

Now, about the time that this equipment arrived, the port situation had gotten so bad that the Vietnamese Government was simply unable to cope with it. Finally the U.S. Army, as I understand it, was called in. They brought their own equipment, and moved in and took over the port. It was a battalion of some 500-odd men. They have cleared up the port. But since they brought their own equipment, much of the equipment that we brought in for the port authority was moved to Petrus Ky. This was a holding area until an alternative use for this equipment could be found.

SOME AID EQUIPMENT USED

Now it is also my understanding that when the U.S. Army moved in to clear port congestion, they used some of this equipment. It was loaned to them simply to get the job done, because of the urgency of the situation. Everyone that had something to contribute, contributed it. And much of this equipment went into the Army pool to help relieve port congestion.

But a good many pieces were moved out, and at the time you saw it, it was sitting out there in the rain and mud, which is typical of Vietnam.

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I am going to ask Mr. Crownover to comment on some of the examples here. As I say, I know, because of my very brief inspection, that some of these pieces of equipment are inoperative. Some have become inoperative after they arrived there. They broke down during the normal process. And some of them are not needed because the Army brought equipment of its own. Some of the equipment has been cannibalized to keep other equipment moving. In cases where you have a big buildup, of war conditions, these kinds of mistakes are bound to happen.