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The hands, after being dealt, are evaluated by a call to the Evaluation sub located at 0648. Actually this subroutine only serves to call two machine language subs that do the work of sorting and evaluating each hand. The sorting sub at 0B16-0B17 is responsible for placing the cards in order, needed for displaying your hand and to make determining pairs and straights easier. (Any sorting routine automatically brings like elements together.) This sorting routine works quite well for sets no larger than a dozen or so bytes, and takes up very little space, but it is quite inefficient when used on large amounts of data. It may be used in your own programs by changing the byte at location 0B1F to the number of bytes for sorting minus one, setting the "I" pointer to the first byte of the set, and calling the routine with an OMMM instruction where MMM= the address of the subroutine. Three branches must be changed in the routine if you relocate it, however. These are at 0B21, 0B30 and 0B37.

The hand evaluation machine language routine at 0A00 is the program's most lengthy section. It may seem complex, but really isn't. All that happens is a series