

# Nixon committee studies 'Big Brother'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has instructed his new right to privacy committee to concentrate its study on the federal government's "big brother" problem rather than on industry practices, officials said Wednesday.

According to officials present at the Cabinet level group's first meeting Tuesday, Nixon said that while there are problems in private sector collection data on individuals, "let's not all dump on industry, let's worry about the big brother problem."

In announcing formation of the 11-member committee headed by Vice President Gerald R. Ford, Nixon referred to a nationwide address to the potential abuses in private and government data collection procedures.

But in convening the committee's initial meeting, officials reported that the President concentrated on government practices, declaring that federal agencies now collect too much data on individuals including information "that the government ought not to know."

They said he suggested that the panel's first order of business should be cataloguing the types of information gathered by the government and finding out whether its collection is justified.

Nixon apparently offered no specifics on types of information to which he was referring, but did express interest in safeguarding criminal investigative files.

Officials reported that Nixon strongly voiced his opinion that criminal arrest and conviction records must be accessible to various law enforcement agencies.

But, they said, he insisted that "there ought to be the strictest security on raw data collected by the FBI because it includes third and fourth-hand hearsay."

According to those present, Nixon described the question of the right to privacy as "spongy," and recommended that the committee concentrate its work on specifically defined areas. Panel members agreed to report back in a week with suggestions for study.

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## PEANUTS



## Merrie Melodies and Looney Tunes

**By TED BORISKIE**  
The rumors have been floating around for months that the Texas World Speedway is going to be the site of a rock festival this summer.

It looks like the rock festival is only a rumor but there is a good possibility that the TWS will be the site of the Second Annual Willie Nelson Fourth of July Picnic to be held July 4-5-6.  
The people at TWS are saying that nothing is definite but the promoters say that the whole thing is in the bag and will definitely come off.

The proposed festival is tentatively featuring many of the same performers who appeared at last year's fête at Dripping Springs. Willie Nelson and Leon Russell are scheduled to emcee the thing with performers as diverse as John Prine (whom I consider to be the best songwriter around today) and Ray Price (whom I consider to be the most useless performer around today) slated as possibly appearing.

I can only hope this year's promoters use a bit more careful planning than did the people behind last year's hopelessly mismanaged affair.

Water and sanitation facilities are grossly inadequate at TWS to hold such a picnic at this time and parking could also develop into a real problem. Electrical capabilities will have to be strengthened to prevent a recurrence of the blackout of last year. In addition, TWS was built to house crowds for only a day. It remains to be seen what will happen when

several thousand people try to spend three or four nights on the premises.

On the positive side, I have been assured by the promoters that none of these problems will arise this year.

It looks like the picnic is being planned much more extensively than last year's which was saved only by the good graces of the performers themselves. Many who appeared last year had to undergo great personal hassle and performed only because they wanted the festival to be a success.

Invited to perform this year are Jerry Jeff Walker, Michael Murphy, Commander Cody and the Lost Planet Airmen, Doug Sahm, Kinky Friedman, Roger Miller, Bill Monroe, Ernest Tubbs, Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge.

Also, Waylon Jennings, Billy Joe Shaver, Johnny Rodriguez, Charlie Rich, Lefty Friezels, Tom T. Hall, Jim & Jesse, Roy Acuff, Red Stegall and Sammie Smith.

It should be noted that nothing is definite about the festival, especially who will perform. With all the financial difficulties TWS has been having lately, a concert of this type should provide a means of turning a profit at the ill-fated track. All those desiring more information on the festival should write:

Fourth of July Picnic  
Box 9500  
College Station, Texas 77840  
Further developments on the festival will be noted in future editions of this column.

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