

better on the competitive purchase. I think the way to do it is to train the purchasers. How many women do you have purchasing?

Mr. ABERSFELLER. Quite a few. One of our section chiefs is a woman.

UNIFORM "BUY AMERICAN" POLICY

Representative GRIFFITHS. Would a uniform Buy-American policy facilitate your work?

Mr. ABERSFELLER. Yes.

Representative GRIFFITHS. Thank you, I am finished.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Congressman Moorhead?

Representative MOORHEAD. No further questions.

Chairman PROXMIRE. It is 11:40 and we have Mr. Hughes here from the Bureau of the Budget. But before you gentlemen leave I would like to ask you if you would supply answers for the record—since we do not want to detain Mr. Hughes further—I wonder if you would answer these questions:

First, let me say that we had an excellent presentation by Mr. R. Douglas Marshall, chairman of the board of trustees of the National Association of Wholesalers.

If you could review that statement by Mr. Marshall and then tell us when you do stock; when you open-end-buy; when you make open-end purchases; and your criteria for each of these. Also, if you could give us an idea of your rate of inventory turnover and whether or not you have classes that move less than once per year. Then there are some questions which Mr. Ward will submit to you, two or three questions on real property management; and finally, you submitted some very impressive savings here and we are delighted to see those, of course—savings of \$1.4 billion in 1965, \$1.6 billion in 1966. Would you object if we asked GAO to look at your backup material and report to us on those savings?

Mr. KNOTT. Not at all.

Chairman PROXMIRE. We trust you completely but we would like to get as much of this as we can. We think we can learn a lot from it if they can report to us.

(Answers to the questions set forth by Chairman Proxmire were subsequently received by the committee from GSA and are included herein:) (App. I, p. 271.)

Chairman PROXMIRE. Thank you very, very much. It has been most impressive, helpful, and enlightening testimony.

Our next witness is Mr. Hughes, Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget. At this point in the record we will include the letter sent to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

APRIL 25, 1967.

HON. CHARLES L. SHULTZE,
Director, Bureau of the Budget,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SCHULTZE: This letter will confirm conversations between members of our respective staffs that the Subcommittee on Economy in Government will hold hearings on May 8, 9, 10, and 16, 1967 and in general will follow up on topics previously considered by the Subcommittee on Procurement of the Joint Economic Committee. Your agency is scheduled to testify after the other executive agencies on the 16th. (Hearing room to be announced later.)

We will appreciate your views on the recommendations in the Subcommittee report of May 1966, namely, progress in developing a National Supply System,