

Mr. ECKLER. Yes. There is a provision that at the discretion of the director, certain information can be furnished. Suppose we furnish that too. It is a very narrowly defined kind of exception, and I think we ought to supply that to you.

Mr. GALLAGHER. We would like to have that.

Has this discretion ever been exercised?

Mr. ECKLER. Yes, age search information.

(The matter referred to follows.)

§ 8. Certified copies of certain returns; other data; restriction on use; disposition of fees received

(a) The Secretary may, upon a written request, and in his discretion, furnish to Governors of States and Territories, courts of record, and individuals, data for genealogical and other proper purposes, from the population, agriculture, and housing schedules prepared under the authority of subchapter II of chapter 5, upon the payment of the actual, or estimated cost of searching the records and \$1 for supplying a certificate.

(b) The Secretary may furnish transcripts or copies of tables and other census records and make special statistical compilations and surveys for State or local officials, private concerns, or individuals upon the payment of the actual, or estimated cost of such work. In the case of nonprofit organizations or agencies the Secretary may engage in joint statistical projects, the cost of which shall be shared equitably as determined by the Secretary and provided that the purposes are otherwise authorized by law.

(c) In no case shall information furnished under the authority of this section be used to the detriment of the persons to whom such information relates.

(d) All moneys received in payment for work or services enumerated under this section shall be deposited in a separate account which may be used to pay directly the costs of such work or services, to repay appropriations which initially bore all or part of such costs, or to refund excess sums when necessary.

Mr. GALLAGHER. What would be the justification for the exercise of this discretion?

Mr. ECKLER. That this is information which is needed, as it says here for genealogical and other proper purposes. This is at the discretion of the Secretary which in turn is delegated to the Director.

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This is given to the person who supplied the information or his legal representative.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Is that the only exception?

Mr. ECKLER. This is the only exception that exists.

An individual may want this for age, proof of age for purpose of passport or employment certificate, social security, or something of that sort.

We do about 200,000 of those jobs each year.

Mr. TAEUBER. But if I might add, Mr. Chairman, this information is supplied to the individual who initially supplied it to the Bureau, or on his order it may be supplied to someone else. But it cannot be supplied to a third party without the authorization of the person who initially provided it to us.

Mr. GALLAGHER. I see. That is an excellent safeguard.

Mr. ECKLER. And there is one other safeguard I should note.

"In no case shall information furnished under the authority of this section be used to the detriment of the persons to whom such information relates."

Mr. GALLAGHER. That would include any investigation being made about the individual, or any matter relating to taxation?