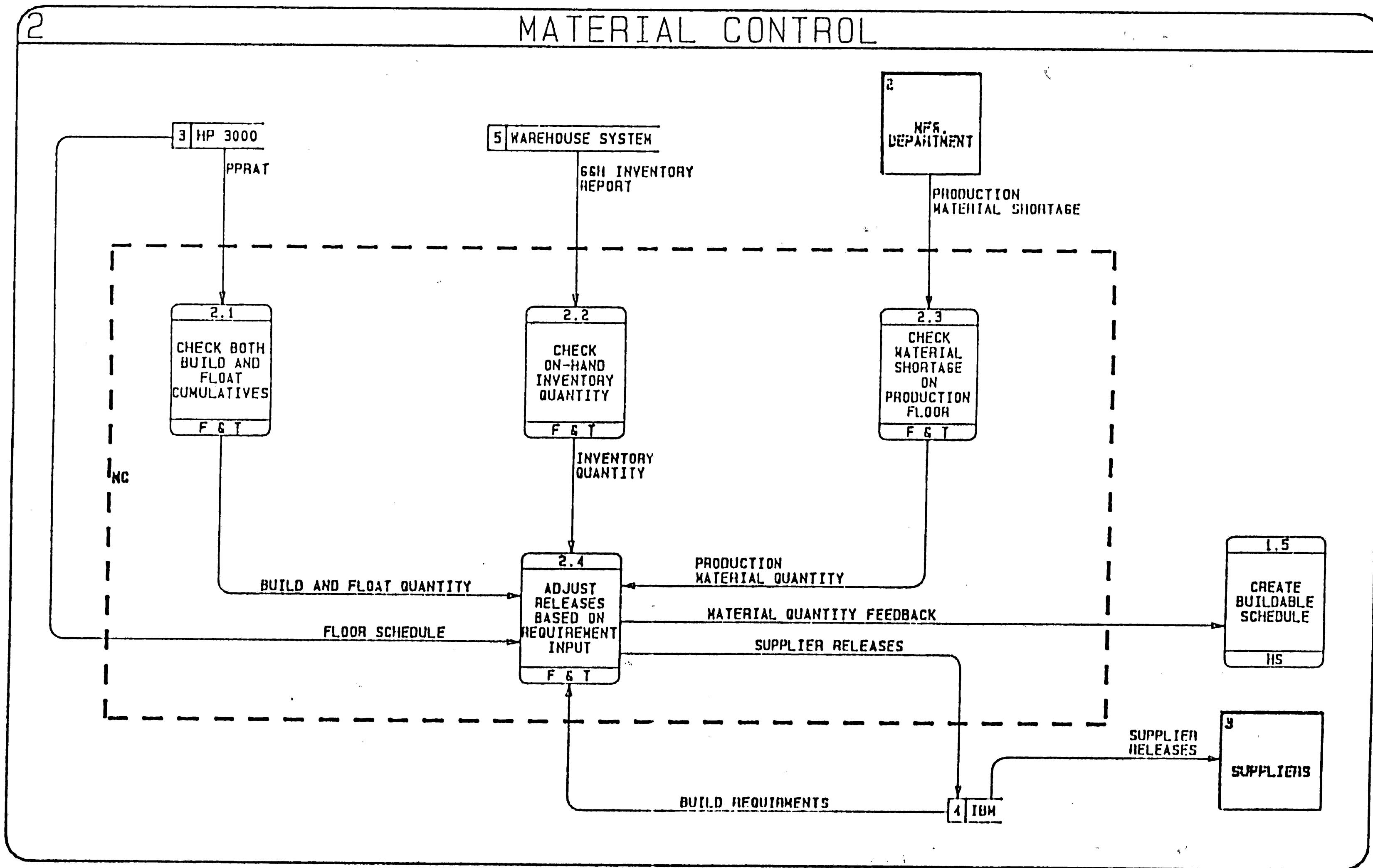


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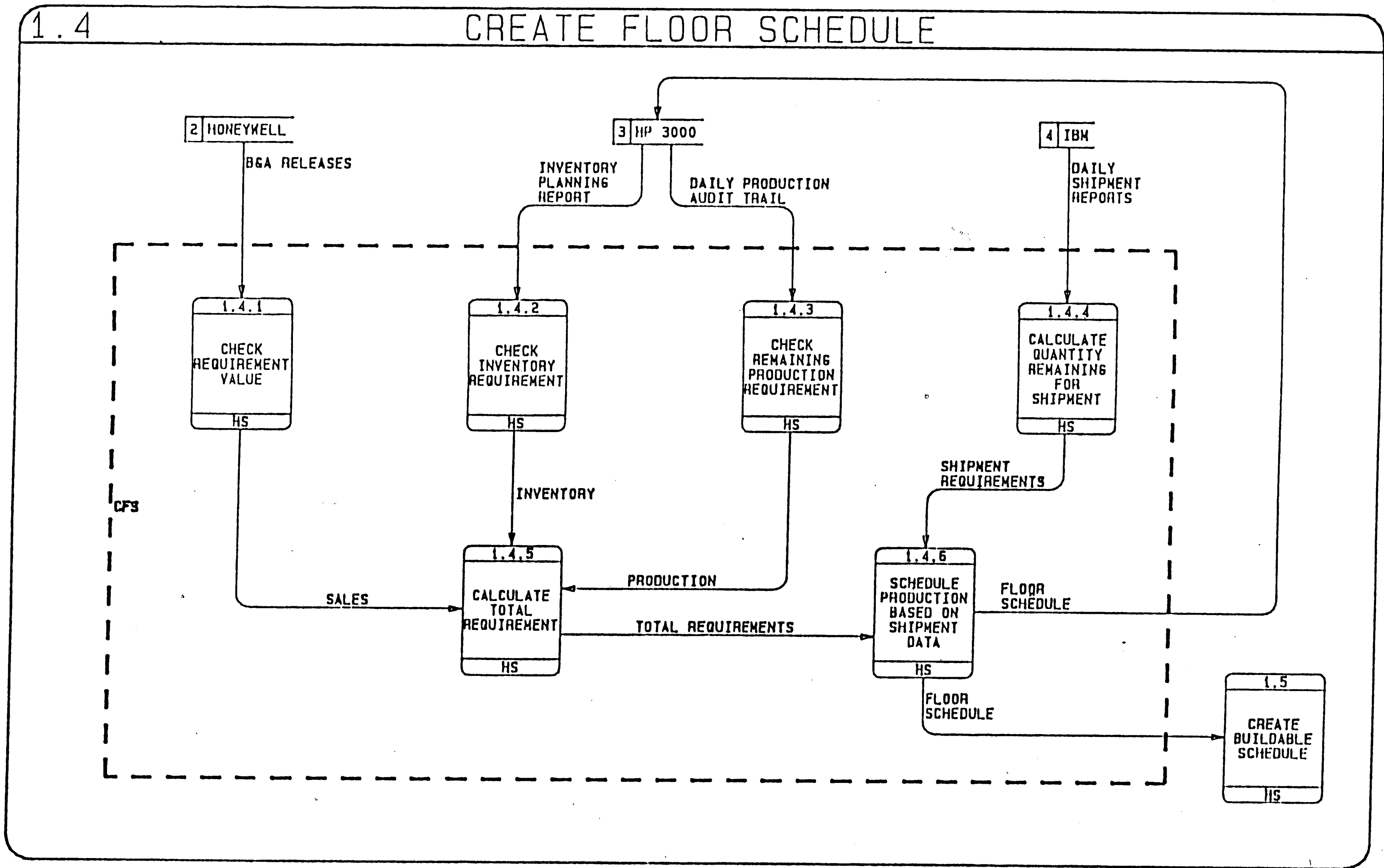


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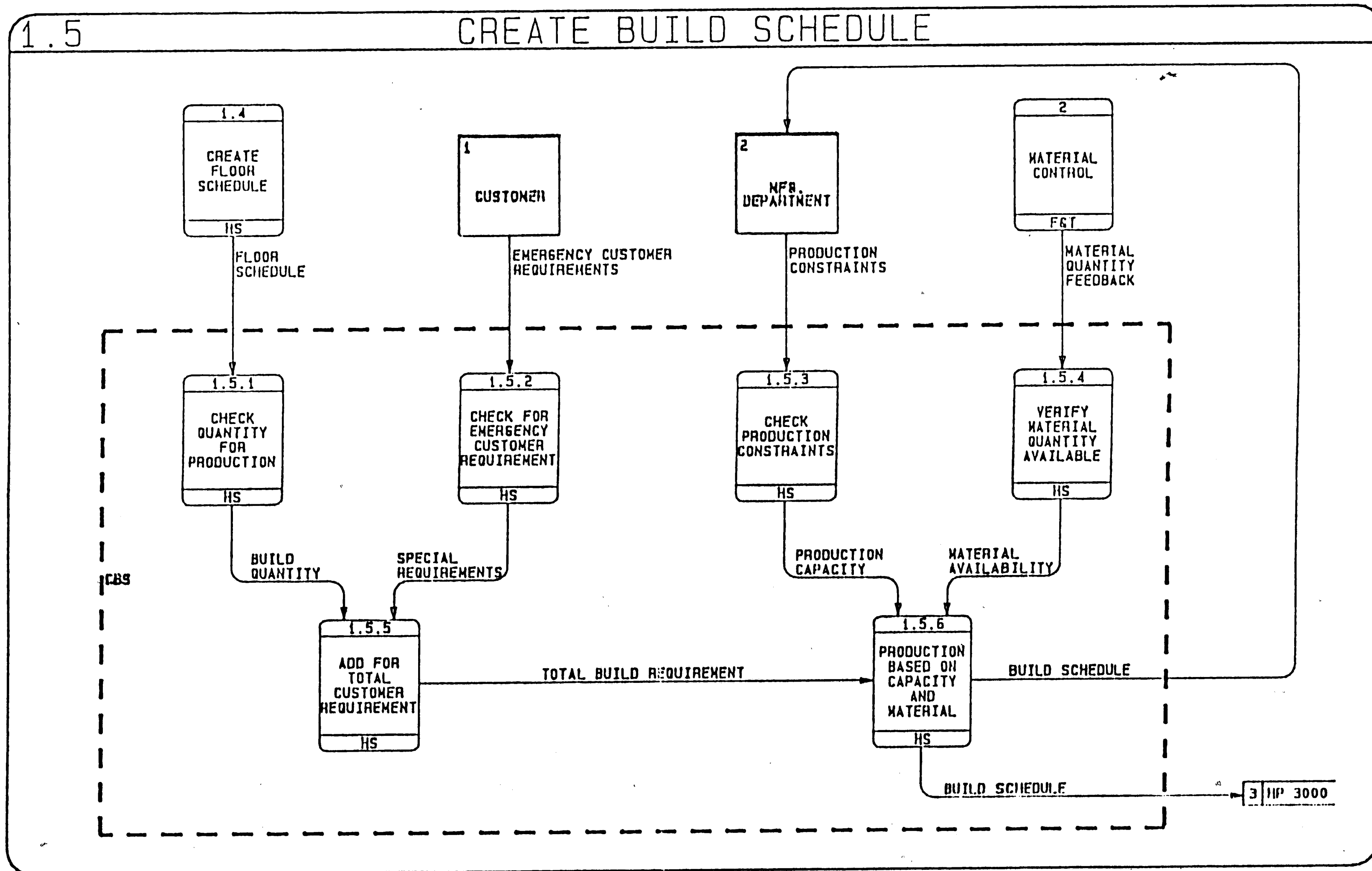


Figure 18

The level two diagrams, found in the Appendix, serve to further detail the scheduling function.

Modeling Problems Encountered:

The ability to create a model that is unruly, incomplete, or contradictory must exist. Most of the tools available at present require completeness and will flag contradictions for correction. While these features are helpful in reducing unintentional modeling errors, an over-ride must exist to permit "errors". Many systems are modeled because they are KNOWN to have problems and the identification of these areas are the goal and must be representable. Figure 16 represents the ideal of a process which in real-life does not work. There was no method available to model the failure.

The filtering function described in Case 3 would also have been useful in this case. Figures 17 and 18 describe functions which are dependent upon several factors. During analysis, the separation of the functions would have saved considerable analysis time.

CHAPTER 4

FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS DEVELOPMENT

The problems described with the modeling of the manufacturing systems presented in Chapter 3 serve as the basis for several functional requirements for a new analysis technique. Those problems primarily address model structure and element functionality issues and they will be restated in this chapter as requirements. In addition to these issues, specifications related to implementation support, and ease-of-use and maintenance control topics are covered.

Model Structure and Element Functionality

* Analysis

First and foremost, the analysis tool must be capable of creating a true model. The techniques and tools available today merely store facts about the system in an organized fashion and produce a simple, standardized representation. The burden of conceptualizing and analyzing the system rests with the user. The new tool(s) must provide verifiable, working models capable of undergoing analysis.

* Flexibility

Current modeling techniques do not allow for the deliberate creation of incomplete or incorrect systems. But it is precisely these systems which have the greatest need to be modeled and analyzed for improvement. Therefore, it is critical that any new tools not only permit this functionality, but allow concentration to be focused upon model "wrongness", in order to support correction analysis.

Although it is useful to supply guidelines for model creation, the imposition of artificial structure (such as the seven entity per page rule) defeats one of the purposes of modeling. The analyst must be free to model the system as it exists.

The ability to assign user-defined keys to any or all of the data structures and then filter the model would greatly enhance the analysis capability of the modeling tool. This would provide a "facet" quality to the model, thereby permitting different views of reality to be examined.

* Data Structures

The existing set of data structures is too limited. Future tools should allow for more complex and user-defined structures in order to more accurately describe

system components such as humans.

Closer and more obvious connectivity must be supported for structures between model levels of abstraction. At present, too much of the burden rests with the designer of the data dictionary.

* Logic Operators

It is frequently insufficient to show only information flow on the graphical system model. The addition of logic operators to indicate flow and process options, such as exception and emergency alternatives or ownership versus control status, would significantly improve the clarity of the graphic model representation.

* Interfaces to Other Analysis Tools

No one analysis tool can be expected to handle all of the aspects of systems analysis that now exist and will be created as our systems become more and more complex. Rather, these tools should have the ability to link with one another, reducing the need for redundant modeling and analysis efforts. The systems analyst should have access to structured techniques, decision trees and state tables, mathematical computation packages, spreadsheets, simulators, and/or whatever additional tools the system requires.

Implementation Support

* Graphics

Since the diagrams are an essential component of the analysis technique, graphic support is critical. The tool or tools must provide mechanisms which allow for easy creation and manipulation of graphic elements. Particularly in the case of the data flow element, there should be both a default generation mode and a user-controlled option. This would permit the analyst to change the path, bend-points, or style of the element only when the default setting is unacceptable. The graphics generation facility should naturally provide color and high-resolution attributes.

* Device And Platform Support

In today's multi-vendor marketplace, any structured analysis implementations should be highly portable, providing mobility across several hardware and software platforms. Particular attention to support of several input and output devices is desirable. Aside from keyboard entry of information, other input mechanisms such as barcodes or direct data transfer should be offered. A wide variety of printers and plotters should be supportable, as well as electronic file transfer.

Ease of Use and Maintenance Control

* Conventions for user-defined elements

Although freedom from methodological constraints is desirable, the methodology should provide significant assistance to the analyst in terms of guidelines and conventions for user-defined elements. Examples include new data structure uses, naming standards, and help in establishing indexing mechanisms for the diagrams and structures.

* Rough-cut and Development Support

None of the current structured analysis packages provide a useful means of supporting developing diagrams. A rough-sketch mechanism which bypasses all of the consistency model integrity checks should exist. During the data collection and early investigation stages of modeling, a diagram or set of diagrams may be revised dozens of times and completely re-drawn several times. Because rough-sketching is not supported, this is usually handled manually, requiring a great deal of time and effort. Neatly drawn diagrams, even during development are important since the graphic model representation is often used as the guideline for detailed data collection and model verification with the system experts. Once the diagram has been roughed-out, a transformation facility

should exist to transport the diagram from development into the model. During the transfer, the integrity and model consistency checks could be applied.

* Change Control

Particularly on systems projects involving multiple analysts, change control is a critical function. The last five years have produced improvements to the structured analysis packages available, but more work must be done. System directed checks for both graphical and dictionary integrity and consistency should exist. In addition, users should be able to direct consistency checks of the model, searching for specific problems.

Security and revision control should offer several levels of standard protection covering the elements of the model, the activities and procedures applicable to the model, as well as the model itself. In addition, an option for system-manager designed safeguards should be offered.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSIONS AND AREAS FOR FUTURE WORK

At the present time, a widely applicable but robust tool for the documentation and analysis of manufacturing systems does not exist. The need for such a tool will only increase with time and our desire to create newer, more complex and highly integrated systems. Very little work has been done in this area and the field is open wide for future research and development.

Our current capability to model manufacturing systems is much like that of the geometric modeler twenty years ago. At that time, geometries were described in terms of points, lines, and curves from each of three views, usually Top, Side, and Front. But no model of the part existed. Instead, the individual geometric views were recorded and these isolated entities were reproduced in a standard fashion, leaving the conceptualization and analysis of the model to the user. Similarly, systems analysts today merely collect and deposit facts about a system without ever creating a real model. They are unable to directly work with and examine a system model and are forced to rely upon their individual capacity for conceptualization and imagination.

With the advent of CAD technology, users moved to 3-D

and solids modeling, and were thus provided with analysis techniques and tools. Although the manufacturing systems problem is much wider in scope, the task is the same: find a methodology and a technologically-supportable mechanism.

A promising candidate methodology to fill this void can be found in the development of a technique and tool based upon structured analysis. The basic premise does not restrict the set of systems to which the technique may be applied while still providing a sound foundation for a powerful set of modeling tools. The enhancement of this underlying methodology through the meeting of the requirements outlined in this thesis would provide the capability for significant advances in manufacturing systems analysis.

The methodology must be capable of providing a real model able to withstand analysis. Additionally, it should offer modeling consistency and completeness, while not eliminating the user's freedom and ability to represent inexact systems. The modeling approach should allow for modular implementation of the techniques. It must be robust and powerful, yet its concepts must be easy to understand and follow throughout implementation. In order to be useful, it must of course also be physically implementable.

