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DOMESTIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHT OF PRIVACY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

December 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

DOUGLAS W. METZ

PHILIP W. BUCHEN

SUBJECT:

Possible Privacy Commission Compromise

Attached for your reference is our proposed substitute for Senator Ervin's Privacy Protection Commission in S. 3418. This substitute is being discussed with OMB because of reliable reports that Representative Moorhead may offer Senator Ervin the compromise of a study-type commission if the Senate will recede on:

- . Coverage of criminal justice information
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Attachment: Draft language and section by section analysis.

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December 6, 1974

Dear Willis:

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Warm personal regards and thanks for continuing to help the staff of the Domestic Council Committee on the Right of Privacy.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen Counsel to the President

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December 2, 1974

Mr. Philip Buchen General Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phil:

I'd like to make the following suggestion to you privately. I've seen recent publicity concerning the National Commission to Study the Electronic Fund Transfer System. I'd like to express the following view on it -- which maybe you've heard from me before.

To me, the EFTS proposal by the banking industry is another example of a major decision with intense societal impact that is being made by an industry for its own expedience and convenience, but without adequate consideration of the implications for society and individuals. The information that I have seen on the Commission tends to support this view in that it would appear the Commission will be populated largely by members of the banking and other financial institutions. I do not see any suggestion, for example, that the group will include social psychologists, sociologists, or even data processing people who, as you know, are very concerned about the civil libertarian and privacy consequences of something like an EFTS.

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sincerely,

Willis H. Ware Corporate Research Staff

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To: Bill Walker

From: Phil Buchen

Kindly note part 4 of this memo.

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DOMESTIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHT OF PRIVACY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

January 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GEOFF SHEPARD

FROM:

DOUG METZ QUYY

SUBJECT:

Privacy Protection Study Commission

This memorandum details some of the issues and options in implementing Section 5 of The Privacy Let of 1974 establishing a Privacy Protection Study Commission.

1. BACKGROUND

Section 5 of The Privacy Act of 1974 takes effect immediately. The Commission's principal characteristics are:

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- Compensation--at GS18 rate, except Commissioners who are government officials.
- <u>Duration of Commission</u>--Two years, plus 30 days, from date of appointment of members.
- Organization--Commission chooses its chairman from among its members and appoints its staff.
- Financing--Authorization of \$1.5 million for FY 1975, 6, and 7; not more than \$750,000 to be expended in any one Fiscal Year.

Powers and Duties--Commission given broad study and investigative power, including limited subpoena power for general study of "governmental, regional and private" data banks and systems and "... such other personal information activities necessary to carry out Congressional policy in this Act." Commission also mandated to study selected issues, such as mail lists, use of IRS data, punitive damages, and the applicability of the Act's security and confidentiality requirements to recipients (other than agencies) of personal information under the Act.

Permissive duties include provision of technical assistance to Federal, State and local agencies. The Commission also would receive a copy of agency reports on new systems required to be submitted to OMB.

2. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT

The following procedural issues are of major importance:

1. Sources of Appointment

The question of whether the minority leadership of the House and Senate will be sources of two of the four Congressional appointments is unresolved. Senator Ervin, in floor colloquy, indicated that although the bill establishes no limitation on party affiliation of Commissioners, the maximum possible number of Commissioners of one party would be five. This would imply that the leadership of both parties in the Congress could each name two members augmented by three appointees of the President.

2. Timing and Sequence of Appointments

Several Congressional staff have proposed that the President set the pace and tone for the new Commission by making his appointments early in January and asking Congress to take swift action in appointing its members and in funding the Commission. Unless there is adequate assurance that the minority leadership will be able to influence the Congressional appointees, this sequence would risk Congressional domination of the Commission.



3. <u>COMMISSION ROLE AND COMPOSITION AS SEEN BY CONGRESSIONAL</u> STAFF

Several issues are posed based upon perceptions held by Congressional staff who played key roles in drafting The Privacy Act of 1974.

1. Role of the Commission

Senate staff in particular see the Commission as an entity independent of the Congress and the Executive. For them the Commission is the precursor of a permanent independent regulatory Commission of the type envisioned by Ervin in his earlier proposals. House staff tend to view the Commission as essentially a study group.

Specific subcommittee assignments of Congressional oversight responsibilities must await organization of the Government Operations Committees of the Congress. Congressman Brooks and Senator Ribicoff will be the Committee chairmen. Muskie and Moorhead are likely to be chairmen of the oversight subcommittees. Unresolved are questions of the role and relationship of the oversight committees, the Commission and OMB, which will have Executive branch oversight of the Act's administration.

2. Mix of Public and Government Members

The prevailing sentiment among House and Senate staff members who negotiated the final bill is that the Commission should be composed primarily, if not exclusively, of nongovernment members. They do not anticipate appointment of members of Congress, but see a Commission consisting of individuals like Professors Arthur Miller and Alan Westin. They see distinct disadvantages in including members of Congress because of their limited time for participation and their interest in having an outside viewpoint recommended.

