

Mr. WATERS. I may add on this from experience of watching the operations in Europe, or excess property offices, utilization officers are usually one step ahead, even if an individual installation is planning to excess something, they are right on their toes and usually know about this and are following the request made for clearance through the European theater and are waiting for the clearance to come back from CONUS to see whether they can get the property. So, they are following the clearance process, even after it has been cleared. We try to anticipate the clearance rather than just wait for the list.

Mr. COPENHAVER. Now, when your Frankfurt office gets the list of property from DOD that has been excessed by the military, do you use your screening officers who are located in Germany or in France to screen all this property, or do you bring in screening officers from Vietnam, Latin America or Africa, for example?

Mr. WOLL. For our own 608 program, Mr. Copenhagen, we use our own people.

Now, there have been AID technicians from missions and regions who have come into Europe and screened also.

Mr. COPENHAVER. But primarily, it is your screening officers who are located in Europe who screen for the other theaters, is that right?

Mr. WOLL. Yes.

Mr. COPENHAVER. Without seeking to take too much time of the committee, do you have any opinion as to how your screening operations compare to the screening operations of the military? And particularly, I ask this question: In your opinion, does the military now have the same high caliber operation onsite screening that AID has?

By way of background, there was a time when the military did not have sufficiently trained screening officers to actually go out and screen property in some cases which has been declared excess as AID had.

Do you have any opinion, now?

Mr. WATERS. We follow their procedures pretty well. But how they arrive at their decision on it, this is pretty difficult for me to judge.

Mr. COPENHAVER. All right. You indicated in your statement that there was a change of organization within AID concerning excess property programing. As I understand it, initially, the excess property program was tied in with your procurement program?

Mr. WATERS. Yes.

Mr. COPENHAVER. Now, it is to be changed, and the excess property program is to be placed under the assistant AID Administrator for Administration?

Mr. WATERS. Perhaps I did not make that clear enough. Part of the move in reorganization was to move all procurement operations of the agency under the Assistant Administrator for Administration under a new Office of Procurement. So, the relationship is still preserved and protected in the relationship to the new procurement.

Mr. Pat O'Leary, who was formerly an Associate Administrator of mine, is in the Office of Procurement. Mr. Woll will be operating under his direction.

He, in turn, will be operating under the Assistant Administrator for Administration. I mentioned him because that is the level of the presidential appointee provision of the program.

I want to assure you, however, that my own interest in this program will continue. I expect to move from a supplier in the program to a user in the program, because I see many opportunities for use of this