

the questions asked, and I thought maybe, Mr. Chairman, at some other time we might look over some of those questions that are asked in these examinations, in several departments to see if there are any criteria.

This had to do with a routine examination for promotion to level 8. This involved a female employee. The question was asked, "What do female employees talk about most: One, their husbands; two, their children; three, their working conditions."

Now, the question here—and I will have some more questions in a moment—the question to this female employee, I would like to know how the correct answer was arrived at. I will tell you that the examination was not successfully sustained. My inquiry is how did they arrive at the correct answer to that question? Is this data compiled by means of eavesdropping or the invasion of privacy?

Here is the question that was the clincher on that. They don't have the full question, but it says, "Which Supreme Court Justice was an athlete?" And there was another question which comes to me verbally which is, "Which Supreme Court Justice has been married the most times?"

Well, of course, I assume that is Mr. Justice Douglas, and I guess reference is to Whizzer White in the other question.

In the first place, I'm a little disappointed that we haven't received an answer of any kind to my inquiry since the 27th of February; maybe that is not too long. Usually most departments, you know, give us an interim reply to say they are working on our inquiry.

Mr. MACY. You have had no answer on this at all?

Mr. RANDALL. No, sir. I want to repeat a comment that I made in my letter. I said, "Frankly, we must admit, along with Mrs. Blank"—I will be glad to furnish her name—"we fail to see what relevance questions regarding the favorite conversational topics of female postal employees, and most important, the athletic abilities of our Supreme Court Justices and their marital matters, have to do with the questions on this postal rating in the postal service." And that is my question, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MACY. Well, in my view, Mr. Randall, that was an unauthorized test. I can't imagine that being a test that the Commission would sanction—

Mr. RANDALL. I wanted to go to the top man.

Mr. MACY. You came to the right place.

Mr. RANDALL. I am disappointed for two reasons. First, I am disappointed to learn that this sort of thing goes on. I am curious—and I am not asking this in levity, Mr. Chairman. I want to ask you some more things about these computers after a while. That is all I have Mr. Chairman.

This is sort of like the National Institutes of Health out here a few years ago were asking about the habits of little children. You remember when we had that big rash that went on and debate, all our constituents wanted to know what a little boy thought about a little girl—that is quieted down and we're rid of that, and thank goodness we are.

Mr. BROOKS. They think the same thing. I don't believe they have changed.

Mr. RANDALL. I don't think they have changed. Some of their parents were a little disturbed about that.