The implementation of the technique should support all

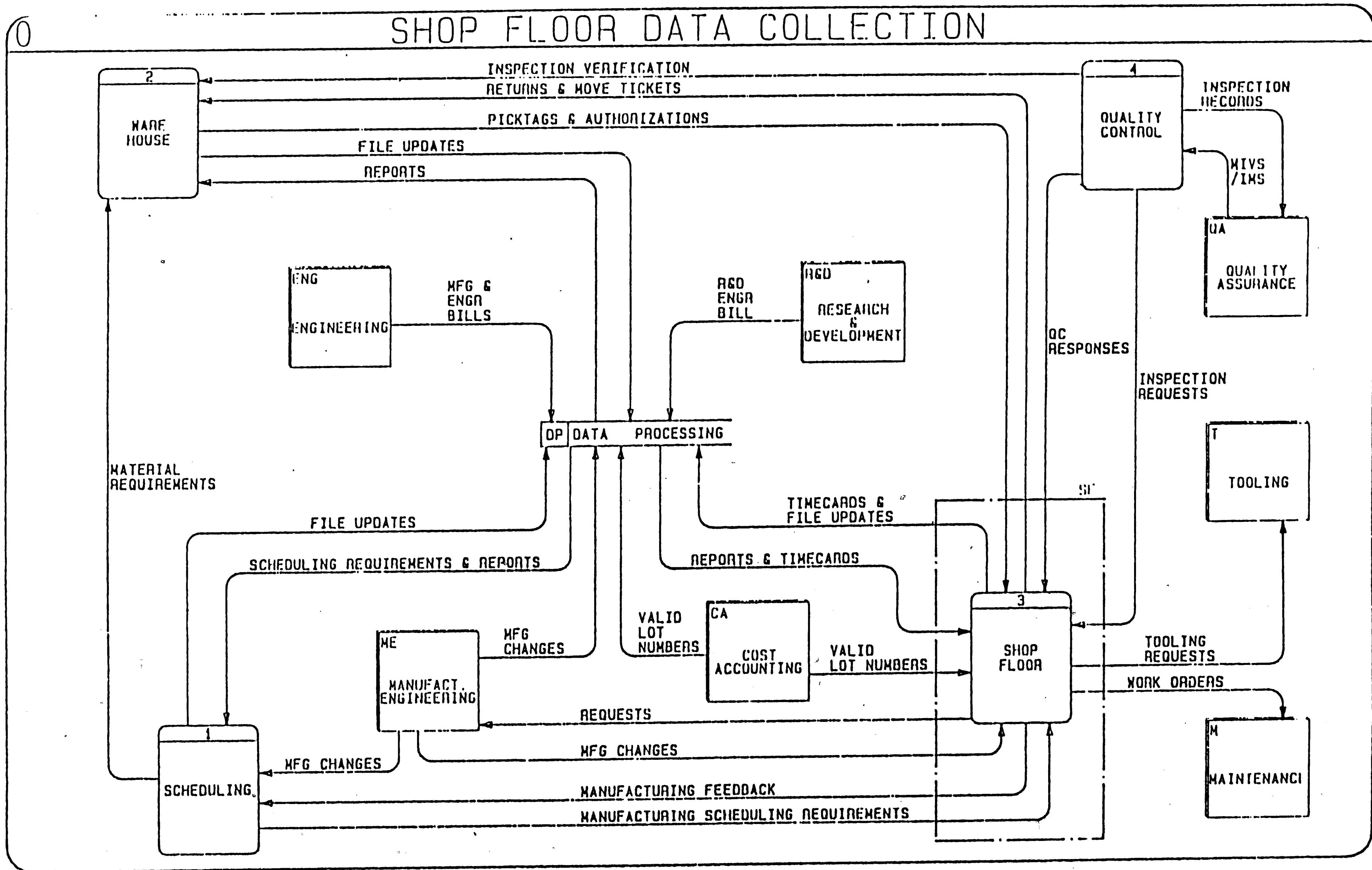
of the attributes and requirements of the method as well as providing for user needs such as fast response and turn-around time, user friendliness, and high quality software and hardware support and portability.

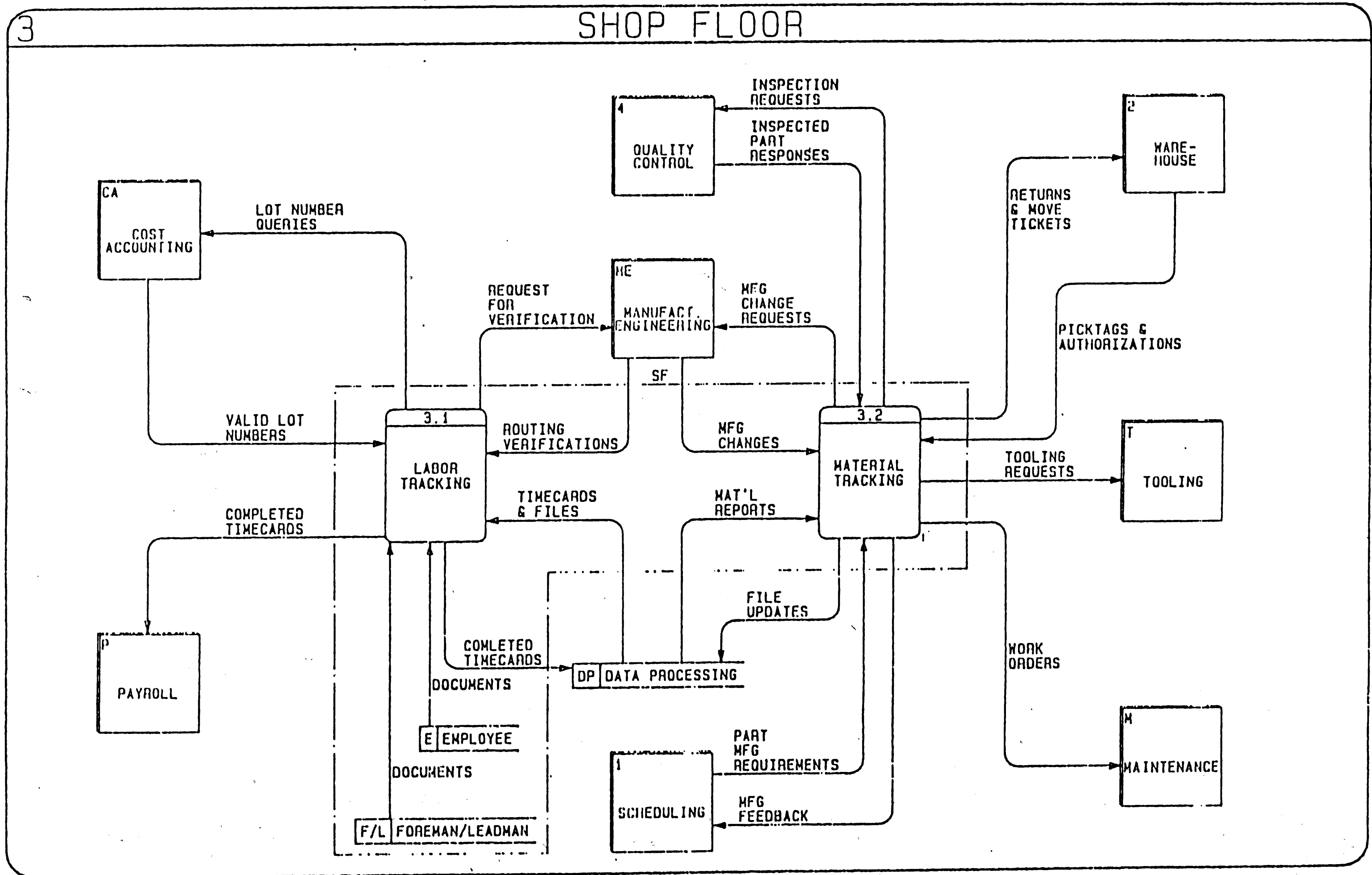
This thesis has presented a requirements definition for a general-purpose manufacturing systems analysis tool. It is hoped by this author that the modest work begun here will spark an interest in providing a product for a market in great need, namely manufacturing professionals. Particularly in the U.S., where we have lost and continue to lose hold of our competitive edge, any contribution toward improving our ability to manage the manufacturing function should be encouraged. It is additionally hoped by the writer that the requirements set forth here will provide direction for future research into meeting the specifications and building such a tool.

APPENDIX

CASE 1

SHOP FLOOR DATA COLLECTION

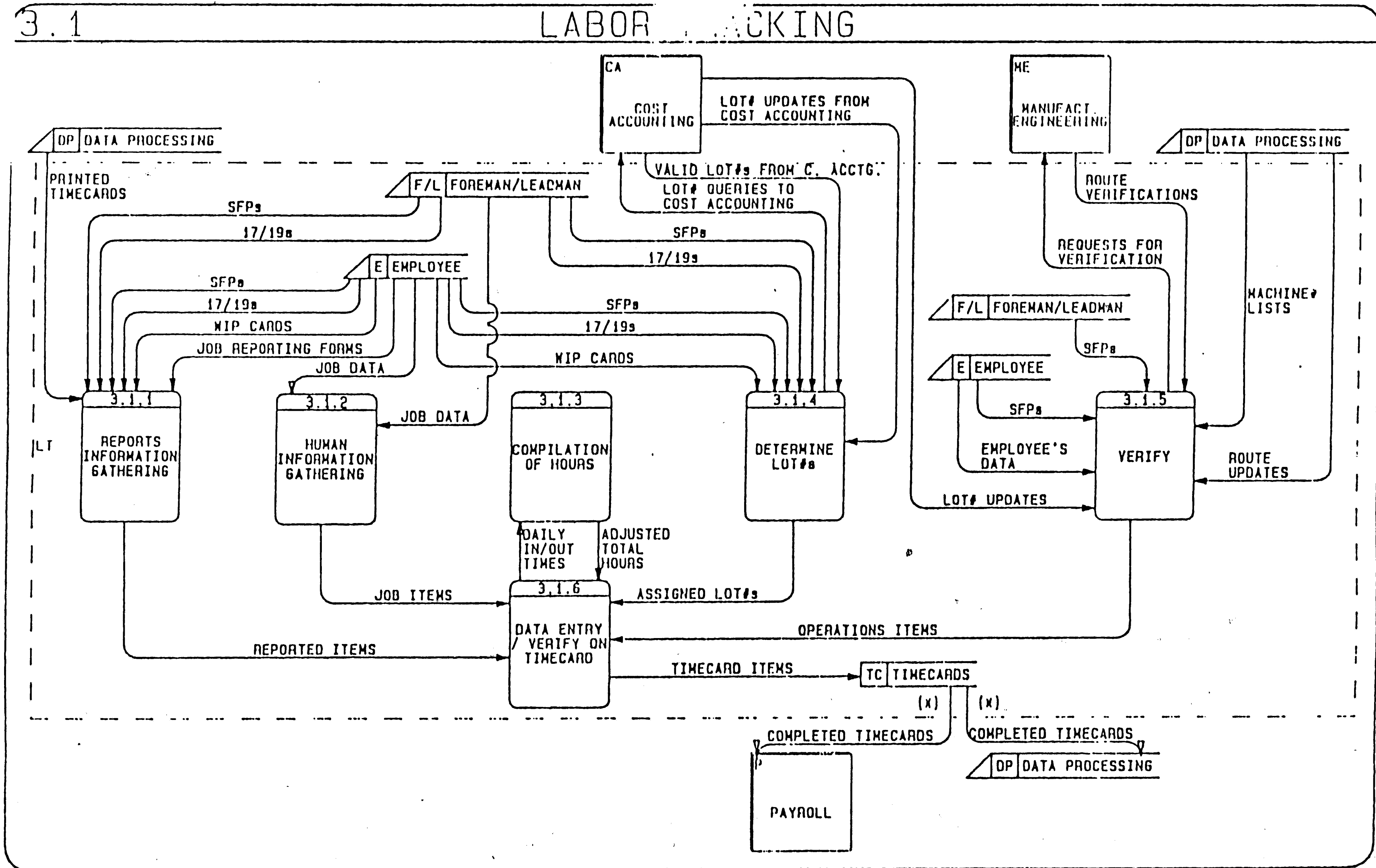




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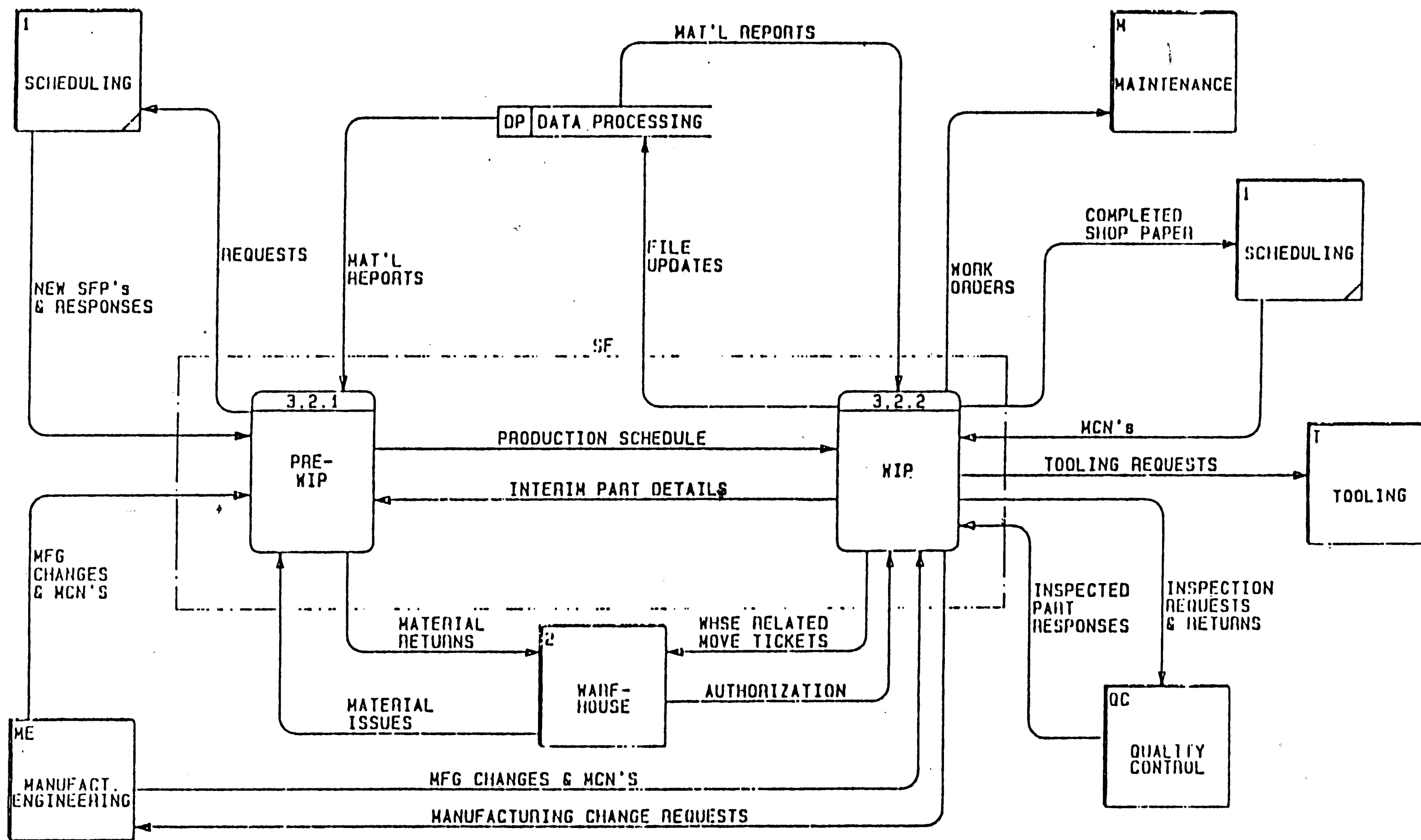
LABOR TRACKING

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3.2

MATERIAL TRACKING



MINI SPEC ENTRY

PROCESS NAME: DATA ENTRY/VERIFY ON TIMECARD

PROCESS ID #: 3.1.5

<DESCRIPTION:>

THE PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE FOLLOWING ARE WRITTEN ON THE TIMECARD:
REPORTED ITEMS + JOB ITEMS + ADJUSTED TOTAL HOURS + ASSIGNED LOT#s
+ OPERATIONS ITEMS.

	FREQUENCY	USAGE
	PER (H,D,W,M)	PERCENT
IN BOUND DATA FLOWS:		
1) REPORTED ITEMS	5000/D	99
2) JOB ITEMS	6750/D	99
3) ADJUSTED TOTAL HOURS	1775/D	99
4) ASSIGNED LOT#S	2750/D	99
5) OPERATIONS ITEMS	2350/D	99
6)	0/	0
7)	0/	0
OUT BOUND DATA FLOWS		
1) DAILY IN/OUT TIMES	1775/D	
2) TIMECARD ITEMS	9999/D	
3)	0/	
4)	0/	
5)	0/	
6)	0/	
7)	0/	

<SPECIAL NOTES:>

FREQUENCY FOR THE OUT BOUND DATA FLOW TIMECARD ITEMS DENOTED ABOVE AS 9999/D
ACTUALLY 18,625/D.

ACCURACY LEVEL: 99%
TIME IN PROCESS: 2 MINUTES
INITIALS: DER
LAST MODIFICATION DATE: 07/17/85
REVISION LEVEL: 2

<<LOGIC SUMMARY>>

WRITE ON TIMECARD: REPORTED ITEMS + JOB ITEMS + ADJUSTED TOTAL HOURS +
ASSIGNED LOT#s + OPERATIONS ITEMS

DATA FLOW ENTRY

DATA FLOW NAME: WEEKLY PRINTED TIMECARDS

<DESCRIPTION:>

SERGE + DATE + SHIFT + NAME + DEPARTMENT + FOREMAN + TIME

ORIGINATES FROM: TYPE (DS,FR,EE)	NAME	AVERAGE (TRANSITION) TIME	NEED (BY) TIME
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- | | | | |
|-------|-----------------|----|--|
| 1) DS | DATA PROCESSING | 1D | |
| 2) | | | |
| 3) | | | |
| 4) | | | |
| 5) | | | |

ENTERS TO: TYPE (DS,FR,EE)	NAME
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|-------|--------------------|
| 1) DS | TIMEKEEPING OFFICE |
| 2) | |
| 3) | |
| 4) | |
| 5) | |

* INDICATES DATA FLOW MOVEMENT
FROM ONE MAJOR WORK CENTER TO
ANOTHER MAJOR WORK CENTER

<SPECIAL NOTES:>

A BATCH OF A WEEK'S WORTH OF TIMECARDS IS TAKEN TO THE TIMEKEEPING OFFICE
TOWARD THE END OF EACH WEEK FOR USE THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

ACCURACY LEVEL: 99%

MEDIUM USED: PAPER

DATA FLOW SIZE IN K-BYTES: 1

LAST MODIFICATION DATE: 07/16/85

REVISION LEVEL: 1

INITIALS: DER

DATA STORE ENTRY

DATA STORE NAME: EMPLOYEE (1 OF 2) PROCESS ID #: 5

<DESCRIPTION:>

INCLUDES ALL INDIVIDUALS WORKING ON THE 8TH FLOOR WHO REPORT
THEIR HOURS FOR TIMECARD ENTRY

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1)	0/	0
2)	0/	0
3)	0/	0
4)	0/	0
5)	0/	0
6)	0/	0
7)	0/	0

OUT BOUND DATA FLOWS	FREQUENCY PER (H, D, W, M)	USAGE PERCENT
1) JOE REPORTING FORMS	100/D	
2) JOE DETAILS	3200/D	
3) BFFS	2100/D	
4) CLOCK-IN TIMES	1800/D	
5) CLOCK-OUT TIMES	1760/D	
6) WIP CARDS	30/D	
7) 17/195	250/D	

LOCATIONS OF STORE	# OF USERS	LOCATIONS OF STORE	# OF USERS
1) 8 FLOOR	11	2)	0
	0	4)	0
	0	6)	0
	0	8)	0
9)	0	10)	0
11)	0	12)	0
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19)	0	20)	0

ORGANIZATION: HUMAN
 UPDATE PROCESS:
VERBAL, PAPER
 FREQUENCY OF UPDATE: 999/D

<SPECIAL NOTES>

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE DENOTED ABOVE AS 999/D ACTUALLY RANGES BETWEEN 1/DAY AND
20/DAY DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE DIFFERING WORKING ENVIRONMENTS.

