

A firm funded mission purchase order . . . must accompany the special listing."

In practice, Mission "want" lists are funded virtually never, nor is the required format observed. Rather, the few "want" lists that are generated tend to be relatively informal documents. As a result, the EPRO's do not treat them systematically by any form of rigorous cross-screening against their inventory. Most EPRO personnel are necessarily bent on, and devote the bulk of their time to, making acquisitions. They find "want" lists useful more as general, than as specific, guides for the purchase of items. For example, they found a list of 608 sterilizers at an estimated total new procurement cost of \$2,610 (60 at \$43.50). The FSN was 6530-299-8392, but the item description explicitly stated "Sub NS 6530-708-4570." As of the beginning of the year, the domestic 608 inventory contained 2088 sterilizers numbered 6530-708-4570, as shown by the consolidated domestic catalog, published 31 January 1966. (Note that this catalog was published to the field after the generation of the "want" list by Saigon.) All had an OAC of \$61, and were available to the field at \$9 each (15 percent of \$60 = \$9). In addition, the sterilizers held at New Cumberland and at Atlanta were in N-1 condition.¹²

Other items on the PA/PR included X-ray equipment, corrosion-resistant sterilizers, and other similar equipments, of which some substitutes held in inventory might have been possible. It is plain, however, that until the missions standardize on the use of "want" lists, and the EPRO's screen them in depth against their inventories, items will be purchased which might have been provided from excess.

(b) *Cataloging inadequacies.*—MR/GPR catalogs of excess stock on hand do not contain condition codes. MR/GPR is opposed to publishing available data on equipment condition, on two grounds: (1) condition may be reported incorrectly, and (2), since all Advance Acquisition excess held in inventory is serviceable, by definition, no condition information is needed.

¹² Condition codes are not reprinted in the excess property catalogs—data on conditions are available at the EPRO's.

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195	46-6059	Kettle, steam (40 gal., gas fired).....	1.....	\$655
196	46-6059	Scaffolding hoist.....	3.....	450
197	46-6059	Bearings.....	Lot.....	907
206	46-6059	Fillings (elbows, tees, etc.), stainless steel.....	Lot.....	4,465
207	46-6059	Gate valves.....	Lot.....	1,200
220	46-6059	Transformers.....	5-in. lot.....	847
7	27-6082	Automotive parts, Willys.....	Lot.....	10,423
8	27-6082	Nuts and washers.....	Lot.....	11,459
9	27-6082	Oil seals.....	Lot.....	6,380
12	27-6082	Hose, rubber, radiator.....	128,000.....	19,219
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24	27-6082	Hardware (screws, bolts, etc.).....	Lot.....	24,915
26	27-6082	Automotive parts, Willys.....	Lot.....	20,470
28	27-6082	Bushing, Marion shovel.....	209.....	470
30	27-6082	Gasket, GM.....	449,707.....	62,959
55	27-6082	Lighting fixtures and lamps.....	Lot.....	2,171