

is another way of translating into technical use, scientific and engineering use, the work that we do.

Mr. MYERS. Do you know if you do all of GSA's systems?

Mr. JENSEN. We do not.

Mr. MYERS. You do not prescribe all their testing?

Mr. JENSEN. No, sir; we do not. Actually the most we do is when they select an item for which they would like some methodology.

If we are able to undertake this under our sponsorship, we do. We report back to them the results and our recommendations, and they make the final decision as to whether they will become a part of purchase specifications. Responsibility for compliance with their specification rests with GSA—never with us.

Mr. MYERS. In other words, they can set up their own if they want to or go to some other agency?

Mr. JENSEN. Absolutely.

Mr. MYERS. Thank you, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. COPENHAVER. May I ask a question?

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Let me ask a question and then I will come back to you.

I am intrigued by the response you made to Mr. Myers' question about what happened when the Bureau issued "Care and Repair of the House," which sounds to me like a very, very useful book to have around.

I would suspect that the publication with the largest circulation in the country is the one that the Federal Government puts out, HEW I think puts it out, called Infant Care.

Has Dr. Spock, who has a competing publication, ever complained, to your knowledge?

Mr. JENSEN. I could not answer that question, sir. I have no information.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You see the trick to this is that instead of having the Government Printing Office offer a book, you give it to Congressmen to send out, and there it has a lot of useful advantages—

Mr. JENSEN. I agree with you.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Mr. Copenhaver?

Mr. COPENHAVER. Mr. Jensen, I am interested in a point that Mr. Myers developed. GSA buys thousands of different products and presumably they must test these products against certain standards and specifications, is that not correct?

Mr. JENSEN. They are authorized. They have the responsibility of seeing that the products purchased by the Government meets specifications that are issued.

Mr. COPENHAVER. Do they test these products, a sample—

Mr. JENSEN. They do testing; yes, sir.

Mr. COPENHAVER (continuing). Themselves? In their own laboratories?

Mr. JENSEN. Yes, sir.

Mr. COPENHAVER. I am surprised that—this is new to me—that we do not have a central facility like the Bureau of Standards to do the testing for the GSA. Why is it that we have this divided kind of arrangement?

Mr. JENSEN. GSA takes advantage of our expertise and of the expertise of other agencies of the Government, the Department of Defense and others, in assisting them to develop purchase specifica-