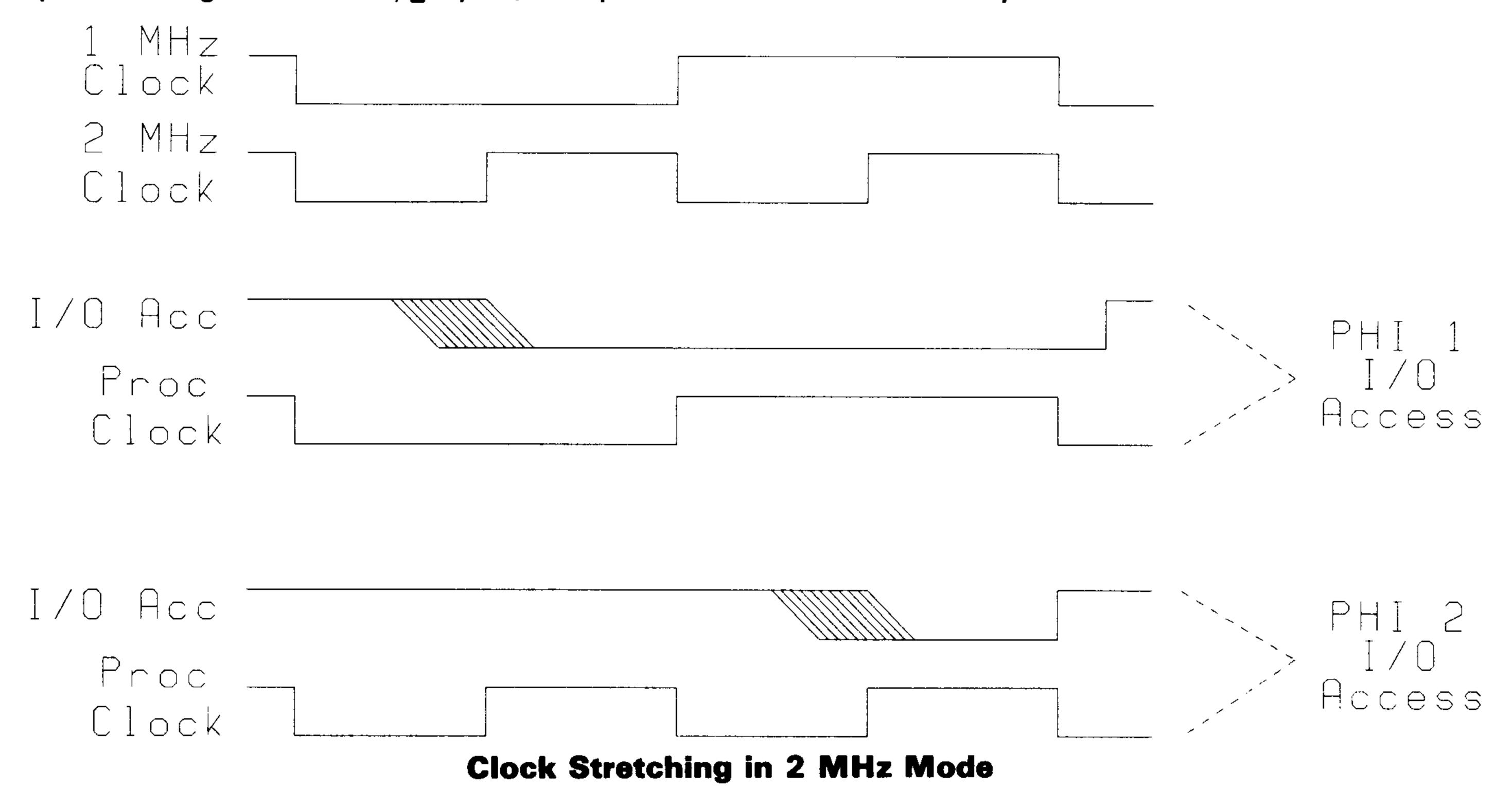
## THE 8502 MICROPROCESSOR

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The 8502 is an HMOSII Technology microprocessor similar to the 6510/6502. It is the normal operating processor and is used in the C64 and the C128 modes. Fully software compatible with the 6510, hence the 6502, the 8502 also features a zero page port used in memory management and cassette implementations. The 8502 is also specified for operation at 2 MHz. The 2 MHz operation is made possible by removing the VIC from the system. The VIC chip is never completely removed from the C128 system, as it continues to function as clock generator and bus arbitrator. However, the VIC is removed as a display chip and co-processor, thus the full clock cycle can be devoted to processor functioning instead of sharing the cycle with the VIC. The task of video display processor is then taken over by the 8563, which can function without the need for bus sharing that the VIC required. Since the I/O devices, SID, etc., are rated at 1 MHz only, stretching of the 2 MHz clock is used to allow these parts to be directly accessed by the 2 MHz processor, and still keep throughput to a maximum. The I/O devices are not affected by the 2 MHz operation as they are still driven by a 1 MHz source (and as such, all timer operations remain unchanged), and clock stretching is only used to synchronize the 2 MHz machine cycle to the 1 MHz  $\phi_0$  high time. The clock sources and clock stretching capabilities are generated by the VIC chip.

## **CLOCK STRETCHING**

When running in 2 MHz mode, the processor clock sometimes must be stretched. This is handled by the VIC chip, the processor, and the PLA working together. When an I/O operation is decoded during a 2 MHz cycle, the phase relationship between the 2 MHz and the 1 MHz clocks must be considered. If the 2 MHz access occurs during 1 MHz  $\phi_1$ , the access to a clocked I/O chip would be out of synchronization with the 1 MHz clock that drives all I/O chips. Thus, during this phase relationship,  $\overline{\text{IOACC}}$ , from the PLA, signals the VIC chip to extend the 2 MHz clock. Should the 2 MHz cycles take place during the 1 MHz  $\phi_2$  cycle, no special attention is necessary.



Please take note to consider the speed implications of this. In 2 MHz mode, half of the I/O accesses given will occur at an effective speed of 1 MHz. For time critical operations, then, accesses to I/O chips are kept at a minimum.

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