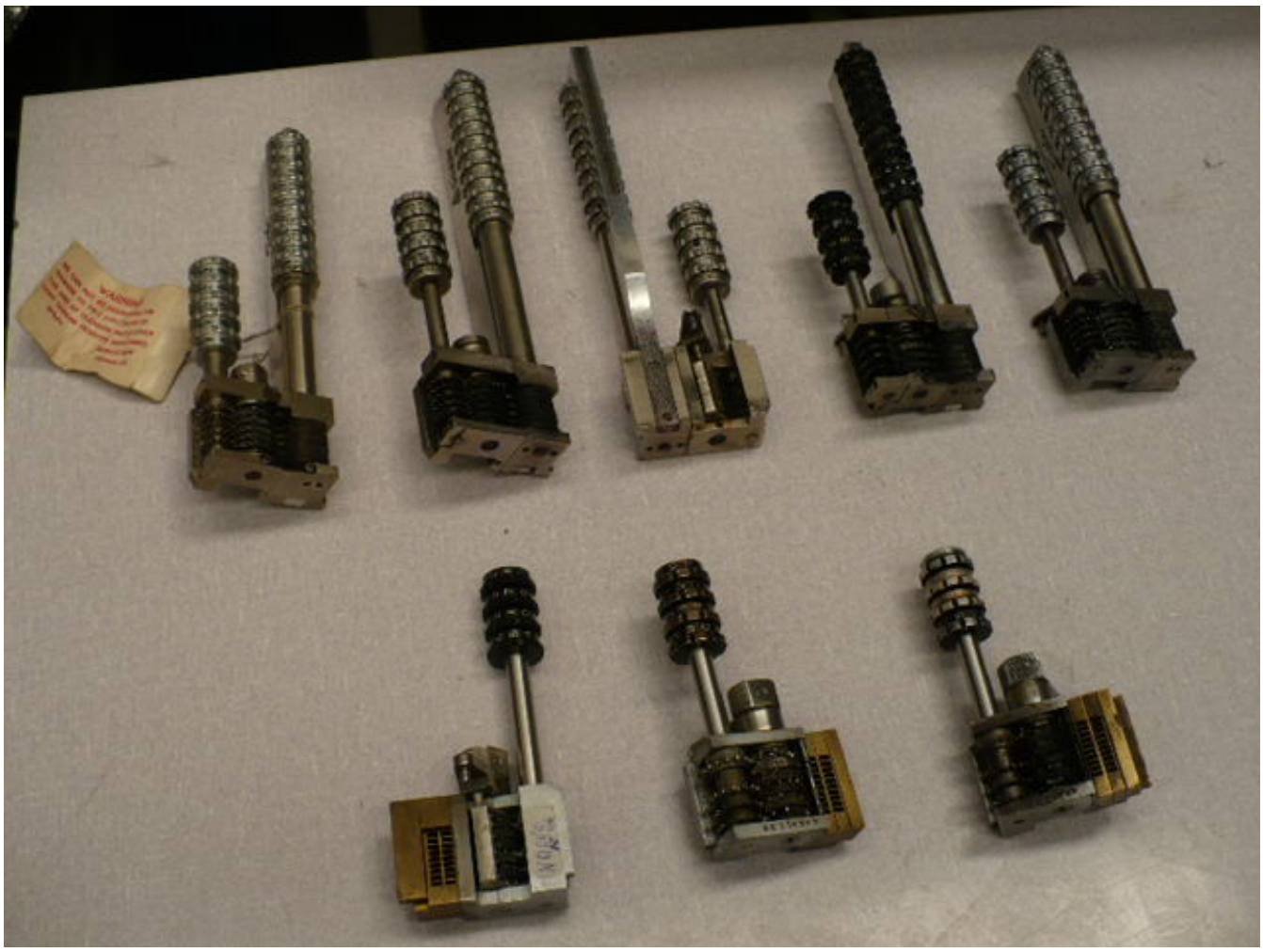COUNTERS