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## **LAV/1/2/UK6**

Material including early NRDC history, early computer programming systems, and the Comprehensive Computer Catalogue of 1997

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- 1957 A summary of the activities of the National Research Development Corporation in connection with electronic computer development. NRDC, Computer Sub-Committee, Paper number 132; author: H J Crawley. 42 pages. Deals with NRDC's interactions with computer manufacturing companies, users, applications, patenting, etc.
- 1982 The development of computer programming in Britain (1945 to 1955). M Campbell-Kelly. Photocopy of a paper published in *Annals of the History of Computing*, Vol. 4, No. 2, April 1982, pages 121 - 139.
- 1990 A perspective on computer progress in the last five years. M V Wilkes. Article published in *Computing & Control Engineering Journal*, Sept. 1990, pages 201 - 208.
- 1994 Radar and the early history of computers. J M Bennett. Photocopy of a 12-page typed article. There is a letter at the end from Alison Steer, daughter of John Coales, from which it is deduced that John Bennett may have written the paper for Coales. Gives a number of interesting insights - for example into the difference between longitudinal and torsional waves in nickel delay lines.
- 1997 Lord Halsbury's speech on the NRDC. Issued by the British technology Group (BTG). Video-tape (PAL format) - 52 minutes' duration. (See also Lord Halsbury's 1959 paper, above). Also included are some hand-written

		notes, taken by SHL when viewing the video.
1999	Inflation: the value of the pound, 1750 - 1998. House of commons Research paper 99/20. Robert Twigger.	Photocopy (9 pages) of extracts of a 20-page document, giving year- on-year changes. Also includes three graphs showing changes.
1999	Comprehensive Computer Catalogue: December 1997 update.	5-page print-out giving a history and current status of this listing of (at that time) 4335 computers. Includes e- mail from Chris Burton, adding some background information.

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