REVISION LEVEL: 3

LAST DATE OF MODIFICATION: 07/27/85

ACCURACY LEVEL: 75%

SIZE OF STORE IN K-BYTES: 1KB

INITIALS: DER

DATA STORE ENTRY

DATA STORE NAME: EMPLOYEE (2 OF 2) PROCESS ID #: E

<DESCRIPTION:>

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2)	0/	0
3)	0/	0
4)	0/	0
5)	0/	0
6)	0/	0
7)	0/	0
OUT BOUND DATA FLOWS		
1) EMPLOYEE'S LOT#S	100/D	
2) EMPLOYEE'S MACHINE#S	50/D	
3) EMPLOYEE'S ROUTINGS	5/D	
4)	0/	
5)	0/	
6)	0/	
7)	0/	

LOCATIONS OF STORE FLOOR	# OF USERS	LOCATIONS OF STORE	# OF USERS
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	0	4)	0
	0	6)	0
	0	8)	0
7)	0	10)	0
9)	0	12)	0
11)	0	14)	0
13)	0	16)	0
15)	0	18)	0
17)	0	20)	0
19)	0		

ORGANIZATION: HUMAN
 UPDATE PROCESS:
VERBAL, PAPER
 FREQUENCY OF UPDATE: 999/D

<SPECIAL NOTES>

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INITIALS: DER

EXTERNAL ENTITY ENTRY

DATA STORE NAME: MANUFACT. ENGINEERING

PROCESS ID #: ME

<DESCRIPTION:>

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MANUFACTURING CHANGES.

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2) APPROVED-1 MCN COPY	10/D
3) M+D FORM COPY	20/W
4) MANUFACTURING CHANGE REQUESTS	50/W
5)	0/

OUT BOUND DATA FLOWS	
1) ROUTE VERIFICATIONS	2/D
2) MFG CHANGES	200/W
3)	0/
4)	0/
5)	0/

<SPECIAL NOTES>

THERE IS NEXT TO NO COORDINATION OF MANUFACTURING CHANGES & MCN'S OUT ON THE
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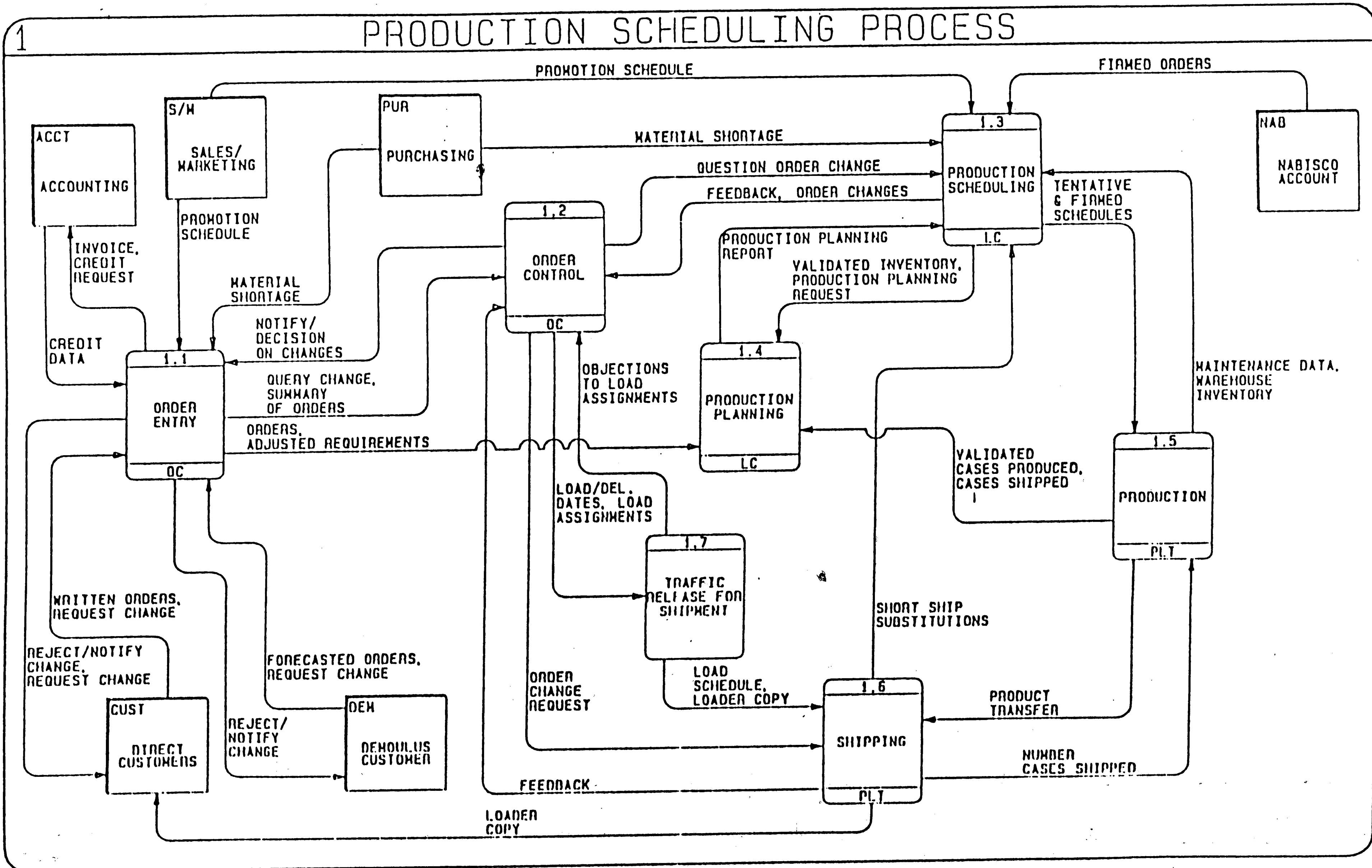
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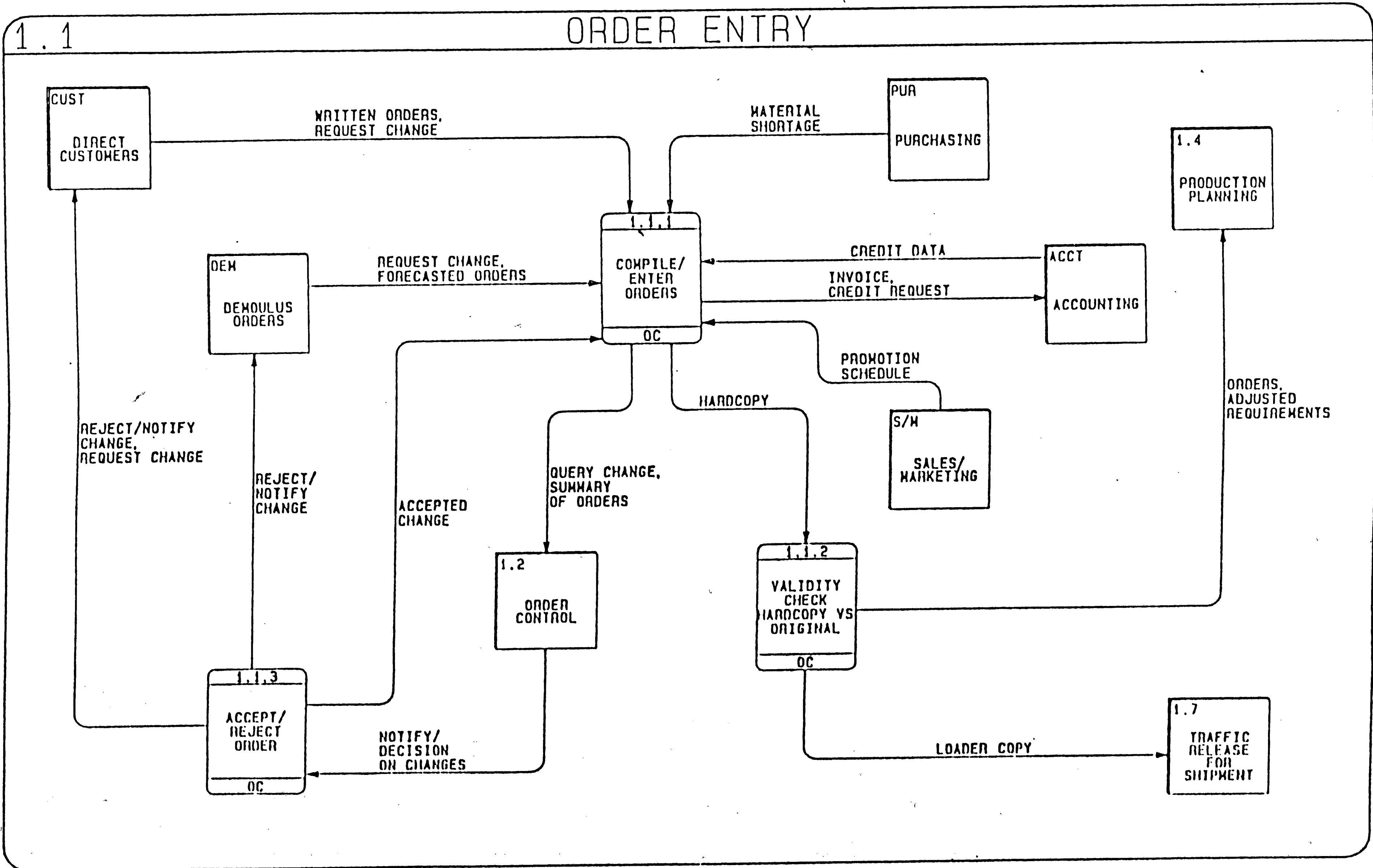
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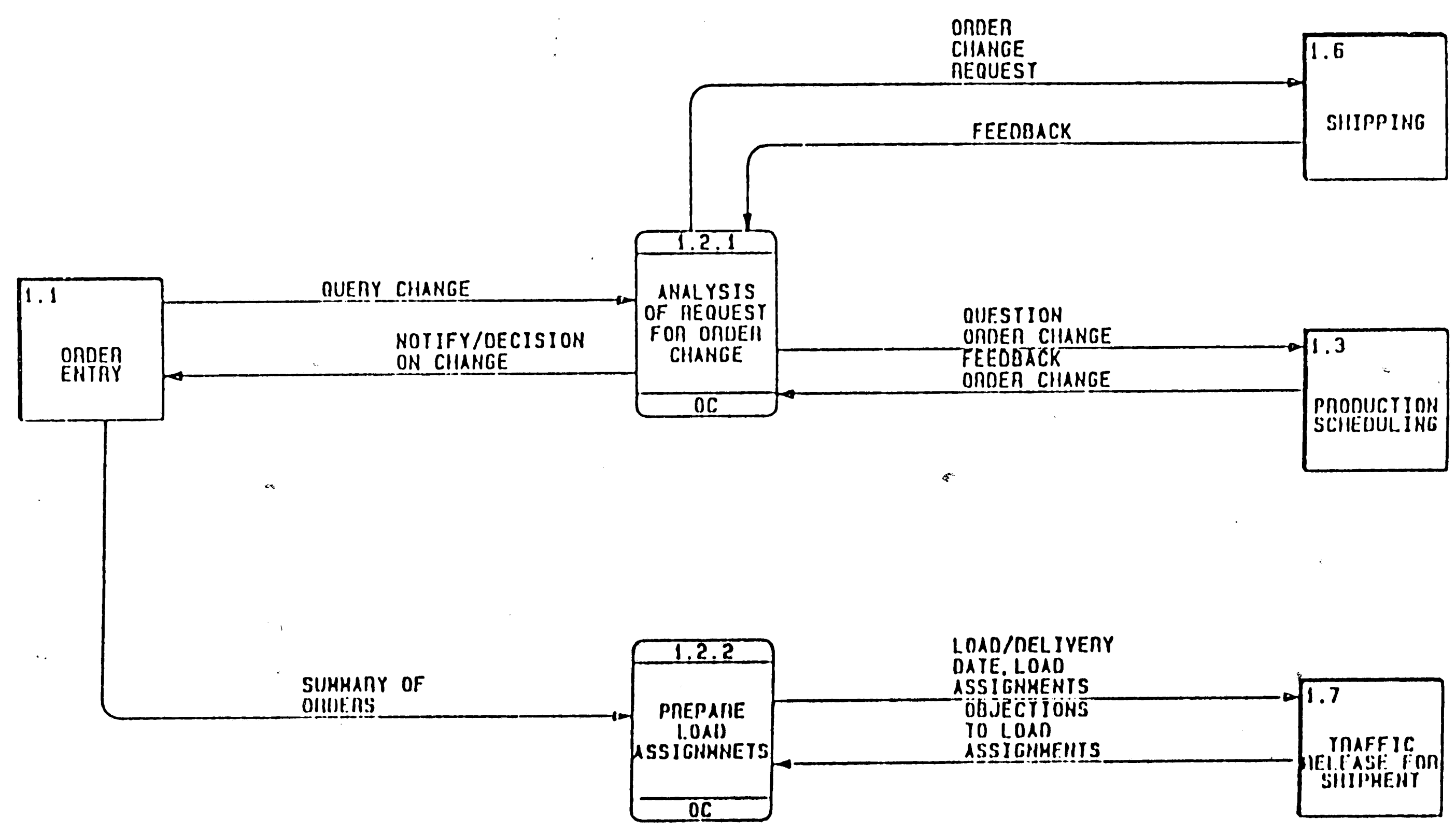
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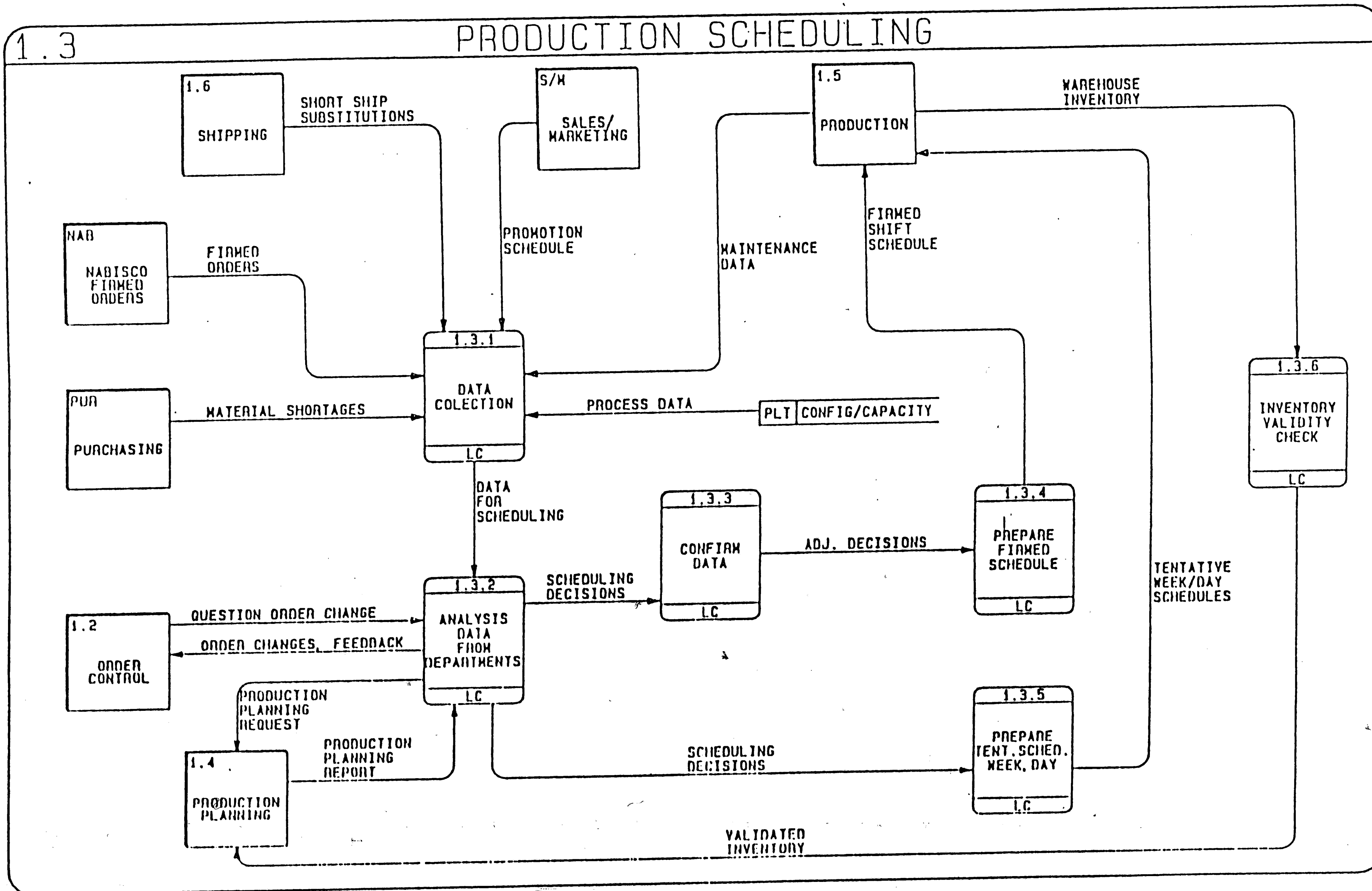
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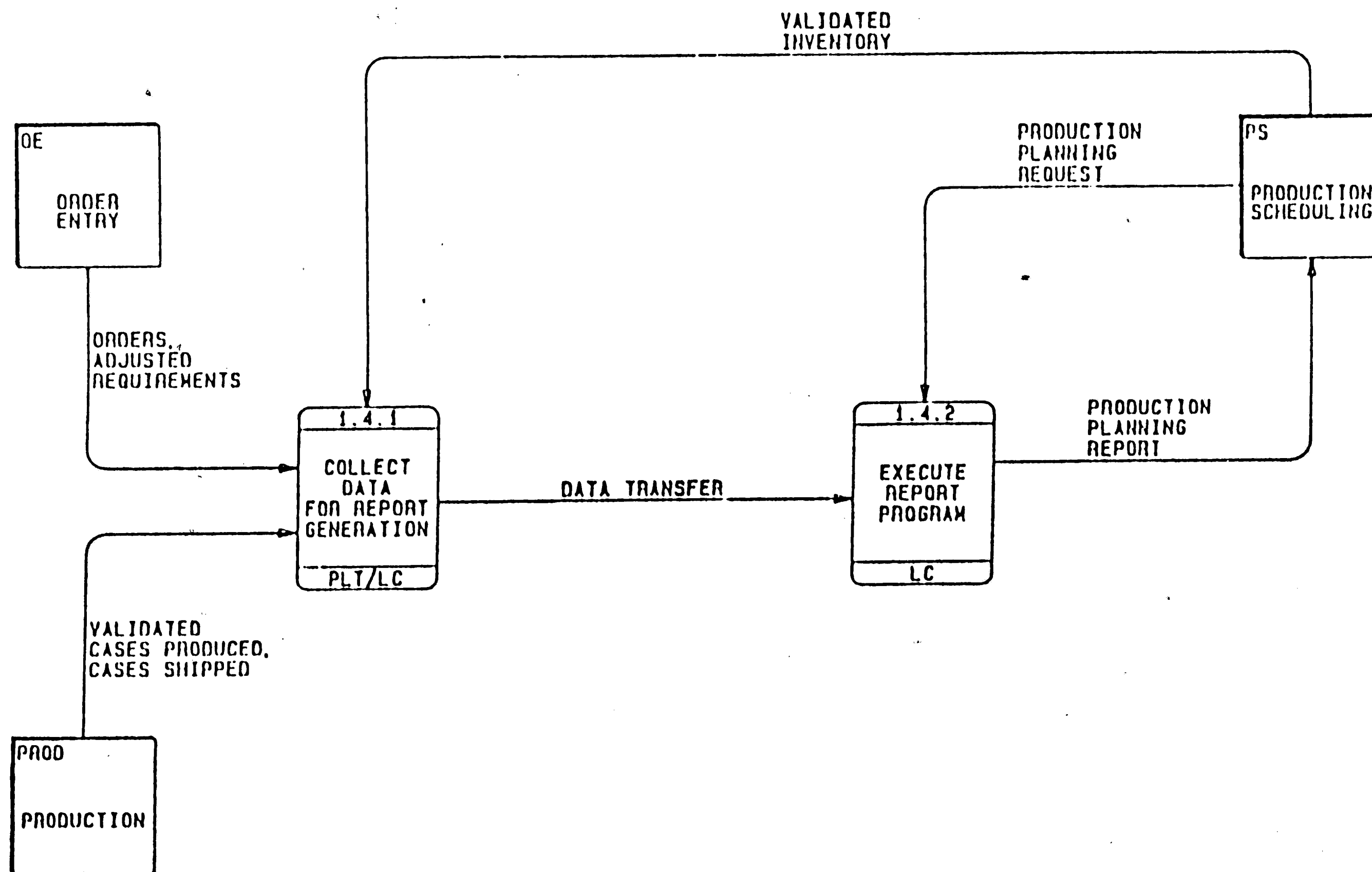
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PRODUCTION SCHEDULING



