

poses, so far as the statistical data center is concerned it would not release any information about the individual.

Mr. HORTON. It might not, but the other agency might.

Are you telling us now you would not make the information in your centralized data bank available to the Civil Service Commission?

Mr. BOWMAN. I am certainly doing so on an individual—I am——

Mr. HORTON. Are you saying you wouldn't make it available to the FBI?

Mr. BOWMAN. I certainly am.

Mr. HORTON. Under no circumstances would you make it available?

Mr. BOWMAN. Just as the Census Bureau would not make it available to Mr. Macy, or would not make it available to the FBI.

Mr. HORTON. But you have indicated that this information will be made available to you from the various agencies. You indicated that the Census Bureau information would be fed into this computer that you are proposing.

Mr. BOWMAN. But I am proposing that the Federal statistical data center have the same rules of confidentiality as now applies to the Census Bureau and any information in the data center will not be released by the data center in terms that allow the information to be associated with any individual.

Now, if the data center had some information in it from an agency that didn't have those restrictions, it would still be my understanding that the data center would not release that information. The agency might release it, but not the data center.

Mr. HORTON. I hate to hedge on words, but now I think we have to, and I don't like to do that, but you said the center would not release information that would furnish identification. Now, that would mean to me that you would release information.

Mr. BOWMAN. If the center had information about an individual, no matter how it got it, it was in the center, and Mr. Macy wanted that information about an individual, the center would not release it.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Who is going to control the center?

Mr. BOWMAN. Who controls the Census Bureau now? Law. The center would be controlled in the same way.

Mr. GALLAGHER. By which agency, the Census Bureau?

Mr. BOWMAN. We haven't decided where the center might be located.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Some people might pay more attention to the law than others in the Government. For instance, you give great weight to a subpoena. There are other agencies who hand out subpoenas like Kleenex, without much authority—we have had a devaluation of the subpoena process.

Now, you give great weight to it, but other agencies do not. I would be interested to know who is going to run the center.

Mr. BOWMAN. We haven't made up our minds. It might be the Census Bureau itself. It might be in the Department of Commerce closely associated with the Census Bureau. It might be in another agency.

These are the things that are now under review.

One of the considerations in deciding where it would be would be this problem of the history of maintaining confidentiality.