

Mr. GALLAGHER. We thought it would be useful to hear about an experience of a State setting up a computer system. Mr. Robert Gallati, as director of the New York State Identification and Intelligence System, has volunteered to come before this committee to give us the benefit of his experience with such a system. The Chair would therefore like to call Mr. Gallati.

STATEMENT OF ROBERT R. J. GALLATI, DIRECTOR, NEW YORK STATE IDENTIFICATION AND INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM; ACCOMPANIED BY ELIOT H. LUMBARD, SPECIAL ASSISTANT COUNSEL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER, AND EDWARD DeFRANCO, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

Mr. GALLATI. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would like to say that it is quite a privilege and an honor to be here and to testify before the Special Subcommittee on the Invasion of Privacy of the House Committee on Government Operations.

I believe I might tell you a little bit about the New York State Identification and Intelligence System from the perspective of one who came from and was a member of the New York City Police Department for a little over a quarter of a century.

Mr. GALLAGHER. My father was a member of the Bayonne Police Department.

Mr. GALLATI. I had the position of assistant chief inspector, chief of planning, on the New York City Police Department when I was first invited by Mr. Eliot Lumbard, who sits on my left as counsel today, to participate in an advisory committee meeting to consider the creation of an information-sharing system for the agencies of criminal justice in New York State.

Among those on the Advisory Committee, besides myself and Mr. Lumbard as chairman, are representatives of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, the New York State Sheriffs' Association, the New York State Police, the head of the State parole board, representatives from probation, representatives from the New York State District Attorney's Association, and members of the staff of the department of correction, and members of the staff of the judicial conference. Represented are the six major branches or functions, if you will, of the administration of criminal justice. The police, prosecutors, criminal courts, probation, institutional services, and parole. We are joined by members of the Systems Development Corp., a "not for profit" organization engaged in various system development endeavors and at that time—and I believe subsequent thereto—engaged largely in Air Force contracts relative to the SAGE system. We discuss matters relating to the need for information sharing.

As I am sure you are aware, New York State is a large State and has tremendous geographic area, which causes a diversion in a sense, of the various jurisdictions on the horizontal, or geographical area, if you will.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Coming from the other side of the river, I sometimes question the jurisdictional rights, especially the claims to the "offshore islands" of New Jersey.

Mr. GALLATI. We welcome our sister State of New Jersey. As a matter of fact, we had last night the annual conference of the New