

Colonel JOHNSTON. No, sir; the actual attainment by the contractor of an original design and the actual attainment of an individual piece of equipment of the technical specification, I think we are perfectly competent of evaluating. We wanted to see the behavior of this equipment in the field and the field environment, in organizational usage.

Mr. HARDY. Then the thing that was said a while ago was an incorrect evaluation of what you wanted. Let me read it to you again, Colonel, and we will see: This thing says, no recommendation or conclusion to be made by the contractor. That is No. 1. And he is not making any recommendation. He doesn't make any conclusion or finding. Next, in lieu thereof, the result of the engineering type test performed on GFP available to the contractor at Fort Huachuca will be submitted indicating whether or not original design specifications have been met.

Colonel JOHNSTON. This is the systems capability, the design of the systems capability, sir, rather than the individual piece of hardware.

Mr. NORBLAD. Well, did Melpar assist you in the design originally or did you people do it yourself?

Colonel JOHNSTON. Well, actually, sir, we went out to industry, telling industry what we desired in the way of an automatic switching capability. We received several different proposals. We evaluated these proposals, we selected the technical approach which we thought offered the greatest opportunity.

We then assisted the contractor by putting into our final contract with him certain specific technical specifications. He did meet those specifications. This was proven in our engineering test at our laboratory. The systems test is a totally different thing and we did not have the internal capability to do the systems test at Fort Huachuca without assistance from a contractor.

Mr. HARDY. How many man-years was required of the contractor on this?

Major BEAM. I will have to get that from the contracting officer.

Mr. HARDY. That is all right. How many men were they employing on the contract?

Mr. COVINGTON. My name is Robert E. Covington. I am from the U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground. We had from 9 to 12 men working on this contract.

Mr. HARDY. Continuously, full-time?

Mr. COVINGTON. Yes, sir, full-time.

Mr. SANDWEG. For how long, Mr. Covington?

Mr. COVINGTON. Approximately 8 months now.

Mr. HARDY. Well, it says it is a 12-month contract.

Mr. COVINGTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARDY. And it is supposed to be over on September 15. Now what is involved—insofar as the contractor is concerned, what is involved other than the technicians that are employed here?

Mr. COVINGTON. Do you mean military people, sir?

Mr. HARDY. No, I am talking about the contractor.

Mr. COVINGTON. The necessary support that we would have for the direct people?

Mr. HARDY. Well, let's see what the major has to say about that. Maybe he can give details on it.

Major BEAM. The contract as per the document that was submitted several months ago said it was to be completed in September. How-