Technical Description



Billing And Usage Module Associate Order Processing System (AOPS)



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ABSTRACT

This document contains a technical description of the Billing And Usage Module of the Associate Order Processing System (AOPS). It has been developed to provide a high-level description for a testing environment. As such, it is intended for distribution to the Office Depot MIS personnel having the need to know and who are authorized by Office Depot MIS management.

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1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide high-level technical aspects of the Billing And Usage Module of the Associate Order Processing System (AOPS). It is to be used primarily for a testing environment commencing on April 1, 1997. There are types of data provided herein:

- DATA FLOW (Page 2)
- FILE LAYOUTS (Page 22)
- PROGRAMMING RULES (Page 23)

2. AUDIENCE

The audience for this document consists of developers and testers involved in the ABS implementation.

3. DATA FLOW

This section contains the data flow diagrams for the processes that are performed from within the Billing and Usage function. The purpose of each diagram is to provide a general understanding of the data flow within each process of the Billing And Usage function. The digrams are presented in three sections:

- General Overview (Section 3.1, page 2)
- Summary Billing Reports (Section 3.2, page 6)
- Customer Usage Reports (Section 3.3, page 10)

3.1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

This section contains data flow diagrams that provide a general overview of two AOPS functions or sub-systems. The two sub-systems comprise the Summary Billing Sub-System and the Customer Usage Sub-System. Detailed specifications of each sub-system are included in subsequent sections titled Summary Billing Reports on page 6 and Customer Usage Reports on page 10.

Figure 1 through Figure 3 provide the general overview of the Billing and Usage Module.

