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Mr. WATERS. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I want to thank you for the opportunity to discuss AID's utilization of excess property in support of our economic development programs throughout the world, with special emphasis on AID requests for acquisitions during the U.S. military movement from France.

We feel we are figuratively beating swords into plowshares, by making effective use for peaceful, civilian purposes of extensive equipment excess to military requirements—at considerable savings to the taxpayer.

We are making such savings by both substituting rehabilitated equipment for new procurement as well as stretching the effectiveness of appropriated economic assistance dollars in accomplishing development objectives.

Nearly 2 years have passed since I reviewed the status and operations of AID excess property programs before this committee. Then I was Assistant Administrator of AID for Material Resources, having responsibility for the excess property programs as well as the Agency's new procurement. While the Agency's functions under my direction have just recently been changed under a reorganization called for by the President in his foreign aid message to Congress in March, and I no longer have direct responsibility for the excess property program, it was my responsibility for the period you are reviewing and I appreciate this opportunity to account for my stewardship. Hereafter, in AID the excess property program will come under the direction of the Assistant Administrator for Administration, while I concentrate my attention on the many facets of our Government's war on hunger throughout the world.

Mr. MONAGAN. Mr. Waters, who is the Assistant Administrator?

Mr. WATERS. He is William O. Hall. He is presently away from the United States.

Mr. MONAGAN. Thank you.

Mr. WATERS. In order to more fully brief the new members of the committee, my statement includes some general background information about our programs reviewed in earlier hearings.

Since 1960, we have acquired over \$360 million worth of U.S. Government-owned excess property to complement other available resources for the economic development of developing countries. This added resource has served to stretch available AID funds and permitted more effective accomplishment of economic development goals.

A few examples of utilization of this property in AID projects and programs are as follows: cots, water distributing equipment, blankets, clothing, et cetera, are now being used in the refugee program in South Vietnam; machine tools, woodworking equipment, and handtools in the vocational educational program in South Vietnam; medical supplies, cots, wheelchairs, et cetera, in the medical education program in South Vietnam; construction and roadbuilding equipment—bull-