

Mr. DAHLIN. How about the studies of tactical communications? Does that all come under DCA?

General KLOCKO. No, sir. Tactical communications is under the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. DAHLIN. Are there any studies necessary of the interfaces between tactical and DCA-type communications?

Mr. SHELOR. Yes. We anticipate those studies would be conducted by the services, JCS, DCA, and participated in by OSD.

TACTICAL SATELLITE EXECUTIVE GROUP

Mr. DAHLIN. Is that the kind of problem that comes under the triservice committee?

Mr. SHELOR. The triservice executive group, which has been renamed since the Marine Corps became represented in the group, is the tactical satellite executive group now, and is concerned with administering the advance development program so they would participate and would be the focal point for the services, Mr. Dahlin, but since the relationship with DSCS is involved in operational questions, it also involved DCA, JCS, and OSD.

Mr. DAHLIN. If further decisions have to be made, is this tactical satellite group going to serve as the primary means of managing the tactical satellite program for the foreseeable future? Or are you about coming to the end where you can have a committee effort?

Mr. SHELOR. We believe that this group has been very effective and should continue through the advanced development phase.

Mr. DAHLIN. Through the advanced development phase. That is how long?

Mr. SHELOR. Through the joint test. About the next 12 months. We will consider how the program should be managed following that.

Mr. DAHLIN. That is through the test of the LES-6?

Mr. SHELOR. Through the test of the TacSat-1.

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Mr. SHELOR. Yes.

Mr. DAHLIN. You plan to keep TSEG in operation that long?

Mr. SHELOR. Yes.

Mr. DAHLIN. Have there been any funding or coordination problems in this connection with TSEG? Does it seem to work effectively?

Mr. SHELOR. No; it worked quite effectively. There have been a number of common buys in areas such as terminal equipments and modules where one service is procuring for all services so there is a lot of commonality and saving in dollars. In other words, we have gotten more terminals for the given amount of R. & D. dollars we had to invest. I think it worked out well. The joint test on the LES-5 has been well coordinated and planned and there has been no problem in coordination between the services.

DCA SUPPORT CONTRACTS

Mr. DAHLIN. Does Systems Science Corp. still support the DCA effort?

General KLOCKO. Systems Science? Yes; it does.

Mr. DAHLIN. Is there still a hardware ban problem in connection with that company?