

"2. Cooperative joint efforts between GSA and the Office of Economic Opportunity since its creation have been successful in avoiding the establishment of a duplicate supply system in OEO. Under these arrangements:

"(a) The Job Corps uses certain excess or long-supply military clothing and textiles and other items of equipment and supply, and DSA supports the Corps for other recurring clothing requirements.

"(b) Where it is economical to do so, Job Corps centers obtain both perishable and nonperishable subsistence support either from DSA or local military installations.

"Chairman DOUGLAS. I have inspected some of the Job Corps camps. What you say is true, dungarees furnished from GSA, boots, blankets, excellent.

"Mr. KNOTT. OEO, for a new agency, comes nearer utilizing the full spectrum of services that GSA has to offer than any agency that I know of in Government.

"Chairman DOUGLAS. What we on the Hill are somewhat distrustful of are the empire builders. An agency wants to get everything under its wing. If each agency does this, you get great duplication.

"Mr. KNOTT. Right. They have been willing and ready to use excess property, rehabilitated property, excess installations. They have been willing to use our services, in fact, have called upon us for rehabilitation of their buildings.

"All of our services, in one way or another, have been contributing to their use.

"(c) GSA is now furnishing or arranging to furnish complete supply support for all OEO programs, including the preparation of specifications, procurement and storage and distribution of training materials and other program-type items.

"In each instance, our negotiations with the civil agencies are guided by a single principle: Complete and effective supply support for Federal agencies at the lowest cost to the Government as a whole. Each arrangement we have concluded or have underway is designed to avoid duplication of effort in the management, procurement, storage, and distribution of the Government's supply needs.

"Since the last hearings, we have been working on additional aspects of the short-shelf-life problem."

