

Mr. CURTIS. So you really are a corps?

Mr. PETTY. We have reached the point you are suggesting that these kinds of activities should reach.

Mr. CURTIS. Very good.

Have I missed any major group in this process—procurement, servicing, and auditing?

Mr. MORRIS. Those are the key tools of the whole procurement process, sir.

Mr. CURTIS. I just want to be sure.

By the way, about how many do we have in auditing? What is the total personnel?

DCAA HAS STAFF OF 3,900

Mr. PETTY. We have about 3,900 people on board in the Defense Contract Audit Agency at this time.

Mr. CURTIS. I see.

One other thing I would like—and this can go for the record. Most of these personnel in all three of these services are civilian rather than military. Am I correct in that?

Mr. MORRIS. The large majority are civilian.

Mr. CURTIS. There are in each one military personnel?

Mr. MORRIS. That is correct, sir. And they are exposed to the same kind of training the civilian gets.

ROTATION OF MILITARY STAFF

Mr. CURTIS. But your military personnel tend to be on this rotation system that you have in the military, which detracts, I would think, from this kind of concentration. Am I right in that statement?

Mr. MORRIS. More and more of the services are tending to professionalize people in the procurement occupation—the military personnel.

Mr. CURTIS. Yes. But they cannot professionalize if they rotate them. That is my point.

Mr. MORRIS. If the rotation is within the procurement organization or complex generally, it keeps building their expertise. You are quite right that they are rotated to nonprocurement jobs very frequently, and this does inhibit full career specialization.

Mr. CURTIS. There may be a reason. I am not arguing against it. Just trying to understand.

NO MILITARY PEOPLE IN DCAA

Mr. PETTY. I would like to comment that the Defense Contract Audit Agency is now an entirely civilian organization. We have no military personnel assigned.

Mr. CURTIS. Very good.

I would be interested in——

Chairman PROXMIRE. May I ask—before this gentleman sits down—

Mr. Petty, will you identify yourself?

Mr. PETTY. William B. Petty, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Thank you, Mr. Petty.