

of Government-owned equipment in the hands of contractors on the tax base of localities and States and of course many of them have real property taxes and this takes it off the roll.

But I will yield to Congressman Curtis. My time is up.

Representative CURTIS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Let me say that I thought your criticism of my comments on the progress report is well taken and I join you. There was a great deal of future planning which of course we do want.

IMPLEMENTING CIRCULAR A-76

I had this on my list of interrogation on the implementation of circular A-76. I am very disturbed, you see—when you make statements like this—and maybe you have to—in regard to this Navy dairy.

Now, there is another problem involved here—and believe me I am about ready to do all I can to get the muzzle on it.

There is this business of executive department people lobbying Congress on their time and with their money.

The Executive has some control over them, I hope, to stop this kind of business.

COST OF U.S. PUBLICITY

I have a news item here—\$425 million goes for U.S. publicity—tax money used for a wide campaign of information.

Much of this is the Executive lobbying the Congress with taxpayers' money, using their time, and then when they are successful in their lobbying, then Congress—and rightly so—Congress should be criticized. But it makes the Executive speak with two voices. And there has been just too much of this going on.

COMMISSARIES

But I might say until there is courage exhibited in the Defense Department on the subject of commissaries, which is in violation of the law right now—it is in further violation of the spirit of A-76—and I sympathize with high-ranking generals and admirals who benefit from commissary privileges here in Washington—and I certainly have made it clear I am not trying to take it out of the hides of the enlisted men—I want to raise their compensation in lieu of these benefits. But let's do it by law, and let's don't do it by violation of law.

They are not going to get A-76 implemented until these examples are eliminated.

Now, I appreciated your attachment E which shows the cases that you have shut down and applaud it, because there we can see that something is going on.

I would also like, though, if you would supply a list of examples where you made the decision the other way and permitted in-house operation to exist instead of letting it go. That would give our committee a little better insight into how you are applying A-76.

Mr. MORRIS. There is some mention in the examples, sir.

Representative CURTIS. Are there?

Mr. MORRIS. Yes.

Representative CURTIS. I assume these were where you had them out-house—I mean not in-house—I don't mean out-house.