

CONTRACTING-OUT PROCEDURES

CODE 2051: BREAD AND BAKERY PRODUCTS

As defined in DOD instruction 4100.16 dated March 8, 1954, a bakery is "a centrally located bakeshop, not a part of the galley or kitchen of a general mess, which supplies bread and pastries to—

"(a) Messes for consumption, or

"(b) Commissaries for distribution to mess, or

"(c) For resale to services personnel as individuals."

A total of 16 bakery activities have been reported under the commercial-industrial activities survey program (BoB 60-2). Of this total eight were continued in operation by the Navy and eight were discontinued. One of the eight continuances was actually a bakeshop which was included as a function within the MARCORPS Supply Center, Barstow, Calif.

Seven of the continuances were justified on the basis of national security and one on the basis of clear unfeasibility (adm. imp.).

The justifications for continuance based on national security take into consideration the necessity for providing essential training to bakers for eventual duty in the field and with the fleet, and the need for providing refresher training in advanced techniques to bakers who are rotated from sea duty and overseas shore billets. Baking is a trade which requires constant attention to changing methods and techniques. Sufficient billets must be maintained, therefore, to adequately support the training and rotation needs of the Navy and to provide for the absolute minimum requirements of mobilization capacity.

In addition to providing training and rotation billets, these bakers also supply troop mess bread requirements at the activities of which they are a part.

It is the policy of the Department to restrict the baking of bread in general messes of the Continental Naval Shore Establishment to baker's schools, naval training centers, and to a minimum of the other continental shore activities where it will serve a necessary training purpose. The baking of cakes, pies, and other pastries are restricted to all general messes for immediate consumption of military personnel. With these exceptions the general messes of the Continental Naval Shore Establishment procure bread from available local commercial sources.

Mr. HÉBERT. Now, to bring it into definite and sharp focus. Under 60-2, the discretion is allowed the local commander of the area as to the application of the directive.

Secretary BELIEU. I would have to look that up again, sir. I believe you are correct.

Mr. HÉBERT. That is important here.

Secretary BELIEU. Yes.

Mr. HÉBERT. Because while in one community or one area the laundry or the bakery deal may be cheaper to the Government, in another area it would be prohibitive.

Secretary BELIEU. This is the way it should be.

Mr. HÉBERT. So as I say, it is up to the commander locally to apply the conditions.

Secretary BELIEU. Again, going back—we discussed bakeries and laundries.

Mr. HÉBERT. I am using those examples.

Secretary BELIEU. Well, they are good examples.

If you have to go overseas and perform the mission and you can't take this contracting out facility with you, you better have it in house, so you can go with it, or it can go with you.

Mr. HÉBERT. Well, that is the thing I am trying to develop, Mr. Secretary.

Secretary BELIEU. Yes, sir.

Mr. HÉBERT. Is to show that while the general principle and the expression of free enterprise on the local community, and all that sort of thing—it sounds pretty. It sounds well. It is put to music,