

found in anywhere from 80 to 100 depots scattered through France. So, as you can see, 15 percent of the original value type property that we sell is actually generated at U.S. depots.

With the establishment of MLS 5 months ago, FESO was absorbed as an integral unit of MLS. It continues its function of selling this MAP property. It continues to dispose of the remaining foreign excess personal property still in these depots. It has disposed of very little of this RPP due to the reason Colonel Regan expressed, and at the moment, as far as assisting MLS in the primary duty of getting rid of these U.S. installations, our role is relatively small. We expect it to become larger but at the moment we give them estimated prices, import prices, of what FESO could get for it through our usual competitive methods, and the negotiators take that as a minimum base to jump from.

We have been receiving inventories of those installations the French are not interested in and preparing them for sale. I have copies of the manner in which we will sell them through competitive sales.

Mr. MONAGAN. We will be glad to receive that for the file.

Mr. SIDMAN. I have draft copies. Unfortunately the terms and conditions are not ready but I have a draft copy of the nomenclature.

Mr. MONAGAN. May we have a copy of that for the file?

Mr. SIDMAN. I will be happy to furnish it.

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

Mr. BARASH. Does AID get a crack at the property?

Mr. SIDMAN. They really do. Their program has been tremendous with us. It has been increasing almost on a daily basis.

Mr. MONAGAN. You go ahead and finish your statement and then we will ask questions.

Mr. SIDMAN. Principally, our major task is this MAP property at the moment.

Mr. MONAGAN. Where does that property come from?

Mr. SIDMAN. This was property given under grant aid from 1948 up to about 1952 to the French military forces.

Mr. MONAGAN. The program was for the benefit of the French?

Mr. SIDMAN. For the benefit of the French military forces.

Mr. MONAGAN. And what are you doing with this property?

Mr. SIDMAN. There is an agreement with the French—this agreement I do not have—that when they are finished with it they will turn it back to the United States. They are now turning it back to us at the rate of about \$200 million acquisition cost per year and we receive it and put it on sale.

Approximately 65 to 80 percent—it varies from year to year—of the property turned in to the United States by the French is sold as scrap.

Mr. MONAGAN. What percent?

Mr. SIDMAN. It varies. Last year it was 80 percent. The year before it was 65 percent. The property turned over by the French is sold as scrap. The reason is, it is mostly tanks, guns, halftracks, ammunition, and arms.

Mr. MONAGAN. In other words, you are saying this property would not be suitable for other governmental use?

Mr. SIDMAN. We have had inquiries from other governments.

Mr. MONAGAN. I mean for our own Government?