

IV. Agency File Search Service

A. Section 9(a), Executive Order 10450, provides for a Security-Investigations Index.

B. 185,000 agency requests serviced. The Commission maintains a Security-Investigations Index of 10 million records on investigations initiated by the Commission and other agencies since 1939. This index is searched when an agency begins a new investigation. If there is a previous record, information from the Commission's investigative files is furnished, or the agency is told of the location of reports conducted by other agencies. The index also is searched and information furnished when agencies are considering employing a person who was previously investigated, permitting them to avoid duplication of effort and safeguard their interests.

V. Evaluating Agency Security Programs

A. Section 14, Executive Order 10450, requires a continuing study of its implementation.

B. A small staff evaluates the manner in which agencies are carrying out their security programs under the order. The appraisals are designed to determine whether there are deficiencies in agency security programs or tendencies to deny to individual employees fair, impartial, and equitable treatment by the Government. These appraisals have a constructive influence in terms of improved agency security regulations, more timely investigation and evaluation, elimination of indiscriminate use of waivers of prior completion of investigation, and effective use of investigative reports.

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

Safeguards the Federal service against employment or retention of the unsuitable, unfit, and disloyal.

Deters persons with bad records from seeking Government employment.

Promotes the quality of the Federal work force.

Fosters public confidence in the integrity of the Federal service.

Responsible official: Kimbell Johnson, Director, Bureau of Personnel Investigations.

Mr. MOORHEAD. Would you identify yourself for the record.

Mr. JOHNSON. Kimbell Johnson, Director of the Bureau of Personnel Investigation. The program for which I am responsible represents an expenditure of \$18,181,000. Of this, \$13,704,000 are funds reimbursed from the departments and agencies. The output of the NACI program would be 460,000 NACI investigations.

Mr. MACY. Identify what NACI is.

Mr. JOHNSON. NACI are National Agency Checks and written Inquires which are required by Executive Order 10450. Out of that number—460,000—we will identify approximately 3,500 cases with derogatory information in them. We will have jurisdiction in approximately 70 percent of those cases, and will find 420 of them disqualified, and 700 will resign while the investigation is underway.

The other sizable program for which we are responsible, involves an expenditure of \$13,704,000, which is reimbursed to us by the departments and agencies for which we make full-scale investigations of people entering critical, sensitive positions. This workload was transferred to the Commission in 1952 from the FBI, when Mr. Hoover felt that the FBI was improperly burdened with the whole volume of personnel investigation. There is a common misconception that our workload stems solely from Executive Order 10450. Basically, it stems from the Atomic Energy Act, the Peace Corps Act, the National Aeronautics and Space Act, the National Science Foundation Act, the U.S. Information Act, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Act, which require that people under these programs in critical, sensitive