

Mrs. HECKLER. What type of equipment do you intend to store in the new facilities?

Colonel NELSON. I hate to duck this, but perhaps General Clay could answer that.

General CLAY. This is a time-consuming proposition. Initially you will have the same type of things he has here now, and over several years we will see a change in the configuration so that they are all true general facilities.

Mrs. HECKLER. Including ammunition?

General CLAY. No, ammunition and medical supplies are separate and distinct.

Mrs. HECKLER. You do not store ammunition at this depot; is that correct?

General CLAY. Neither ammunition nor medical supplies. The idea is not to put all our eggs in one basket.

Mr. MONAGAN. You don't have any POL either, do you?

Colonel NELSON. No, sir.

Mr. ROMNEY. Could you describe your inventory system at this base? How do you maintain it?

Colonel NELSON. I have to answer the question two ways. I do not maintain the official records of what I have in stock. This is maintained by the supply and maintenance agency at COMZ. We do maintain at the local level an unofficial stock record count which is strictly for wartime contingency operations, so if we were to lose the computer we could effect issues locally. Inventories are conducted on a cyclical basis for general commodities. For your special management items they are inventoried semiannually. We get a regular cyclical form from the supply and maintenance agency and they instruct us to inventory the general commodities. We then inventory the items and report back our physical count on the ground to them. This is used to update their master data file.

Mr. ROMNEY. Could you give us some figures as of a certain time as to the number of materiel release orders you have received that you cannot fill because somewhere there has been a lapse?

Colonel NELSON. This is a very poor installation to discuss this. I would prefer discussing this this afternoon at Kaiserslautern. First of all, here at Germersheim, since it is essentially concerned with vehicular activities, they get relatively few release orders every month. So your rates are very erratic. It is not that we don't have the item but it is not in the code we were directed to ship. But I would like to reserve this and discuss it with you at Kaiserslautern this afternoon.

Mr. ROMNEY. Do you make performance reports to the Kaiserslautern installation?

Colonel NELSON. From Germersheim they report to me every month. I in turn report, as far as the performance of the supply maintenance activity, to General Kyser every month. In some of our operations it is every 2 weeks. So they are abreast of things going on.

Mr. LEVINSON. May I interject that all the depots in Europe, as to warehouse denials, are exemplary. Very rarely do they exceed 2 percent. A denial is caused not by reason of not having the item ordered shipped, but rather it does not pass a condition test.

Mr. MONAGAN. One question that I know will come up—I don't know if this is the place to ask it or not—but as we come in we see all this