

CONTRACTING-OUT PROCEDURES

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10:07 a.m., Hon. F. Edward Hébert (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. HÉBERT. The committee will be in order.

Members of the committee, when we adjourned yesterday we announced the Navy would be here this morning. The Navy has appeared through the Assistant Secretary and his witnesses.

Mr. Secretary, will you identify the people at the table with you?

Secretary BELIEU. Yes, sir.

On my right, Vice Admiral Beardsley, Chief of Naval Material. Next to him, Bob Moore, rear admiral, Deputy Assistant Chief, Bureau of Ships.

Where is Captain Harrington?

Captain HARRINGTON. Right here.

Secretary BELIEU. Captain Harrington, Assistant Chief for Production and Quality Control, Bureau of Naval Weapons.

Captain Swain, special assistant to the Assistant Chief for Fleet Readiness, Bureau of Naval Weapons.

Two witnesses, our principal witnesses: Dr. F. D. Rigby, Director, Mathematical Sciences Division, and Dr. Shirley Silverman, Director of Research, Office of Naval Research. These will be the principal gentlemen. We have other backup witnesses if needed, sir.

Mr. HÉBERT. Now you are familiar with the discussion which we are going to have this morning, and these witnesses are prepared to answer?

Secretary BELIEU. To the best of our ability; yes, sir.

I have a prepared statement, as the chairman knows, plus the backup of more additional detail for the record, which the committee may pursue at its leisure, if it wishes.

The Navy has been presented by committee counsel with some 15 contracts, which I would like to address myself to a little later on when I get through. These are in answer to the committee's specific questions.

Mr. HÉBERT. You are prepared to respond to the questions on the 15 contracts?

Secretary BELIEU. Yes, sir; we believe we are. If there is some information we don't have, of course we will provide it.

Mr. HÉBERT. That is fine. Proceed, Mr. Secretary.

Secretary BELIEU. Thank you, sir.