

We have a close and everyday liaison with the President and his Office. I agree with the statement of the Comptroller General that this is absolutely necessary.

Mr. BROOKS. You do not think he would be reluctant to call you and say, "Bernie, we have got to get together on this now." You would be there?

Mr. BOUTIN. It is not unusual to have the telephone ring and have the voice come on and say, "This is the President," and go right into what he has in mind. He is not bashful.

GSA PRESENTLY HAS SIMILAR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THOSE INHERENT
IN H.R. 5171

Mr. BROOKS. He is not. After examining provisions of H.R. 5171, would you say GSA now has many responsibilities that are similar in every respect to those provided in this proposal?

Mr. BOUTIN. Let us look directly at the provisions of the bill itself. No. 1, the language of the legislation speaks to the point of utilization of available computers, transfer of computers, and so forth. This is the philosophy behind the bill.

In GSA we now have a Utilization and Disposal Service that performs exactly this type function. It is in hand.

No. 2, it speaks to the point of procurement. GSA now has Federal Supply Schedule contracts for procurement. It has know-how and capability without any additional people in these areas.

In records management we have the National Archives and Records Service. Many of the responsibilities that are inherent in the legislation are also available right now in General Services.

Mr. BROOKS. The bill provides for a revolving fund system of financing equipment purchases. Does GSA presently administer other revolving funds for the acquisition of equipment?

Mr. BOUTIN. Yes, we do. We have the Telecommunications Fund that was authorized last October. The chairman is familiar with that. He introduced the legislation for GSA. This is for the Federal telecommunications on the civil side of Government, working closely with Defense.

We have the General Supply Fund, a revolving fund.

We have the Buildings Management Fund for financing of rental space and for our whole Public Buildings Service operation. So we have three of these funds right now that we have had long experience with, at least with two of them.

NEED FOR LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Mr. BROOKS. Do you agree with the Comptroller General as to the need for long-range planning of the Government ADP requirements?

Mr. BOUTIN. There can be no question about this. If you just go back to 1953, where some of the largest manufacturers today were really just getting started in a big way, the changes, the technological advances that have taken place, new applications that the Comptroller General spoke about, new opportunities to use this type equipment to great financial benefit in terms of efficiency and timeliness of service,