

Mr. BROOKS. Go ahead with your general breakdown. Had you concluded your section on Administrative Services?

Mr. TIERNEY. Yes; the Budget and Fiscal Office has 29 people and \$266,411 allocated to that Office.

In the Personnel Office, which handles our personnel matters, Mr. Chairman, there are 18 people with a budget of \$208,930.

Our Systems Development Section which I explained has a total of 42 employees and a budget of \$568,152.

Mr. BROOKS. Do your systems development people work primarily with your Budget and Fiscal Office on financial matters or do they work on the programs and efficiency with which you implement acts of Congress?

Mr. TIERNEY. They work in a variety of areas, Mr. Chairman. One of the principal areas is a central status system whereby through the use of a computer we are able to determine the stages of the various processes of our cases; the purpose, of course, being to find out where our shortcomings are in this area and analyze those areas where we think we can improve the processing.

Mr. BROOKS. The processing of your caseload?

Mr. TIERNEY. Yes.

Mr. BROOKS. That is what they use it for primarily?

Mr. TIERNEY. That is one of the principal purposes. We also use it for payroll purposes and for inventory purposes.

Mr. BROOKS. Who administers this for you, sir?

Mr. TIERNEY. It is in Mr. Schmid's office, but Mr. Robert Hartel is in charge of it.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Hartel, what is your background in this particular field of data processing equipment?

Mr. HARTEL. I have a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in government. I have had 12 years in the management and systems area, 5 years' experience in the ADP area, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BROOKS. Five years' experience with ADP within the ICC?

Mr. HARTEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. You have been with them in that particular facet of their operation for that period of time?

Mr. HARTEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. Do you on occasion employ consultants who are trained technicians in the use of this equipment?

Mr. HARTEL. No, sir; we have not used any consultants. Six or 7 years ago we did have some Bureau of Standards people come in on a consultant basis for 1 year, but currently we do not use any consultants other than there was a Bureau of the Budget contract with a consultant firm in Philadelphia to review potential uses of computers in the decisional process, but this was a contract let by the Bureau of the Budget, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BROOKS. The GSA, the Defense Department, the Bureau of the Budget, and the Bureau of Standards have some pretty competent personnel in this field. I don't normally recommend that you go outside and hire a lot of consultants, but this is a very involved field that moves rapidly and is expanding and moving faster than most of us. You might be justified in discussing your basic problems and concepts and how they might be aided by the use of the existing computer art with