

know if that space is available. Say you have an item you really need and you have 18 months' supply and you only need 5 months' supply. In effect what you have is the economic retention of what is above your needs taking up space that should be taken by items stored outside. We have only really approached this in the last week.

Mr. ROMNEY. When an item is declared excess, is any different storage handling made of that item?

Mr. GILROY. Not when it is declared. When it comes through they may ship it somewhere else. When it comes to disposal it would go to a disposal yard and be in a different storage area.

Mr. MONAGAN. So far as the screening and identification of property, in your observation AID has been active in that field?

Mr. GILROY. Yes, sir.

Mr. MONAGAN. And has done a good job in following it up so far as you know?

Mr. GILROY. When you say "followup" do you mean do they earmark an item as to whether they have moved it in a certain time frame?

Mr. MONAGAN. Whether they have been active in following it up.

Mr. MIKUS. Our observation is that to the extent the property is made available to AID they do make their screening and selection, and we understand in the Air Force there is some lack of getting the information. AID makes the inspection at PDO yards.

Mr. BARASH. Getting back to MLS, did I understand you to say earlier that no time limitation has been placed on MLS in disposing of these items? You have not been advised by MLS itself or any other source that there is a time limitation?

Mr. DiGIORGIO. There has been a period established in discussions. It is not firm to my knowledge.

Mr. GILROY. We have directed this question to Brigadier General Harvey, Deputy Chief of MLS, and he says his only time frame is as expeditiously as possible. We asked if it was 90 or 120 days and he said he could not tell us, that they would do it as fast as they can. They have moved faster than they thought they would on the initial sales. In the case of the sale of Toul-Rosiere, the French were moving squadrons out of Germany and they needed it, and they were very anxious to get the Jeanne d'Arc Hospital, but where their interest is not as keen it may take longer to negotiate a sale.

Mr. BARASH. Can you distinguish between mission stocks and post, camp, and station stocks?

Mr. GILROY. Mission stocks are needed to resupply the operating troops. Post, camp, and station stocks can be like desks and chairs.

Mr. BARASH. We were told of the total amount of some 800,000 tons involved in FRELOC, that only about 8 percent was sold.

Mr. DiGIORGIO. You mean in France?

Mr. BARASH. Yes. Have you had occasion to check that?

Mr. DiGIORGIO. I think the figures you quote are right. I think they are in our survey report.

Mr. BARASH. This was the testimony of Mr. Zaretzky.

Mr. DiGIORGIO. I don't think we have come up with what percentage of the total 800,000 tons was sold.

Mr. MONAGAN. Offhand it does not seem outrageous to you?

Mr. DiGIORGIO. No, sir.