

Mr. HORTON. I wish we had the time to go into that. I think you have some very impractical impossibilities for curtailing the information that goes in, because you are not going to be able to get information that will be helpful if it is curtailed information at the inception. I agree with the idea. I think it is a good one. I also agree with your premise that we are not going to release anything except statistical information, but, as you have it, you can find out what happened to Frank Horton from the time he was born until right today just by pushing that button—everything.

Mr. GALLAGHER. It might never be released.

Mr. BOWMAN. I hope, however, what you say is not true for the data center that I am talking about. I did try to make this point. There are a lot of ways in which statistical data can be organized for collation purposes. If the data center is organized as I am thinking about it and does not release information about individuals, it would not organize the data that way. It would not be possible to press a button and get all the information about Mr. "X".

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Bowman, we are going to try to adjourn here until 2 o'clock. We would like to finish up, if you do not mind. The kind of information that is anticipated to go into this disturbs me; credit survey, credit information, farm population data.

Mr. KRUEGER. If you are looking at this list as being the kind of information which would certainly go in, that is not true.

Mr. GALLAGHER. I have been looking at a list that has been pointed out as the possibility of going into this. Special census, metropolitan, Louisville, one-time survey; the census population of housing, 25-percent sample, population tallies.

There is all sorts of information that will be going in here of a very personal nature. Do you disagree with this?

Mr. BOWMAN. No. All those things have not been decided to go in. They would be available.

Mr. GALLAGHER. These are suggested items.

Mr. BOWMAN. No.

Mr. KRUEGER. This is an inventory of what is available in machine readable form.

Mr. GALLAGHER. This is on your 9,000 tapes now?

Mr. KRUEGER. It is more than 9,000.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Maybe it is more than 9,000. I am talking about the 9,000 tapes you are talking about putting into this as the possible material in the central data bank.

Mr. KRUEGER. No decision has been made of what goes into the center.

Mr. GALLAGHER. I would like to have you put that in the record. That would be helpful. This kind of information would seem to place people in peril and people would—I think, the average citizen who gives this kind of information knowing that it is instantaneously retrievable in a central data bank would walk with a certain amount of justified fear.

Mr. BOWMAN. It is available now.

Mr. GALLAGHER. It is decentralized. Once you centralize it you have a complete profile.

Mr. BOWMAN. Much of this is centralized.