

institute is far less centralized than anything that I referred to with regard to the FBI.

Mr. WAGGONER. If you followed that to the ultimate conclusion over in the Department of Defense, there should just be one research agency.

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. That is why I don't like to follow things to their ultimate conclusions. I argue very strongly for diversity and for multiple opportunities to do things, but to have 40,000 independent opportunities to do things and thereby spread the wealth so thinly so that no one has time or money to do anything is too decentralized.

Mr. WAGGONER. Having two institutes for consideration?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. The issue was the one of getting enough of the right, good people together. We would like as many as we can support because the problems are important and complicated enough, but when you have one that is really a great institution, you have a much better chance of bringing together the right kinds of numbers of people. That was the consideration that gave rise to one research institute.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Roush.

Mr. ROUSH. I have followed this question rather closely as to what type of institute we need, and I was pleased with your testimony. I was disappointed with the House action in placing this institute under the jurisdiction of the Justice Department. I had introduced a bill proposing that we set up a separate institute patterned somewhat after the National Science Foundation. I gather this would not be entirely what you had in mind either? Is that correct?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. That is correct. My personal view on this—

Mr. ROUSH. I might say my reasons were exactly the same reasons that you have given.

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. Let me make a distinction between the research institute which is item No. 4 on this list from the Crime Commission, and the National Institute which is a governmental bureaucratic agency. The research institute is an independent research institute such as Brookhaven or the Rockefeller Institute or Rand. It is an organization that works at research. The National Institute, which was created in the bill, is an agency that partly runs its own research program, but exists primarily to support research around the country.

One could set that up as an independent agency like the NSF. That way, it would have much more freedom. That kind of environment might be more conducive to a more independent research program.

On the other hand, if you are going to set up in the Justice Department a subsidy program to distribute hundreds of millions of dollars to help local law enforcement in planning, to help new programs get established, to help innovate within the criminal justice system, then I think you gain more by attaching the research arm to that program. It should not be too close and not subservient to the grant program. But by creating them close together, the results of the research can help in the subsidy program, can provide evaluation of the subsidy program, and can provide guidance where the subsidies should best be allocated. I would opt for that.

Mr. ROUSH. I was not thinking in terms of an arm of the Justice Department which would be allocating funds, subsidizing local units. I was thinking in terms of a research institute.

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. For the research institute, I would go even further than yourself and ask that that not be within the Federal Government