

library was established, and we would accept equipment at the time of your visit or shortly thereafter. It is now established. And we either furnish the manuals immediately from Tokyo, or go back to the military publications depot in St. Louis to obtain the manuals. If we determine that the manuals cannot be obtained, we advise the mission not to buy the equipment.

But it is a recent thing. We started the action in January.

Mr. BEASER. After we were there.

Mr. CROWNOVER. The official announcement to the missions—I cannot recall the exact date, but it might have coincided with your visit, or it might have been shortly thereafter.

WHAT ABOUT EUROPE?

Mr. BEASER. Let me ask Mr. Lee the question, then.

What are your plans to unify the program rather than to split it up between a Far East mission or a European mission? Far East seems to be doing something about manuals. What about Europe?

Mr. LEE. We discussed this with the people in Frankfurt the other day when I was there. And they are moving. Whether we will establish a worldwide facility or have one in Europe and one in Asia—we simply have not decided. And here again we are going to have an evaluation as to whether or not we will proceed on any kind of equipment regardless of how good shape it is in unless we have adequate manuals and operating instructions.

NO MANUALS WITH EQUIPMENT IN FAR EAST

Mr. BEASER. But, in the meantime, equipment is going out without manuals?

Mr. LEE. I am not sure whether we are sending out any equipment in the Far East without manuals. Perhaps Mr. Crownover can elaborate on that.

Mr. CROWNOVER. The equipment is going out without manuals in the Far East. But the missions have now the capability to obtain the manuals in a separate arrangement with the Far East regional logistics.

Mr. BEASER. What about Europe and Latin America? Is equipment going down there without manuals?