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## “Writing & Reading a Letter file in the same report run.”

It seems to me that you are trying to push DYL-280 beyond its design limits.

I have looked at my DYL-280 references and haven't found what I want.

DYL-280 expects you to want to write and read a *regular file* within the same run:

```
FILE . . . RETAIN
```

```
REPORT . . . REUSE
```

DYL-280 also allows you to create a *temporary file* and read it back in for subsequent processing such as a SORT:

```
PICNSAVE . . .
```

```
REPORT . . . REUSE
```

DYL-280 has no built-in parameters that allow a *Letter file* to be created and then read within the same job. This means that there is no mechanism for the COBOL equivalent of:

```
OPEN . . . OUTPUT
```

```
:
```

```
CLOSE
```

```
:
```

```
OPEN . . . INPUT
```

```
:
```

This is why your letter file appeared to be empty when we tried to REUSE it – there had been no CLOSE to terminate its output mode.

I can only assume that the DYL-280 creators did not anticipate the usage that you are applying.

You have already found an easy solution to the problem – have a second DYL-280 step in the same job and have it read the Letter file. It may not be ideal, but at least it works!

Good luck with the reports.

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