

Mr. SANDWEG. Yes, I think we can go on to a couple of others. There are two others I would specifically like to refer to right now: Contract AF-34(601)-5233, with Oklahoma University at Norman, Okla., in the amount of \$1,500. The subject matter was: Cost of living in Midwest City in comparison to Oklahoma City, Okla., and the national average.

Secretary IMIRIE. Colonel Almand is here to address himself to that contract.

Mr. SANDWEG. Would he also have the one on the evaluation of the AFROTC curriculums?

Secretary IMIRIE. No, sir.

Can we handle them separately?

Mr. SANDWEG. Yes. We will take that one now.

(The contract data is as follows:)

Contract No.	Contractor name and address	Dollar amount obligated	Subject matter	Results
AF-34(601)5233-----	Oklahoma University	\$1,500	Cost of living in Midwest City in comparison to Oklahoma City, Okla., and national average.	Report.
AF-01(600)2611-----	American Institute for Research, Washington 9, D.C.	37,150	Data and analysis to systematically evaluate effects of AFROTC curriculum.	Do.

Mr. SANDWEG. The purpose of the inquiry here is to determine the basis for letting this contract, the authority to do so, and the extent of review.

And also, of course, the question: Was not this type of data available through something like the Bureau of Labor Statistics, or something of that nature?

Could you speak to that, Colonel?

Colonel ALMAND. Yes.

Mr. Chairman, I think it would be helpful in the beginning to clarify the phrase "a Midwest City." The contract referred to a cost of living survey that involved a comparison of the costs between—the cost of living in the United States as a whole, and Oklahoma City, and Midwest City, Okla.

Mr. NORBLAD. Which is just suburban Oklahoma City, as I recall.

Colonel ALMAND. It is.

Mr. NORBLAD. About as far as from here to Arlington, I would say. Isn't it almost built up right through?

I drove through it last year.

Colonel ALMAND. It is adjacent to Tinker Air Force Base. It is a city of some 35,000 or 40,000 population.

Mr. NORBLAD. It is right on the edge of Oklahoma City.

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes, sir; I think that is a fair statement.

Colonel ALMAND. Also, I think it would be helpful to state that Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area, where this contract was negotiated, is a large installation of some 20,000 civilian employees and some 4,000 military.