

(The following was subsequently supplied for the record:)

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare discontinued the publication of the monthly *HEW Indicators* with the February 1967 issue.

The DHEW is engaged in an attempt to develop a broader and more useful set of social indicators. Many of these series do not show significant changes on a monthly basis. Therefore, the staff resources made available by the discontinuance of the monthly *Indicators* are being used to prepare a considerably expanded edition of the annual *HEW Trends*, which will again this year be published in two parts—part 1 related to national data covering an extended period of years, and part 2, State data and State rankings. We agree that this seems to be an appropriate decision.

Plans for the new edition of *Trends* include a number of additional tables and charts as well as extensive revisions in some of the continuing series.

Representative CURTIS. I do have another question. I was told of someone else's very good suggestion. Professor Stephan of Princeton told the subcommittee he favored better interagency cooperation in the statistical field but that he did not favor the immediate establishment of a national data center. He envisioned a limited and more deliberate program of combining data from diverse sources rather than the sudden establishment of a central center. What would you think of that approach and what would be the best mechanism for carrying it out?

Mr. BOWMAN. Well, Mr. Stephan and I have discussed this on many occasions. I think the best thing I can say now is that I disagree with him.

Representative CURTIS. Thank you.

Representative BOLLING. Mr. Bowman, we are grateful to you and your associates for being with us and for your very helpful contribution to this set of hearings.

The subcommittee will next meet at 10 a.m., tomorrow in room 6226, New Senate Office Building. The subject will be the "Long-Run Possibilities and Problems." On "Statistics for Effective Public Policy" will be Arthur M. Okun, member of the Council of Economic Advisers. On the "Goals and Difficulties of the Government Statistical Program" will be our old friend, Ewan Clague, formerly Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

Representative CURTIS. Mr. Chairman, I presume there will be the usual opportunity to supply additional questions for the record?

Representative BOLLING. That has been made part of the rules. That is certainly so.

The subcommittee will now stand adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:05 p.m., the hearing was adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 8, 1967.)

(Chairman Talmadge's letter to Mr. Bowman and his subsequent reply follow:)

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DEAR Mr. BOWMAN: This is in reference to your very excellent testimony before the Subcommittee on Economic Statistics. I regret that it was not possible for me to attend the hearing on that particular day, although I have given careful attention to your statement and to the discussion which ensued.