

Mr. EDWARDS. In what capacity do they generally serve?

Mr. CLARK. Well, they perform the function of their bureaus and services outside of the country.

Mr. EDWARDS. The Narcotics Bureau has a good network of overseas agents, doesn't it?

Mr. CLARK. They have what could be described as a network. I think, man for man, it is probably very good. The number of agents is in the low twenties. This is a big world. I am not sure how much 20 men can do.

Mr. EDWARDS. But they have good contacts in the places they need to be.

Mr. CLARK. I hope they do.

Mr. EDWARDS. Would there be any change in that situation if they go into Justice Department?

Mr. CLARK. Yes, I would hope so. I would hope that we would be able to strengthen that operation. I have discussed it with Mr. Gior-dano and I think he is interested in that too.

Mr. EDWARDS. You said a moment ago your staff had been working on the planning, programing, and budgeting study in connection with this reorganization. Is that what you said a moment ago?

Mr. CLARK. Yes, I did. I said we worked on it quite considerably. We have a number of working memorandums. We hope to have a program memorandum well before April 8 that could be presented to the leadership of the new agency.

Mr. EDWARDS. Is there such a plan or study now available?

Mr. CLARK. As I indicated, there are a number of working drafts and papers that are going toward program memoranda that we hope to have available for April 8.

Mr. EDWARDS. But you did not complete such a study prior to the recommendation of this reorganization plan?

Mr. CLARK. In terms of the ultimate consolidation, no. As I indicated in the initial questioning, we think experience will be awfully important there. We think it would be quite shortsighted to think that logic can tell you how to lay this whole thing out on the drafting board. And we also think the new head, because he will be responsible for the performance of this office, should have a very considerable weight in the suggestions as to the particulars of consolidation.

Mr. EDWARDS. Doesn't Bulletin No. 68-2 of the Bureau of the Budget, July 18, 1967, require a planning-programing-budgeting study prior to the budgetary submittal on a reorganization such as this?

Mr. CLARK. I don't know what that is. I would have to read it. But whether it does or not, the merits of the consolidation were fully considered. The particulars, what floor of what building, or what floors of what building in New York City or in Mobile, should these offices be consolidated in, and who shall be the supervisors were not decided before. Such matters should not, and as a practical matter, really cannot be decided now.

Mr. EDWARDS. Do you see any economy in this proposal?

Mr. CLARK. Absolutely.

Mr. EDWARDS. You do?

Mr. CLARK. Surely.

Mr. EDWARDS. Could you tell us where that economy will be?