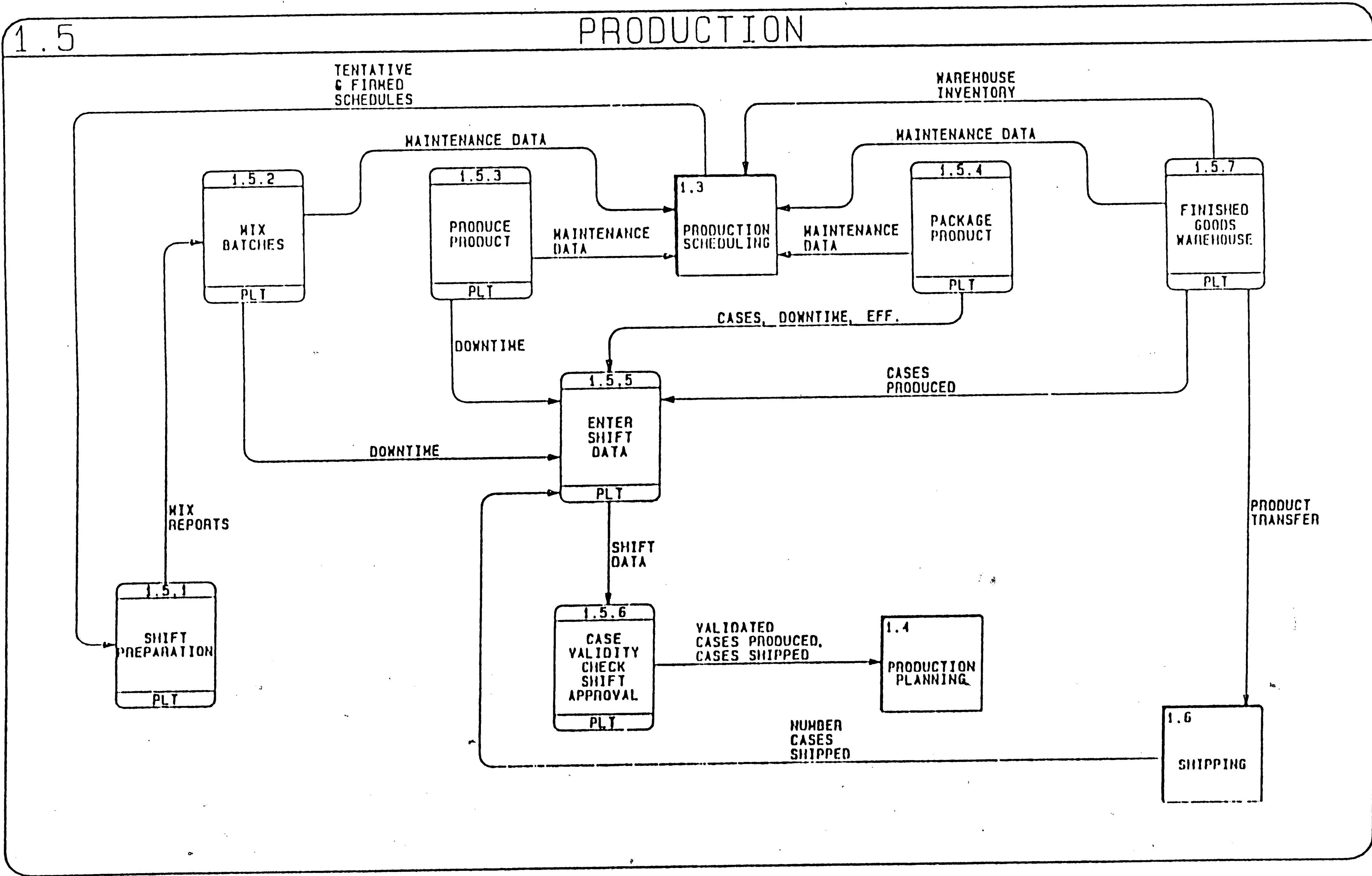
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PRODUCTION PLANNING



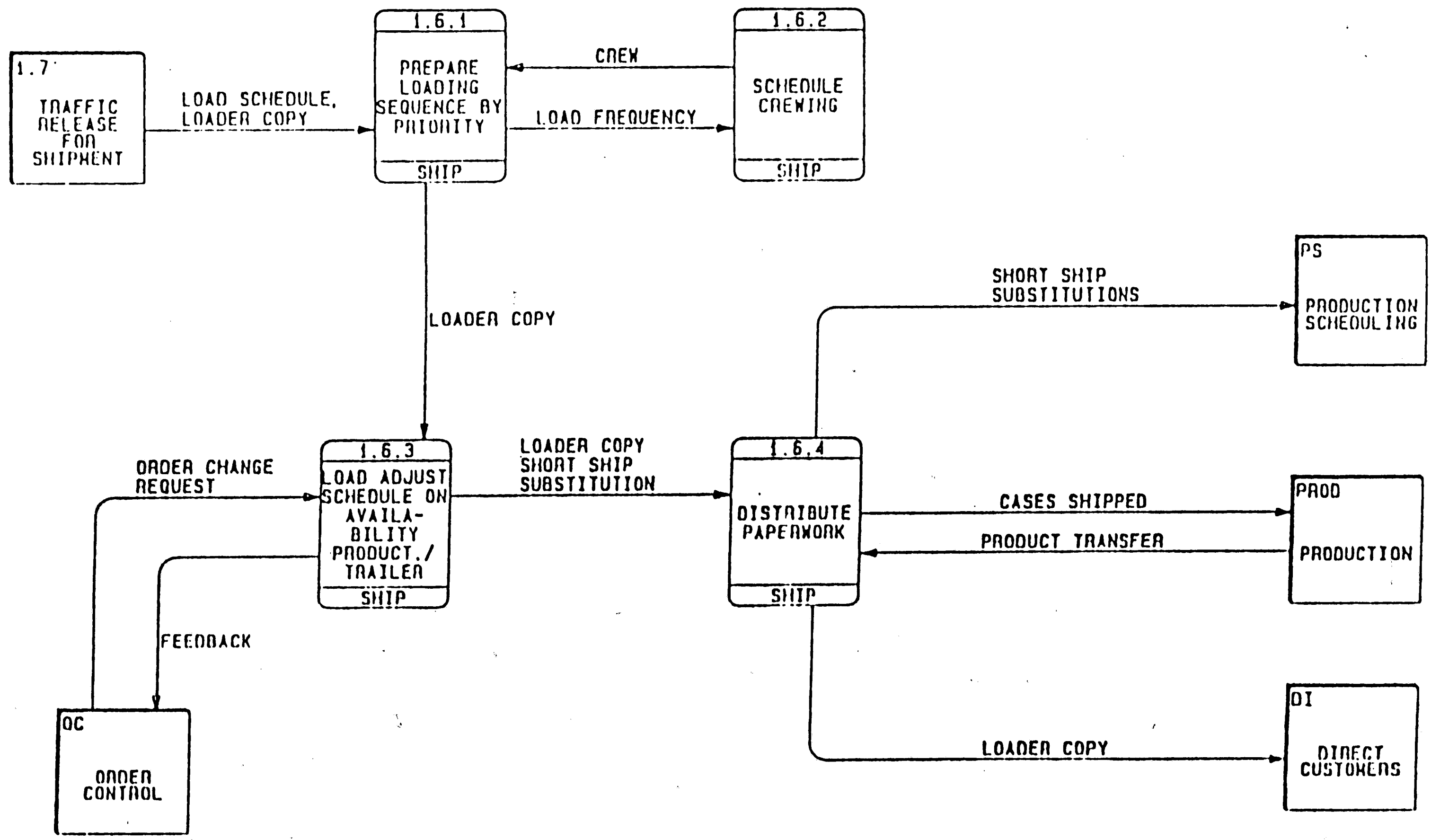
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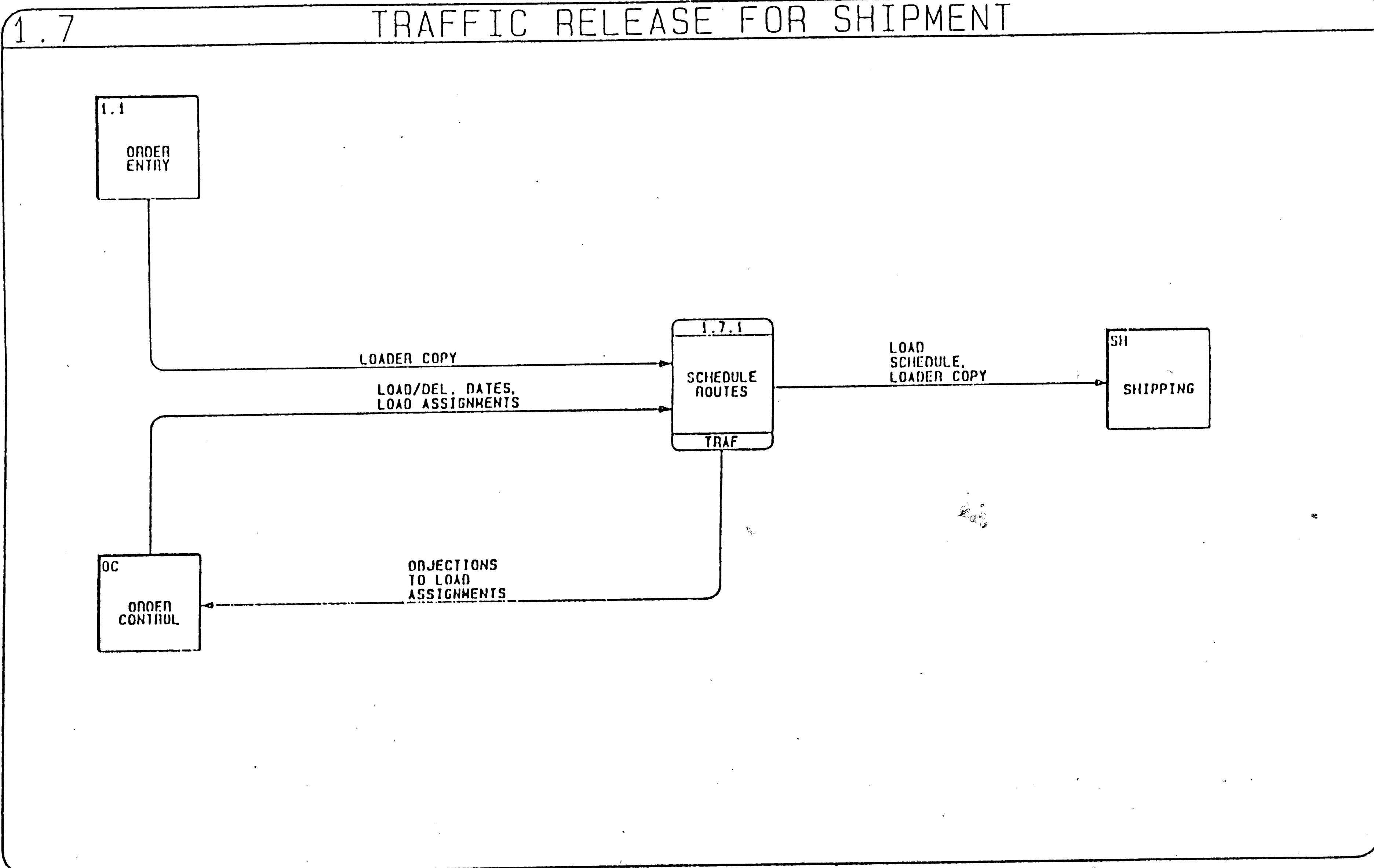


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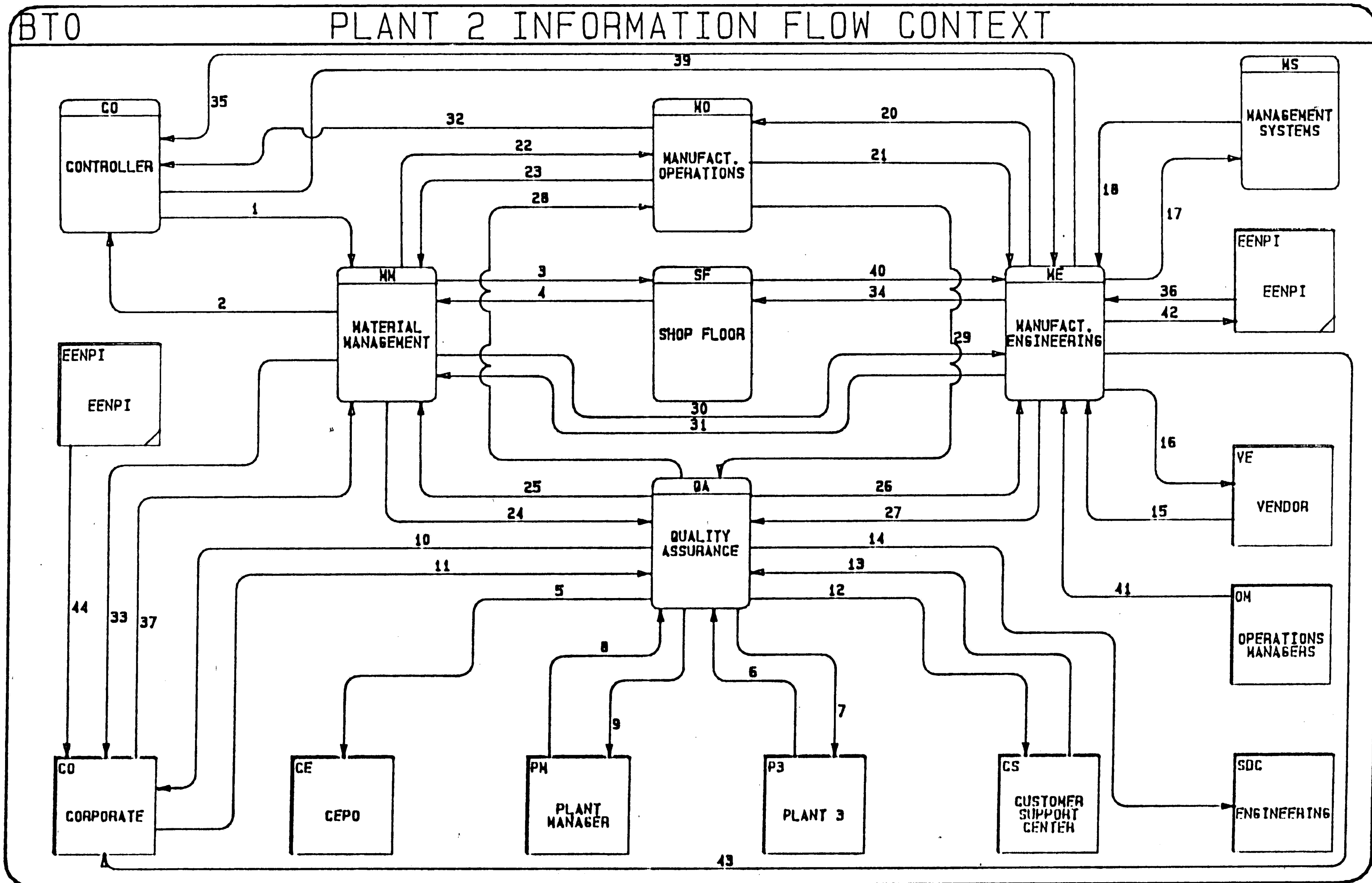


