

Now, we asked 48 firms; 23 did not reply. Twelve don't sell their products on the foreign market. Eight didn't give us a definitive price. One firm dealt in bulk sales only. We received price lists from three firms.

Senator NELSON. Twenty-three didn't reply at all?

Mr. WHITWORTH. No reply at all.

Senator NELSON. Well, I hope that you would consider having the GAO examine the costs of negotiated contracts. If I understand the law correctly, it has to be done after the contract is negotiated, but in any event, that would inform you for future negotiations.

Mr. WHITWORTH. Well, Senator, we will consider that, yes, sir.

Senator NELSON. Thank you very much.

We will meet in this same room tomorrow at 10 o'clock and the witness will be the Department of Defense.

Thank you very much, gentlemen.

(Whereupon, at 12:20 p.m., the Subcommittee on Monopoly of the Select Committee on Small Business adjourned, to reconvene the following morning at 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 3, 1971.)