

Mr. GALLAGHER. In making the tapes now that you have compatible.

Mr. BOWMAN. I did not give you a \$2 million figure.

Mr. GALLAGHER. It is in the proposal. There is a \$2 million figure.

Mr. BOWMAN. Which proposal?

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Dunn's, I believe it is.

Mr. BOWMAN. We have an estimate by the consultant as to what it would be possible to start a data center for along these lines. We have not accepted any of these figures nor have we actually considered all of the problems that would have to be considered. We have not even considered in detail what would be the best bodies of information to have in the Data Center in its early stages. None of these things have been determined as yet.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Why do you not forget about the whole thing until you have thoroughly thought it out and in several years come back and see where we stand?

Mr. BOWMAN. At the present time, I did not think the Data Center as a data center was in review. I thought what was in review before this committee was the ideas associated with the Data Center and the confidentiality of information or the invasion of privacy.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Are not all of these involved in a central data system?

Mr. BOWMAN. I would like to very honestly answer the question which you think I have not honestly answered, or that I have not specifically answered. That is, it is not possible as I see it to have a data center that is meaningful, even a Federal Statistical Data Center, in which the identity of the individuals for which there is information is erased.

It is possible that the fact that the Data Center has access to this information does not mean that it will be revealed internally within the Government with regard to a single individual. That is the point I want to emphasize in my testimony.

Mr. GALLAGHER. That is a very good point. That is one of the things that I have been trying to direct my questions to. What kind of a system are you going to set up in order to do this?

Mr. BOWMAN. I would hope that we will have a system designed, and we will have a proposal of this character that can be discussed as a definite proposal. We do not have it now.

Mr. GALLAGHER. You think such a system is designable?

Mr. BOWMAN. Yes.

Mr. GALLAGHER. With adequate safeguards?

Mr. BOWMAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Secure with hardware security and software security?

Mr. BOWMAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. GALLAGHER. I hope you tell the Defense Department. They do not think so.

Mr. BOWMAN. I think it is so far as Federal statistical data is concerned.

Mr. GALLAGHER. I am talking now about adequate safeguards to protect confidentiality on transmission to protect against bugging, to protect against interception, to protect against the software problems of who is going to program it, who will have the key, who will mind the tapes, all the human factors involved.