

machine was not very good at mathematics. However, that is hard to believe. I was quite baffled ~~x~~ by this. I mentioned this fact and Mrs. Davidson said that it might be that the different files were placed on the disk disc, but not right next to each other, with a little space between them, and thus that the last one reached to the end of the diskette, and then that ~~one~~ when one tried to use it later they ~~XXXXXX(XXXXXX)XXXXXX~~ got bunched together and consequently they did not reach to the end of the diskette, but the proper space ~~was there~~ was there. This suggestion of hers seems to me very sensible, and was very encouraging to me because I had wondered if whether it would make such ~~a mistake~~ a mistake in mathematics whether something was wrong with the machine.

Incidentally I have wondered a good bit lately whether I made a mistake in buying it the way I did. It is possible that I got what I got for a thousand dollars less than it would have cost otherwise, and this of course is a very substantial saving. However, it having been my order having been given to the people connected with the New Tribes Mission in ~~fl~~ Florida, and then the machine having been put together by their people in Arizona and shipped to me the I have no one near who has any responsibility no one with mechanical understanding and inside knowledge of computers who has a responsibility to answer questions or to help me. The people with whom I have talked, who know something about computers, do not seem to ^{know} ~~know~~ anything about this particular ~~x~~ type make, and consequently their help is general, and worth a great deal, but now specific on particular problems like this thing ~~says~~ saying "substitute" when ~~ix~~ I tried to write "stat."

One thing that I had never expected at all of course, but I find is mentioned in the manual, and it happens automatically, is that if I write something on the computer and then at a later time I type the words "edit" and then the ~~name~~ name of the file, and then go through it and correct typographic errors or make changes in it, then I have to write "end" ~~when~~ when I'm through, and if I type "end" the material goes back from the memory inside the computer on to the disk, and