4. RECOMMENDED COMMISSION COMPOSITION

It should be the objective of the Administration to exercise a primary role in determining the composition and staffing of the Commission to assure that:

> Its composition is well-balanced and representative of a broad spectrum of interest compatible with the extensive study mandate of the Commission.

- . Its membership consists of competent and respected individuals regardless of political affiliation.
- Its staff consists of competent individuals with prior experience in privacy concerns.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Commission be composed as follows:

- A judge (or former judge) -- preferably from the State bench
- A Federal official--knowledgeable and involved in privacy protection policy within the Executive branch
- A Member of Congress--active in advancing privacy concerns (or, in the alternative, an advocate of "open government" to assure that privacy concerns are balanced with interests in freedom of information)
- A State legislator or official with a progressive record in undertaking privacy initiatives
- A data processing technologist from the private sector with highly regarded expertise in data security and confidentiality safeguards
- A distinguished practicing lawyer--with demonstrated privacy protection concerns
- A professor--preeminent in scholarship and research on the personal privacy issues.

Pursuant to agreement on the composition of the Commission, this office will submit names of qualified individuals for the various categories.

5. PROPOSED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE PRIVACY COMMITTEE

The Privacy Committee is currently seeking clearance of several legislative proposals for introduction early in the 94th Congress, facilitating implementation of agreed-upon administrative and voluntary privacy initiatives and overseeing several interagency project studies designed to yield new privacy initiatives in 1975. In short, it is committed to an intensive program for at least the first half or two-thirds of calendar 1975--a period concurrent with start-up of the Commission.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Commission have the following as its objectives:

- Study the applicability of the principles and rules of The Privacy Act of 1974 to the non-Federal sector (State, local and private)
- Review and determine opportunities to institute more effective curbs on the amount and type of information requested of individuals by governments at all levels
- Conduct special studies mandated by the Act including use of IRS and Census records.

The foregoing represent areas not dealt with in depth by the Privacy Committee in its initial program and are consistent with basic purpose of the Privacy Protection Study Commission.

Later this year a reassessment can be made of the effectiveness of the Commission and its relationship to the Privacy Committee.

6. NEXT STEPS

The following represent some key tasks that constitute next steps:

	Task	Responsibility	Timing
1.	Decide the categorical composition of the Commission	White House/ Domestic Council	early January
2.	Continue dialogue with key Congressional staff and members (e.g., Erlenborn and Moorhead) to ascertain	Privacy Committee	mid January
	Congressional intent	9 -	ST. FORD
3.	Discuss methods and sources of appointments with Congres- sional leadership	White House/ Congressional relati	ons

	Task	Responsibility	Timing
4.	Issue Presidential state- ment containing Presidential appointments and recom- mended role for Commission	White House	early February

cc: Philip W. Buchen Ann C. Whitman Ξ,

January 21, 1975

Dear Willis:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your letter to the President. I, of course, have already recommended you for consideration as an appointee to the new Privacy Study Commission, and I am sure you will be given full consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen Counsel to the President

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Dr. Willis Ware Corporate Research Staff The Rand Corporation 1700 Main Street Santa Monica, California 90406

cc: Douglas Metz

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WILLIS H. WARF Corporate Research Staff

December 2, 1974

Mr. Philip Buchen Genoral Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phil:

I'd like to make the following suggestion to you privately. I've seen recent publicity concerning the National Commission to Study the Electronic Fund Transfer System. I'd like to express the following view on it -- which maybe you've heard from me before.

To me, the EFTS proposal by the banking industry is another example of a major decision with intense societal impact that is being made by an industry for its own expedience and convenience, but without adequate consideration of the implications for society and individuals. The information that I have seen on the Commission tends to support this view in that it would appear the Commission will be populated largely by members of the banking and other financial institutions. I do not see any suggestion, for example, that the group will include social psychologists, sociologists, or even data processing people who, as you know, are very concerned about the civil libertarian and privacy consequences of something like an EFTS.

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Sincerely,

Staff

Willis H. Ware Corporate Research

WHW:ph

January 22, 1975

Dear David:

Because the Commission on Privacy will be dominated by appointees of the Congress, I doubt that I will have any influence regarding the staff to be employed by the Commission. Therefore, I suggest you have Mrs. Temko watch for the identity of the persons to be named to the Commission so that she can get in touch with them. However, I am sending a copy of your letter to Douglas Metz, who is Acting Director of the Domestic Council Committee on the Right of Privacy, so that he will be aware of Mrs. Temko's interest and qualifications.

Very best wishes to you and Pat. I look forward to some noon when I can join you and Luke for a renewal of the luncheons we used to have together.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen Counsel to the President

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December 27, 1974

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The Honorable Philip W. Buchen Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phil:

At the risk of being overtaken by the well-known fate of the volunteer, I want to call your attention to a very able lawyer friend of mine interested in employment with the Commission on Privacy which I understand is called for by the recent legislation which, in turn, followed from your pioneer efforts in the same field. She is Mrs. Francine Temko. She has recently been heavily involved in the committee work on the legislation, her employment up to now having been as the AA to Mrs. Bella Abzug, the Congresswoman from New York. Francine finds life in that office more hectic than she believes she can sustain over a long period and would like to relinquish it in favor of employment on a matter of substance that she cares and knows a lot about, particularly the Commission authorized by the legislation.

