

Mr. HORTON. You very carefully pointed out the distinction between an intelligence and a statistical system, and this is very fine. It sounds fine. But the question that I have to ask has to do with the basic distinction between the statistical system and the intelligence system, because it seems to me that a statistical system is the same thing basically as an intelligence system. You can get intelligence information off a statistical system, can you not?

Mr. DUNN. There are records about individuals and individual attributes in a statistical system. They have to be there in order for it to work. It cannot be used as an intelligence system if it is properly safeguarded, and I maintain it can be properly safeguarded.

Mr. HORTON. When you say "properly safeguarded," I do not know any law that is going to apply to a machine. You detailed on page 4 how the machine could be set up to do this and not to do that. It could be set up so you could get personal information on an individual at a push of a button, could it not?

Mr. DUNN. You can design intelligence systems, yes, that will retrieve information and even dossiers, if you like, on individuals. This can be done.

Mr. HORTON. This system that you are talking about. I want to know technically, not legally but technically, can this system be set up so it could be converted into an intelligence system?

Mr. DUNN. Any kind of system can be set up to perform any purpose, yes. I would say we are not setting one up for that purpose.

Mr. HORTON. I understand you are not setting it up for that purpose, but what I am concerned about is the fact that you will have available in one place all this information that comes from the Department of Defense, the OEO, the Civil Service Commission, the FBI, from wherever and whatever source you want. All these magnetic tapes will be put in there. That information will be fed in one way or another.

Mr. DUNN. Not unless you decide all these things are appropriate to put in this in the first place.

Mr. HORTON. Have you decided what is to be put in the system?

Mr. DUNN. No, sir. That is not my role or function.

Mr. HORTON. Did you recommend anything with regard to that?

Mr. DUNN. I did not.

Mr. HORTON. All you recommended was setting up the monster, if you will.

Mr. DUNN. Whether it is a monster or not depends upon whether it is properly safeguarded.

Mr. HORTON. You said it could be called that by a layman, and I adopt that suggestion of yours.

Mr. DUNN. It would be appropriate to call it that if it were so designed to perform in that way.

Mr. HORTON. It could get all this information in it.

Mr. DUNN. It could be designed to do that.

Mr. HORTON. It could on the push of a button get this personal information about an individual.

Mr. DUNN. It could be designed to do that, but then it would be an intelligence system and not a statistical system. I would assume the object of the whole exercise is to safeguard against that in terms of both the legal constraints which can be applied and the substantive