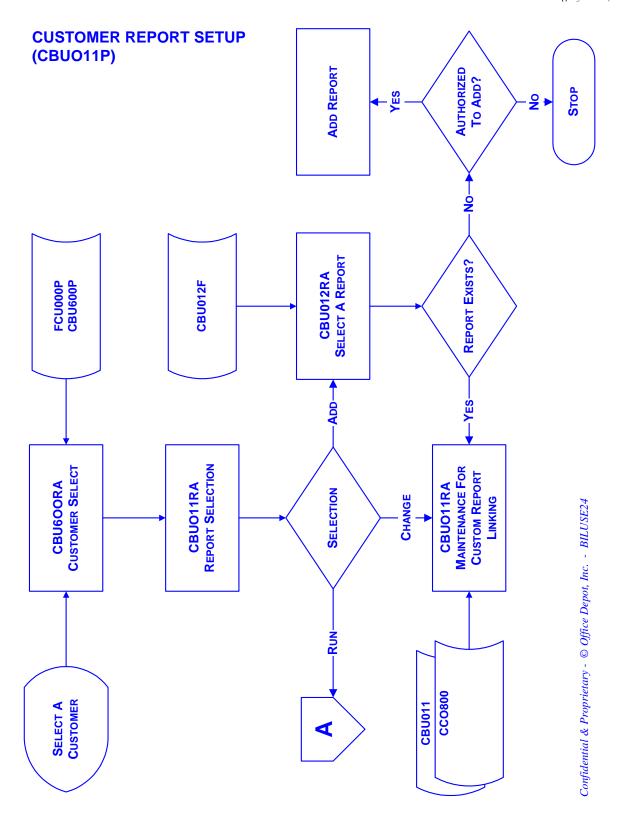


Figure 1. General Overview — Customer Report Setup

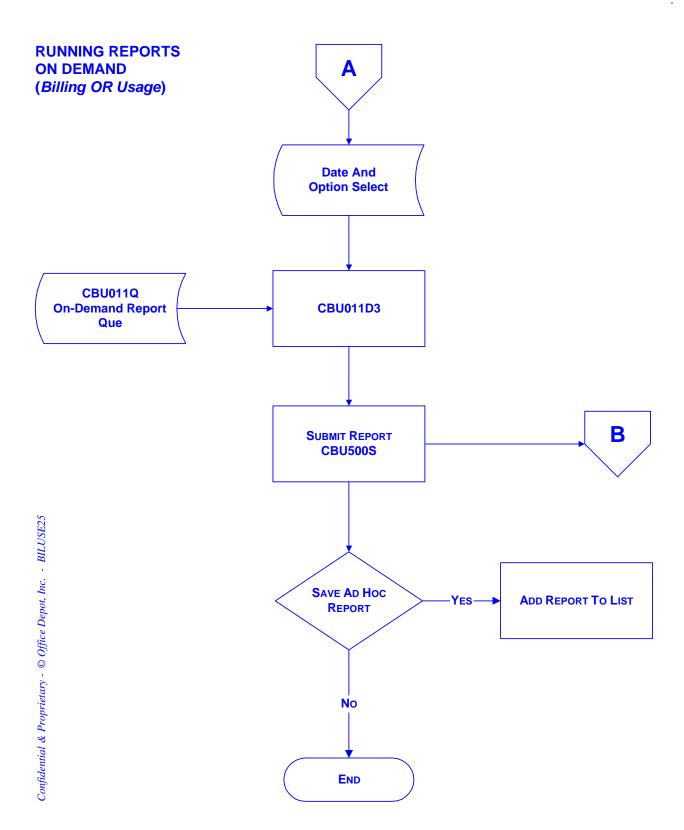


Figure 2. General Overview — Running Reports On Demand — Billing OR Usage

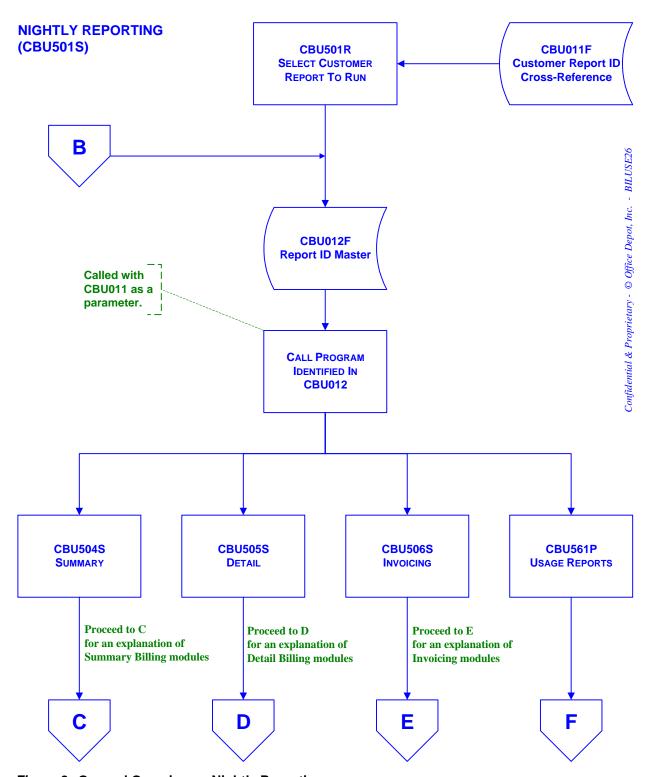


Figure 3. General Overview — Nightly Reporting

3.2. SUMMARY BILLING REPORTS

The flow charts provided in this section (*Figure 4*, *Figure 5*, and *Figure 6*) illustrate the data flow of the Summary Billing Sub-System. All three charts are continuations from *Figure 3*.

