

THE COMPUTER AND INVASION OF PRIVACY

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVASION OF PRIVACY
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10 a.m., in room 2247 Rayburn Office Building, Hon. Cornelius E. Gallagher (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Cornelius E. Gallagher, Benjamin S. Rosenthal, and Frank Horton.

Also present: Norman G. Cornish, chief of special inquiry; Miles Q. Romney, associate general counsel, Committee on Government Operations; and John Forsyth, special minority consultant.

Mr. GALLAGHER. The subcommittee will come to order.

The first witness we will have this morning will be Raymond T. Bowman, Assistant Director for Statistical Standards of the Bureau of the Budget, and the officer with the direct responsibility to make recommendations for the establishment of a Central Data Bank. Mr. Bowman?

Mr. BOWMAN. Might I ask Mr. Paul Krueger, who is also from my office, to come forward with me.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Yes. Will you please proceed, Mr. Bowman?

STATEMENT OF RAYMOND T. BOWMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATISTICAL STANDARDS, BUREAU OF THE BUDGET; ACCOMPANIED BY PAUL KRUEGER, ASSISTANT CHIEF, OFFICE OF STATISTICAL STANDARDS, BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

Mr. BOWMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I welcome the opportunity to appear before this committee to discuss problems of possible invasion of privacy which might be involved in the establishment of a Federal Statistical Data Center. For some time the Bureau has been investigating the general problem of statistical data storage and accessibility.

Electronic data processing has revolutionized the methods of recording statistical information so that such data can be tabulated and used as may be required for statistical analysis. We want to be sure that we are making effective use of new technological developments because: (1) we want to bring all available statistical information to bear on problems which confront the Nation, and (2) we want to hold down the burden of statistical questionnaires on respondents. While making