

using the weapon, and have made a very good study of the relative capabilities.

But every one of these involves an interview and a lot of time.

In other words, to make these studies, I would assume that the Atlantic Research Corp. people are going to have to visit some of our field commands that are working with the weapon, that have had experience in comparable weapons.

I would expect that they will have to go to Watervliet and—they will have to go to a number of places. I would expect that they are going to have to bring in scientists that know metallurgy and know ballistics.

So for any given study, almost any study I could think of, there is within the Army the people who could be pulled together to make a very fine study. But you are going to take them away from something that we would in many cases feel is more important. And in the end we lose, by diverting them to this one mission for the time that it would take to carry it out.

Mr. HÉBERT. You couldn't utilize Reserve officers called to active duty for their tours instead of assigning them to come up and sit with congressional committees and report back what they hear?

General ELY. If we could find the Reserve officers with the right capabilities, I am sure we would.

Mr. HÉBERT. Don't you know the capabilities of the Reserve officers?

General ELY. I am sure we have a good reading on it.

But I doubt that we have the knowledge and detail of Reserve officers and their training in mortars, their knowledge of metallurgy, and their knowledge of ballistics, that we could pull together, and say, "Give us a study on this."

I would be surprised if we could.

Mr. NORBLAD. Well, if it is a case of manpower shortage as far as Ordnance is concerned, wouldn't it be interesting if you had been here a few weeks ago when we were listening to the testimony about the closure of Benicia and Mount Ranier, where we have a surplus of some 2,000 or 3,000 technical men in the ordnance field who are being thrown on the open market and out of jobs.

Mr. HÉBERT. Raritan, also.

Mr. NORBLAD. Raritan, also.

General BIGELOW. I might respond further.

The people that will be affected by the closeout of Benicia Arsenal, and the others that are in that same category—

Mr. NORBLAD. There are two or three more.

There is one at Lake Erie, I have forgotten the name of it, and one at Toledo, too.

General BIGELOW. Rossford.

Mr. NORBLAD. Yes, that is what I mean.

General BIGELOW. They are not the people that can do this engineering type of job. They are supply people, storekeepers, maintenance technicians, rebuild shopmen, and that sort of thing. They are not the engineers that we would expect to produce on some rather basic studies like this.

Mr. KITCHIN. May I ask this one question?

I understand that nobody here is available to answer the question as to what this particular research corporation is, and that is how