

Mr. DANIEL. Yes, the Defense Department needed the herbicides in the defoliant programs that it had in Vietnam and they asked for the priority for all domestic production of this particular herbicide.

Mr. GALIFIANAKIS. Is an adequate supply available now?

Mr. LAWRENCE. No, sir, there is not.

In fact, there is going to be about, I think, only 2 months production made available for civilians this year.

Mr. GALIFIANAKIS. Is most of the use for military purposes there, or for civilian purposes?

Mr. LAWRENCE. All military.

Mr. GALIFIANAKIS. Primarily military?

Mr. LAWRENCE. Yes, sir.

Mr. GALIFIANAKIS. You don't use it for purposes of clearing areas for building roads and other buildings?

Mr. LAWRENCE. No, this was for the purpose of killing the foliage on trees so that the enemy forces would be seen from the air. The defoliant program is the principal use of it.

Mr. GALIFIANAKIS. Do you have any policymaking decision in that respect, or do you just take instructions from the Department of Defense in determining that?

Mr. LAWRENCE. No, we have the requirements of all departments and agencies in the Government that have an interest in this chemical—for example, principally the Department of Agriculture has a very strong interest in our action. And there were interagency meetings prior to making the decision. But the final decision was made by OEP.

Mr. GALIFIANAKIS. What are the principal sources of these defoliates?

Mr. LAWRENCE. In the United States, all of them are U.S. manufacturers. The chemicals are made in this country. The principal problem is that this 2,4,5-T the demands of the military exceeded our whole U.S. supply. This was the problem. We didn't have enough capacity. Our Army has under construction new capacity now in Missouri which will eventually fill all of their needs and the rest of the supply will go back to civilians.

Mr. GALIFIANAKIS. One more question, Mr. Chairman.

You stated earlier, Governor, that you haven't experienced many difficulties in having firms reject priority orders. Do you do anything or do you have any regulations or control over the shipper or the carrier? Is there any synchronization between the priority order and the movement by the carrier of that order?

Mr. DANIEL. Mr. Bertsch handles this program and let me ask his comment and then we may want to add to that.

Mr. BERTSCH. To the best of my knowledge, the Defense Production Act priorities powers are not presently being utilized with respect to transportation except in one limited area—the transportation and discharge abroad of certain commodities by American carriers and the movement of such carriers to certain designated destinations. These restrictions are embraced in Department of Commerce Orders T-1 and T-2.