

RE OTP privacy.

From: Susan Burgess
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To: Clay T. Whitehead
Subject: RE: OTP & privacy.
Attachments: 1970.02.23_-_Broadcasting_-_Computer_Privacy_Issue_Raised_on_Nixon_Plan.pdf; 1974.02.14 - Privacy Meeting - Proposed Agenda.pdf; 1974.08.13 - Letter to The President from Philip W. Buchen - Privacy Related Legislative Matters - Meeting Today with the Attorney General.pdf

Tom,

I checked both your and Henry's files, and we only have four documents related to the privacy initiative. They certainly demonstrate that by 1974 OTP was involved in considering privacy issues, but because there are so few files, they don't provide a complete picture of OTP's role on privacy initiatives in relation to other executive agencies and committees. Below, I identify the documents. I also attach them for your review.

These documents may interest Laprise, whose thesis explains the circumstances that led Pres. Ford's administration to articulate federal policy on electronic privacy for the first time. Laprise largely credits Ford's development of electronic privacy policies to his role while Vice President as head of the Domestic Council Committee on the Right to Privacy. The four documents in your files don't undermine Laprise's thesis, but support what Laprise already acknowledges on page 6, which is that OTP was one of the most active departments on the Domestic Council Committee.

I'd be happy to forward any or all of these documents to Mr. Laprise, though he may have already come across these documents from his other research sources. For instance, he may have already seen the Aug. 13, 1974 Buchen memo to Ford since his bibliography indicates that he has reviewed Phil Buchen's files among others. Please let me know how to proceed - I'll wait to hear from you before contacting the author.

- (1) a proposed agenda for a privacy meeting involving OTP staff (2/2/74)
- (2) a note from Doug ____ to Hank attaching a memo Doug ____ provided Senator Muskie's office re OTP's involvement on the Domestic Council Committee on the Right to Privacy (undated)
- (3) a memo from Phil Buchen to President Ford re three privacy related legislative issues to be discussed with the attorney general (8/13/74)
- (4) a Broadcasting article explaining that N.J. Rep. Cornelius Gallagher filed a disapproval resolution re: Nixon's plan to reorganize telecom, saying that he wanted reassurance that the new office would deal with the issue of privacy. "[U]nless [the new telecom office] includes the issue of privacy, it will probably be outmoded before it is established." (2/23/70)

John,

I have only skimmed this, but thought you would find it interesting. Dale Hatfield sent the link to me. It is apparently a draft of the author's PhD dissertation. Maybe you know this guy.

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Regards,

Tom

<http://web.si.umich.edu/tprc/papers/2007/672/Listening%20in%20on%20DC.pdf>

Susan, do we have any memos in the OTP files on the privacy initiative?