

document. I was advised only yesterday morning that certain contracts were specifically specified to be discussed.

As far as I know, that was the first time that there was a relationship drawn between the two cases.

Mr. GAVIN. Who advised you?

Mr. HÉBERT. Mr. Sandweg.

Mr. SANDWEG. I think an explanation is due here, too. We had two separate approaches to this problem, that actually was coordinated. One was on contracting out, and the other was "efforts" type contracts.

At the time of the original request, the indications were that there would be hearings on both.

It was on Friday that we decided to combine them, and on Friday we notified the Army of the specific items that we would inquire into, that were brought up this morning.

There had been an understanding, I thought, that all of the "effort" type contracts that had been supplied to us in answer to our request would be subject to inquiry, if necessary.

Mr. HÉBERT. Well, naturally, if we asked for answers on a contract, it was to be presumed that they are going to be subject to inquiry. We just don't want to read the text, and then get confused by this conglomeration of words we hear.

We want to reduce it—like the man that is getting paid \$1 million for the war games—where you put it in simple words that Congressmen can understand.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question here? I will ask it of the colonel.

Is there any way possible that someone can be prepared to answer the type questions that have been asked thus far on these particular contracts by tomorrow morning?

Colonel HOLMAN. I would like to answer that question this way—if I may, sir?

There were some 1,000 to 1,500 contracts reported, worldwide, by our procuring agencies. We recognized at that time that questions might be raised, or could be raised about any one of this total.

It is my opinion, sir, that tomorrow morning is too early a date for the Army to respond in authoritative fashion on any one particular contract.

Mr. NORBLAD. Your commanding officer at this arsenal, up in New York State, would certainly let you know right from a telephone call.

Colonel HOLMAN. Sir, on any given contract the Army would, if the committee desires, I am sure, attempt to obtain the individual responsible, by the fastest transportation possible—to get the responsible individual here.

I am simply saying, sir, that on any given contract, given a reasonable period of time, the Army would attempt to respond.

Mr. KITCHIN. How many of these are in this particular group that you are asking now?

Colonel DENNISON. Twenty-three.

Mr. KITCHIN. So by tomorrow, it will not be possible to have witnesses here who can testify to all of the details with reference to these 23 contracts?

Colonel HOLMAN. Sir—if I might make this suggestion, sir?