

Your statement, however, does not treat with the converse of those situations and say that you will procure, or will not contract out for other items, or that you will maintain in-house capability for the other items.

You say you will contract out for these, but you don't say that you are going to perform as an in-house capability all of the others, not by a jugfull. Now let's clarify that.

Secretary BELIEU. Well, again my policy would be, unless I am directed otherwise that—as I have said here: "Nonmission essential weapons and components when military control and performance is not required."

You could reverse this and just say the opposite. "That for all mission essential weapons we should have an in-house capability."

We should have an in-house capability where it meets training requirements or mobilization requirements or other requirements for rotation overseas. Now in many instances in new weapons it would be desirable if we had an in-house capability, because in-house capability gives you the better ability to inspect and to review and to know what you are doing and to plan your program better.

Unfortunately in this case technology expands so fast and the cost of building plants and of doing these things has prohibited all the inhouse capability that I think probably is essential to a military establishment in this country.

Now, where these things do not affect the military mission or we do not have to take them overseas in a rapid expansion, do not have to take the art with us, and where the cost is cheaper, I see no reason not to contract out.

Mr. HARDY. But now, can that be determined? Can determinations of that nature be made with respect to your installations generally, or do they have to be made on an individual installation basis as the chairman was discussing a moment ago?

Secretary BELIEU. I think the policy obviously has to come all the way to the top on the thing, pretty much.

Mr. HÉBERT. You didn't ask that question——

Mr. HARDY. No.

Secretary BELIEU. That is the way I understood it.

Mr. HARDY. The policy with respect—if it is of general application. But what might apply in one area might be directly inapplicable in another area.

Secretary BELIEU. That is completely correct, sir.

Mr. KITCHIN. On practically everything.

Secretary BELIEU. This would happen certainly in the case of laundries and other facilities of that nature.

I have not had enough experience with this to talk as precisely as I should for the committee's sake. I would assume—take two laundries, one in one part of the country and one in another, where the local commander says "I can do this cheaper here." He should come in and make his recommendation for it.

I think there is no question that the 60-2 says "You will go out-house wherever you can."

Mr. HARDY. It says "wherever you can."

Secretary BELIEU. Yes.