

Mr. ROMNEY. Is there a basis for your determining, in cases of large quantities of property being available, what you would take or request during the screening process?

Mr. WATERS. Yes. We try to watch the utilization and the types of things most in demand by our missions. We have encouraged our field missions, our technicians developing projects in the field, to give us as much advance guidance as possible: The types of equipment they would desire that would help them avoid the necessity for new procurement. This guidance is passed to the people doing the examination at bases and sites. Quantity, condition of the equipment, frequency of use are all factors to be considered.

Mr. ROMNEY. Are these requests from the missions coordinated through Washington, or are they made directly to your—

Mr. WATERS. Both ways. Dual copies go to Washington on a worldwide basis in Washington. There are Southeast Asia missions through which most of their activity is directly with the Tokyo regional office, and certainly Africa and the Middle East missions. Turkey and Pakistan do have extensive business with the mission in Europe.

Mr. ROMNEY. Much of the property which has been made available for possible use by AID, particularly in the European area recently, has been passed over. What opportunity would AID have to go back and perhaps recapture some of this which it found that it had later a need for?

Mr. WATERS. As long as it has not been sold or otherwise disposed of by the military, we could always go back. Our inspections of these bases is a continuing process. It is true that we are somewhat under time pressures on the movement out of France. We are continually examining the facilities in Germany. Much of the readjustment of equipment may lead us to additional excess out of Germany, now, and we will watch and follow that. However, we feel that all of the normal processes were followed even in the speeding up processes in France. We still make our requests, and the military would still go through all of their channels to see if there was a need for any other military unit for this equipment before it was made available to us.

Mr. ROMNEY. In Europe, in some of the bases and installations there is some property described as related personal property. We might think of it more as fixtures. And some effort is now being made, as we are informed, to dispose of this in France. But failing success in that, it would in some cases be removed.

I was wondering if Mr. Woll has any knowledge of the nature of some of this property that might be of use to AID, and whether AID has any plans with respect to that property?

Mr. WOLL. Yes, we do, Mr. Romney. Various missions have come to us for requests for household type items: fixtures and so forth; and we have acquired some. Now, the American School which is going to start operations in Antwerp has requested various type items like this, as well as school supplies and equipment. We have made arrangements to assist the Department of State in setting up this school in Antwerp.

As Mr. Waters has said, we have, and will continue to keep on top of everything that is generated in France as well as the other countries. And anything that we think we can use, we will request from the military.