Francine and her husband have been close personal friends of mine and my wife's for over twenty years, and her husband Stanley is one of the senior partners of Covington & Burling, my former firm. She is a most able and responsible lawyer and has worked on and off in a variety of judicial staff positions and other forms of public service between bouts of having children, traveling and the other interruptions of a wife and mother. She attended Columbia Law School where she was on the Law Review. Her politics are Democratic, but she has always shown moderation and constructive good sense about her professional engagements, regardless of partisan considerations. I would guess her age in the mid-fifties.

I think she is interested in the job of head of the staff or General Counsel of the Commission, and the word appears to be out that you will have a crucial role in making that. selection. In any case, here is someone of ability who is keenly interested in the subject area and starts by knowing a lot about the legislation, its history, and the problem. The Honorable Philip W. Buchen December 27, 1974 Page Two

I hope you take this friendly suggestion as no more than that, and not as an intrusion into the problems of your office. Perhaps you would like to meet Mrs. Temko and talk with her, and if so I would be glad to make those arrangements.

Pat and I wish you and Bunny all the best for 1975 and beyond.

Sincerely yours,

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David C. Acheson

Monday 3/3/75

2 Meeting 3/3/75 11 a.m.

10:30 Mr. Buchen will meet with Robin West at 11 a.m. today (3/3).

Discussion on personnel for Privacy Protection Study Commission.

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LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR PRIVACY PROTECTION STUDY COMMISSION

(pursuant to The Privacy Act of 1974, P.L. 93-579)

See attachments for background on Commission and categories to be considered in appointments.

FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE MINORITY CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP (Select 5)

State and Local Officials

Robert Utter	- Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court; attended recent Privacy Seminar sponsored by the Privacy Committee; ran on nonpartisan ticket; party affiliation not known.
Robert C. Finley	- Justice, Washington State Supreme Court; member of FBI's NCIC Policy Advisory Board; ran on nonpartisan ticket; party affiliation not known.
William Bagley	- Former California Assemblyman and candidate for Controller; author of California's FoIA law and architect of proposed state privacy act; former member of HEW Advisory Committee on Privacy; Republican.
Stanley Aronoff	- Ohio State Senator; former member of HEW Advisory Committee on Privacy; author of proposed state privacy act; Republican
Glenn Goodman	- Director, Bureau of Management Sciences, State of Michigan; President, National Association of State Information Systems; participant in Privacy Seminar sponsored by the Privacy Committee; party affiliation unknown.



Francis W. Sargent - Former Governor of Massachusetts; active advocate of state action to protect personal privacy; Republican. Tom Moody - Mayor, Columbus, Ohio; actively interested in privacy issue; participant in Privacy Seminar sponsored by the Privacy Committee; Republican. Warren Rudman Attorney General, New Hampshire; understood to be President-elect, National Association of Attorneys General; Republican. Federal Officials Director Office of Telecommunications Policy, Executive Office of the President. - Domestic Council Committee on the Right of Executive Director Privacy. Staff Member - Domestic Council Staff Director or Presidential Advisor - Science and Technology, Executive Office

Consumer Interest Representatives

George Meyer	- President, Consumers' Federation of America; Republican.
John Kehoe	- President, Consumer Concerns, Inc., Sacramento, California; former Governor Reagan's Director of Consumer Affairs; participant in Privacy Seminar sponsored by Privacy Committee; party affiliation unknown.
Peter Pryor	- Chairman, New York State Consumer Protection Board; participant in Privacy Seminar sponsored by Privacy Committee; Republican.

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of the President.

Data Processing Technologists

Willis Ware	-	Senior Analyst, Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, California; former chairman, HEW Advisory Committee on Privacy; participant in Privacy Seminar sponsored by Privacy Committee; party affiliation unknown.
Clay T. Whitehead	-	Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Public Administration; former Director, Office of Telecommunications Policy; active in supporting establishment and implementation of Privacy Committee; member of Domestic Council Com- mittee on the Right of Privacy; Republican.
Business Community		
Guy H. Dobbs	-	Vice President, Xerox Corporation; member of HEW Advisory Committee on Privacy; articulate minority representative; Republican.
George Kozmetsky	~	Dean of Business Administration, University of Texas, Austin; co-author of Conference Board Report on Information Technology; party affiliation unknown.
Attorneys		
Edward J. Kelly	-	Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa; chairman, Iowa State Bar Association Special Committee on Traffic Records and Criminal Information; participant in Privacy Seminar sponsored by Privacy Committee; party affiliation unknown.
Oscar Ruebhausen .	-	Attorney, New York City; former chairman of special committee which studied impact of modern science and technology on privacy; participant at Rockefeller Institute Conference on Law and the Social Role of Science; Democrat.
Alfred H. Moses	-	Attorney, Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.; member of the Board, American Jewish Committee; manifested specific interest in sharing in program of Privacy Committee; party affiliation unknown.