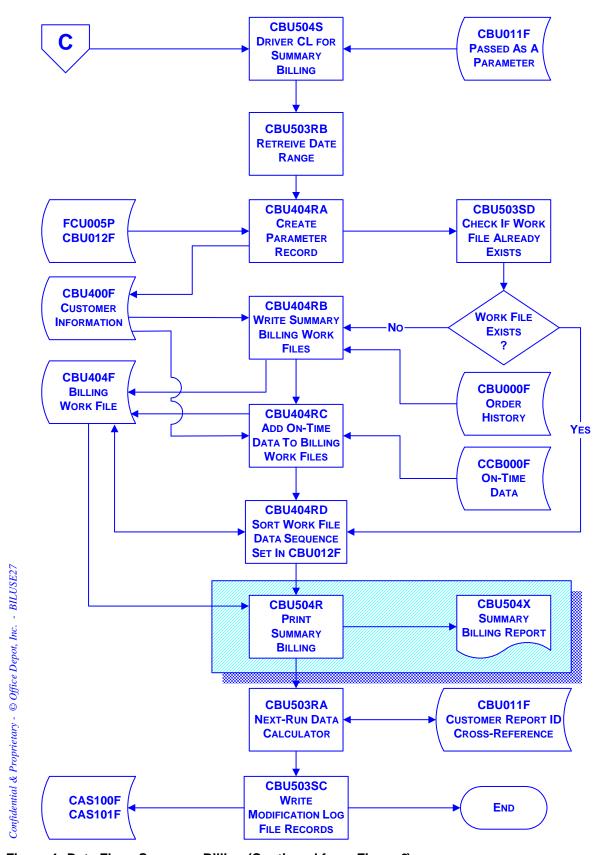


Figure 4. Data Flow: Summary Billing (Continued from Figure 3)

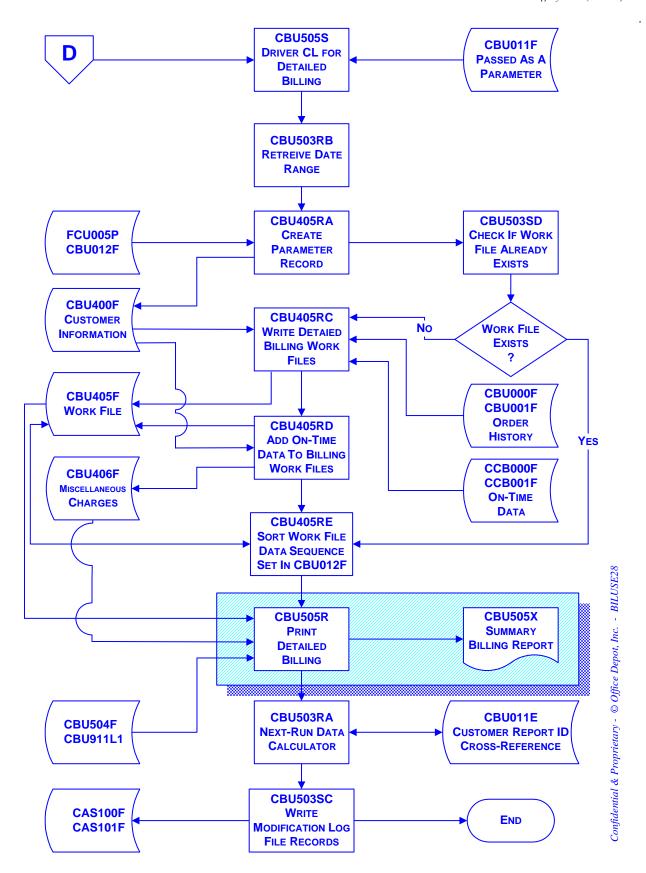


Figure 5. Data Flow: Detailed Summary Billing (Continued from Figure 3)

