

We do not know if it is peacetime or reserve stock or for the theater. It is just materiel that we store.

Mr. BARASH. How is it designated? Is it designated as surplus?

Colonel NELSON. On the stocks that we have here I have to defer this question to Mr. Levinson because we do not know the exact and precise stratification.

Mr. LEVINSON. In the determination of the strata for which stock is being held, we need so much for mobilization reserve but it is immaterial to say how many are being held for this purpose because we can place this in accordance with the dictates of demand. On a theater-wide basis we do screen our assets and show some are being held for reserve and some for peacetime issue and so much may be on hand for theater excess. A report goes back to the national inventory control point and it is either returned to the continental United States or if they say to dispose of it locally it is sent to the property disposal agency and in that case AID, for example, can screen it.

Mrs. HECKLER. When you say you do not know the stratification of the stock, do you know the identity of the stock?

Colonel NELSON. We know the condition of our stock, whether it is in category "A" or for issue or whether it is unserviceable.

Mrs. HECKLER. Do you know what precise type of stock it is?

Colonel NELSON. We know actually everything that we have here. We know everything that we have but we do not know its ultimate use, and the same pertains to our activity in Kaiserslautern.

Colonel PFEIFFER. They know where it is and what it is. They do not know its ultimate use.

CHART NO. 6—PERSONNEL STRENGTH DAG

Colonel NELSON. This chart shows our personnel strength. To operate the activity we employ a mixed labor force, the largest segment of which are German nationals. We also have our labor service and the military. The number of personnel shown here are far less than the number required to operate this installation as a general depot.

CHART NO. 7—CONSTRUCTION, PHASE I

This next chart is on construction. As a result of FRELOC and with the decision to increase the depot activity here to a general depot, construction was required and this is broken into phases. The first phase is under active construction now. We have four sheds. These sheds were taken down in France and reconstructed here in Germerheim. The construction was started the first of November and we should gain occupancy of all of these in a few days.

We have eight refrigerators for the storage of dry cell batteries. These have been in operation since early in March.

We have nine warehouses under commercial contract and the contract is progressing ahead of schedule. These are located in this general area here [indicating] and as we tour the activity today you will see the construction work.

In addition we are obtaining 12,000 square yards of concrete hardstand for this location here.

Mr. MONAGAN. On this construction, that does not include any of the transportation or cost of dismantling?