BBC MICROCOMPUTER TELETEXT/PRESTEL SYSTEM

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PROPOSED CONTENTS OF USER GUIDE

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1) INTRODUCTION
   List of required items to use system.

2) WHAT ARE TELETEXT AND PRESTEL?

   TELETEXT   Basic ideas of the system
        Organisation of info. in pages and magazines
        Organisation within page. Rows. Characters
        Chained linked and branched linked pages

   ~~PRESTEL~~

3) WHAT DOES THE BBC/MICRO/TELETEXT/PRESTEL INTERFACE DO?
   Basic operation as a decoder
   Information/software available
   Modes of operation   —TERMINAL   brief discussion
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   Use of standardised commands for teletext and
   prestel.

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Selecting linked pages.
Consequence of selecting page of TELESOFTWARE
Complete list and details of TERMINAL commands.

6) TELESOFT MODE

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Use as teletext decoder for normal pages
Loading, running and executing telesoftware
Use of *CAT
Format of telesoftware - Machine code / BASIC.
Complete list and details of TELESOFT commands.

7) BYTE LEVEL MODE

Usefulness of mode
Behaviour of teletext as filing system.
Use of MOS commands.
Handle allocations.

8) PRESTEL

Differences and similarities to TELETEXT

9) Changing filing system.

10) TECHNICAL INFORMATION .

Brief details of teletext signals - digital data
on spare lines , addressing of rows/pages,
use of rows 24,25,27 for link info.
Display modes, character set .
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11) ERROR MESSAGES
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12) COMPLETE list of TELETEXT/PRESTEL commands.
And brief summary of action

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