

officials have told our officers in Washington recently they are not in a hurry to make a decision as to these dispersed operating bases. They have a lot of supplies stored there. The Air Force merged some bases in the United States and in Germany.

Mr. MONAGAN. Would that include any of the 35,000?

Mr. GILROY. No; this was prior to that time. Since that time we read in the papers they will reduce 96 planes or four squadrons pulled out of Europe and one brigade that will be pulled out in addition to the FRELOC exercise. You can see where FRELOC created a lot of excesses, particularly in residential- and office-type equipment. Some of it was in very poor shape. Residential furniture has been moved to Germany.

Mrs. HECKLER. All residential furniture has been moved to Germany?

Mr. GILROY. Yes, as far as we know. We have not checked it in detail. During our FRELOC review we tried to cover all areas at FRELOC. We are now in the process of reviewing that and also the new facilities and construction which would result from FRELOC.

On MLS operations, in trying to anticipate what your subcommittee would be interested in, we thought property located in France which the French have not expressed an interest to buy might be of some particular interest. The military component commands in Europe have a detailed inventory of this property which they passed to the liquidation office in Paris. They are in the process of making an economic cost analysis to determine whether it is best to sell it as is, where is, or remove it for sale, or to include it in a realty claim that we will put in later.

We do know that they have asked DOD to move out any property of which there is a shortage in Defense. To the best of my knowledge, they have not made an attempt to go to other agencies, and I understand they will have someone from MLS meet this week with this committee at either Nancy or Evreux, and I asked Colonel Grimes to have Colonel Regan, Assistant Deputy Chief of MLS, to bring copies of related personal property for which the French have not expressed an interest to buy to show you the type of property involved.¹

Mr. MONAGAN. With reference to the items the Air Force and the Army have listed, is that movable personal property?

M. GILROY. Yes. In fact, that is a better definition than related personal property. They used to call it related real property, then related personal property, and it actually comes down to a definition of movable property. The agreement between the French and the United States says any movable property may be moved from France in the event we move out. We have in some instances torn out walls and removed copper wiring and restored the walls as they were before we removed the wiring. At one time there was what we called the scorched earth policy of removing everything; then that was modified to only removing the things for which there was what we called the desire to buy we would not remove. They are in the process of taking an inventory because since March 31 some people have come in and removed some things they need.

¹ An example of the kinds of property involved is the inventory of related personal property for the former airbase at Phalsbourg, France, printed as app. 1, infra.