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## UPDATES

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<sup>1</sup> US Patent 3,057,568, filed May 28, 1952: Tape Feed Mechanism.

<sup>2</sup> Based on Pugh, Emerson W., Lyle R. Johnson, and John H. Palmer, IBM's 360 and Early 370 Systems, MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1991.