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(a) what items are being purchased, (b) from what sources items are being acquired, (c) who is purchasing items, and (d) for which users items are being purchased. Messrs. Shaunnessy and Spellman indicated they expected to be in a position to present a report at the next meeting.

3. Ad Hoc Interagency Committee on Food. Mr. Sorett advised the group that an Ad Hoc Interagency Committee on Food was convened by Mr. James Currie of OMB (OFPP) with representatives from Agriculture, DOD, VA, NOAA, FDA and GSA (OFMP) in attendance. The basis for this Committee resulted from COGP Recommendations D-16 and D-17. The Committee will address specifically Government-wide quality assurance for food and marketing information systems. Mr. Sorett will keep the group informed of the Committee's progress.

4. Progress report from task group on medical items. Colonel Ralph Trimble, chairman of the task group on medical items, stated there were three or four concepts to be developed. For instance, one of these is collection of procurement data on a line item basis. DOD is now working on developing such a system. Colonel Trimble suggested holding the task group's work in abeyance until the DOD study is more defined. He noted particularly that items 1 and 2 of the Task Order #1 are also covered in the DOD