

the right of access to any income, excess-profits, estate, or gift tax records it wished concerning subversives?⁶

In the face of the increasingly complex tasks of maintaining, to say nothing of improving, urban society; in the face of general popular disagreement at best, and indifference at worst, about the proper conduct and protection of the individual in this alienated and splintered world; in the face of the special advantages the computer provides to increase information, command, and control—I would speculate that, at least for some time to come, these advantages will generally be considered more important than protection or preservation of those threatened aspects of freedom and privacy we have examined here.⁷

⁶ Executive Order 11109, Fed. 11109, 28 Fed. Reg. 5351 (1963).

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