

On the contracts that you are interested in knowing about, an effort could be made, within a matter of hours, to make an evaluation as to how soon they could respond to them.

I am referring, for example, to a case which might be involved in the Chief, Signal Corps Office, for example. There may well be some individual there who is fully cognizant of what occurred and the reasons for the action taken at that time.

In that event, it is entirely possible tomorrow morning a man could be here.

Mr. HÉBERT. Well, we will excuse the Army tomorrow and continue with the Navy, in view of what the colonel has said.

Mr. Secretary, we want to give you enough time. Because we know you will probably need a little bit more time to find out what happened over in your shop.

Secretary IGNATIUS. Yes, sir.

Mr. HÉBERT. So you will receive from counsel the 23 that we have in mind.

Mr. SANDWEG. They have them.

Secretary IGNATIUS. We do.

Mr. HÉBERT. And we will be in daily communication with you. We don't need a subcommittee, and we won't need a task force, or an outside organization with a research and development contractor, to keep in touch with you daily.

Secretary IGNATIUS. That is right.

Mr. HÉBERT. So you can expect a call, every day, to find out if you are ready.

(Secretary Ignatius nods.)

Mr. HÉBERT. And as soon as you are ready, we want you back here.

The committee stands in recess until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock—

Mr. KITCHIN. You will have the Navy tomorrow?

Mr. HÉBERT. Navy tomorrow. And I hope there is unification enough to get word to the Navy what we want.

(Further committee postadjournment remarks not reported.)

(Whereupon, at 12:06 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, 1961.)

(The following data was submitted by the Army in explanation of its contracts with Atlantic Research Corp.):

The Ordnance Corps has a mission to develop mortars for the Army. In order to design and develop an improved medium mortar, it was considered necessary to define certain elements in the performance of the present medium mortars and to collect previously unknown kinematic data to be used in a new proposed design which would represent a significant advance in this field of weaponry.

The Watervliet Arsenal became aware that the current and predicted workload in the mortar unit of the arsenal was such that sufficient man-hours were not available to accomplish this work within a reasonable time frame. Technical competence was available, however, to supervise the work of a contractor.

Invitations for proposals to do the work were issued to a number of qualified contractors and six proposals were received. The proposals were analyzed by Watervliet Arsenal and that of the Atlantic Research Corp. was considered most acceptable. Detailed study and review of the technical proposal was performed by the research and engineering division of Watervliet Arsenal. Final review of the proposal was performed by Watervliet Arsenal price analysis office. The findings and determinations of the technical and financial reviews were furnished as a package to the Watervliet Arsenal contract board of awards as a part of the proposed contract package. In this contract the Atlantic Research Corp.