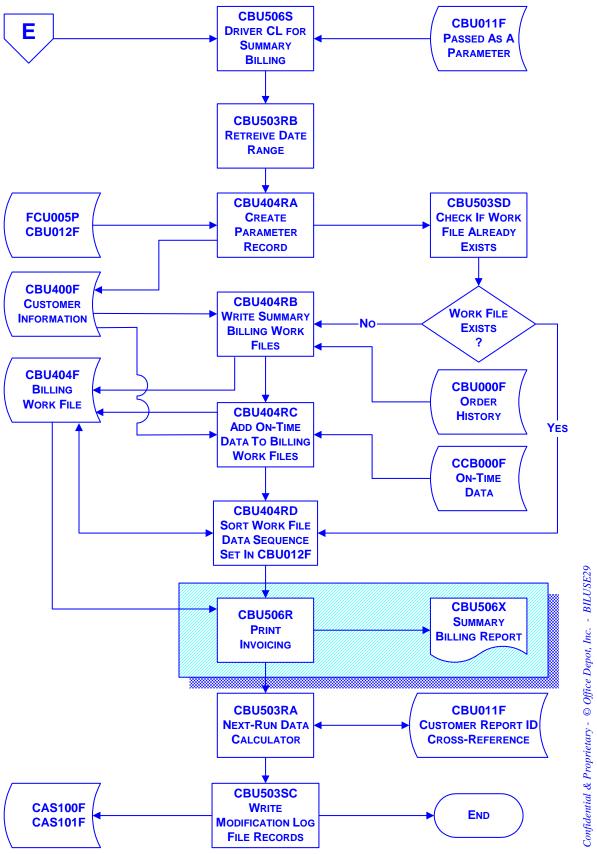


Figure 6. Data Flow: Invoicing (Continued from Figure 3)

3.3. CUSTOMER USAGE REPORTS

There are three methods of generating Customer Usage Reports. They are:

- Auto Scheduled Reports (Section 3.3.1)
- On-Request Reports (Pre-Defined) (Section 3.3.2)
- On-Request Reports (Ad Hoc) (Section 3.3.3)

3.3.1. Auto Scheduled Reports

Auto Scheduled Reports are pre-defined reports that are printed on a regular frequency. The frequency is determined and scheduled during the Customer Account Setup process.

The flow charts provided in this section illustrate the data flow of the Auto Scheduled Reports sub-system. These data flow charts are illustrated in *Figure 7* through *Figure 10*.

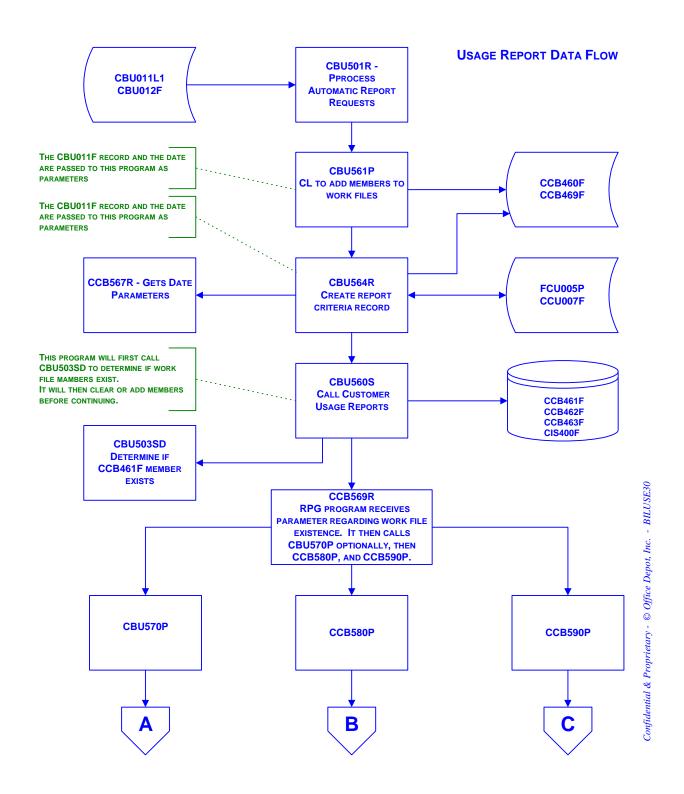


Figure 7. Data Flow: Customer Usage Report / Auto

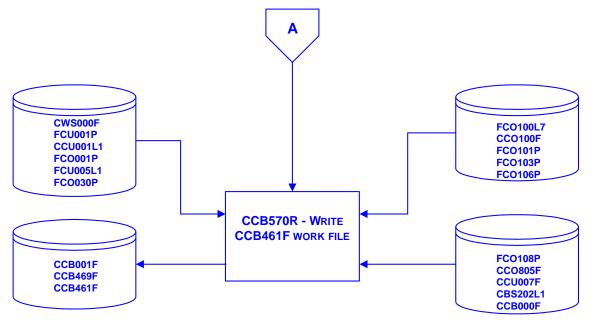


Figure 8. Data Flow: Usage Report / Auto (Continued from Figure 7)

