

questionnaires, with few exceptions which we need not worry about in this context. That is to say, we are obliged to inquire into whether the questionnaire is justified and technically adequate. Any question which bears on those issues we must consider.

We have not in our procedures formalized a set of rules about the invasion of privacy.

Mr. CORNISH. I understand that. You put that under the category of appropriateness.

Mr. CROWDER. It is implicit in what we do, but we do not have a set of written staff rules on it.

Mr. CORNISH. But now if an agency came to us and said, "Well, we expect the Bureau of the Budget to review our questionnaires from the standpoint of invasion of privacy, we do not generally do that," would that be a correct situation?

Mr. CROWDER. I would say no.

We feel that the issues that concern us are, most of them, perhaps not all of them, issues which should be of equal concern to the sponsoring agency, and certainly this is one.

Mr. CORNISH. As a matter of fact, you review every Government program, do you not?

Mr. CROWDER. You mean the Budget Bureau?

Mr. CORNISH. The Bureau of the Budget.

Mr. CROWDER. Yes, but in a different sense.

The office that I represent has a function somewhat apart from the regular well-known budget function. It is called the Office of Statistical Standards. It is in the Budget Bureau because the Budget Bureau is the management arm of the President.

Mr. CORNISH. I will put it this way: Do you feel that the Bureau of the Budget has a special responsibility in regard to forms and questionnaires in determining their appropriateness?

Mr. CROWDER. Yes.

Mr. CORNISH. That it does not have perhaps in relation to other Government programs?

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Chairman, I think a new field has been opened up here and I feel that there ought to be more questioning on this, and perhaps we ought to have the witness make available to the staff, so that we can have a basis for further questioning, whatever forms and whatever information they might have filed in their office now, especially on these current forms.

As I understand the witness's testimony, he has in his office, or under his control, all these questionnaires that we have been asking about. So I think it would be appropriate to ask this witness to come back after the staff has had a chance to take a look at the information that they have in the office, so that we could have an opportunity to have further questioning.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Mr. Crowder, you will make those materials and documents that you have in your office available to the staff, and you will be available for consultation and you will be, I assume, available to come back before the subcommittee to perhaps answer further questions that the staff may develop after these meetings with you?

(The information was provided to the staff.)

Mr. CROWDER. Yes, of course.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. With that understanding, you are excused and the special inquiry is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned.)