

It is the problem of a peak load. Everybody is busy or else we have people we don't need.

Mr. HÉBERT. All right, let's proceed to the next contract.

Mr. SANDWEG. The next contract in line is with the Armour Research Foundation of Illinois. Contract DA-36-039-sc-66476, which is a study of ways and means to improve the Army combat development system.

(The description of the contract is as follows:)

Type of effort: Research.

Contractor: Armour Research Foundation of Illinois, Institute of Technology, 10 West 35th Street, Chicago 16, Ill.

Contract No.: DA-36-039-sc-66476.

Date of award: June 30, 1958.

Cost of contract: \$50,703.

Completion date: March 31, 1959.

Subject matter: A study in ways and means to improve the Army combat development system.

Recommendation or suggestion and to whom made: Recommendations of the contractor were furnished USCONARC.

Acceptance or rejection of recommendation or suggestion and why: Recommendations and final report were accepted by USCONARC as being acceptable and as a result more effective means were developed for collecting, abstracting, distributing, storing, and recalling information used by 31 military agencies engaged in developing new doctrine, new organizations, and requirements for new material.

Mr. SANDWEG. Would that contract be on the same order as this type of contract?

General TRUDEAU. I doubt it.

Whoever is knowledgeable on that should speak to the subject. It is a contract completed in 1959. I am not personally cognizant of it.

Mr. VANCE. I am James Vance from the Signal Engineering Agency, in the Computer System Division.

I served as the assistant project officer in that project, sir, and the project there is an engineering study of the combat development system of the U.S. Army, which is under the Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe.

This study was an engineering study to approve, check the efficiency of, and recommend guidelines for better efficiency in the future operation of the combat development system.

Now would you care for me to explain the combat development system because that is fundamental to an understanding of this contract. This is a term applied to a group of associated agencies whose activities are oriented toward the future of the entire Army in the broad areas of new doctrine, new organization, and new material. The system agencies are organic to the major elements of the Army charged with the development and evaluation of future concepts.

Now this combat development system resulted as a byproduct of a study called Project Vista. Project Vista was concerned with a study of the ground and air tactical warfare with special reference to the defense of Western Europe. That final report was submitted in February 1952 and as an outgrowth of the study it was recommended that a combat development group be established for the purpose of carrying out experimental research on the problems of ground combat both in the laboratory and in the field.