PROPOSED LEASE OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT TO THOMPSON RAMO WOOLDRIDGE, INC., CLEVELAND, OHIO

On February 5, 1965, a letter was submitted by the Director for Weapons Systems Scheduling and Analysis, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics), requesting approval to lease the entire package of equipment used for production of M–14 rifles to Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, for use in developing and producing commercial sporting rifles.

On March 25, 1965, the Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Planning, denied the request for approval of the proposed lease on the basis that it would provide Thompson Ramo Wooldridge an unfair competitive advantage over established United States companies producing sporting rifles.

RENEWAL OF LEASE OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT TO ALLIS-CHALMERS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

On March 19, 1965, a letter was submitted by the Director for Weapons Systems Scheduling and Analysis, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics), requesting authority to renew for 3 years a 40-foot vertical boring mill with an option for an additional 3-year renewal to the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, York, Pennsylvania. This item was originally leased to S. Morgan Smith Company, York, Pennsylvania, which subsequently merged with Allis-Chalmers.

On April 16, 1965, the Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Planning, approved the renewal for 3 years but denied the request for renewal option.

LEASING OF ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE AIR FORCE HEAVY PRESS PROGRAM

On August 18, 1965, a letter was submitted by the Director for Weapons Analysis and Readiness, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics), requesting approval for deviation from the rental rates established by the Office of Emergency Planning for leasing of Government-owned production equipment for nondefense use so that leases of items included in the Air Force heavy press program could be renewed. Approval of partial nondefense use of a 144-inch tapered sheet rolling mill by ALCOA, Davenport, Iowa, was also requested.

On October 4, 1965, the Office of Emergency Planning approved the rate deviations and the renewal of leases through December 31, 1966, but requested a review of methods of leasing and usage with a view to possible modifications which would increase the yearly monetary return to the Government. Approval for the nondefense use of the rolling mill was granted on the same date.

At that time companies leasing items under the Air Force heavy press program were:

Alcoa, Cleveland, Ohio.
Wyman-Gordon Co., N. Grafton, Mass.
Alcoa, Lafayette, Ind.
Dow Chemical Co., Madison, Ill.
Harvey Aluminum Co., Torrance, Calif.
Kaiser Co., Halethorpe, Md.
Curtiss-Wright, Buffalo, N.Y.
Canton Drop Forge, Canton, Ohio.

LEASE OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT TO OLIN MATHIESON CHEMICAL CORPORATION, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

On February 28, 1966, a letter was submitted by the Director for Weapons Analysis and Readiness, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics), requesting approval for the lease of five items of Government-owned production equipment to Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation for approximately 90 days until replacement items ordered by the company were delivered. This request was approved by the Office of Emergency Planning on March 4, 1966.