

He, as commander of that installation, sensed a morale problem, which may have the effect of interfering with his mission.

These are his words; the fact that he couldn't keep people nearby because the word was out they were being gouged by the civilian population.

Mr. HÉBERT. Did he keep them nearby after that?

Secretary IMIRIE. So far as we can ascertain, from speaking with him and the current deputy commander down there, this is the case. The practical effect of having this university study the problem demonstrated the point that the work force was not being gouged, allowed the military there to put the rumors to bed.

Mr. HÉBERT. It wasn't one of Bud Wilkinson's football players that made this research, was it?

Secretary IMIRIE. Maybe it was Wilkinson. I don't know.

But I submit to the committee we have a judgment factor. And I respect the man that made the judgment. But you can criticize or you can support this thing.

Mr. HARDY. I can't find anything to support in it.

Secretary IMIRIE. If you are stuck on the base with a morale problem you do many things to get rid of it.

Mr. HARDY. Yes, you do. But you usually do it with a little more practical thing.

Colonel RECTOR. Mr. Chairman, he did accomplish by this technique—and I suspect this was the concern of General Gerrity—a disinterested look at the total problem.

Mr. NORBLAD. This couldn't have been done through the Labor Department or Commerce Department, who do this sort of thing all the time?

Colonel RECTOR. Not in terms of bias and rumor.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. HÉBERT. Mr. Courtney.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Chairman, a question on this matter of making these contracts.

Now the authority under which—correct me if I am wrong—this contract and the previous contract was made was under the delegation of authority from the Secretary.

Secretary IMIRIE. Right.

Mr. COURTNEY. In research and development contracts it authorizes the subordinate echelons to enter into these contracts if the amount does not exceed \$100,000, isn't that correct?

Secretary IMIRIE. Basically, yes.

Mr. COURTNEY. So could you tell the committee how much of these funds are allocated, for example, to these different bases which can be distributed on the basis we have shown here? How much is allocated to Dr. Hutchinson, which he can parcel out in lumps up to \$100,000 without any review?

I am not suggesting that there is anything about the contract, excepting to say that this is an authority which is delegated out.

Now how much of these funds, of Air Force funds, are out in these different commands and through these different bureaus and subsidiaries which can be handed out in this way?

Secretary IMIRIE. I think we can prepare and submit to you a chart or some graphic presentation to show that in detail. But the best