

Notes

The extent of the contractor holdings of Government-owned IPE costing in excess of \$1,000 per piece is indicated in the above table. The 15 largest holders by "cost" held 37 percent of the total value of \$2.6 billion. This included 73,289 of the total of 209,598 pieces or 35 percent.

It is noted that the GAO investigation revealed that 17 companies held \$195,733,000 in IPE mostly metalworking tools and \$108,251,000 in heavy presses for a total of \$303,984,400 or about 12 percent of the total. Only two of the 17 studied by GAO rank in the first 10 [TRW, Aerojet].

Of interest also is the fact that two companies—General Electric and North American Aviation—hold 17,935 pieces of equipment at \$220,388,481. This is about 8 percent of the equipment and 9 percent of the total value.

While the average cost of the 209,598 pieces of equipment was more than \$12,000, the 457 pieces held by ALCOA averaged more than \$100,000 each. And ARMCO, not listed above, holds two pieces of equipment which cost \$2,120,179.

On the other end of the spectrum, it is estimated that of the 1,900 companies holding IPE in 2,256 plants, about 50 percent hold less than 20 items each.

Such giants of American industry as A.T. & T. and United States Steel have holdings of millions each but were not studied by the GAO nor are they in the "Top 15" in their holdings.

The above refers only to the IPE valued at \$2.6 billion. It does not refer to facilities, materials, tooling and test equipment held by contractors with an estimated value of more than \$12 billion.