

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 12239

3. Consideration of adopting Task Order #1. The chair advised that the Task Group would begin their work next week (week of September 30), and that the work plan is due by October 29, 1974.

It was pointed out that recommendation 2 was inadvertently omitted from the Task Order and that it should be inserted under "Item 2. Scope." Recommendation 2 reads as follows:

"The system should utilize the operational competence and capability for purchasing drugs, medical items and nonperishable subsistence now existing in the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration. The corresponding purchasing responsibilities currently being carried out in the General Services Administration and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare should be transferred to DOD and VA."

In the light of Mr. DiFedele's report under item 1, the committee agreed to delete the words, "trade associations" listed under Item 4(b). (Amended copy appears as Enclosure 2)

4. Amendment of Committee Charter. Because of the reference to the OMB Circular A-63 dated March 2, 1964, listed in the charter, the committee noted that the circular dealt primarily with the establishment of advisory committees rather than interagency committees, and upon recommendation of the General Counsel, this reference should be deleted from the charter. An amended copy of the charter will be submitted to participating agency heads for concurrence. (Amended copy appears as Enclosure 3)