

Mr. SANDWEG. May we now refer to the contract with Melpar, Inc., Falls Church, Va., contract DA36-039-SC-80543, awarded in August 1960 in the amount of \$249,852.57.

(The detail on the contract above referred to is as follows:)

Type of effort: Feasibility study.

Contractor: Melpar, Inc., 3000 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, Va.

Contract No.: DA36-039-SC-80543.

Date of award: August 2, 1960.

Cost of contract: \$249,852.57.

Completion date: September 15, 1961.

Subject matter: Perform for a period of 12 months engineering tests on automatic telephone switching equipment developed for the U.S. Army Signal Corps. The objectives of the tests were:

(a) To obtain sufficient information to establish the functional capabilities, limitations, electrical and mechanical characteristics of the electronic telephone switching equipment.

(b) To determine the compatibility of this equipment with specific items of Signal Corps communication equipment. Under terms of the requirements the contractor will plan and conduct fair and impartial tests and analyses of the equipment.

Recommendations or suggestions and to whom made: The contract is approximately 55 percent complete. No recommendations or conclusions to be made by the contractor. In lieu thereof, the results of the engineering type tests performed on GFP available to the contractor at Fort Huachuca will be submitted indicating whether or not original design specifications have been met.

Acceptance or rejection of recommendation or suggestion and why: Not applicable. Contractor required to furnish engineering assistance only.

Mr. SANDWEG. The subject matter was to perform for a period of 12 months engineering tests on automatic telephone switching equipment developed for the U.S. Army Signal Corps, the recommendations and suggestions are listed as follows:

No recommendations or conclusions to be made by the contractor. In lieu thereof, the results of the engineering type tests performed on GFP available to the contractor at Fort Huachuca will be submitted indicating whether or not original design specifications have been met.

Now, gentlemen, in reading that that appears to me to say that the Signal Corps obtained a new piece of automatic telephone switching equipment.

Who developed it, I don't know, but they then asked Melpar to come in and determine whether the original design specifications of the manufacturer had been met.

Could you explain that, Colonel Johnston?

Colonel JOHNSTON. Right. This particular contract is placed with Melpar, as the record shows, to assist us in an evaluation of this equipment.

Our laboratory has supervised the contract for the development of this equipment. This is a family of automatic switchboards.

Mr. SANDWEG. Who developed it?

Colonel JOHNSTON. The name of the contractor is Stromberg Carlson.

Mr. SANDWEG. On whose specifications?

Colonel JOHNSTON. The specifications as prepared and published by the Signal Corps, by our own laboratory.

Mr. SANDWEG. In other words, Melpar was to check on your specifications?