ORION COMPUTERS – Table of machines and customers

ORION 1

Machine No.	Customer and Destination	Use	Date Delivered	Notes
0	I.C.T. West Gorton Manchester, UK	System support & Training	Mid 62	3
1	AB Turitz & Co Gothenburg, Sweden	Stock Control for Retail Store Chain	Mar 63	
2	I.C.T. Newman Street London, UK	Computing Service Bureau		
3	Rutherford High Energy Laboratory Harwell, UK	Scientific calculations for nuclear research and photographic analysis	Oct 63	
4	Rothamsted Experimental Station Rothamsted, UK	Statistical data analysis		
5	Norwich Union Life Assurance Co Ltd Norwich, UK	Life insurance and Pension Scheme administration	Mar 64	
6	Beecham Group Ltd Brentford, UK	Sales accounting, sales analysis, and stock control		
7	National Provincial Bank Ltd London, UK	Bank account book keeping, overseas & trustee work		
8	Metal Box Co Ltd Worcester, UK	Sales statistics, sales ledger, order analysis, tinplate stock control, payroll and scientific calculations		
9	L.M. Ericssons Telefon Company Stockholm, Sweden	Production Control		
10	Cadbury Brothers Ltd Bournville, Birmingham, UK	Stock and raw material control, sales analysis, invoicing and payroll		
11	Vickers Armstrongs (engineers) Ltd Barrow, UK	Stock Control, payroll, costing and production control		
12	Trygg Fylgia Stockholm, Sweden	Insurance records processing		

ORION 2

36	I.C.T Lily Hill House	Prototype, and software		
	Bracknell, UK	Development (including Nebula)		
33	Prudential Assurance Co Ltd	Life insurance policy	Oct 1964	
	London, UK	administration		
34	South African Mutual Life Assurance Society	Insurance policy administration		
	Cape Town, South Africa			
35	Prudential Assurance Co Ltd	Life insurance policy		
	London, UK	administration		
37	Beecham Group Ltd	Sales accounting, sales analysis,		4
	Brentford, UK	and stock control		

Notes:

- (1) This table is based on Section 14 of the Orion Programmers' Reference Manual as at July 1967. That manual also contains full machine configuration details.
- (2) The delivery date information is incomplete. (the dates are my record of when the machines were in service for running user jobs, specifically for Nebula development). I would welcome further information, please send to alan.thomson@iclway.co.uk
- (3) This was a pre production prototype, and was mainly used initially for system software development. It was not as reliable as later production machines.
- (4) Subsequently moved to the Prudential.