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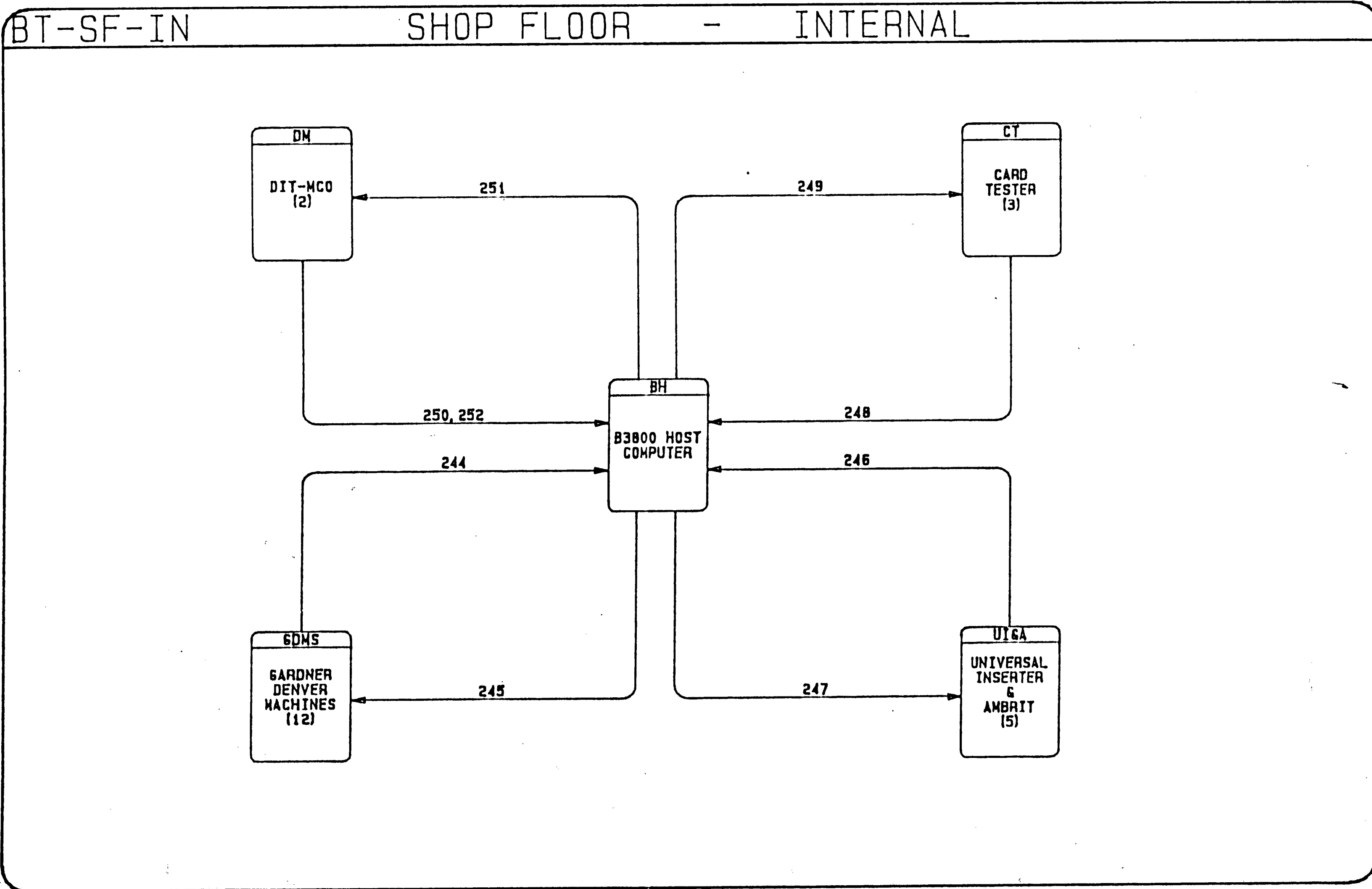


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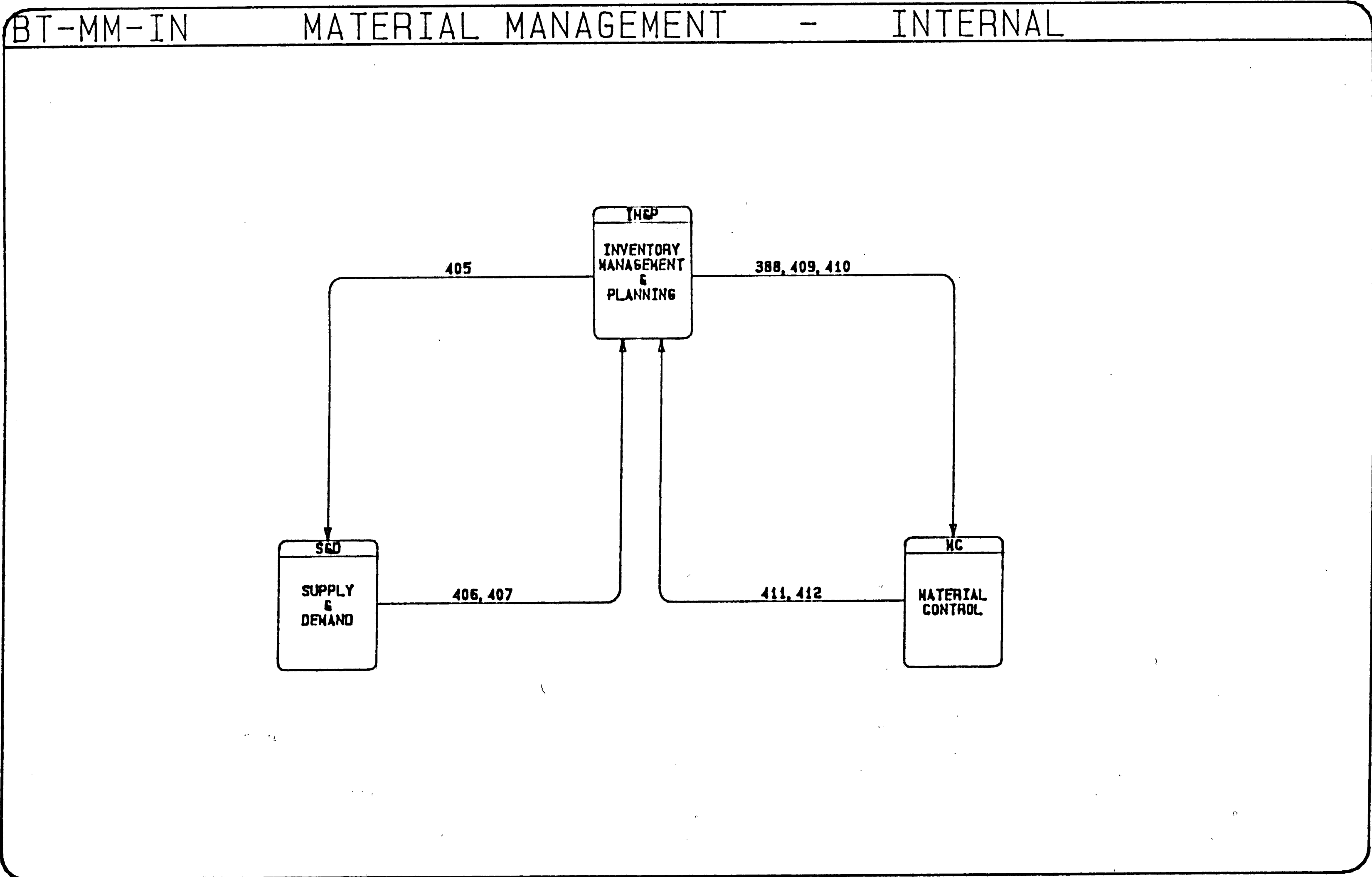
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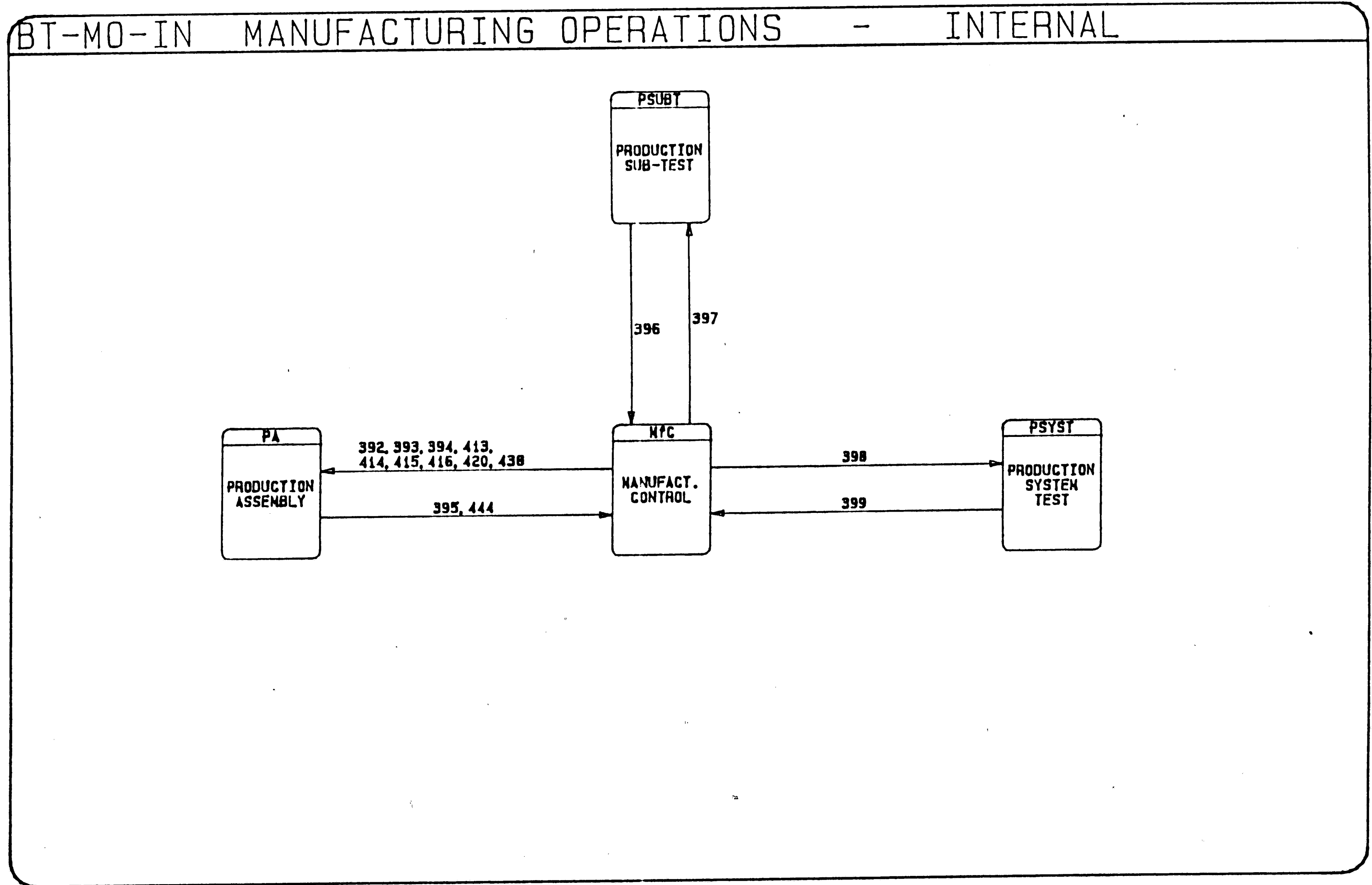
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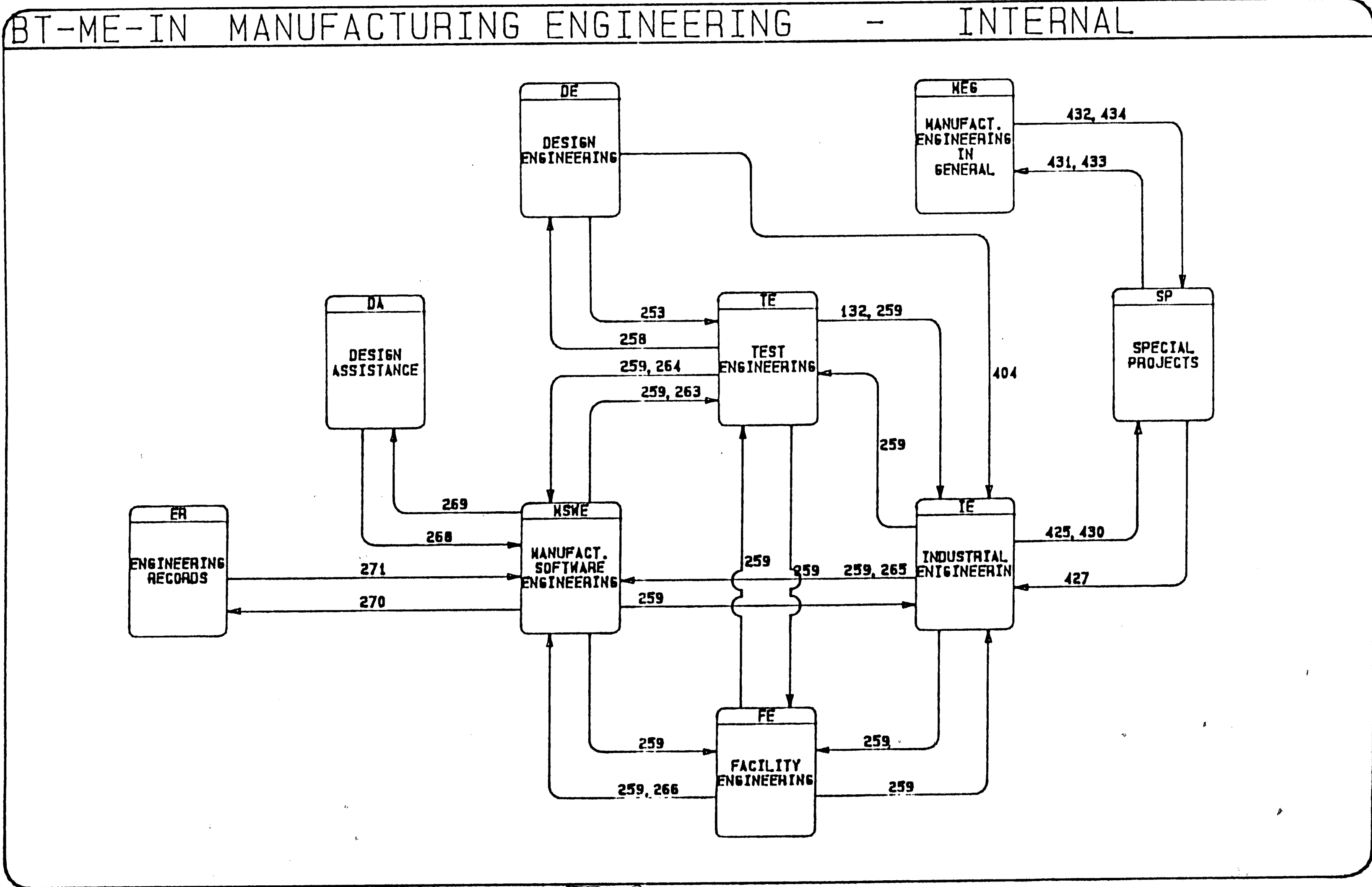
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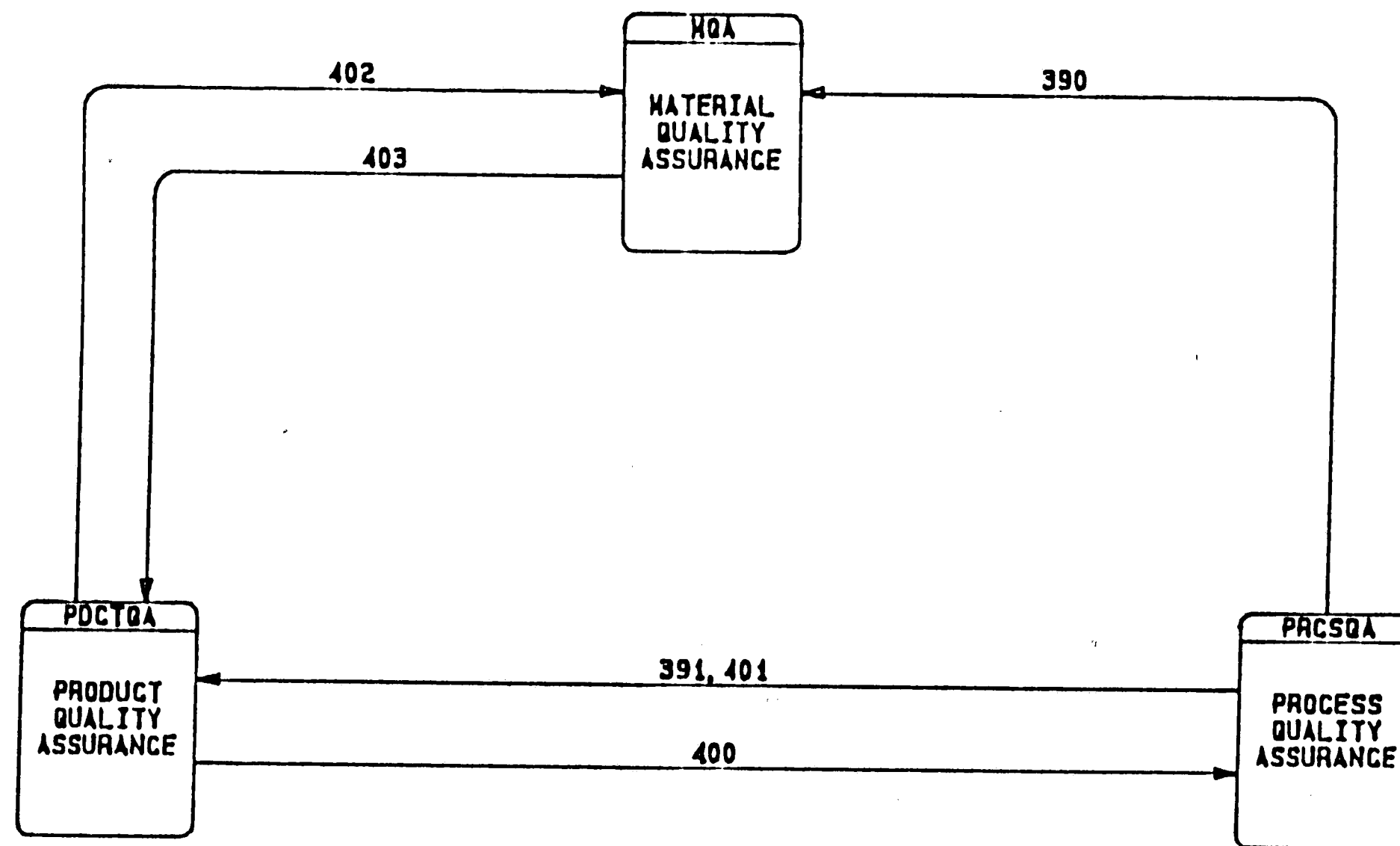
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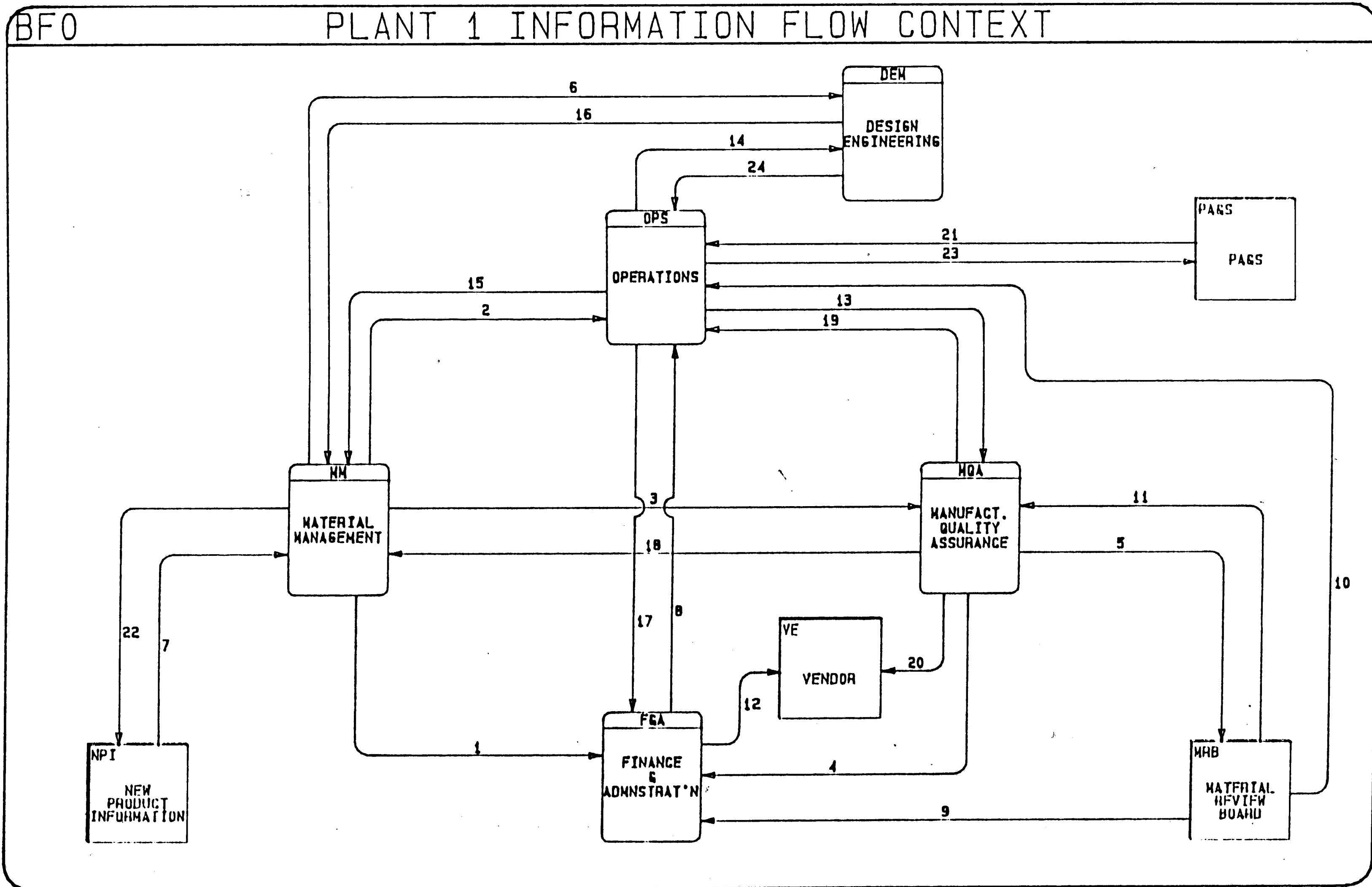


