

Mr. SIDMAN. Most of them are French.

Mrs. HECKLER. And they would have to get the same certification from the French Government?

Mr. SIDMAN. Yes. At times the French disagree with us and don't think the item should be controlled. We contact the Embassy and ask them to check out the end use of the item.

Mrs. HECKLER. Why don't we, as a policy, have this check on all items?

Mr. SIDMAN. This is on sales of over \$1,000. There is no use checking out piddling handfuls of property.

Mrs. HECKLER. That is sales at one time of \$1,000?

Mr. SIDMAN. Contracts for \$1,000 or more, and then we have complete control of a customer.

Mrs. HECKLER. Isn't it possible for a buyer to buy in lots and then sell to others and circumvent your security regulations?

Mr. SIDMAN. It is possible, but we have seen no signs of it. Any time we have any suspicion we forward it to the proper channels to check.

Mrs. HECKLER. Have you had many disagreements with the French Government on this matter of security?

Mr. SIDMAN. No; not many. It probably runs in the 2 or 3 percent area.

Mrs. HECKLER. And why do they object to this?

Mr. SIDMAN. It is an interpretation of the list. The list is so copious I think any five people would disagree.

Mrs. HECKLER. And they are not willing to observe our restrictions?

Mr. SIDMAN. They agree to them but the interpretations are different. This list is in such general terms it creates difficulty even for us.

Mr. MONAGAN. I think we are getting far afield.

Mrs. HECKLER. Mr. Chairman, I feel it is important. I don't want the property to get to Communist countries.

Mr. MONAGAN. We all agree; but I don't think it is relevant to this inquiry.

Mrs. HECKLER. What is your volume of sales in tonnage or whatever measure you wish to use?

Mr. SIDMAN. Acquisition costwise the U.S.-generated would amount to \$85 million a year, and the French MAP property, \$200 million a year. This figure has changed because there is no more stock here except this RPP business.

Mrs. HECKLER. You don't have the volume in tonnage?

Mr. SIDMAN. I could get that. Would you like it later?

Mrs. HECKLER. Yes, I would like it.

(Subsequently, the following information was supplied by the Department of Defense:)

FESO VOLUME OF SALES IN TONNAGE

FISCAL YEAR 1967

U.S. generated excesses, approximately 42,000 short tons.

MAP-generated excesses, approximately 95,000 short tons.

Mr. MONAGAN. Do you have any figure on the average age of MAP property?