Subject: Re: System Variables: defining and using
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> Apparently IDL
> requires the system variable to be defined at compile time.

Yes, that's right. Which means they should preferably be defined
in the IDL_STARTUP file. There is one way of getting around this,
though. In your case, write

```
dummy = execute("endian = !little_endian")
return,endian
```

instead of simply return,!little_endian. This will allow your
routine to compile, and define the system variable before it's
used.

Regards,

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