

Mr. HÉBERT. Thursday morning, because we have a full committee meeting tomorrow.

Mr. SANDWEG. No.

Mr. HÉBERT. We don't have a full committee meeting?

Mr. SANDWEG. No full committee meeting this week.

Mr. HÉBERT. Tomorrow morning, then.

We hate to inconvenience you, but you certainly inconvenienced us in your appearance without giving us answers to problems that were known, maybe not you individuals personally, but certainly to your Department for 3 months.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Chairman, for the interest of the committee—I don't want to place anyone under any embarrassment, but your letter of March 16, 1961, was directed to the Secretary of the Army—and I would like to place it in the record now so it will be clear.

Mr. HÉBERT. Read it into the record.

Mr. COURTNEY (reading):

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: In accordance with the provisions of H.R. 78, 87th Congress, the subcommittee desires to be informed concerning those contracts let by the Department of the Army during the period January 1, 1957, to date, in the realm of basic research, management surveys, feasibility studies, and all other "effort type" contracts, wherein the ultimate objective was something other than a product or a piece of hardware.

Your reply, which should be prepared in order to reach the subcommittee no later than April 7, 1961, will include the identity of the contract, the cost of the contract, the subject matter, results of the undertaking, and such other data as would be necessary for an understanding thereof.

Your prompt attention to this request will be appreciated.

Mr. GAVIN. What is the date of that letter?

Mr. COURTNEY. March 16, 1961.

Mr. HÉBERT. The gentleman there?

Colonel HOLMAN. I am Colonel Holman.

Mr. Chairman, I can speak with authority on this subject. On the 23d of March we received in the Contracts Division, DCSLOG, a request for certain information regarding certain types of contracts which this subcommittee desired to have by April 7.

The Army responded immediately, in an effort to get this information worldwide, and we made some submissions to this committee, on two different dates.

As I recall, we did not meet the deadline of April 7, but we did have the information here by April 10.

This represented a great deal of work from all of our procuring agencies. I was the action officer in this case, and the case was coordinated throughout the Pentagon with the appropriate people.

I also attended a meeting some weeks ago when this subject came up regarding the hearings now in hand, and at that time, in talking with Mr. Sandweg, it was our impression—or I should say it was my impression that they were concerned with the types of contracts which were not particularly related to these "think" or effort type contracts.

At the time we were working on this paper, two types of terms were used: "think" and then "effort" type contracts.

In any event, we are referring to the submissions we made back in April.

My point is, sir, that during the discussions with Mr. Sandweg later, it did not occur to me that this was related to this particular