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Arthur Miller	-	Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Chairman, Massachusetts Privacy Commission; former member, HEW Advisory Committee on Privacy; author and lecturer on privacy issues; active in civil libertarian issues; Republican.
Kent S. Greenawalt	-	Professor of Law, Columbia University; author of privacy articles; consultant on privacy to Office of Telecommunications Policy; served in

Stanley Wheeler - Professor of Law and Sociology, Yale Law School; Staff Sociologist, Russell Sage Foundation; Editor and contributor to On Record: Files and Dossiers in American Life; party affiliation unknown.

independent Democrat.

Solicitor General's Office under Erwin Griswold;

List of Members of Congress (Consistent with understood Congressional intent, no Members of Congress are proposed. However, should there be insistence on the part of the minority leadership, the following Members are proposed):

Senate (in order of preference)

William V. Roth, Jr. (R. Del)	-	Member Government Operations Committee; ranking member on Muskie's Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, understood to have oversight under 93rd Congress organization.
Bill Brock (R. Tenn)	-	Member, Government Operations Committee (co-sponsor Privacy Act of 1974)
Charles E. Percy (R.Ill)	-	Ranking member, Government Operations Committee; co-sponsor of Privacy Act of 1974
Barry M. Goldwater (R. Ariz)	-	Co-sponsor, Privacy Act of 1974

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House (in order of preference)

John N. Erlenborn (R. 11)	- Ranking member, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information; co-sponsor of Privacy Act of 1974.
Frank Horton (R. N.Y.)	- Ranking member, Government Operations Committee; co-sponsor of Privacy Act of 1974.

Barry M. Goldwater, Jr.-Co-sponsor of Privacy Act of 1974 (R. Ariz)

RESIDUAL LIST OF PROSPECTIVE CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATIC

Alan Westin	Professor of Political Science; lawyer; member of National Wiretap Commission; author and lecturer on privacy issues; Democrat.
Carol Forman	 Executive Director, Consumers' Federation of America; Co-Chairperson, President's WIN Committee; Democrat.
Sam J. Ervin	-Former Senator (D. N.C.); Senate sponsor of Privacy Act of 1974; understood <u>not</u> to be interested in appointment.
Joseph V. Gartla	an, Jr Virginia State Senator; Virginia Advisory Legislative Council Committee on Computer Privacy and Security; Democrat.
Members of Congres	s (should they be considered)
William S. Moor (D. Pa)	head - Chairman, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, Government Operations Committee; co-sponsor of Privacy Act of 1974.
Abraham Ribico: (D. Conn)	ff - Probable new Chairman, Government Operations Committee; co-sponsor of Privacy Act of 1974

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To: Bill Walker

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DOMESTIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHT OF PRIVACY

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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DAVID J. BLACKWELL

Mr. Blackwell is a native of Maryland. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology, Yale University, University of Minnesota, and graduated from Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania in 1949 with a B.A. in Political Science.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Army. Most of his service experience was in a Japanese language program and subsequent assignment in post-war Japan.

Mr. Blackwell spent 18 years with the Prudential Insurance Company of America. His early experience there was in clerical systems analysis and development. As computer systems emerged as a business activity, his work specialized in that area. He left the Prudential in 1967 to be Executive Director of data processing for Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey. In addition to his normal administrative responsibilities in that capacity, he acted as liaison with EDUCOM (inter-university communications council). In 1970 he joined the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company as a Second Vice President. He became an Executive Officer and Division Vice President of the Information Services Division in 1971.

He is a member of the Life Office Management Association's Systems Research Committee, the Life Insurance Systems Planning Executives Council and the Research Group. He holds membership in the Association for Computing Machinery and the College of Life Underwriters. In public service activities he is a Director and Treasurer of the Springfield Theatre Arts, Inc., a Trustee and member of the Finance Committee of Bay Path Junior College, and a member of the Executive Council of the Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts of America, and a corporator of the Hampden District Mental Health Clinic.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1975

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of March 4.

I know that Willis Ware is being given consideration with respect to the Privacy Protection Study Commission.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen Counsel to the President

Mr. George Glaser
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March 4, 1975

Mr. Philip Buchen General Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phil:

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> I thought you would be interested in receiving a copy of a letter I sent last week to the President, nominating Willis Ware as a candidate for the Privacy Protection Study Commission.

> You will note that I refer to you and your acquaintanceship with Willis in my letter. I hope that is not inappropriate.

We obviously would appreciate anything you might do to boost our cause. We think Willis is an ideal candidate, and he is excited about the prospect of being on the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

George/Glaser

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Attention: Mr. William N. Walker

Mr. President:

Once again, the American Federation of Information Processing Societies (AFIPS) respectfully submits the name of one of our volunteers as a candidate for a national commission, this time the Privacy Protection Study Commission.

Our nominee is Dr. Willis H. Ware, a member of the Corporate Research Staff at The RAND Corporation and chairman of the AFIPS Special Committee on the Right of Privacy.

After your address to the National Computer Conference in Chicago last May, Dr. Ware was among those who attended the luncheon afterwards with Philip Buchen. Subsequently, he worked with Mr. Buchen while the latter was executive director of the Domestic Council Committee on the Right of Privacy.

