

The Systems Development Office is really the office which is responsible for the analysis and development of systems in the Commission, and the important aspect of that office is our computer operation.

Mr. BROOKS. Before we get into those fields, Mr. Chairman, under the Budget and Fiscal Office, your first breakdown, is that where you handle your printing?

Mr. TIERNEY. No, sir; under Administrative Services.

Mr. BROOKS. Your third breakdown under General Management?

Mr. TIERNEY. That is right, Administrative Services.

Mr. BROOKS. Under that section, why would you not use the Government Printing Office? What is the necessity for a major printing operation in addition to the Government Printing Office?

Mr. TIERNEY. As I understand it, we have received permission from the Joint Committee on Printing to use a separate printing service in lieu of the Government Printing Office.

Mr. BROOKS. Why is that?

Mr. TIERNEY. We find it more practical, more expeditious, and more reasonable.

Mr. BROOKS. It costs less money, is that what you mean?

Mr. SCHMID. That is one of the reasons. But the principal reason is the confidential nature of the decisions of the Commission. We print about 50 million pages of decisions and recommended reports.

Mr. BROOKS. You feel that at the Government Printing Office it would not be secure?

Mr. SCHMID. If pending cases were to go there, there would also be the possibility of leaks on these cases. Also, it is absolutely essential to expedite the processing of these decisions once they are made and release them to the public as quickly as possible, and we can do it much faster than the Government Printing Office.

Mr. BROOKS. I know the Government Printing Office does print confidential material for the Congress and they have not had any serious leak problems. I wonder if your staff has ever really put the pencil to it and decided whether you could use the Government Printing Office and save some money and not have a duplicate printing establishment and all the personnel and cost that go with a separate printing operation?

Mr. SCHMID. The other reason, Mr. Chairman, is the need for processing these quickly. We usually print and release a decision within a week to 10 days after the decision is made. Now, we wouldn't possibly expect the Government Printing Office to handle these things that fast.

I should add, however, we do use the Government Printing Office for many of our major work items. We don't print everything in our own plant.

Mr. BROOKS. Would you give us a breakdown on what percentage of your printing is done by the Government Printing Office; what percentage, Mr. Chairman, is done by your own in-house printing capacity and capability; also, what the total cost is of your own printing and what the economic justification would be for maintaining a separate printing establishment in addition to the Government Printing Office?

Mr. TIERNEY. We would be glad to do that, Mr. Chairman.