

we have a major equity built up in the equipment today. We would want to take advantage of those initially.

Mr. CAMPBELL. The only exclusions are the intelligence and surveillance, such as CIA and NSA perhaps.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. With regard to those exclusions, is it because the public should not know the number of machines they have or that someone should not know the type of equipment they have?

Mr. CAMPBELL. Both.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I feel rather strongly along the lines Mr. Moorhead suggested, that any exemptions should be very rigidly enforced. I think Congress is entitled to know almost everything there is. I think there has been too much classified skirt hiding, as Mr. Moss' subcommittee of this committee indicated. I, for one, would need some very compelling reason to leave in on page 2 of the bill lines 20 and 21, the statement that—the exemption of equipment for national defense and security. I would need very compelling reasons.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Of course, I agree with you a hundred percent. I think the idea of classification can be overdone. It can be very dangerous in many cases. We thought that where the Administrator of GSA has discretion and not the head of the agency, that we might explore these exemptions very carefully or he would explore them very carefully.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Do you think he should have that option or that the Congress in enacting this bill should have that option of where the exemptions should lie?

Mr. CAMPBELL. I think if Congress had the option, it might be a lot stronger; but I do not think from an operating viewpoint it would be practical. I think he has to make these decisions on a day-to-day basis. I do not think that can be done if you had to have prior congressional approval.

EXEMPTION OF AGENCIES

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You think we should give the Administrator of GSA the prerogative to decide which agencies should be exempt under the bill?

Mr. CAMPBELL. That is right with respect to the special installations we are discussing.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Those special installations you say would not apply to the Department of Defense but might apply to CIA or NASA?

Mr. CAMPBELL. CIA would be one certainly. Then within Defense, NSA would be another. I do not think there is anything in AEC that would require exemption.

Mr. MAHONEY. There are certain other intelligence activities in the Department of Defense.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. From recent events, it seems the Department of Defense has enough trouble picking airplanes, much less computers. That sounds light. I do not mean it that way. I would need a lot more convincing before being willing to leave any exclusions in this bill at the moment.

Mr. CAMPBELL. That is why we emphasized we think the Administrator should be closely in touch with the President on this. That is the level at which it should be considered. I do feel that it would be