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it happens, say that a person is improperly convicted of robbery. DNA is taken...a sample is taken from that person and put in the data bank. Is that true?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What happens to that information? How far is it disseminated?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, it goes into what's called the CODIS system. And I've forgotten exactly what that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's okay. You don't have to go into detail.

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...stands for, but it's an FBI system nationwide.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And suppose, subsequent to this dissemination of this material, the individual is found innocent. What becomes of that material?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, it was my recollection--and I'll recheck this to make sure that I'm right--but the idea was that that would be expunged from the record. And I clearly recall that we did have some place in the...this, where there was a system for actually expunging the evidence in these kind of cases.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what is there that assures that such expungement takes place?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, I think it was done by the usual means, where people had to sign for this that it was done, there was official notification to the person, and this type of thing that was done in, shall we say, a legal way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And Senator Johnson, that's just to give you a tip-off as to other things I will want to discuss about the underlying bill, even though, despite my misgivings, I'm not going to try to...