

Mr. HORTON. I did not mean to interrupt your questioning, but I would like to ask a few questions. Were you finished?

Mr. ROMNEY. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Proceed, Mr. Horton.

Mr. HORTON. I was interested in your testimony with regard to what you do in more or less approving these forms, and your technique for this, and then also the statement that you made with regard to some of these so-called intimate questions.

Do you have a large number of these questionnaires that ask these so-called intimate questions?

Mr. CROWDER. Well, if we mean questions of the type illustrated by the examples I have given, I would say not a large number, but I am not prepared even to estimate the number. This would take a little research in the files.

Mr. HORTON. I do not have a copy of your statement so I am not sure just which ones you refer to, but what is your definition of an intimate question?

Mr. CROWDER. I am afraid I do not really have one. It is just a feeling that one has about certain questions. Some of them everyone would agree are intimate and some of them, like name and address, are not, and in between there is a vast range of questions about which people would differ.

Some people I know regard their occupation as somewhat private, and I would not myself. It is a hard term to define, and I guess we do not really have a formal definition of it.

Mr. HORTON. I am curious as to the number of instances, if you know, where your agency has turned down some of these questionnaires or taken out some of these questions, and I am more interested in the type of personal question that one might conceivably construe as an invasion of privacy, asking personal questions about one's family, and I do not mean the number of children he has or anything like that, but on his thoughts and opinions about different matters.

Mr. CROWDER. Well, what I had particularly in mind in the statement that I have just made was on the one hand the personality test, which has been of particular interest in the hearings of this committee, and on the other hand a group of questions about personal behavior, religion, political affiliation and various other aspects of life which are commonly regarded as private and which no one should be prying into without good reason.

Beyond that, I am afraid I do not have anything very specific as a definition.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Mr. Cornish?

Mr. CORNISH. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Crowder, you seem to have just a wealth of information on many of the subjects that we are vitally interested in because your office does serve as some sort of a clearing operation for these forms and questionnaires. But tell me this:

Does the Bureau of the Budget take the responsibility for determining whether Government questionnaires constitute an invasion of privacy?

Perhaps I can help you on this. Or do you serve simply as a backstop on this? Is this not the primary function of the agencies involved?

Mr. CROWDER. Let me phrase my answer this way: We have an overriding responsibility for the review and approval of Government