

The social scientists are, to an increasing extent since the computer has come in, concerned with obtaining the kind of information that will allow them to do economic analysis and other social research that will throw light on problems such as legislation, the development of our society in general.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Then you would be a user of the data center?

Mr. RUGGLES. Well, shall we say the profession would be a user.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Well, your organization.

Mr. RUGGLES. It is not my organization.

Mr. GALLAGHER. The organization to which you belong.

Mr. RUGGLES. The organization which requested that I chair a committee on this topic for them.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. How could they be a user of this?

Mr. RUGGLES. They would not be a user of it. They are essentially a professional organization.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. They are interested in fostering the interests of the profession.

Mr. RUGGLES. That is correct. Like any of the other learned societies.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Did any Federal money go into this foundation which is then dispersed as grants?

Mr. RUGGLES. Not that I know of. They may have gotten some National Science money, though I do not know. I do not know about their finances.

In consulting with the various Government agencies, we found none of them were set up in a way to service either other Government agencies or people on the outside with an analysis of the kinds of information that they had within the agency. Thus, for example, Internal Revenue Service is set up to collect taxes and to deal operationally with the things related to the income tax. They are not organized so as to use as a byproduct the information that comes from the tax forms, for other purposes.

Mr. GALLAGHER. There are some who would disagree with you.

Mr. RUGGLES. Well, this is not their primary mission. They have set up a statistical group to publish the Statistics of Income, but only to a very limited extent do they do contract work from outside for either other Government agencies or people outside of the Government.

The Bureau of the Census has probably done the most work for other agencies and for people outside, but even here the number of requests they must turn down because their primary mission in collecting the demographic census and the other censuses is so large they are incapable of handling every request.

Mr. GALLAGHER. How many requests have been made by grantees of the organization to which you—

Mr. RUGGLES. I don't know. The Social Science Research Council?

Mr. GALLAGHER. Yes.

Mr. RUGGLES. The Social Science Research Council does not undertake studies of its own.

Mr. GALLAGHER. I said the grantees.

Mr. RUGGLES. I have no idea how many grantees there have been.

Mr. GALLAGHER. You have no idea of how many requests have been made for this information?