

- Will have a constantly enriched and updated central data base;
- Will contain in its data base only information used in the administration of criminal justice;
- Will better serve the public interest and better use public funds by the mechanisms it provides for information sharing among the agencies of criminal justice;
- Will be operated by present personnel on premises of user agencies;
- Will be closed to all but a defined category of public officials and agencies; and
- Will maintain security; highly sensitive data will be tagged in the system to insure that its distribution is under the exclusive control of the contributing agency.

IN BRIEF

The New York State identification and intelligence system project was conceived to improve the processes of criminal justice within the State. However, its potential is exciting interest and inquiries from sister States and foreign countries confronted with the same challenges to their existing systems for the administration of criminal justice. It represents an historic event in that, so far as can be determined, it is the first time that every type of agency engaged in the administration of criminal justice has been brought together to think out its common information needs and problems.

Out of this meeting of minds has arisen a pioneering effort to systematically investigate the information needs of all the agencies and to meet those needs by the application of modern advances in electronic information processing technology.

New York State and System Development Corp. are jointly embarked in this effort. Through a mixed-team approach and a tested production methodology, invaluable tools will be developed to aid these agencies in carrying out their responsibilities. When completed, the system will provide faster services to the participating agencies by means of accurate and timely information transmission. The system will permit State and local agencies to substantially improve their information sharing and expand their operational capability.