

The third module would be the development of a fraudulent check system. One of the problems of law enforcement in New York State, as I presume it is elsewhere, is the problem of fraudulent checks. Here again, the facsimile system ties in well with the transmission of the fraudulent check from the individual localities throughout the State to a central location where it can be checked to see if the person who has written the check has forged this on other checks and is possible of identification.

Mr. GALLAGHER. How do you identify the caller for the information?

Mr. GALLATI. The callers will have a special code number. When we get into more sophisticated and more detailed security problems, when we go down the road through this hierarchy I speak of in terms of degrees of security, the rank order of security, we will have other devices which we anticipate considering for this purpose. The State of New York is developing a network of closed-circuit television and we feel this will be very helpful to us in terms of our utilization of security measures. The closed-circuit television will permit us to have almost the type of thing that we now have and which so many people and the police feel is so essential; namely, face-to-face confrontation when you exchange information.

Mr. GALLAGHER. You do not feel this can be intercepted very easily?

Mr. GALLATI. Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, I missed the point.

Mr. GALLAGHER. My point is: How do you identify a user or a caller as a bona fide caller?

Mr. GALLATI. No. 1, the agency would be on the system and would have control over the utilization of that particular input-output device which is located in official places such as police stations or courts or district attorney's offices.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Anybody with a proper signal in his cellar might be able to call that information and put it on his wide screen. This is one of the problems that disturbs us. This is why I would like to know your experience.

Mr. GALLATI. We have a coding system which would have to be known by the person who makes the inquiry. He would have a coded inquiry which would then permit him to receive the type of information which he is entitled to receive. The rank order of security, and the hierarchy of the types of things which we will have to provide security for, will begin with limited need for sophisticated security devices. For example, the criminal history sheet which is now available to be transmitted over facsimile machines, or perhaps the fraudulent check which would trigger a criminal history response if the person is identified; this type of information, while it is confidential, is of a relatively low order of confidentiality. It would not be likely that any tremendously sophisticated operations would be involved in trying to intercept this type of information, because it would probably not justify any tremendous involvement of persons who would try to interfere with this. However, we are not overlooking the need for maintaining security both at the point of entry into the system, at the point of reception of the information, personnel security, communication security, physical security, and, of course, actual line security. Again, we are considering this and we will give to each module as it develops the type of security which we feel it deserves in terms of the sensitivity of the material itself and the threat that we have to expect.