

Do you know whether the agency has undertaken any study along these lines?

"WE ARE CONSIDERING ALL THE ALTERNATIVES"
work is all paid for under a barter arrangement, which relieves the dollar drain situation.

Mr. LIPPMAN. Are you sure it relieves the dollar drain situation, Mr. Lee?

AVAILABLE FACILITIES MUST DICTATE AREAS FOR REPAIR WORK

Mr. LEE. No, I am not sure, because I do not understand all of the mechanics of the barter arrangement in relation to this particular contract. I do know that we have a barter arrangement there. On any barter arrangement there can always be a question as to whether this is a complete relief—it probably isn't in this case—but it is a factor. It relieves the situation, and it isn't an out-and-out drain to the extent that one might think on a casual examination. But we are well aware of the problem, and the desirability of getting this work out into the recipient countries if they can do it. Or if they can't do it entirely, to have them do it to the extent they can. I would not anticipate that we would be able to close down either one of these rehabilitation depots in the immediate future. We are going to have to continue to do some repair work in areas where the facilities are available.

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"It is the sense of the Congress that in furnishing assistance under this Act, excess personal property shall be utilized whenever practicable in lieu of the procurement of new items for United States assisted projects and programs" impressive accomplishments.

Nevertheless, those very accomplishments have been subjected to official criticism, mainly on the grounds that, substantial though these accomplishments were, they were still less than what the critics asserted they should have been.