

Mr. ROBACK. Well NASA had contracted, with the approval of the Department of Defense, for satellite circuits for the APOLLO program, and I understand that now additionally NASA is seeking wide-band circuitry which may be provided by Comsat even if not directly.

Do you get involved?

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Roback, in some cases if the question was whether or not Comsat would serve this requirement directly, the Director of Telecommunications Management would be asked for his opinion as to whether, in his opinion, such service directly by the corporation to the user met the criteria of the *Authorized User* decision. If it did, then we would be involved. If, however, it was ruled that such service would be rendered via one of the commercial carriers—such as ITT, WorldCom, RCAC, or Western Union International—then the matter becomes moot and the agency requiring the service would deal directly with the carrier as he does for all other requirements.

Mr. ROBACK. Has the National Security Council directive on your role in this regard been changed, or does it still stand, as you interpret it?

Mr. SOLOMON. It stands exactly as it did. Whereas in the past we went to the satellite corporation for all our requirements, now we are directed to go only for those which are, if you wish, unique or vital or outstanding in the sense they must be ruled upon by the Director of Telecommunications Management as provided for in the decision of the Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. ROBACK. I notice on page 39, not to anticipate the general's testimony, there is a statement that agencies which intend to lease transoceanic circuits coordinate their actions with the DCA office.

Mr. SOLOMON. That is another matter. That meant in any case where any agency required a transoceanic circuit, they would check with this office to insure there would not be duplication of facilities.

For example, one agency might have a channel across an ocean in which there were spare telegraph legs and these could be used for the other agency requirements. This meant in the expensive area of transoceanic communications, such would be coordinated before they would be leased directly.

Mr. ROBACK. So since this new requirement of NASA, as I understand it, is transoceanic, they would have to coordinate with the Defense Communications Agency?

Mr. SOLOMON. Yes. They would do that in any regard because the requirement is so large and so definitive and so new, that it would be discussed thoroughly, particularly if there was any question that the satellite corporation should supply such circuitry directly.

Mr. ROBACK. You might supply us a little description paper on this point.

Mr. SOLOMON. Right. I have myself not heard of this requirement. General KLOCKO. I have not either.

Mr. ROBACK. It may be the requirement hasn't developed sufficiently. It is my understanding that it is a requirement that has been developed, General.

(The information referred to follows:)