

(5) The establishment of a standard for the formatting of telemetry calibration data — This standard will reduce the amount of programming required to handle telemetry processing requests made by engineers and scientists in MSF.

(6) The development of a standard set of routines for driving output plotter devices — A standard program reduces program maintenance requirements at the Centers and reduces the total programming effort required to handle printout requests made by MSF engineers and scientists.

5.5.4 Future Efforts

The development of methods and standards to facilitate resource sharing is continuing. Several areas are currently under investigation, including:

(1) The further development of a unified documentation procedure for use in the MSF computation facilities to replace the present documentation guidelines

(2) The establishment of a telemetry data tape standard

(3) The identification and development of standard programs to fulfill common needs at each Center (for example, payroll and accounting programs may be standardized to minimize updating and maintenance costs)

(4) The establishment of standardized programming practices to make programs produced at one Center more usable at another Center.