

their own projects, we would probably see many of them pursuing identical questions not knowing of the work and results of the others.

Furthermore, there would be little incentive for an individual agency to disseminate the results of its work to other agencies that might be able to use them.

This is a typical situation which calls for some centralized stimulation and coordination. Ideally, this should be done by the Federal Government, which would coordinate the work throughout the Nation.

The National Crime Commission recommended four mutually supporting approaches to an R. & D. program. Their program comprised the following elements:

(1) Support of an R.D.T. & E. program supporting specific projects at specific operating agencies, universities, industry, or any other source of technical skill.

(2) Establishment of an agency to provide technical assistance to criminal justice agencies as a county agricultural agent does for the farmer. The agency or a related one would also establish common equipment standards, thereby providing some of the advantages of a large market to this highly fragmented one.

Mr. DADDARIO. Don't you consider that the FBI presently serves this purpose?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. No, sir; the FBI does not evaluate police radios. They don't establish standards for police radios. For instance, they don't serve as that Bureau of Standards kind of function. They do serve in providing central crime laboratory services. They don't set standards. They don't publish the equivalent of a Consumer's Report.

Mr. DADDARIO. What is your view as to that? Should they have been giving this kind of assistance or do you feel they are doing what they should do? Since this seems to be something that needs to be done, and has been reported by the Crime Commission as being a requirement, why, in fact, haven't law enforcement people whose job it is to analyze these things, come to this assumption on their own?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. Why hasn't the FBI moved?

Mr. DADDARIO. Yes.

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. I really couldn't say why the FBI hasn't done it.

Mr. DADDARIO. It would appear to me without analyzing it further that those of us in communities throughout the country who support the FBI Academy and the training of local police officers do so because we believe that these men will have training in techniques that are not available to them at home.

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. They will have training in the techniques.

Mr. DADDARIO. But you don't believe that goes far enough?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. We are talking about a rather specialized technical function, establishment of equipment standards and evaluation of equipment, that a police officer is not normally called upon to do. It probably would not be a worthwhile part of the FBI Academy curriculum to spend very much time on issues like that. It is sort of a service that has to be performed as new equipment comes out and as needs start to crystallize. It is much more technical than operational, but it must have an operational input. It is a service like the Bureau of Standards, like Consumer Reports, like Underwriters.

Mr. DADDARIO. I am not saying that the FBI should do it or should not do it. I am just trying to probe the reason why. It would appear to