

STANDARD ADP SYSTEMS

Mr. ROBACK. Mr. Fasick, the Department of Defense has issued a supply management reference book which is DA Pamphlet 700-1 of January 1965, and it contains a statement on page 107 as follows:

The Army has developed a standard ADPS for material management at ICP's, depots, and other affected activities.

Does that refer to the US. portion only or is it true worldwide?

Mr. FASICK. This is applicable to the ICP's—the seven ICP's—and I think there are a few more organizations involved in the whole test also. That is what they call the NAPALM program, and it is still being tested and developed in St. Louis at the Aviation Materiel Command. This is called the national ADP program for AMC logistical management.

Mr. ROBACK. The layman would read this as saying the Army has a standard automatic data processing system.

Mr. FASICK. We explain some of this a little later in our statement, but the Army does have several test programs underway to standardize different echelons of their supply system.

Mr. ROBACK. They have standard automatic data processing equipment in the United States?

Mr. FASICK. No; they don't.

Mr. ROBACK. They don't have it in any case, whether in the United States or overseas?

Mr. FASICK. Not today; that is right. But they are moving in that direction. What we are hoping is that they will move a bit faster in this direction because we believe that standardization and simplification of these systems is absolutely essential to overcoming many of their problems.

Mr. ROBACK. Does standardization mean that they have to buy all these equipments from one manufacturer, like IBM?

Mr. FASICK. I don't think so. I think that equipment, as long as it can perform the same function, could be compatible. In the NAPALM system they have in mind the IBM equipment.

At different levels—for example, they have a system they are developing called COSMOS for the Army command levels in CONARC in the United States.

Mr. ROBACK. Suppose one of those systems eventuates in an IBM equipment, just hypothetically, and they then have to make this compatible or standardized with a system at another level of supply management. In one case it might be the Army installations, in another case it might be the headquarters, whatever is involved.

Does that mean once they invest in IBM machines they have to invest in IBM machines throughout the whole system?

Mr. FASICK. I wouldn't think so.

Mr. ROBACK. You don't think procurement becomes a problem here as far as standardization is concerned?

Mr. FASICK. No.

Mr. ROBACK. You are familiar with the fact that the Comptroller General ruled on a contract award proposal with regard to the Air Force, involving automatic data processing equipment for their base activities generally. IBM was the prospective recipient, and the Comp-