Dr. Ware has long perceived the implications of information technology for society, business and government. He combines an understanding of the privacy issue and a sensitivity to it as a dominant matter of public policy with the knowledge and experience of a technically trained individual. He is keenly aware of the interplay between legislative policy and such details of legislation as costs, operational consequences, and the technical implications for users' record systems.



His major contributions include the following:

- --In 1967, he organized a series of papers that presented for the first time to the technical community the importance and complexity of computer security.
- --In 1970, he presented a paper that proposed specific privacy guidelines to a conference sponsored by the Canadian government.
- --In early 1972, he became a member of the now well-known HEW committee and later that year assumed the chair. Its report, "Records, Computers and the Rights of Citizens," was presented to Secretary Weinberger and Attorney General Richardson in July 1973. It has become the definitive document discussing privacy and proposing solutions.
- --In 1974, he participated with Minnesota and California legislators in discussions of proposed legislation.
- --He organized a technical session at the 1974 National Computer Conference at which the implications of privacy legislation were discussed.
- --Also in 1974, he participated in privacy conferences in Paris, Vienna and Tokyo and presented a key topic at each.

As national legislation has evolved, Dr. Ware has maintained contacts with various Federal and congressional offices. In addition, he has participated in, or contributed to, a variety of private groups and public meetings that included industrialists, technical specialists, lawyers, state legislators, and others. Dr. Ware is accustomed to functioning in a commission or committee role. As a member or chairman of many such groups, he understand their functioning and appreciates the dynamics that are essential to their success.

We hope you will consider Dr. Ware favorably for appointment to the Commission. We believe he is an outstanding candidate who has demonstrated an informed and thoughtful concern for the right of privacy in numerous ways and who would be an articulate and substantive contributor to the Commission's work.

Respectfully submitted,

George Glaser

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- W. H. Ware
- P. Armer
- D. W. Metz
- J. Sammet
- D. D. McCracken

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Dr. Willis H. Ware received his B.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1941, his M.S. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1942, where he was a Tau Beta Pi Fellow. Both degrees are in Electrical Engineering. He received his Ph.D. degree from Princeton University in 1951.

From 1942-46, he was employed by the Hazeltine Electronics Corporation for research and development in radar and IFF. In 1946, he became one of the original members of the staff of the Electronic Computer Project at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey. There he worked on the design and development of the large-scale general-purpose electronic digital computer, which later was to set the pattern for the construction of several other "Princeton-class" machines. After receiving his Ph.D. from Princeton in 1951, he joined the North American Aviation Corporation.

In 1952, Dr. Ware joined the staff of The Rand Corporation. He served as Head of the Computer Sciences Department, now the Information Sciences Department, from 1964 to October 1971, when he became Deputy Vice President for Project RAND (USAF). He is presently a member of the Corporate Research Staff.

Dr. Ware has been concerned with the development of large computers and their application to military, scientific and social problems. Recently, he has concentrated on the technical and management problems that the presence of a computing capability raises throughout an organization. In particular, he has spoken, written, and contributed widely to the question of information protection within a computer system, and the related social issue of protecting individual privacy.

In 1972, Dr. Ware was appointed Chairman of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Automated Personal Data Systems of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare which issued the landmark report, "Records, Computers, and the Rights of Citizens."

Dr. Ware is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and has held the following offices and

Dr. Willis H. Ware

appointments in the Institute's Computer Group: Treasurer of Los Angeles Chapter, 1953-1954; Chairman of Los Angeles Chapter, 1954-1955; National Secretary-Treasurer, 1954-1955; National Vice Chairman, 1957-58; National Chairman, 1958-1959; Member of National Administrative Committee, 1957-1960; Chairman, Inter-Society Activities Committee, 1960-1961; Review Board of the Transactions.

Other activities and offices within the IEEE include: Member, Technical Committee 8 on Computers, 1951-1958; Chairman, Technical Committee 8.5 on Computer Terminology, 1951-1958; Professional Groups Coordinator of the Los Angeles Section, 1957; Member Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Group Chapter Planning, Los Angeles Section, 1957-1958; National Ad Hoc Committee to review Professional Group Finances, 1958; Nominations Committee, Los Angeles Section, 1958-1959; Representative to National Joint Computer Committee, 1959-1961; National I.R.E. Institute Activities Committee, 1961.

Dr. Ware is also a member of the Association for Computing Machinery, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His other professional society activities have included: Member Technical Program Committee--First International Conference on Information Porcessing, 1959; Chairman, 1958 Western Joint Computer Conference; Finance Chairman, 1957 Western Joint Computer Conference; and Alternate Chairman Technical Program Committee for WESCON, 1956.

In 1958, Dr. Ware was a member of an eight-man delegation of American scientists who visited the USSR to discuss computers and related matters. He later edited the delegation report and continues to follow the progress of Soviet computing.

In 1961, he was elected as the first Chairman of the American Federation of Information Processing Societies (AFIPS), which sponsors the annual National Computer Conference and includes the IEEE, ACM and other professional societies as members. He was re-elected in 1962. Dr. Ware is currently the Chairman of the AFIPS Special Committee on the Right of Privacy which was created in response to (then) Vice $\sqrt{2} e_{\phi}$ President Ford's request.

