

they were problems that started out with vouchers being incorrect and ended up with people actually on a systematic basis trying to defraud the Government.

I think since then the Secretary of Agriculture has a very reliable internal audit section which he feels will not only expose this type of activity and these errors, but will prevent them.

What we are trying to do is to prevent people from doing wrong, not to catch them after they have done it. Catching them is expensive when they already have done it. They generally don't have any insurance.

I think that you ought to think about that, Mr. Chairman. It has some real advantages for you. I wouldn't be Chairman of that agency without an internal audit that I got to look at first crack. I wouldn't run that risk. I think there is a risk, because when you are dealing with 1,800 people you always have a problem of people either doing things wrong intentionally or by mistake.

F. AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING

Now, on automatic data processing, do you have a central organization which is responsible for ADP management in your agency, sir?

Mr. TIERNEY. Yes, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. Would you describe its function?

Mr. TIERNEY. It is in the Office of the Managing Director. Our processing and systems development program is in that area. I believe that prior to reorganization it was in three areas of the Commission. Now we have placed in one area the central responsibility for automatic data processing.

Mr. BROOKS. And Mr. Hartel manages that section for you?

Mr. TIERNEY. That is correct, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. How would you describe its functions concisely?

Mr. TIERNEY. The section of system developments, Mr. Chairman, is responsible for conducting studies to determine the feasibility of applying automatic data processing to the various work of the Commission. While I must admit I am not an expert in this area, as I understand it, we determine first of all whether there are programs, for example, worthy of continuing or expanding, and whether automatic data processing can be applied and utilized in the area.

Mr. BROOKS. Is that Spectra leased or purchased?

Mr. TIERNEY. It is leased.

Mr. BROOKS. Leased?

Mr. TIERNEY. Yes, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. What does it cost?

Mr. SCHMID. About \$120,000 a year, isn't it?

Mr. LOTITO. Yes, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. What would it cost to buy it?

Mr. LOTITO. I don't have that figure available, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HARTEL. About a half million dollars.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Chairman, does the lease include maintenance?

Mr. HARTEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. That is the standard method. How long do you anticipate using this machine?