

I wish to thank you for giving me this opportunity to appear and present to you the major programs and activities of the DCA and the NCS. Before concluding, however, I would like to refer to Secretary McNamara's letter of February 13, 1967, to you in which he attached his comments to your report of October 1966. I ask you to note that in accordance with your recommendations there has been achieved an operational capability with an expanded capacity in the IDSCS as well as a system that has been upgraded and replenished. Additionally, it should be noted that the 30 commercial satellite circuits in the Pacific, procured by DCA from Comsat, have been assigned to the international record carriers.

If you have any questions I shall be glad to attempt to answer them.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. General Klocko, I just want to say as an individual that it has been interesting since we started exploring the need of this service for the military's own communications methods, why I certainly am pleased with this report of progress and establishment of effective communication. It goes beyond my expectations at the time we started certainly that you have made as much progress and have improved it as much as you have.

General KLOCKO. I am certainly glad to hear your words. I personally can't take credit for all this, but it has been the result of a lot of work on the part of a great many people.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Yes. It has taken a lot of work. I know that. But we were determined that the Defense Department should have in addition to Comsat something that was of its own and that it can develop to its peculiar needs. It seems to me as a layman that you have done a good job.

General KLOCKO. Thank you.

Mr. ROBACK. I might go over a little ground here. We have a little time. [Deleted.]

Your statement about utilizing the technological developments produced by NASA, Comsat and DOD programs, including this technical one, does that statement imply that the Defense Department has lagged technologically behind NASA and Comsat, would you say?

General KLOCKO. No, sir. We just use everything that everybody has in the developing of our follow-on plans.

Mr. ROBACK. You wouldn't say at this stage of the game, NASA with its advanced technological satellite and Comsat with its program down to Intelsat No. 4 and maybe beyond that for all I know, you wouldn't say they are ahead of the Defense Department technologically?

General KLOCKO. No, sir. I think we are all using the same technological base in the country to produce these systems.

Mr. ROBACK. Are the decisions to utilize that technology keeping up with the technology?

General KLOCKO. You might ask Dr. Tucker that.

Mr. ROBACK. That is his department? Well, let's ask you, then—your organization has been strong for developing a satellite capability, has it not?

General KLOCKO. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Do you envisage that there could be an elimination of obsolete or otherwise costly or unnecessary systems if you had a strong satellite capability?