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Dr. Ware is a member of the honorary societies Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, Eta Kappa Nu, Pi Mu Epsilon, and Sigma Tau. He also participates in a number of governmental advisory commiteees and scientific advisory boards.

He has held appointments with and is currently active on most of the following committees: Chairman, National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board; Member, National Security Agency, EDP Panel of Scientific Advisory Board; Member, National Academy of Sciences Advisory Committee to Air Force Systems Command; Member, U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Information Processing Panel; Member, U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Electronic Systems Division Advisory Group; Member, U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Foreign Technology Division Advisory Group; Consultant, Missile Vulnerability Task Force, Defense Science Board, Department of Defense; Member, Advisory Council of the Electrical Engineering Department of Princeton University.

Dr. Ware's publications include:

Computers, Personal Privacy and Human Choice, December 1973, The Rand Corporation.

Data Banks, Privacy and Society, November 1973, The Rand Corporation.

Computers and Society: The Technological Setting, October 1973, The Rand Corporation.

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December 1, 1976

The Honorable Philip W. Buchen Counsel to The President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

Attached is a copy of our letter of invitation to the Ford Motor Company and the enclosures which I discussed with you this morning. We are particularly desirous of having testimony by Ford because of the attention the company has already given to the privacy issue, because of its size and comparative degree of centralization, and because up until now they have been very cooperative.

Carole W. Parsons Executive Director

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> Mr. Henry Ford II Chairman Ford Motor Company The American Road Dearborn, Michigan 48121

Dear Mr. Ford:

On behalf of the Privacy Protection Study Commission, I invite Ford Motor Company to appear as a witness at the hearings of the Commission to be held on December 9, 10, 16, and 17, in Room 2318, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. The principal topic of these hearings will be employment and personnel record-keeping practices. To complete the difficult task before us in this important area, we believe it is essential to receive testimony from Ford Motor Company concerning its employment and personnel record-keeping practices.

Enclosed is a notice of these hearings that describes the information we seek to obtain in the course of them. Also enclosed please find a copy of the Commission's relevant hearing rules.

The Commission staff is meeting with Mr. C. H. Anderson, Director of Personnel Relations and Research, to discuss matters relating to employment and personnel records. We will continue to be in contact with him regarding preparation of testimony, and the specific time in our hearing schedule at which Ford Motor Company will testify.



If you have any concerns or questions, please contact our General Counsel, Mr. Ronald L. Plesser, or Mrs. Jane Yurow, our Project Manager for Employment and Personnel Records. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David F. Linowes Chairman

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cc: Mr. C.H. Anderson


PRIVACY PROTECTION STUDY COMMISSION 2120 L STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PRIVACY PROTECTION STUDY COMMISSION RELATING TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Privacy Protection Study Commission is interested in soliciting the views of interested members of the public, private industry, government, and organizations. Requests to testify before the Commission should be addressed to the General Counsel, Privacy Protection Study Commission, Suite 424, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

In order to facilitate appearances at public hearings, the following excerpts from the Rules of Procedure for The Privacy Protection Study Commission are provided for prospective witnesses. A complete set of the Commission's rules and regulations is available on request. Any inquiries concerning the regulations governing hearings should be addressed to the General Counsel of the Commission.

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- Hearings for the purpose of taking testimony shall be held only with the approval of the Commission. The Commission shall approve the holding of a hearing at a duly called meeting of the Commission or, in the alternative, the Chairman may notify by telephone or mail, each member of the Commission of a proposed hearing. Such notice should include a description of the subject matter, proposed witnesses, and the time and place of such proposed hearing. It is required that each Commission member submit to the Chairman a written confirmation or objection within seven calendar days of the receipt of the notice for the proposed hearing.

- The Chairman of the Commission shall chair all meetings and hearings of the Commission. In his absence, the Chairman shall designate the Vice Chairman, or in the absence of the Vice Chairman, another member of the Commission to carry out these duties.

- Hearings for the purpose of taking testimony shall be open to the public but may be conducted closed to the public if the Commission as a whole, with a quorum of all of its members present, decides by a majority vote (4) of the full Commission that the testimony to be received may tend to defame or discredit a third party; to pose a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of the witness or a third party; or, to divulge trade secrets or commercial marketing practices, the disclosure of which would cause substantial competitive injury. Hearing testimony taken in closed session, held not open to the public, shall not be disclosed in public session without a majority vote (4) of the full Commission.

- At least 15 calendar days before a public meeting or hearing of the Commission, appropriate public notice shall be given stating the date, place and subject matter of the hearing or meeting. At this time expected witnesses, if any, that have been scheduled up to the date of the notice shall be listed.

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- Subpoenas for attendance of witnesses, the production of memoranda, documents, and records shall be issued upon affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the full Commission and under the signature of the Chairman or by any other member of the Commission designated by him, and may be served by any person designated by the Chairman or such designated member.