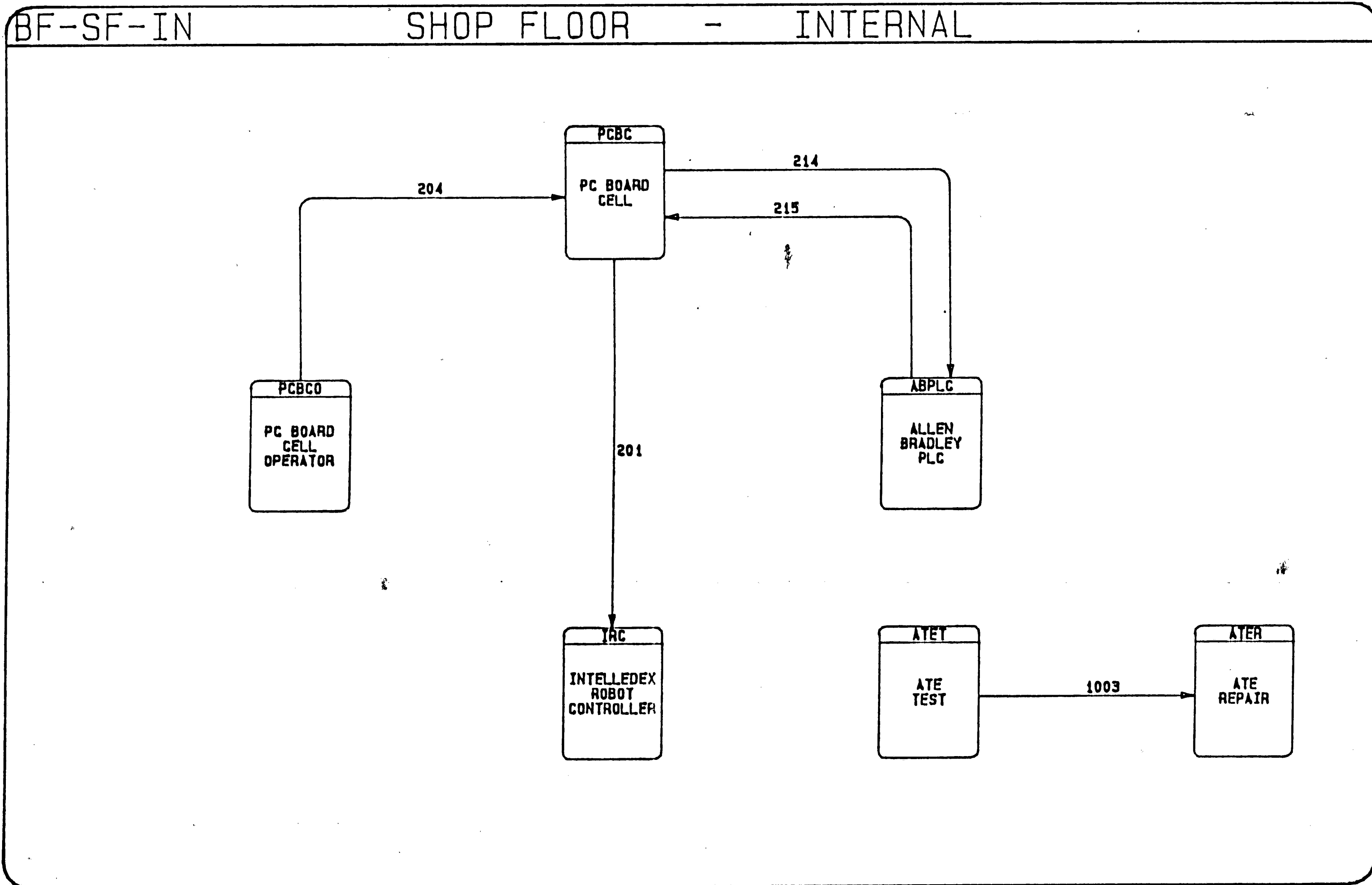
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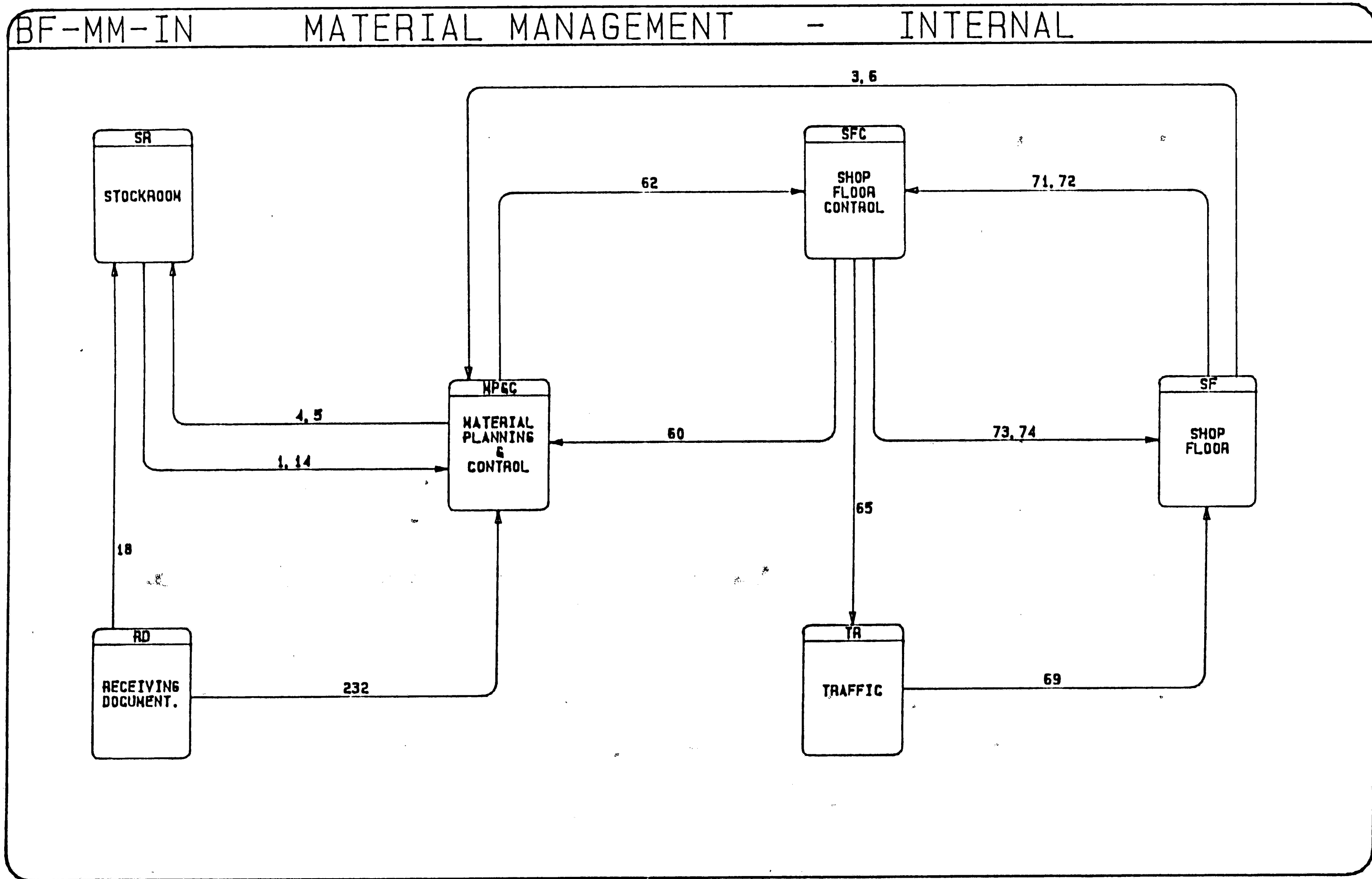
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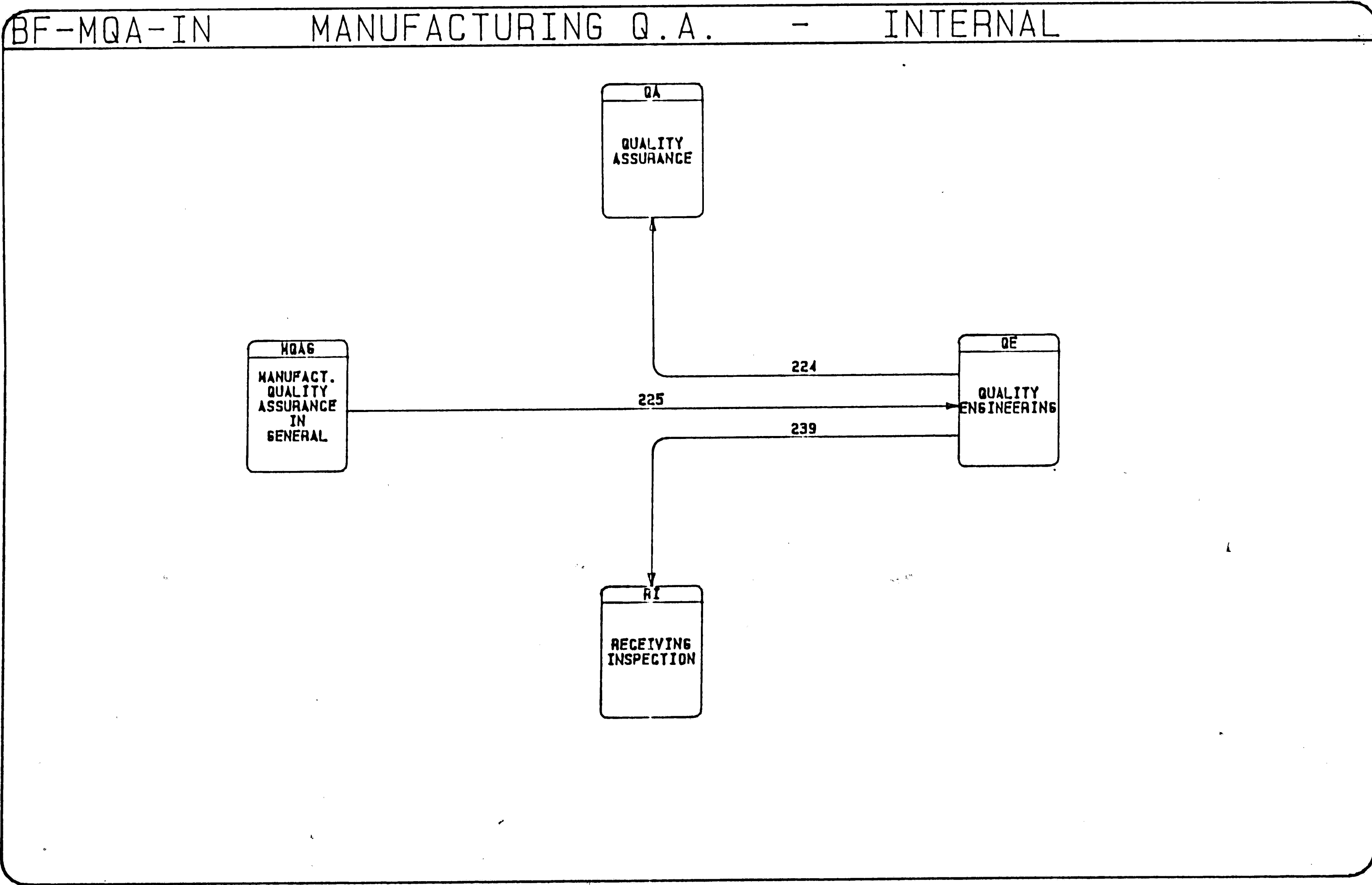


