

Mr. CAMPBELL. I would be reluctant to estimate what the savings might be if we brought in the contractor operations. I do not know, Mr. Chairman. I would think it would be substantial.

NEED TO EXTEND H.R. 5171 TO INCLUDE CONTRACTOR-OPERATED EQUIPMENT

Mr. BROOKS. Do we have as much contractor-operated equipment as agency-operated?

Mr. CAMPBELL. I do not know.

Mr. MAHONEY. I might mention at this point we feel this is one of the areas that has been badly neglected because in the Government today we do not even have an inventory of what this equipment is or where it is installed. For example, if we had an emergency situation, we would have to start at scratch. First, we would have to go to equipment suppliers and then, perhaps, directly to Government contractors to acquire knowledge concerning available time on these machines.

We feel this is collateral to this whole study. We should know where the equipment is, we should know what dollars we are putting in. Defense knows, for example, on an individual contract basis. It is not gathered together. This makes it extremely difficult to estimate.

We feel that from our brief analysis and work we have done in this field that the figures will be very significant. We cannot come out with any specific figure on it. We feel it will be very significant.

Mr. BROOKS. You feel it will be substantially larger than the savings stated in your report?

Mr. CAMPBELL. That is our feeling.

NO AGENCIES SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM CENTRALIZED CONTROL

Mr. BROOKS. Turning to the provisions in H.R. 5171, Mr. Campbell, do you believe that any Federal agency should be exempt from this central control provided by the bill?

Mr. CAMPBELL. I would hope not. I would hope there would be no exemptions. I understand there might be cases where it would be necessary. I would like to start with the idea that there would be no exemptions.

Mr. BROOKS. You think every exemption basically will be potentially more wasteful than inclusion under the overall program?

Mr. CAMPBELL. Yes, sir. I feel that if there is an exemption, it should be made personally by the Administrator of the General Services Administration in collaboration with the President's Office.

Mr. BROOKS. Generally, then, you consider the basic approach toward centralization of acquisition and management of this ADP equipment as outlined in the bill to be an acceptable means by which we could achieve this increase in economy and efficiency that you have recommended in these various reports?

GSA HAS ABILITY TO WATCH OVER THIS COMPLEX PROBLEM

Mr. CAMPBELL. I have a deep and abiding respect for Mr. Boutin, Administrator of the General Services Administration, and for that