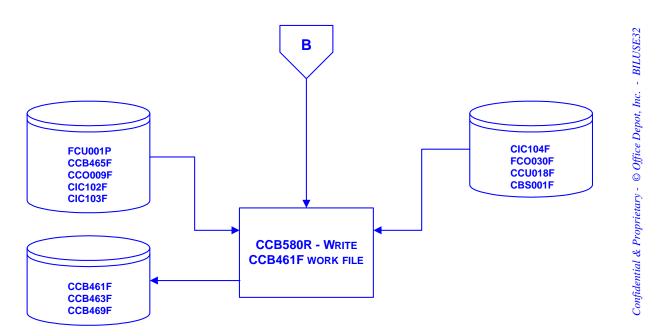


Figure 9. Data Flow: Usage Report / Auto (Continued from Figure 7)

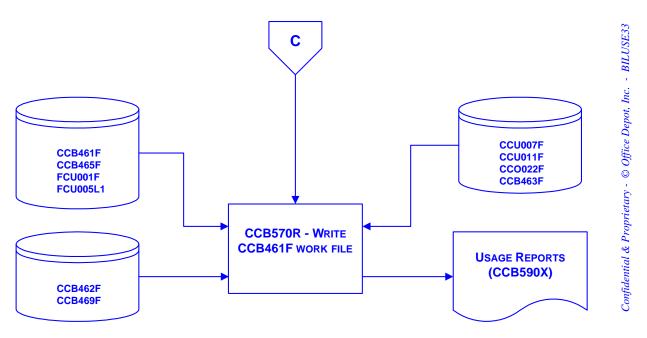


Figure 10. Data Flow: Usage Report / Auto (Continued from Figure 7)

3.3.2. On-Request Reports (Pre-Defined)

On Request Reports (Pre-Defined) are pre-defined reports that are printed only **on request**. The frequency is determined and scheduled via requests from users in the field.

The flow charts provided in this section illustrate the data flow of the On Request Reports (Pre-Defined) sub-system. These data flow charts are illustrated in *Figure 11* through *Figure 14*.

