

Secretary IMIRIE. I believe that is correct, sir.

Mr. HÉBERT. Any other questions, Mr. Hardy?

Mr. HARDY. I have one or two more, Mr. Chairman, If I may. Colonel, I think this falls in the same category as the thing we were just discussing or talking about.

Back on page 2 of your statement, you say :

The policy is to maintain an inservice capability to perform combat and direct combat support functions.

Now, a little further on you become a little more specific in connection with that. But that does not include functions in connection with missiles and missile systems?

Colonel HILL. It would include functions in connection with missiles, yes, sir, if we were contracting there. By this I mean the operation and maintenance of the missile systems. It does not include the construction of the facilities or the purchase of the hardware, procurement, or anything of this nature.

What I am referring to is restricted to the operation and maintenance.

Mr. HÉBERT. Well—may I interrupt?

Mr. HARDY. Go ahead.

Mr. HÉBERT. Doesn't that fall in the category presented yesterday by Colonel Riemondy?

Secretary IMIRIE. In-house?

Mr. HÉBERT. The in-house, and contracting out.

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes, sir.

It is our determination with respect to missiles—the Atlas, Titan, and the Minuteman, as they come in—that this is a military function.

In the operation of the bird, the maintenance of the bird, and everything connected with it.

There may be some aspect of maintenance, however, as the programs get older, that may go out to contract. But primarily our plan is to maintain them in our air materiel areas. They will be maintained there.

Mr. HÉBERT. That is my appreciation of the presentation yesterday, and projected to the year 1965.

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes, sir.

Mr. HÉBERT. It is going to be for all comparable purposes—it is going to be about a 50–50 break in-house and contracting out.

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes.

Mr. HÉBERT. In some areas completely contracting out and in some areas completely in-house, and with the price factor comparable both ways.

That was my appreciation of Colonel Riemondy's testimony.

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes.

Mr. HARDY. Well, you have your price considerations there. But even more important is the ability to control the combat readiness insofar as any outside contracting is concerned.

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes, sir. I think the operation, the control, and operation of, say the Atlas, in an operational site as against a research site, is a blue suit operation irrespective of cost, in my opinion.

Mr. HÉBERT. I think that was reflected, too, Mr. Hardy.

Mr. HARDY. Yes.