

UTILIZATION OF FEDERAL LABORATORIES

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a.m., in room 2325, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Emilio Q. Daddario (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. DADDARIO. The meeting will come to order.

Today we continue our hearing on the utilization of Federal laboratories.

Our first witness today is Harold B. Finger, Associate Administrator, Office of Organization and Management, NASA. We had hoped to hear from Mr. Finger yesterday, but time prevented us from doing so. We appreciate your coming back again this morning.

Our second witness is Dr. William H. Pickering, director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The outstanding performance of the Surveyor spacecraft, and the other missions to the moon and the planets, have made the Jet Propulsion Laboratory a well-known name throughout America. The technologies of telemetering, remote control, communication, data processing, and analysis that have been developed for these missions appear to have application to many other Federal programs and in many nonspace fields. The subcommittee notes, for example, that two important areas mentioned by the President's Crime Commission which would have the most significant impact on law-enforcement work were the need for better communications and the need to apply systems analysis to police operations.

Our final witness this morning is Phillip S. Hughes, Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget. It was the Bureau of the Budget that produced the Bell report which has been referred to a number of times in these hearings.

In preparing the President's annual budget request to Congress, the Bureau has the opportunity to effect the proper utilization of Federal laboratories to a great extent. By budget allocation between agencies, the Bureau in effect must decide whether to use existing facilities to accomplish Federal research and development programs, to establish new facilities, or to expand existing ones. What we are interested in today is how these decisions are made.

Mr. Finger, we are pleased again to have you here and to find out what you have to say about this problem.

(Mr. Finger's biography follows:)