

III. PLANNED UTILIZATION

The civilian defense medical stockpile inventory has been reviewed and 186 items with a value of \$42.5 million, have been identified as having a shelf life which will expire on or before December 31, 1968. These items have been referred to DOD and VA for utilization by rotation to the extent those agencies have requirements prior to the expiration of the useful life of the inventory items.

The GSA and the DOD have worked together to resolve the short life problem and have agreed on and issued comparable procedures for the identification, designation of useful life, and establishment of controls for shelf-life items to minimize loss and insure maximum use prior to deterioration. The data which will be gathered under these procedures will be carefully reviewed as a measure of the effectiveness of the actions which are being taken to obtain maximum utilization of short-shelf-life supplies.