

MR. LIPPMAN: STATEMENT OF THE EXCESS PROPERTY PROGRAM
look into the administration by the AID mission of the excess property program in that country. I inspected a number of sites where excess property was being utilized and discussed the program at length with responsible agency officials and with officials of the Government of Turkey. The deficiencies disclosed by my inquiry were serious enough to suggest a more thorough review and the General Accounting Office was therefore requested to undertake a more detailed examination. These deficiencies follow the same pattern of shortcomings disclosed in previous testimony on the administration of the excess property program in other countries.

LIPPMAN DELIVERS AN 8-PRONGED SUMMARY OF DEFICIENCIES

They are summarized as follows:

1. Millions of dollars of excess property have been shipped to Turkey with little regard for the capability of the Turkish Government agencies to utilize or maintain the equipment.
2. The failure of Turkish Government agencies to provide prescribed reports on equipment utilization and on equipment condition meant that the AID mission did not know the condition on arrival of the equipment repaired at the AID contractor facilities or what happened to various recipients in Turkey, 14 had such mechanical deficiencies when delivered that they could not be operated.

A telephone maintenance truck had two 14-cm. cracks along the manifold side of the engine block when it arrived in the Government of Turkey Customs.