

nate the terms of reference with State, the Department of Defense, and the theater commands here, and it was not until it was published on March 4 that we had a finalized form of terms of reference.

Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. Chairman, may I suggest we request a copy of the March 4 terms of reference for the files, inasmuch as the copy we received earlier in Washington is dated December 31, 1966.

Mr. MONAGAN. May we have it for the record?

Colonel REGAN. Yes.

Mr. MONAGAN. We will receive it for the files.

(The document is printed as app. 5, infra.)

Mr. ROMNEY. Colonel, could you describe the rationale for establishing the Military Liquidation Section in a general way?

Colonel REGAN. Yes. It was felt it would not be possible for the U.S. Government to have taken care of all the military matters remaining in France after the 1st of April, which was the date President de Gaulle had set for the removal from France, which we did not recognize. It was felt the component commanders could not handle the residual matters from their headquarters located outside of France—USAFE at Wiesbaden and USAREUR at Heidelberg. It was felt there was need for someone on the spot to take care of matters after April 1, and it was decided by DOD and State that a joint liquidation section would be established under the aegis of the Embassy to take care of residual matters after 1 April. This is the rationale behind the establishment of the Military Liquidation Section.

Mr. ROMNEY. Colonel, will the organizational chart you said you would furnish the committee provide this information: At what levels must policy decisions be made?

Colonel REGAN. They are made generally at the military levels. The Department of the Army will act as the executive agent for the Department of Defense. We still must go through EUCOM all the way to JCS. On the political side we receive our guidance from the Ambassador and he gets his guidance from Washington.

Mr. ROMNEY. I would like to ask questions about the related personal property at the bases, but first I wonder if you could give us the number of these bases that have been turned over to MLS which the Government of France has expressed an interest for acquiring?

Colonel REGAN. Yes. I have it right here and will give you this as a part of the record, sir. There are at the present time—I want to be accurate on this so I will check it out.

Mr. MONAGAN. We want you to be accurate on everything.

Colonel REGAN. Yes, sir, I know; 41, sir.

Mr. ROMNEY. How is that interest communicated?

Colonel REGAN. It is communicated through a central point in the French Government called the French Central Liaison Mission. We might get word orally but whenever we do we ask for it to be in writing.

Mr. ROMNEY. And are negotiations in progress regarding all these 41 installations?