- A quorum for the purpose of conducting business of the Commission shall consist of a majority of the members (4), except for the purpose of taking testimony during a hearing, in which case the presence of only two (2) members shall be required to establish a quorum, provided further, that a majority of members (4) must be present to decide whether testimony in a hearing may be taken closed to the public pursuant to the rule covering same above. A majority vote of Commission members present shall carry all matters except in the case of issuing subpoenas, where a majority of all Commission members is required and as otherwise required by the rules.

- All witnesses who testify to matters of fact in duly constituted Commission hearings shall be sworn.

- Counsel retained by any witnesses and accompanying such witnesses shall be permitted to be present during the testimony of such witnesses at any public or closed session of any hearing, and to advise such witness of his legal rights while he is testifying. The failure of any witness to secure counsel shall not excuse such witness from attendance in response to subpoena.

- Any witness desiring to submit a prepared or written statement and/or exhibits in hearings shall file 15 copies of such statement and/or exhibits with the General Counsel of the Commission at such places as designated by him at the close of business five (5) working days prior to the first day of the scheduled hearings at which the statement is to be presented unless the General Counsel of the Commission or a person designated by him waives this requirement. Upon submission the written statement becomes part of the



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hearing record. The hearing chairman shall determine whether such statement may be read in its entirety or summarized at the time of the hearing.*

11 - The record of any hearing shall remain open for 30 calendar days following the termination of a hearing or series of hearings for the submission of statements, exhibits or additional material, provided however, that the Chairman of the Commission may reasonably extend this period as he may determine.

- 12 The hearing chairman, for the purpose of conducting an orderly hearing with a minimum of distraction or physical discomfort to a witness, may direct a restricted use of television, motion picture and other cameras and lights so that coverage by these media will be carried out in an unobtrusive manner.
- 13 An accurate stenographic record shall be kept of the testimony of all witnesses in hearings. The record of his own testimony whether in public or closed session shall be made available for inspection by a witness or his counsel under Commission supervision; a copy of any testimony given in public session or that part of the testimony given by the witness in closed session and subsequently quoted or made part of the record in public session shall be made available to witnesses at their expense if they so request.
- 14 Questioning of witnesses at hearings shall be conducted by the Commission members and appropriate Commission staff personnel only.
- 15 To assure each member of the Commission present an opportunity to examine a hearing witness orally, each member present shall be limited to 10 minutes until all the members present who so desire to examine the witness have exercised that prerogative. Questioning should continue in sequence until Commission members have exhausted their inquiries. The appropriate staff will then have a reasonable opportunity to examine the witness.
- 16 Oral testimony of all witnesses shall be limited to 20 minutes unless extended by the hearing chairman.

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- Any person who believes that testimony or other evidence presented at a public hearing or comment made by a Commission member in the course of a public hearing in which that person's name is mentioned or in which that person is otherwise specifically identified tends to defame him or otherwise adversely affect his reputation may (a) request to appear personally before the Commission to testify under oath in his own behalf, or in the alternative, (b) file a sworn statement of facts relevant to the testimony or other evidence or comment complained of. Such request and such statement shall be submitted to the Commission for its consideration and action.

- Witnesses for a hearing shall be suggested by Commission members and staff and shall be selected by the Chairman of the Commission or the designated chairman of the hearing, if any.

If a person is not considered by the Chairman of the Commission or the designated chairman and is interested in presenting testimony to the Commission, he may be permitted to appear in accordance with the following guidelines:

(a) Any such interested person(s) must receive authorization to make an oral presentation from the Chairman of the Commission. Not later than seven (7) calendar days preceding the start of such hearing, a request for such authorization must be received in writing at the offices of the Commission addressed to the attention of the Executive Director. Such a request shall be accompanied by a concise description of the material such person or persons desire to present.

(b) The Chairman of the Commission shall, within a reasonable period of time from the receipt of such a request, make a determination of the extent that time is available and that the subject matter proposed to be presented by such interested person(s) is timely and appropriate for such hearing, and shall notify such interested person(s) by Certified Mail of the decision.

(c) In the event such interested person or persons is authorized to testify in hearings of the Commission, a prepared written statement of expected presentation may be filed in compliance with the procedure outlined above.

(d) Provided further that any such interested person or persons who feels aggrieved by or takes exception to any determinations made by the Chairman of the Commission that oral testimony will not be permitted shall have the opportunity to present in writing to each member of the Commission the basis for such grievance or exception taken to such ruling by the Chairman and thereafter the decision of the Chairman shall be reconsidered by each member of the Commission at its next regular meeting. Notice by Certified Mail to such interested person or persons shall include the final decision of the full Commission on its reconsideration and shall constitute notification of the action taken by the Commission.

(e) The aforementioned rules may be waived and testimony of the person or persons permitted upon affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission members present at the hearing.

Adopted October 29, 1975.

*As amended by Commission, April 20, 1976.

July 20, 1976



PRIVACY PROTECTION STUDY COMMISSION 2120 L STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The Privacy Protection Study Commission will hold public hearings on employment and personnel record-keeping practices between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on December 9 and 10, 1976 and December 16 and 17, 1976, in Room 2318, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. These hearings are part of the Commission's consideration of the desirability and feasibility of extending the principles and requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 to the private sector, and State and local governments.

