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Over the past few years all Departments and Agencies within the Intelligence Community have been considering the potential use of automatic data processing equipment in the National Agency Check Program. A great deal of liaison has been conducted among the Agencies on this matter, particularly in regard to the progress made by individual Agencies in automating indices. All of the Departments and Agencies within the Intelligence Community and other Government Departments and Agencies participated in the discussions of CODIB's Task Team V.

A number of Agencies have made progress in programs designed to convert their indices into machine language. Some progress is listed below:

- a. The Office of Security, CIA embarked on a program of automating its 3" x 5" card name index approximately three years ago. The conversion phase was completed in July 1966. Computer searches, using magnetic tape in a batch mode, were initiated thereafter, initially on a modest scale and building in volume as personnel were trained and became oriented to an automation environment. As of January 1967, all name checks for other Government Agencies and a substantial ~~XXX~~ number of in-house routine searches were being conducted by computer. The target date for complete implementation is the end of March 1967. on routine searches. Expedite searches continue to be handled manually. In addition to name searching, the system provides a computer generated

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charge-out card on "hits" and produces file retirement data obviating the need to check other sources for this information.

b. Plans are progressing to move the system from magnetic tape to data cells permitting random access searches with more frequent access to the computer rather than the present overnight turn-around time. More frequent access will handle the majority of expedite requests. The target date for random access searches is FY 1968. Once time sharing computers are developed, it is envisaged that remote inquiry stations will be installed in the Office of Security for direct inquiry to the data stored in the Computer Center.

c. Based upon a directive by the Secretary of Defense, all indices of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of Army; Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of Navy; and Office of Special Investigations, Department of Air Force have been combined into a common unit at Fort Holabird. As a part of this consolidation, ^{these} ~~this~~ indices ^{were} ~~was~~ converted into punched cards with the view toward computer searches at some time in the future. The consolidation was completed on 1 November 1966, and a target date of 1 July 1968 has been established to develop and implement name tracing by computer.

d. Under study by the CIA is a system to exchange National Agency Name Check requirements by CIA and DOD through an encrypted telecommunications link. CIA would levy its requirements over the link on the Defense Central Index of Investigations at Fort Holabird via punched cards. Conversely the DOD, National Agency Check Center could also levy its requests on CIA in punched ~~xx~~ cards formatted to generate a computer

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search. The installation of this system need not await computer searches by DCII; nor by the Clandestine Services of CIA who participate in requirements levied on CIA. Much valuable experience in handling the communications link could be gained at this time insuring a smooth transition once all three components involved are name searching by computer.

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OUTLINE - NAC PROGRAM

- A. Action during the past year
 - 1. Consolidation of indices of Army, Navy and Air Force into a common unit at Fort Holabird.
 - 2. Consolidation of Department of Defense National Agency Check submissions into a common unit at Holabird.
 - 3. Preparation of the consolidated indices into machine language.
 - 4. Completion of Project SAN^cNA in the Office of Security.
 - 5. Initiation of computerized searches of OS indices.

- B. Possibilities for the Future
 - 1. An encrypted link between Holabird and CIA for the purpose of conducting National Agency Checks. This would involve a manual search at Fort Holabird and RID and a computerized search of OS records.
 - 2. Modification of software in Project SAN^cNA so as to be adaptable for the third generation computer searches.
 - 3. Liaison with other agencies in the NAC program to review the results of the Holabird experiment.
 - 4. Report to the Community on the results of the test link.

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