

arrive at recommendations for the future improvement of our statistical system."
A schedule of the hearings is attached.

SCHEDULE OF HEARINGS ON THE COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF GOVERNMENT
STATISTICAL PROGRAMS, MAY 17, 18; JUNE 7, 8

Wednesday, May 17, 10:00 a.m., room 6226 New Senate Office Building:

A MORE ADEQUATE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL PROGRAM—THE
PROPOSAL FOR A NATIONAL DATA CENTER

EDGAR S. DUNN, Jr., Research Analyst, Resources for the Future, Inc.
RICHARD RUGGLES, Professor of Economics, Yale University

Thursday, May 18, 10:00 a.m., room 1202 New Senate Office Building:

USERS' VIEWS ON THE COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL
PROGRAMS

JOHN AIKEN, Executive Director, Federal Statistics Users' Conference
FREDERICK STEPHAN, Professor of Social Statistics, Princeton University
(Past President, American Statistical Association)

Wednesday, June 7, 10:00 a.m., room 1202 New Senate Office Building:

THE COORDINATION OF GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL PROGRAMS

RAYMOND T. BOWMAN, Assistant Director for Statistical Standards, Bureau
of the Budget

Thursday, June 8, 10:00 a.m., room 6226 New Senate Office Building:

LONG-RUN POSSIBILITIES AND PROBLEMS

ARTHUR M. OKUN, Member, Council of Economic Advisers: *Statistics for
Effective Public Policy*
EWAN CLAGUE, Formerly Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Labor
Statistics: *Goals and Difficulties of the Government Statistical Program*

Chairman TALMADGE. To open the hearings this morning, we
are privileged to have as witnesses Dr. Edgar S. Dunn, Jr., and Dr.
Richard Ruggles. Both of these gentlemen are eminently qualified to
evaluate our statistical system and to discuss the possibilities for its
continued improvement.

Dr. Dunn, of Resources for the Future, Inc., completed a report in
1965 entitled "Review of Proposal for a National Data Center," at the
request of the Office of Statistical Standards of the Bureau of the
Budget. Dr. Dunn's report was especially valuable because he has fol-
lowed through by writing and speaking on this vital subject.

Dr. Richard Ruggles, professor of economics at Yale University, has
often given generously of his time to contribute to the Joint Economic
Committee. Professor Ruggles was the chairman of the committee
on the preservation and use of economic data which was established
by the Social Science Research Council. He also served on the recent
"Task Force on the Storage of and Access to Government Statistics,"
established by the Bureau of the Budget.

Will you please begin, Dr. Dunn?

STATEMENT OF DR. EDGAR S. DUNN, JR., RESEARCH ANALYST,
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Mr. DUNN. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I have a modest
sized statement here that I think is appropriate and is within the frame-
work of the procedure laid down by your staff.