The following memory inventory of a minimum-size BALMSETL translator run will clarify the problems of getting down to smaller sizes.

	Module		Size (octal)
BALM	translator		24 k
BALMSETL	library (*	total)	111 k
Subcomponents:	(Strings)		(1 k)
	(Code)		(100 k)
	(Vectors)		(1 k)
	(Lists)		(7 k)
Symbol Table			6.6 k
Garbage Collect	or Tables		4.3 k
Buffers			1 k
	Total BALMS	ETL:	151 k
·	Extra Heap to run job	os .	15 k
	Extra Symbtab		.3 k
	Minimum to run BALMSET	TL jobs:	166 k

Paging of code blocks might save half the code space, allowing a minimum run of 126 k. Bob Paige estimates that some additional translator optimisation might reduce code sizes by about 1/4, which if achieved would together with code paging allow runs in a minimum size of 116k.