

When the current Fastrand-user's data transfer is completed, the Data Channel generates an interrupt on interrupt level 1. The I-O Processor charges the user program's queue level counter for the time spent doing the data transfer, sets the user program's status to "runnable," sets its program counter to the appropriate return from the Fastrand IOT, and notifies the Swapper that a user program's status has changed. The interrupt level 1 routine then generates a level 4 interrupt and debreaks from level 1

The interrupt on level 4, which is generated by code in either a level 16 or a level 1 routine, activates a portion of the I-O Processor which determines whether there are any programs waiting for the Data Channel. If there are no programs waiting, debreaking occurs. If at least one program is waiting, the level 4 routine generates a level 15 interrupt and debreaks.

The interrupt on level 15 activates a queue-sorting routine in the I-O Processor; this routine examines the Fastrand queue and finds the best waiting user program, i.e., the user program with the lowest queue level counter (the queue level counter is described in Section II of this report). The control words for this user program are moved to an I-O Processor communication area, the program's status is set to "IOP wants," a level 17 interrupt is generated to notify the Swapper, and a level 4 interrupt is generated.

The level 4 interrupt, generated on level 15, starts a routine which begins to satisfy the preconditions implied by the user program's control words. Most of the actual work must be done by subroutines which link the level 4 routine to routines on other levels; for example, Table 4 must be written out and