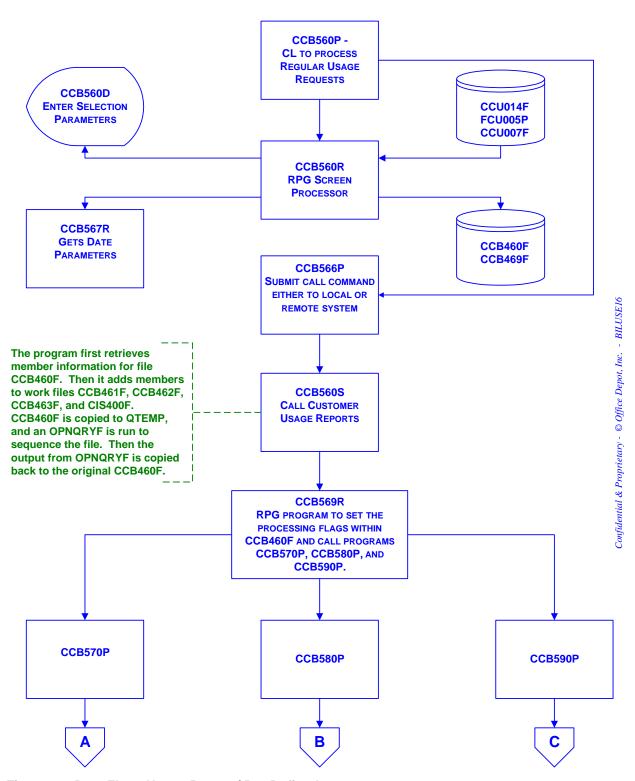


Figure 11. Data Flow: Usage Report / Pre-Defined

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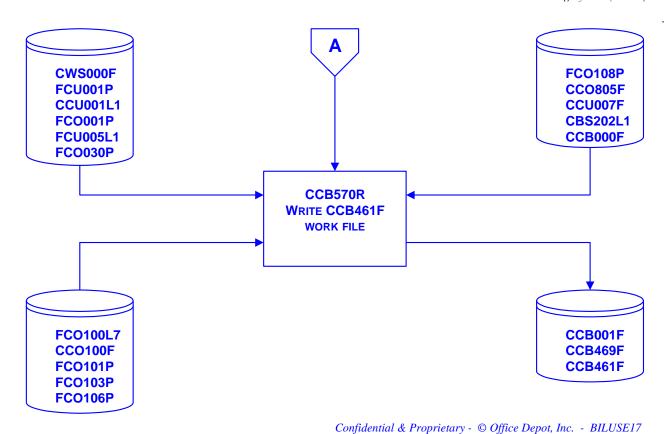


Figure 12. Data Flow: Usage Report / Pre-Defined (Continued from Figure 11)

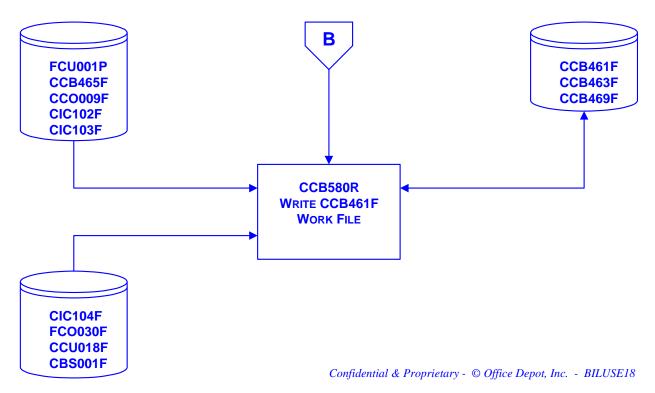


Figure 13. Data Flow: Usage Report / Pre-Defined (Continued from Figure 11)

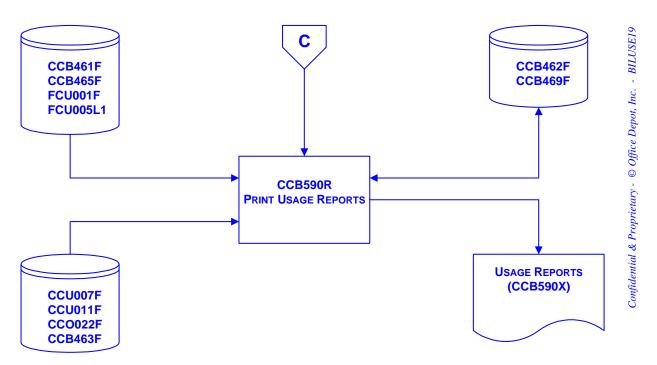


Figure 14. Data Flow: Usage Report / Pre-Defined (Continued from Figure 11)

3.3.3. On-Request Reports (Ad Hoc)

On Request Reports (Ad Hoc) are reports that are printed only **on request**, and defined at the time the request is submitted. The frequency is determined and scheduled via requests from users in the field.

The flow charts provided in this section illustrate the data flow of the On Request Reports (Ad Hoc) sub-system. These data flow charts are illustrated in *Figure 15* through *Figure 18*.

