

These are some of the examples of the numerous items which the General Accounting Office picked up.

To continue, the investigation showed numerous instances of nonutilization of equipment given by AID to Turkey. There is evidence that this situation resulted from the interaction of two factors; (1) the AID mission tended to approve any request of the Turkish Government for excess equipment as a matter of course and without inquiring into actual need; and (2) the Turkish Government agency responsible for obtaining excess property from AID forced the distribution of such equipment to user agencies even though such agencies did not want, and could not use, the equipment.

I could cite some examples of this if I might, Mr. Chairman.

Senator GRUENING. I wish you would.

Mr. LIPPMAN. This is an internal audit report which is made by the AID mission's own internal auditors, dated June 16, 1966. They cite numerous examples, dozens literally, of pieces of equipment that they found were not in use, 125 pieces, I believe, all told. Illustrative of this are the 14 huge road scrapers at the Toprakasu Hyderapasa area in Istanbul. These scrapers were received in 1962 and have never been utilized. Toprakasu officials with whom we talked stated the road scrapers were much too large for their needs.

During my visit in April of 1967 I attempted to find out from the AID mission what had happened to these 14 road scrapers that have never been used since arrival. ~~THAT IS AID'S PRACTICES~~

7. Significant and numerous instances were noted in a GAO audit where AID financed the procurement of new equipment and material although identical items were available in AID's excess property inventory. It is evident from this audit report that the excess property program in Turkey was supplemental to the established economic aid program in that country rather than a substitute for new procurement.

8. Responsible Turkish officials have reported serious difficulties in obtaining spare parts from commercial sources to maintain the equipment. Spare parts are not provided with delivery of the equip-