



FIGURE e1.13.4 Cray-1, the first commercial vector supercomputer, announced in 1976. This machine had the unusual distinction of being both the fastest computer for scientific applications and the computer with the best price/performance for those applications. Viewed from the top, the computer looks like the letter C. Seymour Cray passed away in 1996 because of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. At the time of his death, this 70-year-old computer pioneer was working on his vision of the next generation of supercomputers. (See www.cray.com for more details.)