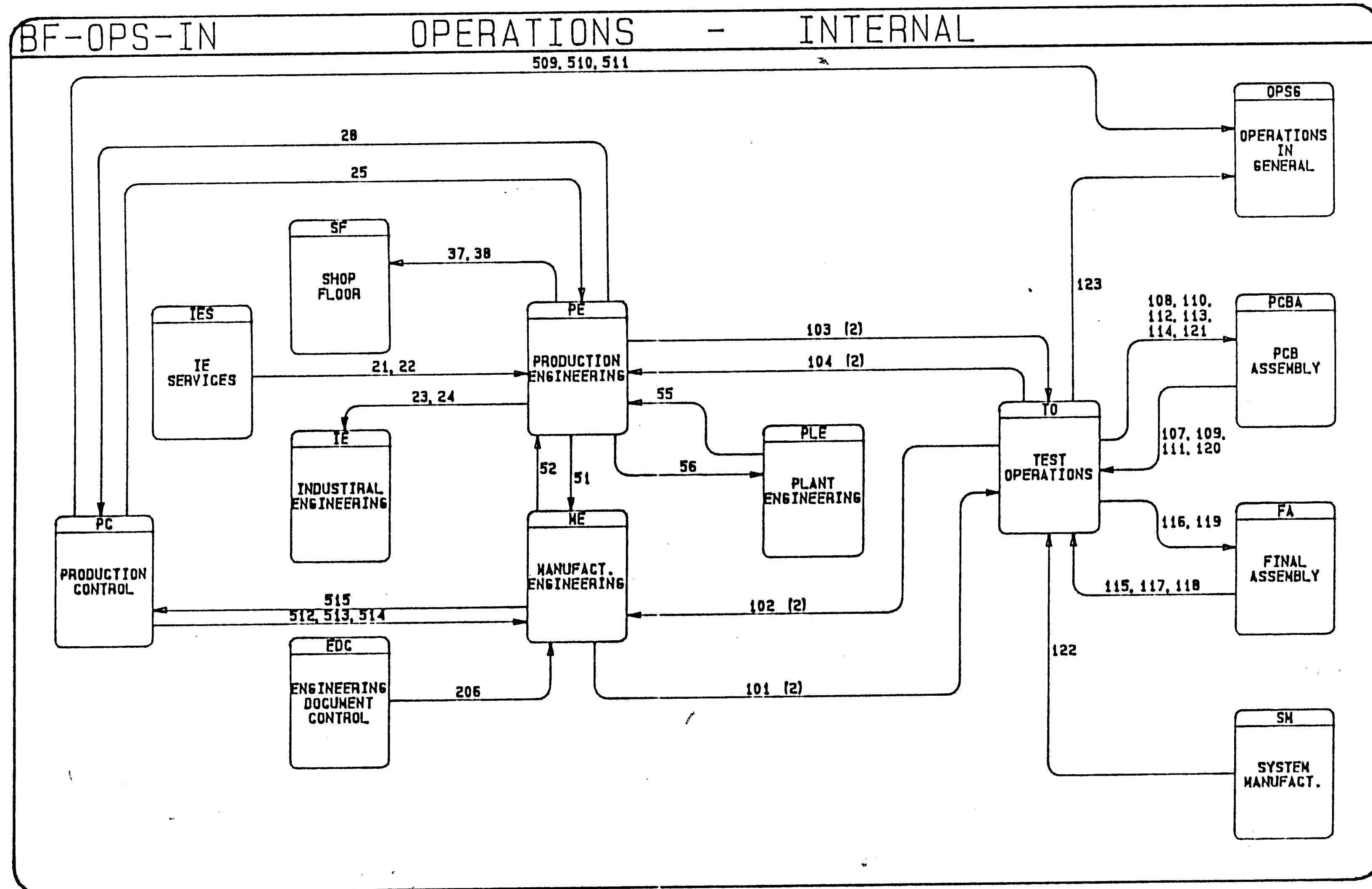




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DEVICE DATABASE UPDATE

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11:13:31 am

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 Vendor: UI UNIVERSAL Qty: 3 Noise: MEDIUM
 Control: DEC MINICOMPUTER Protocol: PAPER TAPE
 Communications: Existing: PAPER TAPE Desired: WIRE

Name: UDIP UNIVERSAL DUAL IN-LINE PACKAGE INSERTER
 Plant: F Desc/Use: DIP INSERTER
 Vendor: UI UNIVERSAL Qty: 5 Noise: MEDIUM
 Control: DEC MINICOMPUTER Protocol: PAPER TAPE
 Communications: Existing: PAPER TAPE Desired: WIRE

Name: US UNIVERSAL SEQUENCERS
 Plant: F Desc/Use:
 Vendor: UI UNIVERSAL Qty: 2 Noise: MEDIUM
 Control: DEC MINICOMPUTER Protocol: PAPER TAPE
 Communications: Existing: PAPER TAPE Desired: WIRE

Name: SRT SEIKO ROBOT T3000
 Plant: F Desc/Use: KEYBOARD ASSEMBLY
 Vendor: SKO SEIKO Qty: 3 Noise: MEDIUM
 Control: SKO MINICOMPUTER Protocol: MAGNETIC TAPE
 Communications: Existing: MAGNETIC TAPE Desired: WIRE

Name: TIWC TEXAS INSTRUMENTS PLC
 Plant: F Desc/Use: CONTROLS 3 ROBOTS IN KEYBOARD WORKCELL SEIKO ROBOTS
 Vendor: TI TEXAS INSTRUMENTS Qty: 1 Noise: MEDIUM
 Control: TI LOGIC-CONTROLLE Protocol: MAGNETIC TAPE
 Communications: Existing: MAGNETIC TAPE Desired: WIRE

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 Plant: F Desc/Use: PC BOARD ASSEMBLY
 Vendor: INTLX INTELLEDEX Qty: 3 Noise: MEDIUM
 Control: INTL MINICOMPUTER Protocol: DISKETTE
 Communications: Existing: DISKETTE Desired: WIRE

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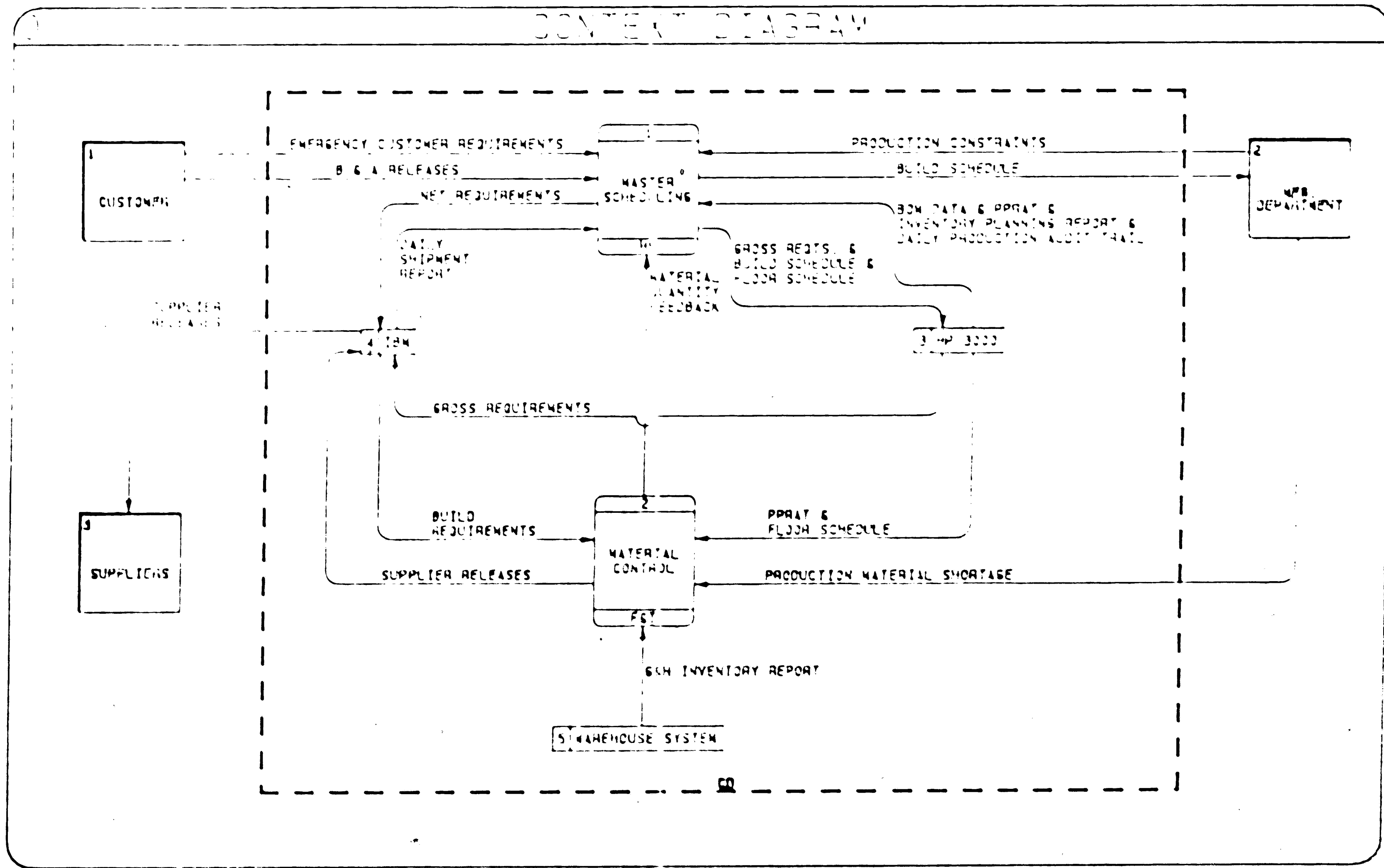
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 Communications: Existing: DISKETTE Desired: WIRE

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Desc	B		Media	WIRE
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Dest ACR	SF SHOP FLOOR		Percent used	
Size		Converts to	Criticality	HIGH
Transmission Time	ERROR	Frequency	Serial #	7
			Initials	DER
		2708 B		
		72 DAY		
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Desc	EXTRA MATERIAL TO RETURN TO STOCK		Media	WIRE
Source ACR	SF SHOP FLOOR		Baud Rate	9600
Dest ACR	MPC MATL PLN & CTRL		Percent used	
Size		Converts to	Criticality	MEDIUM
Transmission Time	ERROR	Frequency	Serial #	8
			Initials	DER
		74 B		
		50 DAY		
DF Name	WORK ORDER CANCELLATIONS	Plant F	Type	REAL-TIME
Desc	USED WHEN WORK MUST BE SUSPENDED		Media	WIRE
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			Initials	DER
		30 B		
		48 DAY		
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Desc			Media	WIRE
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Dest ACR	MPC MATL PLN & CTRL		Percent used	
Size		Converts to	Criticality	MEDIUM
Transmission Time	ERROR	Frequency	Serial #	10
			Initials	DER
		72 B		
		606 DAY		
DF Name	ASSEMBLY INVENTORY REQUEST	Plant F	Type	REAL-TIME
Desc	LOCK / UNLOCK STATUS CHANGE		Media	WIRE
Source ACR	RI RECEIVING INSPECTION		Baud Rate	9600
Dest ACR	MPC MATL PLN & CTRL		Percent used	
Size		Converts to	Criticality	HIGH
Transmission Time	ERROR	Frequency	Serial #	13
			Initials	DER
		61 B		
		47 DAY		
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Desc	STOCK NOT STORED IN PRIMARY LOCATION		Media	WIRE
Source ACR	S STOCKROOM		Baud Rate	9600
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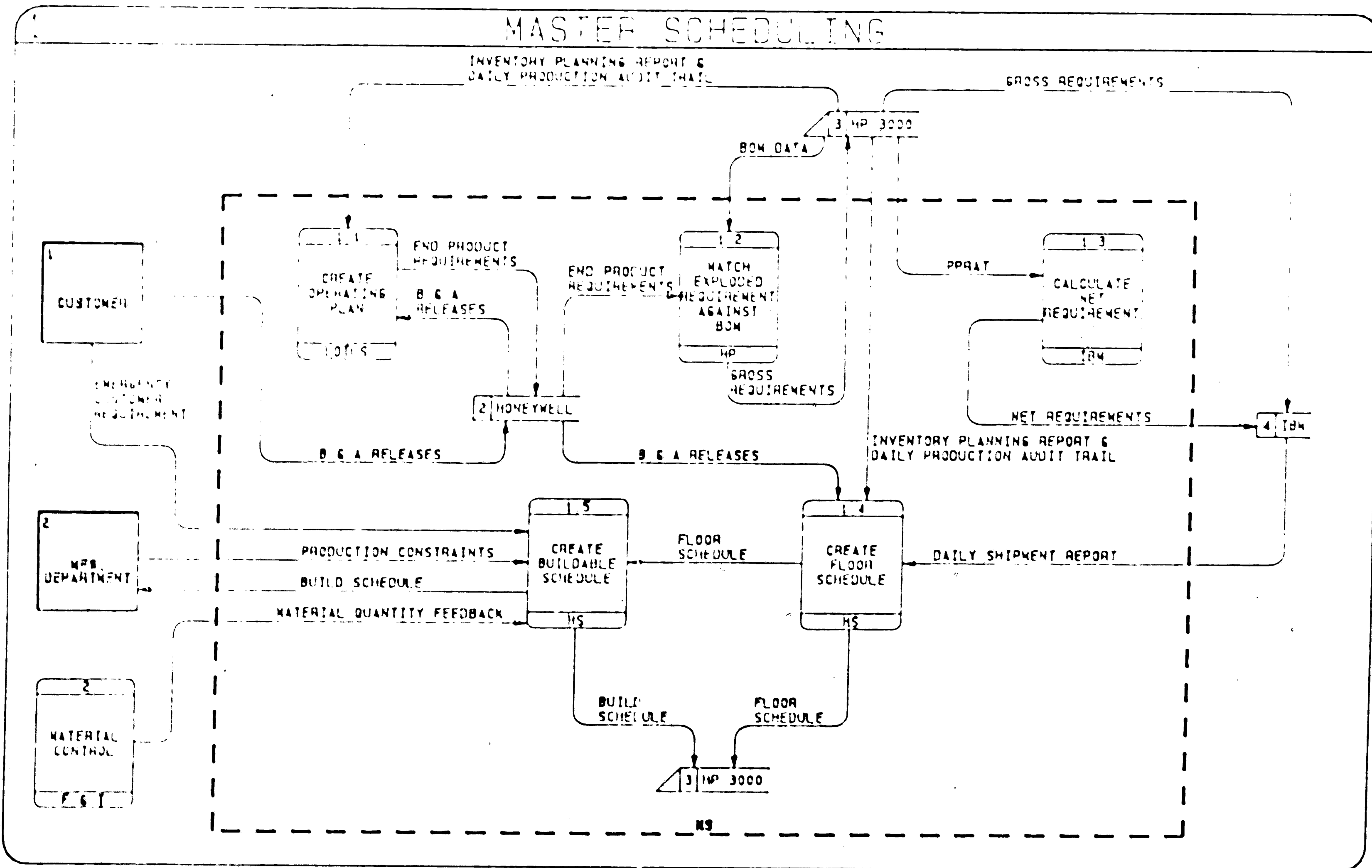
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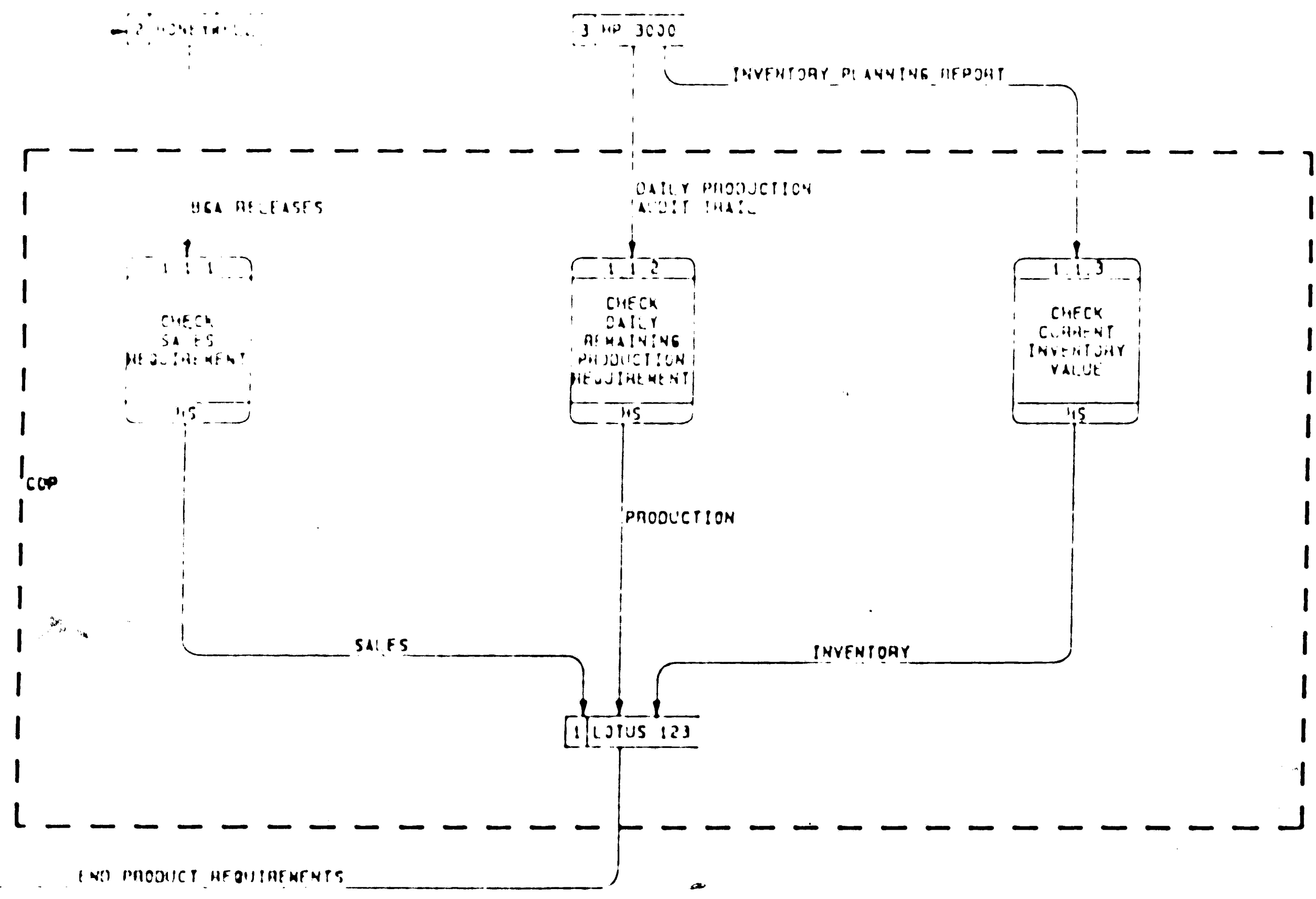
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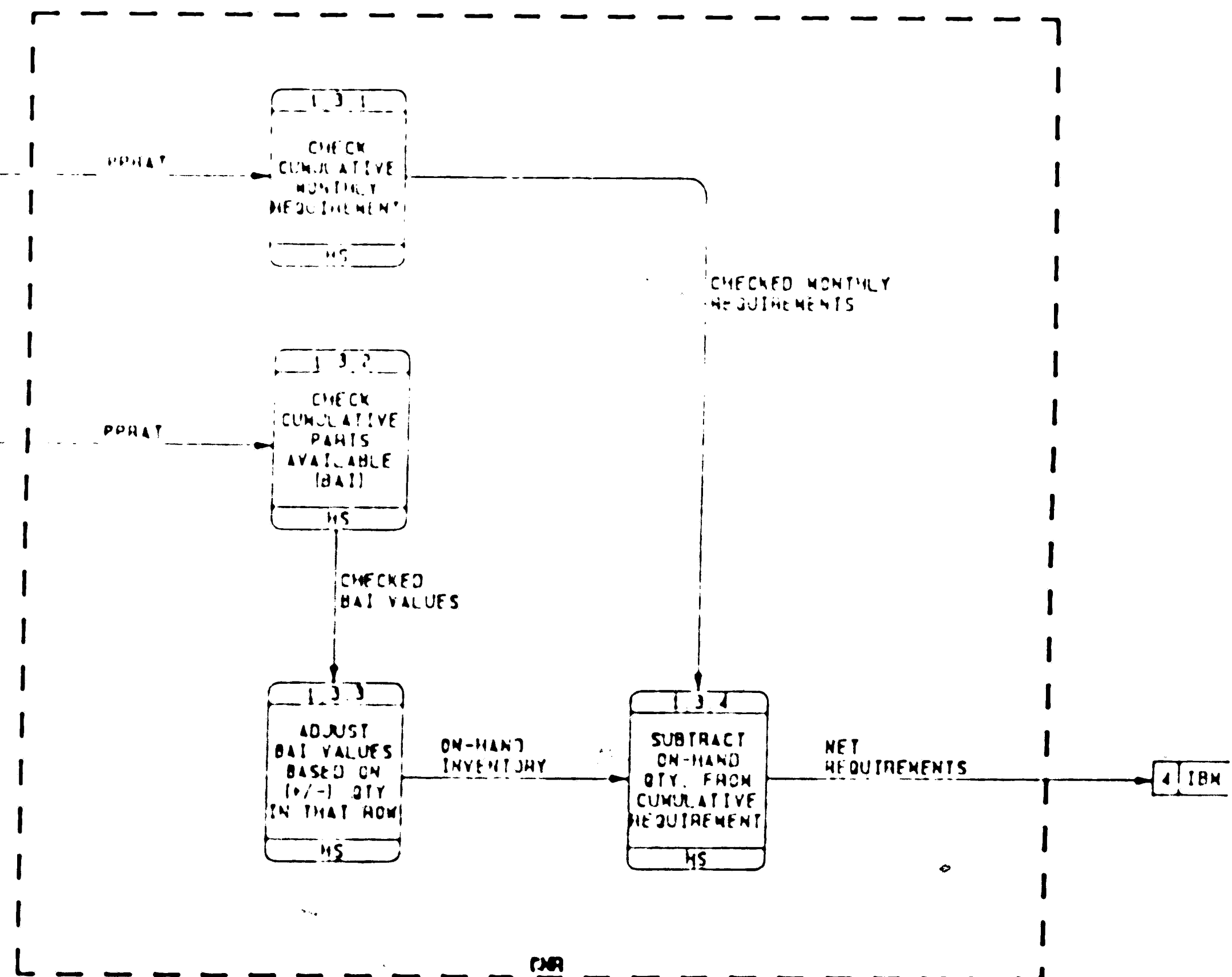
CREATE OPERATING PLAN



