

Mr. SIDMAN. It varies, depending on the condition and the time. The present price is about \$450 each, roughly. I know we have gotten as high as \$700 for them and have gotten lower than \$450. It depends on the quantity, the time, the condition.

Mr. ROMNEY. I have no further questions.

(Subsequently, the Department of Defense furnished a number of sales catalogs issued by FESO in Paris during fiscal year 1967. The sales in question have all been held. Accompanying the catalogs were lists of the successful bidders, showing their names and the prices paid by item. A number of these lists, modified by adding acquisition cost and condition data for each item, are printed as app. 6, infra.)

Mr. MONAGAN. Mrs. Heckler, do you have any questions?

Mrs. HECKLER. Where are the FESO Headquarters?

Mr. SIDMAN. At the present time we are at 32 Rue Marbeuf in Paris. On the 12th of June we expect to move in the MLS Headquarters.

Mrs. HECKLER. And you have 15 disposal yards, did you say?

Mr. SIDMAN. We had about 20 but only five are really active now. I would think by the end of July they would be zeroed out.

Mrs. HECKLER. How many FESO employees do you have?

Mr. SIDMAN. There are 32 employees in our organization, inspectors and sales personnel. One thing I omitted to state, we have four officers, the chiefs of the Merchandising Section, Contracting Section, and MAP Section. We have four United States and 28 French.

Mrs. HECKLER. Do you keep a customer list?

Mr. SIDMAN. Yes. We have an automatic mailing list. We have approximately 1,600 customers at the moment.

Mrs. HECKLER. Since the French deal with Communist nations, is it possible some of this property could get into Communist hands?

Mr. SIDMAN. We have terrific security measures.

Mrs. HECKLER. Of what type?

Mr. SIDMAN. For example, we have a security strategic list. First, there is the coordinating committee agreement on what items they would restrict in sales to the Communist countries.

Mrs. HECKLER. By restricting you mean we allow some sales to the Communist countries?

Mr. SIDMAN. No, we don't allow any sales to the Communist countries in our office; but we have a situation where control is exercised by the participating country in effecting these security measures. For example, if we sell a strategic truck to a Belgian buyer, he must get an international certificate whereby the Belgium Government agrees to govern that truck if the buyer decides to export it from Belgium. Every member of the coordinating committee has agreed to take these measures to control certain restricted items. We in our office try to control all items from getting into the Communist countries.

Mrs. HECKLER. Your customers are bound by the same security measures?

Mr. SIDMAN. Yes. Before we sell anything over \$1,000 we have what we call an integrity and reliability check, which means we go to the Embassy of that country and ask for information on the customer before we make the contract. In Germany we have a clearinghouse for that kind of thing at Mainz-Kastel, called the security trade control.

Mrs. HECKLER. There must be French customers for this property also?