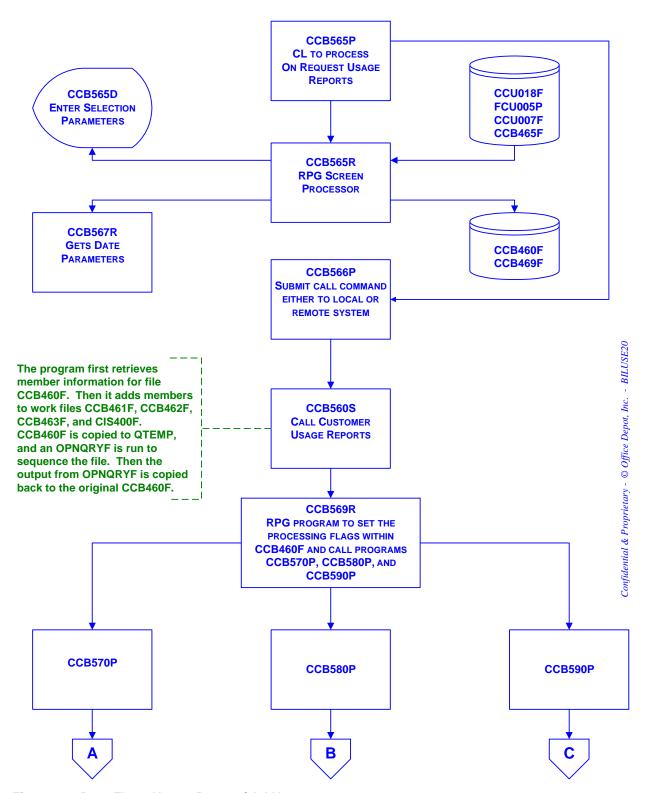


Figure 15. Data Flow: Usage Report / Ad Hoc

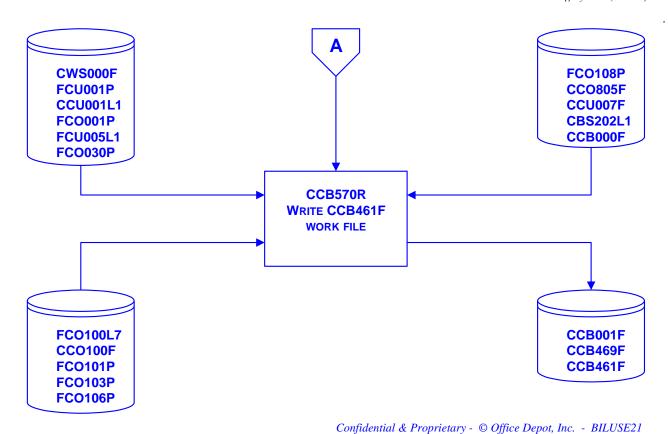


Figure 16. Data Flow: Usage Report / Ad Hoc (Continued from Figure 15)

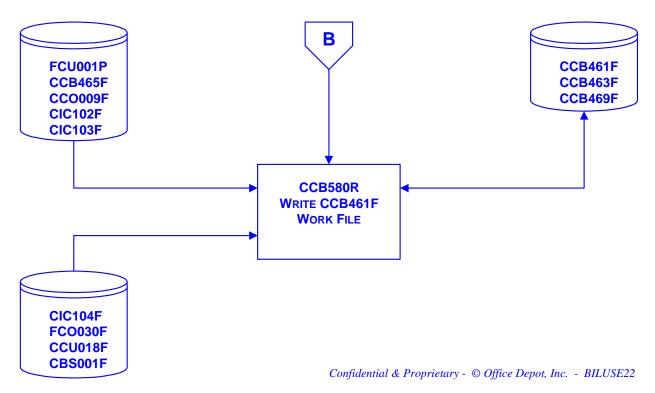


Figure 17. Data Flow: Usage Report / Ad Hoc (Continued from Figure 15)

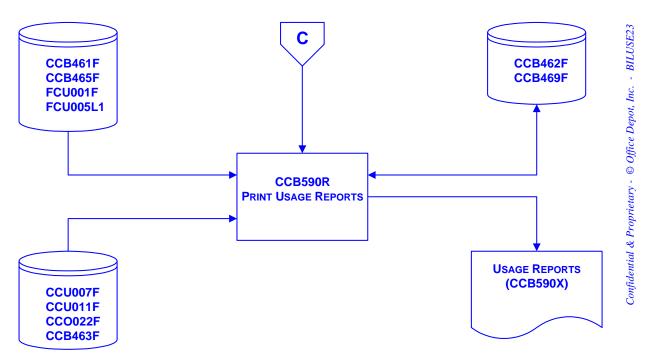


Figure 18. Data Flow: Usage Report / Ad Hoc (Continued from Figure 15)

4. FILE LAYOUTS

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5. PROGRAMMING RULES

Will evolve during testing.