

Mr. MONAGAN. In other words, this is property that has been taken by AID and then turned over under the AID program to a recipient country?

Mr. BERNGARTT. That is right, sir.

Mr. MONAGAN. And it is limited to the AID program, or perhaps military assistance?

Mr. BERNGARTT. I am not aware of the work that we are doing under the military assistance program. I am aware that we are doing some under the AID program.

Mr. MONAGAN. Do you know of any specific examples that are being followed up and what country or countries would be involved?

Mr. BERNGARTT. I know they are doing some work in Turkey, for instance.

Mr. MONAGAN. Most of the property generated in Europe would be used in the Middle East, wouldn't it? Do you know that?

Mr. BERNGARTT. No.

Mr. MONAGAN. Mr. Woll?

Mr. WOLL. For the AID program, most of the property would be utilized in the Middle East and Africa.

Mr. MONAGAN. Mrs. Heckler, I know that you have some other demands on your time. Would you like to ask some questions, now?

Mrs. HECKLER. Well, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I was impressed with the statement that this gentleman made. I think, Mr. Stolarow, that you have outlined some of the areas of inquiry that were on my mind. The fact that you have undertaken this procedure of review, in the sense stated, helps to define the problems that we all face in looking at this whole program.

I will await your response and your review. Apparently you feel that you have not had enough time to go into the Army inventory procedures.

Mr. STOLAROW. That is correct. In general, what was involved was a rapid movement on which most of the military people were involved with the prime purpose being to move the stocks and maintain control of them; that is, to move them out of France to other locations to comply with General De Gaulle's decision. And we didn't feel that we could get in the middle of this type of operation at that time. But now that the move is substantially over, we feel that we would like to go back and see what was done and how it was handled and call to the attention of the Department of Defense and the Congress any area that we think needs improvement.

Mr. MONAGAN. Well, there isn't much we can do about it now as far as improving it, I guess?

Mr. STOLAROW. Except we may run into similar situations in the future.

Mrs. HECKLER. Have you had problems with this before? You intimate that in this report.

Mr. STOLAROW. Yes. Inventory controls have been a continuing problem throughout the Department of Defense for a long time. And of course when you move large amounts of stock, this compounds your problem in determining where it is and what the condition of it is, and we wanted to take a look at this right away so that if there were certain areas that could be corrected immediately, we could call them to the attention of the military services.

Mrs. HECKLER. I have no further questions.