To assist in the development of this inquiry, the Commission wishes to learn about the experiences and views of all persons, prior to the hearings. Written submissions should be made to the Executive Director, Privacy Protection Study Commission, Suite 424, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20506, and should be received in the Commission's office no later than November 29, 1976.

The Commission inquiry is directed at the employment and personnel record-keeping practices of private industry, State and local governments, and private nonprofit organizations, employment agencies, consumer investigative companies, private investigating agencies and labor unions.

The Commission is interested in views and statements about current employment and personnel record-keeping practices incident to the process of hiring, maintaining and terminating an employee. The records subject to these practices include pre-employment records, personnel records concerned with performance on the job, records of benefits, records required to be kept by Federal and State statutes and regulations, and records kept on an applicant and a terminated employee.

The Commission would like to receive information describing the extent to which employment and personnel record-keeping practices conform to the following five information practice principles:

- There must be no personal data record-keeping system whose very existence is secret;
- There must be a way for an individual to find out what information about him is in a record and how it is used;
- There must be a way for an individual to prevent information about him that was obtained for one purpose from being used or made available for other purposes without his consent;
- There must be a way for an individual to correct or amend a record or identifiable information about him; and
- Any organization creating, maintaining, using, or disseminating records of identifiable personal data must assure the reliability (i.e., accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness) of the data for their intended use and must take precautions to prevent misuse of the data.

The Commission seeks information on the following:

Collection and Maintenance of Information in Records

Are there established policies on the collection and maintenance of personal information about employees and applicants for employment?

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Do applicants and employees know about them? What information do outside organizations, such as credit investigating agencies or government background investigators collect in doing background checks on applicants and employees? What information do employment agencies provide employers about an applicant or an employee? Under what circumstances do applicants and employees not know that outside sources are collecting information about them? Are applicants and employees asked to consent to the collection of information about themselves, either by employers or outside sources? How do employers handle reference checks? Do employers collect sensitive information about an applicant or an employee such as criminal history, medical information, military discharge information, or credit information? What are the reasons for collecting this information? What sort of information about an applicant or an employee do employers keep pursuant to benefit programs, insurance claims, Federal statutory or regulatory requirements, and union requirements? Do employers keep information on an applicant or an employee in the course of performing the employer's regular security functions? What is the role of polygraphs and other technological devices in collecting information about employees? How long is each of the various types of applicant and employee records maintained?

Access to and Correction of Records

Can applicants, employees and former employees inspect the records maintained about them by employers, prospective employers or other persons who supply information to employers or prospective employers? Can applicants, employees and former employees correct or amend such records,

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or otherwise challenge their accuracy, timeliness, relevance, and completeness? To which records are applicants, employees or former employees denied access? Are employees or former employees allowed access to evaluations of their performance? Is there a regular procedure for informing employees about performance evaluations? Are employees informed of the reasons behind decisions to demote or fire them? Do employees or former employees have access to promotion plans? Are applicants, employees and former employees allowed access to records resulting from investigations of them conducted by security personnel? Do applicants, employees and former employees have access to medical or psychological information about themselves? Do applicants, employees and former employees have access to the results of polygraph tests? Do applicants, employees and former employees have access to information obtained from reference checks? What are the consequences of permitting an applicant, employee or former employee access to employment and personnel records maintained about him?

Disclosure to Third Parties

To which outside sources are employment and personnel records commonly disclosed--labor unions, creditors, law enforcement agencies, auditors or program evaluators, researchers, insurance companies, prospective employers, physicians or hospitals, others not mentioned? To what extent do units within the employing organization, such as auditors, medical staff, security officers, personnel officers, and line supervisors, share personal information about applicants and employees? To what extent is information sharing built into a recordkeeping system? Is the applicant or employee informed of what disclosures

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are being made and to whom they are being made? Is the applicant or employee's consent always required before a disclosure is made? What information on individually identifiable subjects are employers required by statute or regulation to disclose to Federal and State governments? How are subpoenas for information maintained by employers about applicants, employees and former employees responded to by employers?

Responsibilities of the Employer

Does the employer designate a person or office to oversee the use and disclosure of information in employment and personnel records? What measures do employers take to insure that persons responsible for overseeing the use and disclosure of information in employment and personnel records carry out their duties? Does an applicant or employee have any recourse if injured by failure of the responsible person or office to perform oversight functions adequately? Have organized labor agreements restricted or increased the amount of personnel information collected; or increased the employer's responsibility for accuracy, relevance, completeness or timeliness?

The Commission also wishes to receive information about: 1) how employers have gone about formulating policies concerning the collection, maintenance, use, and disclosure of information in employment and personnel records; 2) the cost of implementing these policies; 3) the limitations on conforming to the five information practice principles set forth above; 4) experiences of employers who have implemented some or all of the five information practice principles set forth above; 5) the extent to which the social security number is used as an identifier

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in record systems containing information about employees, applicants, and former employees; and 6) what policies and practices of outside sources, such as insurance companies, have an impact on employers' ability to comply with the five information practice principles set forth above?

> David F. Linowes Chairman

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Carole W. Parsons Executive Director