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In response to RFCs 347 and 348, ECHO and DISCARD, MIT-DMCG (Host 106) now has deamon processes that will respond to RFCs on sockets 7 and 9.

A few administrative type decisions were made, to which I would like to solicit comments.

First, if our machine is too full to support another deamon process, the pro-offered connection will be refused; that is, a CLS will be sent in response to the RFC on socket 7 or 9. Second, if no activity takes place for two consecutive minutes (no characters received on input, or output blocked waiting for allocation), the connection will be aborted.

Does anyone see the need or desirability for the third service in this set: a random character generator? Many systems provide programs like "TTYTST" available over the standard login connection, but there would be no difficulty in creating a server connection (like ECHO) offering just this limited service. I'm sure that it would be useful for new NCPs, as well as statistics gathering.

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