

parate demands and needs of operating agencies. In no sense do I say we don't need centralization. I am saying we don't need a single centralized control over all State and local law enforcement agencies, and I am sure you would agree with that.

Mr. WAGGONER. The Crime Commission report had to do with the establishment of this research institute. You took the position that it should be independent of the Federal Government. You wound up your statement on page 11 advocating this with a Federal laboratory. How do you explain that contradiction?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. First, at the end of my statement, where I was talking about Federal laboratories, it was not just in the context of the major research institute that I identified as item No. 4.

Second, some of the Federal laboratories are, in fact, independent of the Federal Government. Contract agencies like the Jet Propulsion Laboratory are independent of the Federal Government, but are nevertheless classed as Federal laboratories. The discussion at the end of the statement refers to the wide range of kinds of uses that Federal laboratories might serve in the criminal justice system rather than just as the specific research institute.

Mr. WAGGONER. Would you agree that somebody will have to make a personal judgment, about how much centralization we can stand and how much decentralization we ought to have?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. I think there will have to be a whole sequence of judgments and decisions that weigh the virtues of bringing interests together against the concern about excessive centralized control and power. These decisions are made every day.

Mr. WAGGONER. This single research institute you talk about which should have 50 to 100 people; could you tell me a little more detail about how you would channel this information into the Federal Government. If the Federal Government is going to pay for the operation of this institute, It should receive its findings even though it is independent of the Government?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. I think it will be outside the Federal Government. I think the findings will appear as reports. The reports will be disseminated not only to the Federal Government but to other people doing independent research outside the research institute. The findings would be disseminated to operating agencies so that they could take advantage of them. There is the basic question of what problems they study, which I suspect is the question that you are much more directly interested in. The problems that they study must ultimately be of real interest to the Federal Government and the kind of decisions that are to be made both federally and locally.

Mr. WAGGONER. How do you propose that the people who participate in the work of this institute be chosen? Who would choose these people?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. The choice would have to be made by the management of the research institute just as staff is hired by any research institute—on the basis of their technical proficiency and ability to address the problems.

Mr. WAGGONER. You would agree that part of our problem stems from bad habits in law enforcement? We get into habits that are bad, and we do not recognize them until it is too late. What would you do with these people, give them lifetime contracts or give them