

As I say, it is the responsibility of the commanding officer of Watervliet to make that assessment, along with his technical staff, prior to the award of the contract.

Mr. COURTNEY. Can you supply the information to us, General?

General BIGELOW. We certainly can provide the evaluation.

Mr. COURTNEY. As well as the results of the contract.

General BIGELOW. Well, both.

First, is the evaluation of the agency to do the work. And finally, at the completion of the contract, is the evaluation of the product.

And I believe, if the committee so desires, we can submit both of those evaluations.

(Submitted at end of day's testimony.)

Mr. HÉBERT. You just said, General, that this ordnance place has the capability.

Now, why would they have to go outside? These are the experts.

General BIGELOW. A matter of manpower availability to put on this problem at any one time.

I don't know the number of man-hours that will be involved in completing such a basic study, starting with such a basic study and coming up with a new design or a great improvement on a current design in the mortar family, both for increased range—

Mr. HÉBERT. I think it would be of interest, too, to know how many individuals of this company worked on this project—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 10?

General BIGELOW (addressing Mr. Wilson). Do you have the information on that?

Mr. HÉBERT. Do you have that information?

General BIGELOW. We do not have the information as to the number of people employed.

I think we have the man-years, though—have we not—man-years of effort, estimated to be required for the task (addressing an associate).

Mr. HÉBERT. Well, this is to go for 9 years, this study?

General BIGELOW. No, sir.

Mr. KITCHIN. Man-years.

Mr. SANDWEG. Man-years. For 1 year.

General BIGELOW. The man-years.

Mr. HÉBERT. Well, within the great framework of the Army personnel, individual competent officers couldn't be assigned to this task?

They have more task forces over there in the Pentagon than they have officers. Every day we get ad hoc committees, and task forces.

So why wouldn't it be just as simple and as easy and direct an approach to assign another task force to make this important study, of competent men in uniform?

General ELY. May I respond to that?

Mr. HÉBERT. Yes.

General ELY. Mr. Chairman, that problem, as brought out with these two contracts, is the same problem we face in essentially every operations research type contract that we undertake.

We have within the Army, certainly in general, the capabilities to do the job if we want to pull those men off the other work that they are doing and assemble them from wherever they might be.

For instance, to do this job, I am sure that General Bigelow could have brought a task force from Watervliet, and Watertown, and from his own staff, and probably from some of the field commands that are