

Mr. HÉBERT. Mr. Secretary, the Air Force doesn't have a contract like West Point does, to find out how to get finer talents into the Air Academy.

Secretary IMIRIE. No, sir.

Dr. GROVES. No, sir.

Mr. HÉBERT. You are satisfied with your talent?

Secretary IMIRIE. Yes, sir.

Mr. HÉBERT. It seems like West Pointers are the only ones not satisfied, that they are not getting the best.

We spent \$40,000 to find out we have to attract better young men to West Point.

Dr. GROVES. No, sir. We are satisfied.

Mr. COURTNEY. A better grade of men.

Mr. HÉBERT. A better grade of men, a finer grade—I forget what the expression was.

Mr. HARDY. In connection with this contract, Doctor, couldn't you have employed people to conduct this survey with just as much competence as you are contracted for?

It sort of surprises me that the Air University—

Dr. GROVES. The man we lost—the man who developed and designed the contract we lost only a year ago. We have been trying, shaking the bushes to find somebody ever since.

Mr. HÉBERT. I think it is interesting here, and well to point out, that during the conflict-of-interest investigation, this committee expended itself to the extent of two young lawyers to do that job, and I think they did a very fine job.

And what did it cost us? Two months' salary for each one, I think, Mr. Courtney?

Mr. COURTNEY. Well, summer salaries.

Mr. HÉBERT. Summer salaries. It didn't cost us anything like \$37,000 to find that out.

I would like to have that kind of money to operate this committee. We would probably be in hearing afternoons, mornings, afternoons, mornings, and nights.

Mr. NORBLAD. We are, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HÉBERT. That is what amazes us.

Dr. GROVES. It is a very large program, sir.

In the whole area of evaluation, it is about the only money that we spent outside.

I guess our overall evaluation program involves close to half a million people, in courses that go from a few weeks to a year in length. It is a large operation.

Frankly, my personal opinion is we are operating it in this particular aspect of it—we are operating on a bare minimum level.

Mr. HÉBERT. We can understand that.

The next one, Mr. Sandweg.

Mr. SANDWEG. We have two others that we might consider together, since they seem to be the same type of contract.

They are Air Force contracts AF 30(602)2109, and AF 30(602)2206.

They are identical contracts, one with the United Aircraft Corp., Missile and Space Systems Division, for a total valuation of \$170,812, half of which cost was paid by the contractor. The other with the