

and Western Union, because we would like to use the AUTOVON trunking system to carry some of the AUTODIN traffic. This has always been a sticky point.

Mr. ROBACK. Is that partly because jurisdiction of those companies between voice and data has been separated?

General KLOCKO. It has been because of the way the two systems evolved separately, we are trying to bring the two together so we will in effect have a single transmission trunking system.

Mr. ROBACK. Does this involve regulatory approval?

General KLOCKO. I think we can work it out without that.

Mr. ROBACK. You don't think this requires the FCC approval?

General KLOCKO. No.

Mr. ROBACK. It doesn't involve the jurisdiction of the company? That is to say, as to whether Western Union thereby will get into the voice area, or something like that?

General KLOCKO. No, Mr. Roback. It doesn't involve that basic issue. There is the issue, however, of the interconnect between the two systems and I think we are getting agreement from both companies, A.T. & T. and Western Union, that they will—

Mr. ROBACK. Interconnect between the Government and the leased systems, between overseas and domestic, is that the issue?

General KLOCKO. No. Between the carriers in the United States. We recently had a case before FCC in which both Western Union and A.T. & T. said that they would not interconnect between an AUTODIN switch at Fort Dietrick and an AUTOVON switch which was close by, very close by. [Deleted.]

We took that case to the FCC trying to get the FCC to force them to interconnect when it was in the Government's interest, and as a result of these deliberations with Western Union we have withdrawn our case and both Western Union and A.T. & T. have agreed to interconnect.

Mr. LUMAN. Does the effect of this understanding mean every time you change the family of computers you use you have to pay Western Union this 3- to 4-percent commission?

General KLOCKO. If we change the computer, yes. If we get a new one we would presumably go to Western Union as the contractor, tell them what it is we want, and they would undertake to get it for us.

Mr. LUMAN. Do you get anything for the 3- or 4-percent charge, really?

General KLOCKO. Yes. We will be paying a reasonable charge for a service that will give us one contractor for transmission and terminal facilities, which will result in a better melding of the equipment into the system. They take the full responsibility for the equipment and its capability and interface with the system as a whole. When we supply our own equipment we become responsible for that.

Mr. LUMAN. They are really providing a service now?

General KLOCKO. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Is there an antitrust problem in any respect?

General KLOCKO. No, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. A question of a lock-in of equipment?

General KLOCKO. No, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Limiting competition?