

12092 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

- a. Eliminate duplication in purchasing by assigning all purchasing responsibility for a single family of items in a single purchasing office. The using activities should continue to requisition in accordance with current prescribed procedures.
- b. Collect essential usage data on items obtained repetitively and in high volume from other than central depots in order to enter these items into the supply system.
- c. Plan for further coordination to improve procurement and supply management including consolidation of warehouse facilities.
- d. Cause the system to be not only economical but responsive to agency needs, including mobilization planning and military necessity.

The fourth recommendation deals with Government-wide quality assurance. A plan for this is now being developed under the leadership of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

To continue, a task group consisting of members from the Defense Personnel Support Center, Department of Defense; the Veterans Administration Marketing Center; Federal Supply