

it, of the contract administration service officers, those who actually service the contract, who are stationed at the munitions plant or the private industries that are delivering goods to the administration, and I applaud that and I have been following with a great deal of interest the development of such a corps and practice.

COORDINATION AMONG CONTRACTING, AUDIT, AND CONTRACT SERVICE OFFICERS

Now, in my interrogation I have been asking, well, who do you include in this category of contract service officers, and how much do these contract service officers have to do with making the original contracts the original negotiating or letting of these contracts.

Well, apparently there is a different group of people that actually make the contracts, and I do raise the question of how much coordination there is.

And then jumping over the contract administration service officer to this business of who conducts these renegotiations for price adjustments and so forth, is it the contract service officer, is it the original procurement people, or is it a third category?

And in this interrogation I found out that they also have an audit group which is separate from the contract service officers. I am not quite sure whether that is the group that does the renegotiation. The contract service people apparently don't, but I am not clear as to whether it is the original procurement people who do.

Could you expound on this?

Mr. STAATS. I wonder if it is all right to let Mr. Bailey comment on this, if I may?

Representative CURTIS. Yes.

Mr. BAILEY. Mr. Curtis, at the time a procurement is negotiated, in other words, the initial buy, this is done by a procurement contracting officer, who is not the man that is charged with the administration of this contract while it is being performed in the contracting officer's plant.

COORDINATION WITH RENEGOTIATION PEOPLE

Representative CURTIS. He is not the servicer? Does he then do the renegotiation?

Mr. BAILEY. He represents the service who does the buying, in other words, the Army, the Air Force, or the Navy?

Representative CURTIS. Yes.

Mr. BAILEY. This is where the procurement contracting officer is involved.

Representative CURTIS. Yes.

Mr. BAILEY. Then if the contract is in a plant where plant cognizance is not assigned to a particular service, the Defense Contract Administration Service will provide the administrative contracting officer.

Representative CURTIS. Yes; but he will be a different one.

Mr. BAILEY. Sir?

Representative CURTIS. Let me pause on this to understand it.

One of the problems of course that has existed is that a Navy or an Army or Air Force person, or all three of them might be in the