

"2. The agency should take appropriate steps to insure that candidates for this privilege meet appropriate standards of competence and integrity.

"3. The agency should expect to instruct such workers as to the source, characteristics and limitations of the data and to cooperate with them, but it may properly set reasonable limits on the extent to which its own staff and facilities are committed to the project.

"4. While the agency should give to the results of the research such technical review, from the point of view of presentation and use of agency data, as it deems feasible and appropriate, the agency assumes no responsibility for these results. Any publication based on them should include a clear disclaimer to that effect.

"5. The agency should take whatever steps are necessary to protect the confidentiality of the data supplied by individual respondents, subject to the usual penalties for disclosure and other requirements of the agency law.

"VI. Under extraordinary circumstances an agency may make available to outside research workers copies of original data or intermediate materials which involve no disclosure of confidential data for further processing outside the agency. This arrangement is appropriate only for studies clearly in the public interest, too complex to be carried on under other arrangements, to be carried out by workers of known competence to make valid use of the materials, working in close cooperation with the agency staff.

"VII. Appropriate advance planning by agencies will promote maximum exploitation of data collected by the Federal Government by one or another of the above methods. Anticipation of demands for further tabulations beyond those planned for publication may be reflected in questionnaire design, card design and tabulation procedures. The relatively few surveys which lend themselves to duplication of original materials for use outside the agency can probably be identified in advance, so that planning may take this use into account. In general, any steps to make the survey procedure a matter of systematic record, intelligible to other competent research workers, will aid users to make valid use of the data."

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