

Those things that were aimed at improving space utilization were part of a continuing operation within the Army. The improvement of space utilization is a continuing program in Defense.

Mr. ROMNEY. Does this mean that the plans which you have for other storage prior to the need created by Operation FRELOC have then been altered to provide for less, or fewer, facilities for storage than otherwise would have been the case?

Mr. ZARETZKY. That is correct.

Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. Zaretsky, I think we had indicated earlier an interest in a special situation which sometimes exists in the Defense Department's overseas activities, and in which the needs for property which has become excess to the Department overseas are then reevaluated in the United States—the property having been brought back to the United States for reevaluation. We are advised that in some cases this property, when it is returned to the United States, has been declared excess and made available to other Federal agencies, and on at least one occasion to eligible donees under the Federal donable property program.

Could you comment on the instances in which this type of action has occurred; and also on the criteria or the factors which go into determining when this method of disposal should be employed?

Mr. ZARETZKY. Yes, Mr. Romney.

As a general rule, no items are brought back if the items are not required by the Department of Defense. However, there are a number of occasions that come to mind—and they may not be all—where we did specifically bring things back for donation to NASA, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Science Foundation. I think it was back in 1958 that we brought back some material from Newfoundland, and this was for specific use by NASA and AEC.

We brought back some material from Turkey and Italy, I believe, which was required by NASA, again, and I think by the National Science Foundation. This was related to a certain missile that was deployed at that time in those areas.

I think in 1964 we brought a few things back from Europe—here, again, by specific request of NASA, the Smithsonian, and others like that.

Colonel David just advised me it was the phasedown of the Redstone missile when we brought some materiel back.

Mr. MONAGAN. To this extent the response that you gave to my question is inaccurate; is that so?

Mr. ZARETZKY. I was thinking of GSA picking something up and then a donation, in response to your question.

Mr. MONAGAN. This would be almost the same thing. I think it would have to be technically done that way?

Mr. ZARETZKY. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROMNEY. How do the agencies which have used this property become aware that it is available at these overseas bases?

Mr. ZARETZKY. Programs such as the Redstone phaseout or Jupiter phaseout are well advertised prior to the phaseout, and the other agencies who are interested are quick to let us know that they have an interest in that materiel.

Mr. MONAGAN. You seemed to be defensive when I asked you about it, as if there were some reflection on the Defense Department, because