

administrative grants to the States. Therefore, they are able to provide statistical money to the States to perform special projects or maintain current reporting.

In my experience in the Bureau of Labor Statistics I never found much trouble in getting the States and localities to produce statistics when we could give them the funds to do it. When funds are provided on a formula basis, State and local agencies may not feel interested in putting more of their own funds into a national report.

Chairman TALMADGE. Next I would like to discuss the proposal for a National Statistical Servicing Center. I understood Mr. Stephen was in favor of a pilot project. Would you favor such a pilot project?

Mr. CLAGUE. Yes; I would. In spite of the cautions I expressed in my paper, I believe we should make a start. There is now no central point at which people anxious to use Federal statistics can find even what exists. I like Professor Stephan's suggestion that at least we start out trying to assemble information on the data that already exist. Later we could experiment with various kinds of interrelationships.

Chairman TALMADGE. Administratively, where should such a center be located?

Mr. CLAGUE. Well, I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I have not thought that one out. Obviously, it would be independent in the sense that it should have its own budget. I hope it would. Now, in what agency to link it up, I do not know. It would be in some central place, perhaps the Bureau of the Census, if this a separate budget were maintained. Perhaps it could be attached to the Office of Statistical Standards, but on second thought, I believe it would better if that agency were not wrapped up with an operation of their own.

Chairman TALMADGE. Turning to another area of long-range planning, you point out that we need more analysis and interpretation of data and I could not agree more. What measures need to be taken so that there will be more analysis, particularly integrated analysis of series by several agencies?

Mr. CLAGUE. Yes. That is a separate point that I mentioned in my paper. I think that it is important for the producing statistical agencies to have adequate budgets, adequate funds, so that they can do a good job of interpreting and publicizing their own data, and by publicizing, I mean making available to the research fraternity as well as to the general public. In addition, we have in the Office of Business Economics a good illustration of an agency which is a secondary user, so to speak, of data collected elsewhere. A strengthening of the work of a general agency like that would result in better integration and interrelationships. There are a number of agencies like that which should be strengthened. Furthermore, some producing agencies may also be doing analytical work and should be supported in that function. For instance, in the analysis of economic growth, Mr. Bowman yesterday mentioned the fact that the results are obtained by the collaboration of many agencies and by the integration of data from a variety of sources. Perhaps my answer should be that any agency which has an integrating function to perform should be strengthened in that respect.

Chairman TALMADGE. Should the proposed major changes in statistical series be subject to some form of notice and hearings in the agency