

NEED FOR LEGISLATION ON CONTRACTOR-HELD EQUIPMENT

Chairman PROXMIRE. Thank you very much. I wish for the record, Mr. Hughes, if you could provide for us the opinion of the Bureau of the Budget—it does not have to be formal or detailed—on the helpfulness or the constructive use of legislation on contractor-owned equipment—specifically, on inventory controls, including access, clear access, by—

Mr. HUGHES. You mean Government-owned in the hands of contractors?

Chairman PROXMIRE. Yes; Government-owned in the hands of contractors. Control of the total inventory of such equipment, including access to premises of the contractor—which, I understand, on some occasions have been denied—so that they can make physical check. Second, the use of records; that is, the time used for the Government work, time used for commercial work, the idle time. The practicality of having quarterly reports on such records made available, the liability of property if such property is misused, and also the possibility of in lieu provisions for local and data taxes when privately used. And, the provision for sale at reasonable prices of this property to the contractor who is using it.

Now, I would like to—

Representative RUMSFELD. I have a unanimous-consent request that the full text of the article by Mr. Gonzalez be included in the record.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Without objection, the full text of an article by Congressman Gonzalez in the *Progressive* will be printed in the hearings. (See p. 156.)

NEED FOR BETTER TOP MANAGEMENT

Mr. Hughes, for a number of years, this committee has been pointing to our economic dilemma which is also social and political; namely, that our budgets get higher, our indebtedness greater, our taxes higher, et cetera. While on the other hand, we should do much more to improve our democracy in many areas.

We have said, and still say, that much if not all that we genuinely need can be financed from what we waste.

This simply means that we must have better management in the areas of our great expenditures, some of which we have been discussing here this week.

BOB VIEWS ON ANOTHER "HOOVER COMMISSION"

There is another wave of opinion that we should create another Hoover Commission. But the Congress has vested great authority in the Bureau of the Budget, the GAO, and the GSA. I believe that these hearings and those going on in the Ways and Means Committee today and many other evidences show that our top management has been deficient insofar as economy and efficiency—and effectiveness—are concerned. Will you give this some serious thought and give us your ideas in letter form. We are meeting again on December 8, 1967, this room, 10 a.m., to again hear the Comptroller General on some subjects which