

Mr. ROBACK. All right.

General HEISER. Since 1965, the 1st Logistics Command has grown from the initial 34 military personnel to over 50,000 military personnel and approximately an equal number of civilian personnel providing combat service support to U.S. forces of more than one-half million, not including support to allied forces.

I might insert here, sir, that the workload, the 1st Logistical Command handles, to give some size of the scope of the problems—in May, which is a good exemplary month, we received 248,000 short tons in those three depots, and we shipped out of those three depots to customers 268,000 tons, or in excess of a half-million tons in the month. This does not include 2.6 million barrels of POL, but of course POL, that is bulk POL, and this goes through pipeline.

So in addition to this, there is one other fact: that in retrograde, moving unserviceables out of the country, we have reached a 30,000 short-ton level in this regard.

Mr. ROBACK. You have 100,000 employed by the 1st Logistical Command equally divided into military and civilian?

General HEISER. Roughly; yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. The civilians do not count in your force level quotas, do they?

General HEISER. We have a civilian ceiling that is authorized Vietnam both in terms of Department of Army civilians as well as local nationals, sir, in addition to the limits on military personnel.

Mr. ROBACK. In the 530 or 540,000 U.S. forces in Vietnam, are these 50,000 counted?

General HEISER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Do you have a civilianization program to try to put more civilians in there so that more of the military personnel will be counted as combat, available for combat?

General HEISER. Sir, may I first of all, in view of the questions that are going to take place, state I have two witnesses with me at the table that I would like to introduce so that you will know when they get involved in the questions and answers.

One is Brig. Gen. Leo B. Jones, who is the deputy commander of the 1st Logistical Command in Vietnam. He was not brought back here especially for this hearing, but he happened to be here, and so he is cooperating with us to assist in answering your questions, sir.

Over on my right, sir, is Mr. John Taylor, who is in the systems portion of the DCSLOG office, and so when we get into examination, particularly an examination of logistics systems having to do with ADP processes and other things, Mr. Taylor I am sure will be of value.

And then behind us, sir, in case of need, we do have some others, including, while he may not answer questions, I would like to introduce for future reference Brig. Gen. John Klingenhagen, who apparently will be announced as succeeding me in my job when I leave, sir, and tomorrow is my last day.

Mr. ROBACK. We just happened to catch you. You can hit and run on this one.

General HEISER. Yes, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Kind of a going-away party for you.

General HEISER. Yes, sir. It is my privilege, sir.