

from here for disposal, we run an internal screening ourselves to determine if it is a new item, or is it an item that we don't think, in our judgment, should go to property disposal. We then will query the supply agency and ask them to check. Sometimes they will come back and say "Yes," it should go to property disposal. Occasionally we will find there is an error in the mission or in the decisionmaking. Once we get a release order directing the shipment of this item to property disposal, then AID screens it for their requirements, but they don't get it until it gets in the PDO channel.

Mr. ROMNEY. Will you back up and explain the screening processes to show whether all of these items that were excess were actually screened by DLSC to provide an opportunity for other Federal agencies to pick up the excess if they had a requirement? Or did you just go by existing regulations which require you to send back to DLSC a listing of those items which are in excess of an estimated line item value of \$5,000? There can be many items going in your disposal yards that AID has an opportunity to look at but other Government agencies do not.

Colonel NELSON. They may find the item is in NPDO, and they can withdraw it.

Mr. LEVINSON. In the course of FRELOC the process was more severe. For example, theater excesses were reported without regard to dollar value. There were two exceptions, with regard to materiel managed by DSA and GSA where there was a limit of \$6 and \$25, but other items were reported back for worldwide screening in the United States. We understand the Army inventory control points reported them, and they went to DLSC.

Colonel PFEIFFER. There is a related FRELOC figure there. If you ask did we ship things that wound up in property disposal to Germany and then junked them, the answer is "Yes." We were uncertain at first whether France would allow us to work PDO yards after the magical date of April 1, so we shipped things to Germany. When it appeared France would go along beyond April 1, we reversed that. There is a period in time we did it because we thought the French would cut us off the first of April.

Mr. ROMNEY. With regard to this chart, "Foreign Excess Personal Property Inventory," the segment in red which is not committed, does that include materiel that might have been committed at one time and lapsed back?

Colonel NELSON. It is essentially materiel that is in the process of the necessary listing which will go to Kastel. There may be instances where an item had been put on the bid list, and when the bids were opened you didn't find the buyer. This would have to come back and be picked up. We do get some of this occasionally, but the bulk is essentially our own working process, so to speak, going up to the Air Force for invitations to bid.

CHART NO. 20—PERSONNEL STRENGTH GDK

This next chart shows our personnel strength at Kaiserslautern, local nationals, military, labor service, and civilian.

Mr. MONAGAN. Will there be any increase here comparable to that at Germersheim because of FRELOC?