

of them are general purpose centers, and one of them is a special purpose center for military and civilian personnel records in St. Louis. These centers now hold approximately 9 million cubic feet of records.

Mr. BROOKS. This is a major responsibility in your department; is it not?

Dr. RHOADS. It certainly is.

Mr. BROOKS. As distinguished from the more glamorous aspects of it?

Dr. RHOADS. It takes about two-thirds of the total resources of our program.

Our Federal Records Center program now results in a cost avoidance in space and equipment alone of approximately \$15 million annually.

The furnishing of educational and cultural services to the Nation through the National Archives and the Presidential libraries has continued to increase over the years. The number of services rendered to both the Government and the public has increased by about 50 percent over the last 15 years, and the acquisition and preservation and publication of documents, including microfilm publications, have also increased very substantially.

During the past few years the Herbert Hoover and Dwight D. Eisenhower Libraries have been added to the Presidential library system, and as you know, attention is now being given to general planning and liaison in connection with the John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson Libraries.

Mr. BROOKS. Both of them are going to keep you pretty busy for the duration of your tenure, I would imagine.

Dr. RHOADS. They are now, and will continue to.

The publication activities of our Office of the Federal Register have also increased significantly in recent years, as a result of the greater level of activity both in the executive and the legislative branches. In 1958 we began publishing a new series of volumes entitled "Public Papers of the Presidents," which now has achieved full coverage from President Truman's administration to the present. And beginning in 1965 this series has been supplemented with the new "Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents."

The national historical publications grants program, with the active support of this committee, was inaugurated in 1965 to make grants to State and local agencies and to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of collecting, reproducing, and publishing historical source materials that are significant to an understanding of the history of the Nation.

There have been approximately 100 grants made under this program thus far. The authority will expire in June of 1969. It is a worthwhile program. The objective is to augment the research materials that are available to students and teachers, and to ultimately assure a fuller understanding of American history.

Mr. BROOKS. Thank you very much, Doctor.

I do have a couple of questions. Have you analyzed the file systems of the agencies?

Dr. RHOADS. Yes, sir. We are engaged—

Mr. BROOKS. Do they meet your standards? Have you got some evaluation of the file system used in one agency as compared to another—as to what would be the optimum type of system, not only