

## COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 11917

Meanwhile, one interagency agreement between DOD and FDA has already been finalized. It provides for FDA inspection of foreign drug manufacturers upon request by DOD. FDA's inspectional findings will be utilized by DOD in their procurement of finished dosage form drugs manufactured by domestic firms from raw materials produced by foreign firms.

Concurrently, a task force composed of representatives from the General Services Administration (GSA), DOD, VA, and FDA has been formed to:

- (1) determine the universe of other medical products.
- (2) identify all Federal agencies which procure these products.
- (3) determine what is being done now with regard to quality assurance.
- (4) identify all resources, including manpower and facilities.
- (5) develop necessary rationale for requesting or rejecting quality assurance responsibility for specific items.

We believe that the experience we have gained in implementing the drugs/biologics plan will be valuable in expediting the development of a central quality assurance program for other medical products.