

STATEMENT OF COL. JOHN REGAN, ASSISTANT DEPUTY, MILITARY LIQUIDATION SECTION, U.S. EMBASSY, PARIS, FRANCE; ACCOMPANIED BY COL. WILLIAM H. TARVER, EVREUX BASE COMMANDER; CAPT. ROBERT W. DONLEY, EVREUX BASE CIVIL ENGINEER; LT. SCOTT E. LARSON, OFFICER IN CHARGE, MILITARY LIQUIDATION SECTION, EVREUX BASE; AND M. SGT. GEORGE A. HUSKINS, NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE, MILITARY LIQUIDATION SECTION, EVREUX AIRBASE

Colonel REGAN. I am Col. John Regan, the assistant deputy, Military Liquidation Section, for the Air Force. You know General Clay, sir, already. This is Mr. Sidman, chief of Merchandising, from the Foreign Excess Sales Office.

This is Colonel Tarver, our base commander here, representing USAFE Headquarters.

Lieutenant Larson is the Military Liquidation Section officer in charge at Evreux.

This is Captain Donley, a civil engineer with USAFE working for Colonel Tarver.

This is Sergeant Huskins of the Military Liquidation Section here at the Evreux Air Base.

Sir, we had planned today to take you on a trip around the facility, this being a base that has been turned over to the Military Liquidation Section. We had planned to take you through specific buildings that have been closed and have been locked with the idea we will either sell the U.S. related property on this base to the French Government or dispose of it through the Foreign Excess Sales Office or remove items from here and take the items out.

Mr. MONAGAN. We are interested in the organization and operation of the Military Liquidation Section and also of the Foreign Excess Sales Office. We are less interested in looking at buildings. We probably would like to see just one or two as examples, but they are mostly empty, are they not?

Colonel REGAN. They are, sir. The ones we would show you would mostly be empty.

Mr. MONAGAN. We have about reached our quota of empty buildings. I would like to ask you, Colonel, to give us a summary of the operations of MLS and its organization, where it stands in the governmental chart of administration and its relation to the Foreign Excess Sales Office, and when you have done that we will have questions. If you feel someone else should answer, any particular point, we shall be happy to have them do so.

Colonel REGAN. The Military Liquidation Section was established last February 24 to be in business by the first of March. It was established as an agency under the U.S. Embassy in Paris to get political guidance from the Embassy and military guidance from USCINCEUR, and directive No. 60-17 of March 4, 1967, issued by the Headquarters, United States European Command, established the terms of reference for the Military Liquidation Section.

The Military Liquidation Section is a joint organization commanded by the major general, U.S. Army, Gen. R. C. Kyser, who wears two hats. He is commander of the communications zone in Ger-