

of security as we get into more and more sensitive modules, each one of these will be taken into consideration at the appropriate time and given very serious consideration, and we will, of course, make every effort to build these suggestions into the system.

In this formative stage we are now in it is very important for us to get this type of influence because I think we can then overcome this tremendous danger of setting in concrete something which can later not be readily corrected.

Mr. CORNISH. So this liaison which you have with them is a helpful thing?

Mr. GALLATI. It is most helpful.

Mr. CORNISH. The reason I ask that question is, the chairman has proposed a similar liaison between the Bureau of the Budget in the establishment of a national data center, and also persons who would have expertise in questions of constitutional law and the special questions involving invasion of privacy.

I am glad to hear that that association was fruitful.

I do not have any more questions. Perhaps Mr. Romney and Mr. Forsyth do.

Mr. ROMNEY. I have one, Mr. Gallati.

How many employees do you have now working in your system, how many contractor employees, and how many do you expect to have when the system is fully operational?

Mr. GALLATI. We now have on board just a few persons over 300. These are people who are involved in the present manual, to be later computerized, operations of the old division of identification of the department of correction, which we assumed as of April 1 of this year. It includes also more than a hundred people who are involved in a massive data conversion effort.

We are taking the criminal records which are now maintained in manual form and putting these into computerized forms. The effort is tremendous because it is one of the largest data conversion efforts that have ever been undertaken in the State of New York, and perhaps the largest of this type that has ever been done in the world. These people are doing this type of work.

Then we have built up a group of professionals who are on board, State employees systems analysis people. We have with us a topnotch criminalist and we have a number of people who are experts in the field of system design and in terms of analysis of future modules.

And we have beside me here today my executive assistant, also a former member of the New York City Police Department, who is about to receive his Ph. D. in public administration, and has been very helpful in terms of this very area which we are considering today, the area of the right of privacy and civil rights and civil liberties generally.

Mr. ROMNEY. I think you should identify him by name.

Mr. GALLATI. This is Mr. Edward de Franco, also a patrolman of the city of New York on leave like myself.

I think also a point should be made in terms of the reception of the system by the people of the State of New York, and by the officials both in the legislature and in the executive chambers, that we have had a response from the grassroots, and particularly from the people who are in the professional fields with which we will have to deal, which