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In a continuing effort to make the S&P car card and waybill system more understandable and easier to use, I have developed documentation which identifies and details the actions necessary for each discrete situation which may be encountered by an operator during an operating session. There are twenty (20) such situations identified so far. Undoubtedly, more operating experience on the railroad will identify more. When that happens, they will be documented also.

I have attempted to relate the situations represented to their prototype equivalent in order to attach some real-life rationale for the instructions provided for handling the modeled paperwork. That also could use some improvement based on better knowledge or experience.

In addition each situation identifies a “triggering” condition or combination of conditions which will help to identify the situation when encountered.

Each condition is contained on a single sheet.