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This effort will develop a prototype for subsequent action on the remaining families of items.

The net result should be that a single contracting office will be responsible for contracting centrally for an entire family of items.

Recommendation Number 4

The Committee discussed the relation of Recommendation Number 4 to the other Recommendations. Several of those present asserted that an effective program of quality assurance would have to respond to the needs of user activities and the requirements of the contracting officer. Mr. Currie pointed out that the implementation of Recommendation Number 4 would require significant legislative and administrative action, and that OMB expected DHEW to take the chief responsibility for proposing necessary measures.

Mr. Hyman suggested, and the Committee agreed, that the Committee should participate by informing DHEW as it develops the requirements of the recommended single system of management.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Currie requested that Mr. Sorett and Mr. Tobin contact FDA regarding a presentation of FDA's position and implementing program at a future session.