

effort to determine and implement an improved distribution between military, civilian, and contract services resources.

This concludes my presentation, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HÉBERT. Thank you very much, Colonel.

I want you to share the thanks and the cooperation of the committee which was extended yesterday to Colonel Riemondy. You have done a very, very fine job.

Mr. Secretary, this is the type of presentation the committee desired. I am grateful for it.

Secretary IMIRIE. Thank you, sir.

Mr. HARDY. Mr. Chairman, could I just pursue one step further the question I raised with the colonel a minute ago, about the Thompson Ramo Wooldridge aspect.

Now I want to be sure that I understand the ground rules of what eliminated them from this consideration, because one of the things that has bothered some of us in times past was the determination with respect to using Space Technology Laboratories to perform functions which generally had been considered were essentially inhouse type of functions.

(Secretary Imirie nods.)

Mr. HARDY. At least in times past they have been so regarded.

But it is because we are not dealing in this development area that they are not involved in this project.

Secretary IMIRIE. That is correct, sir.

If we understood the committee's wishes, the sequence would be—we would talk, this morning, in our appearance at this particular phase, of the more mundane types of contracting: maintenance, food services, medical, and so on.

Mr. HARDY. All right.

Secretary IMIRIE. Then at step 2, I think we are to be back to talk about the research contracts specifically: STL, Thompson-Ramo-Wooldridge and those things.

Mr. HARDY. Well, these were not always research contracts, Mr. Secretary, and that is why I raised this point.

Some of these were actually production contracts.

Secretary IMIRIE. That is right, as we discussed the last time we were up before you, in the fillister head screw production thing, which was a production contract.

Mr. HARDY. That is correct.

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes, sir, which are not included here.

Mr. HARDY. All right.

Mr. HÉBERT. Mr. Secretary, of course, you are familiar with the President's letter to Mr. Bell, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes, sir.

Mr. HÉBERT. In which the President, taking cognizance of this hearing which we are conducting, expanded the study in the executive department to include many other agencies, of which Defense is one.

Secretary IMIRIE. One, right.

Mr. HÉBERT. You are familiar with that?

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes, sir, I am.

Mr. HÉBERT. And the returnable date on that is December 1, as I understand it.