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CALCULATE NET REQUIREMENTS

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CREATE FLOOR SCHEDULE

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CHECK REQUISITES

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INVENTORY

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DAILY

INVENTORY
PLANNING
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DAILY PRODUCTION
AND SHIPMENT

DAILY
SHIPMENT
REPORTS

1.4.2
CHECK
REQUIREMENT
TABLE

1.4.2
CHECK
INVENTORY
REQUIREMENT

1.4.3
CHECK
REMAINING
PRODUCTION
REQUIREMENT

1.4.4
CALCULATE
QUANTITY
REMAINING
FOR
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1.4.3
CHECK
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TABLE

1.4.3
CHECK
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TABLE

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CHECK
REQUIREMENT
TABLE

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CHECK
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TABLE

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SALES

1.4.5
CALCULATE
TOTAL
REQUIREMENT

PRODUCTION

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS

1.4.6
SCHEDULE
PRODUCTION
BASED ON
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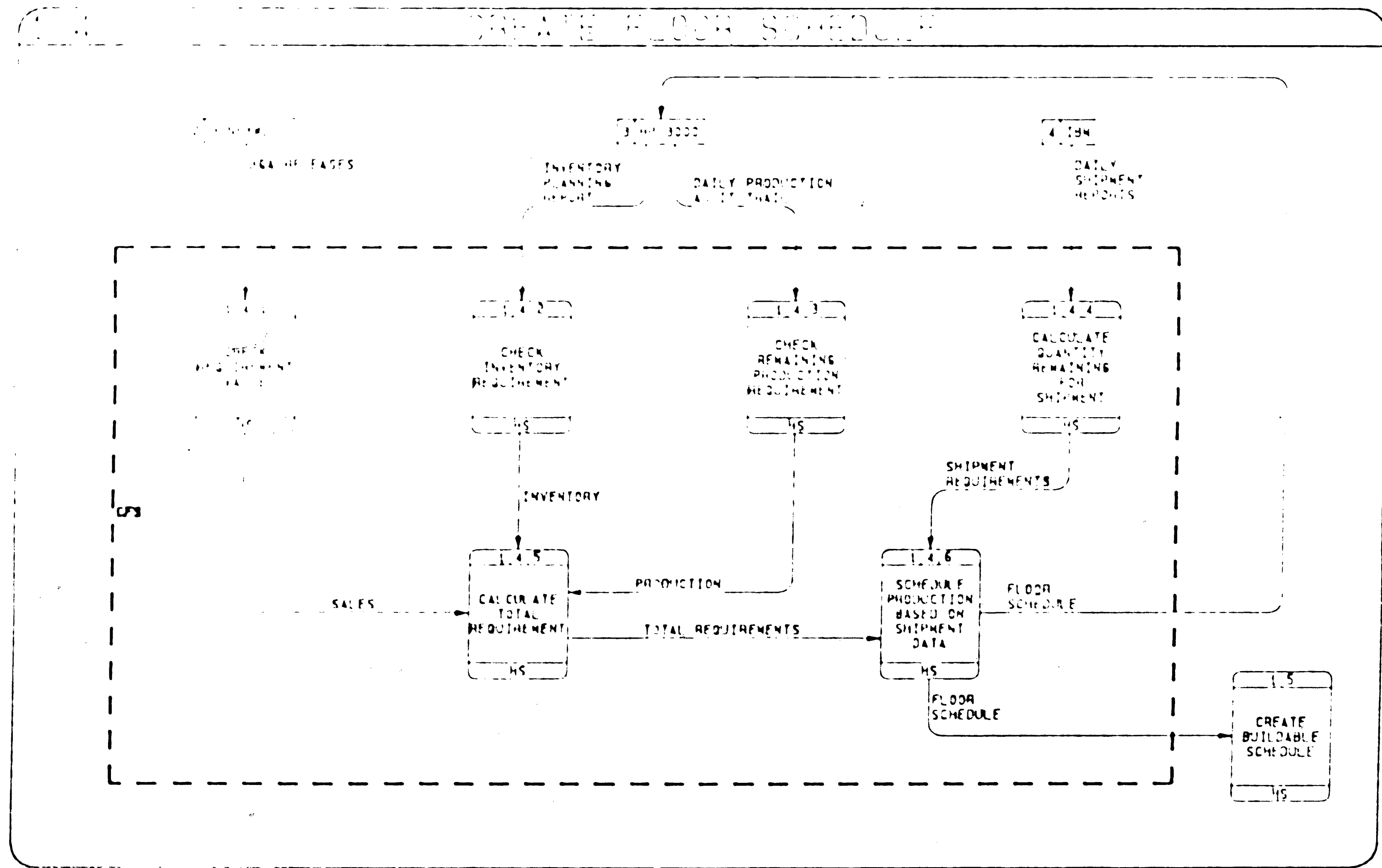
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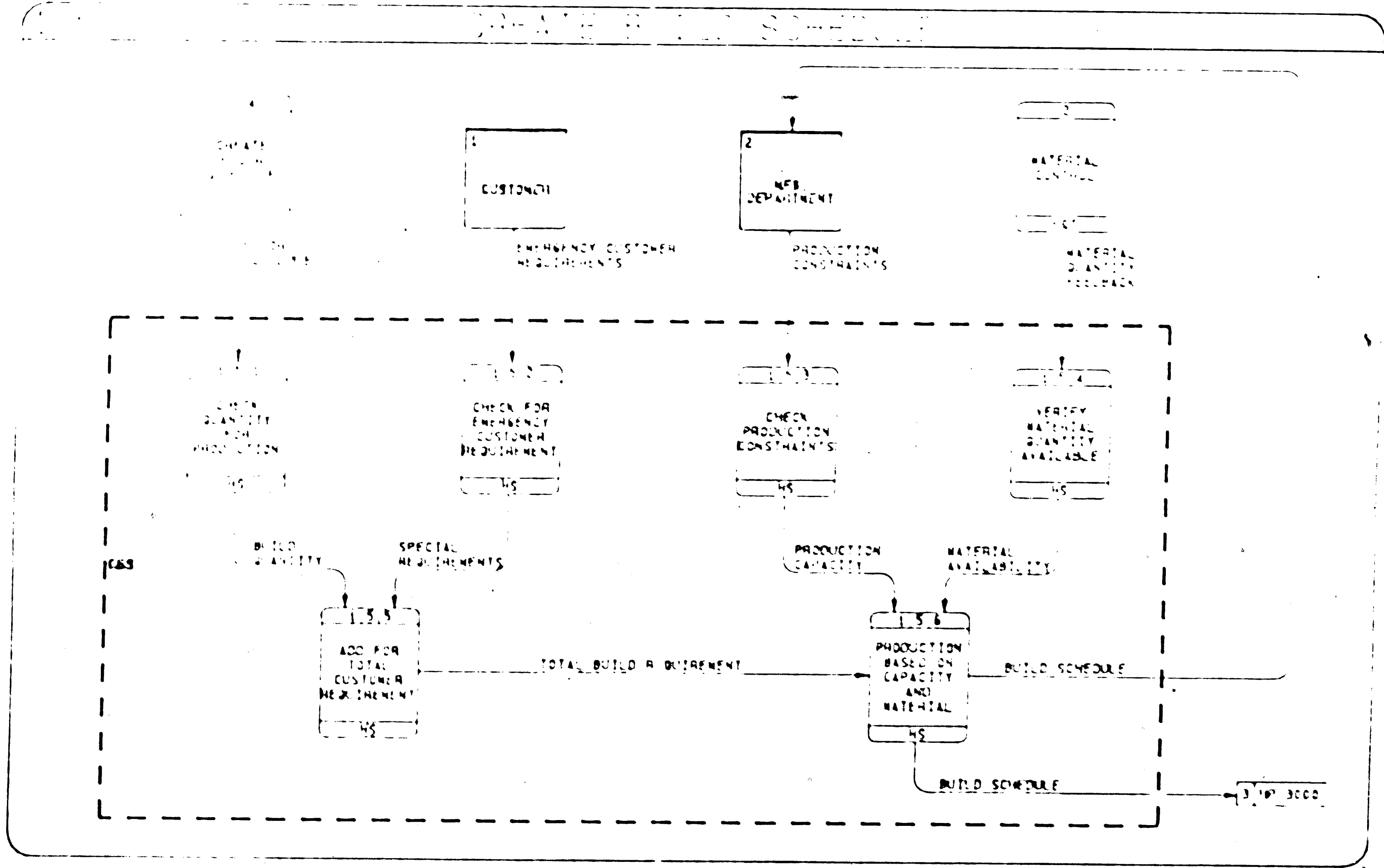
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CREATE
BUILDABLE
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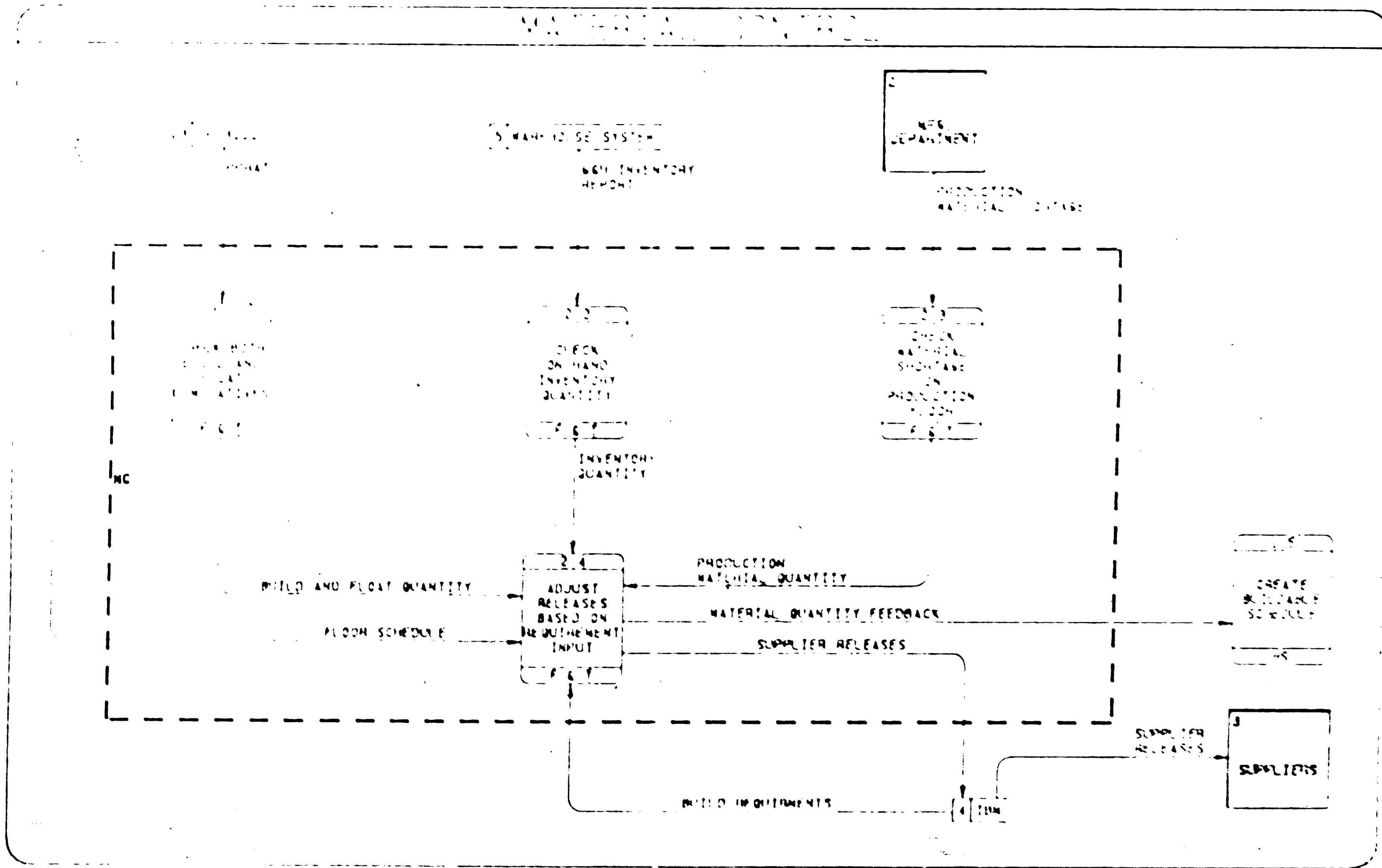


DETERMINE BUILD SCHEDULE



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MINISPEC ENTRY

PROCESS NAME : MATCH EXPLODED REQUIREMENTS PROCESS ID # 12
AGAINST BOM

< DESCRIPTION >

This process of matching the end products requirements data (stored in the HONEYWELL system) with the Bill of Material data (stored in the HP 3000 system) is automatic. There is no need for manual intervention at any point in time. Thus, there is no further explosion of this process.

IN BOUND DATA FLOWS :	FREQUENCY USAGE PER(H,D,W,M)
END PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS	W
BOM DATA	W
OUT BOUND DATA FLOWS :	
GROSS REQUIREMENTS	W

< SPECIAL NOTES >

Gross requirements are output as weekly requirements by part.

DATA FLOW ENTRY

DATA FLOW NAME BUILD REQUIREMENTS

< DESCRIPTION >

Build requirements are input into the material control process in the form of supplier releases. The material requirements on these releases need to be checked by material control analysts. Build requirements contain total net requirements data stored on the IBM system. Build requirements are a part of total material requirements, along with shop floor and inventory requirements.

ORIGINATES FROM:

TYPE (DS,PR,FE)	NAME	MEDIUM USED
DS 4	IBM SYSTEM	ELECTRONIC, PAPER

ENTERS TO:

TYPE (DS,PR,FE)	NAME
PR 24	ADJUST SUPPLIER RELEASES BASED ON REQTS.

< SPECIAL NOTES >

This data flow concentrates on material requirements based on the created operating plan.

DATA STORE ENTRY

DATA STORE NAME : HP 3000

ID #: 3

<DESCRIPTION>

The HP 3000 contains a great deal of information and is used at every level of material control. The following is a brief synopsis of the major data elements stored in the HP 3000. Floor and build schedules, inventory status and production material shortage data which passes between MP&C and manufacturing. Programs which store production data and create the Purchase parts requirements audit trail (PPRAT). The PPRAT is created through the requirements and releasing system and is used to generate the net requirements. Bill of material (BOM) data is stored and is used with the releases to create the gross requirements. Inventory and production requirements are also stored and the data is output through two key reports: Inventory planning report and Daily production audit trail. The latter contains the build and float quantities.

IN BOUND DATA FLOWS :

GROSS REQUIREMENTS

FLOOR SCHEDULE

BUILD SCHEDULE

OUT BOUND DATA FLOWS :

PURCHASE PART REQUIREMENTS

AUDIT TRAIL (PPRAT)

GROSS REQUIREMENTS

INVENTORY PLANNING REPORT

BILL OF MATERIAL (BOM) DATA

DAILY PRODUCTION AUDIT

TRAIL

FLOOR SCHEDULE

<SPECIAL NOTES>

NONE

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IN BOUND DATA FLOWS :

GROSS REQUIREMENTS

FLOOR SCHEDULE

BUILD SCHEDULE

OUT BOUND DATA FLOWS :

PURCHASE PART REQUIREMENTS

AUDIT TRAIL(PPRAT)

GROSS REQUIREMENTS

INVENTORY PLANNING REPORT

BILL OF MATERIAL (BOM) DATA

DAILY PRODUCTION AUDIT

TRAIL

FLOOR SCHEDULE

<SPECIAL NOTES>

NONE

EXTERNAL ENTITY ENTRY

EXTERNAL ENTITY NAME : MFG. DEPARTMENT

ID # : 2

<DESCRIPTION>

The Manufacturing department sends production constraints to be considered during the build schedule creation process and receives all build schedules after the master scheduling process has completed them. The build schedule is sent to Manufacturing on paper and stored on the HP 3000.

IN BOUND DATA FLOWS :	FREQUENCY USAGE PER(H,D,W,M)
BUILD SCHEDULE	W
OUT BOUND DATA FLOWS:	
PRODUCTION CONSTRAINTS	W
PRODUCTION MATERIAL SHORTAGE	D

<SPECIAL NOTES>

Production constraints include available manpower, machine downtime etc. Daily schedule adjustments are based on changes to the production capacity constraints value.

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