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5. Presentation by J. Richard Crout, M.D., Director, Bureau of Drugs, FDA, DHEW -- September 19, 1974. The chairman called attention to the above presentation, subject: "The FDA Government-wide Quality Assurance Program for Drugs and Medical Items," (copies distributed) given by Dr. Crout, which related to OMB recommendation 4. He noted that the presentation had generated a great deal of interest from the affected Federal agencies and industry. Mr. Whitworth (VA), who attended the presentation, briefed the committee giving his impression and opinion as to the impact of the speech in relation to the recommendation. The chair was of the opinion that DHEW would designate a liaison person to work with the Med/NPS committee. Mr. Tobin (DHEW) stated he had contacted the responsible office and the matter was being implemented. The Secretary of DHEW in his letter of July 16, 1974, had stated that formal liaison with the committee would be established.

6. Discussion of strategy to deal with the procurement of nonperishable subsistence (NPS) items. It was the consensus of the committee that NPS items covered a large interest area. The committee agreed that basically procurement of NPS items are the responsibilities of VA and DOD. Questions were raised regarding the definition of items, procurement