

Mr. MEZZAPELL. Yes.

Mr. MONAGAN. I think the whole question of the purchases is important for many reasons. If there were any significant figures it would be helpful to have them.

Colonel NELSON. It is relatively small, sir.

Mr. MONAGAN. Why would you have four German Air Force officers?

Colonel NELSON. Because we ship to the air force.

Mr. MONAGAN. What kind of supplies?

Colonel NELSON. They are responsible for the missile system in Germany. They don't organize precisely the way we do and that is the reason for it.

CHART NO. 16—TYPICAL ITEMS OVERHAULED AT KGD

This chart shows the typical items overhauled here at Kaiserslautern. Most of these are overhauled and repaired in small quantities, most of which is old equipment in terms of physical age. Much of it is commercial manufacture and procurement.

CHART NO. 17—OVERHAUL—GDK ITEMS

The next chart shows our progress in maintenance. The blue line is the program line. The red bars indicate we failed to meet our program, and the solid red line represents our accumulative accomplishments so far this year.

There are a couple of explanations on this chart. Last spring we were hit heavily by reason of drawdowns on personnel to fill requirements for Southeast Asia. Some of our maintenance personnel were drawn from maintenance operations to support our supply operations, and also we have repair part problems.

Mrs. HECKLER. Did you say you failed to be able to overhaul items to meet needs in Southeast Asia?

Colonel NELSON. No, our military personnel were withdrawn to meet requirements in Southeast Asia. We lost some of our mechanical skills as well as diverting people from maintenance to supply operations to meet demands.

CHART NO. 18—RAILWAY ITEMS OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES

The next chart shows the railway items owned by the United States. The Rheinau Rail Maintenance Agency schedules and supervises all maintenance of U.S.-owned rail stock in the theater. These railway stocks are located in Italy and Germany. The freight equipment is the largest portion of it. Most of this consists of your heavy flatcars and the largest segment of our freight equipment is in POL tankers. Only 168 of the total quantity shown are items of U.S. manufacture. The rest is DM procured, deutsche mark procured.

Mr. MONAGAN. Why do you say this is DM procured?

Colonel NELSON. This was at the end of World War II. These were bought by the German Government for U.S. use and we have the full use of these up until the time they are ready to go back for final disposal and the German Government has the option of picking them up rather than going through regular channels.

Mr. MONAGAN. Some of it is getting pretty well along in age?