

Mr. GALLAGHER. May I rephrase the question?

Is there now a complete inventory as to the kind of statistics that are now available? For instance, in the 9,000 tapes that you mentioned in your report.

Mr. KRUEGER. No, not a complete inventory.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Has there been a request of Mr. Ruggles and his organization and others who might be interested in this type of information, to make such an inventory and make such a publication to see how many people might want access to this information?

Mr. KRUEGER. We made enough of an inventory to come to the conclusion there is a sufficient amount of very useful information in which a sufficient number of people both inside and outside the government would have interest in, to think that we were warranted in pursuing the idea further and that is essentially where we are now.

Mr. GALLAGHER. How many users make a call on this information?

Mr. KRUEGER. I don't know. That in itself would be a very difficult statistic to get.

Mr. GALLAGHER. This is something we ought to computerize. Have there been 100 people who would want this kind of information? A thousand? How many people have been turned down for making an unreasonable request?

Before we start spending millions of dollars, it would seem to me we ought to determine how many potential users there are. It may well be there are just one or two organizations who are interested in this and perhaps the taxpayer shouldn't be asked to assume this particular burden.

Mr. BOWMAN. Our evaluation will try to take this into account before we come to a regular proposal.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Thank you.

Mr. Rosenthal.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

How much money have you spent to date in all studies and surveys leading to the point where we are now?

Mr. BOWMAN. The Ruggles Committee didn't cost us anything.

Mr. KRUEGER. The Dunn report cost a little over \$12,000.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. At the moment that is the full amount that has been expended in this endeavor?

Mr. KRUEGER. Yes.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. At the moment you really don't have any idea how many users you would have or how many agencies would want it? You are going along on the general assumption that such a thing is useful?

Mr. KRUEGER. Yes.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Mr. Bowman, is that your position?

Mr. BOWMAN. We are going along on the assumption there has been demonstrated a significant demand for this sort of thing both within the Federal agencies and among the general public but we don't have an actual count of the number of users.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Has anyone directed a specific inquiry to you asking that such a center be set up?

Mr. BOWMAN. Has any particular agency asked for it? Part of the work Mr. Dunn did was to talk with the agencies. I don't know that there was any particular request for setting up a center.