

General HEISER. No, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. U.S. civilians?

General HEISER. The U.S. civilians—Mr. Woodside says the U.S. civilians do not get any kind of hazard pay but they get an allowance over there.

Mr. ROBACK. Will you continue?

General HEISER. Since most of the war materials and equipment are delivered by ocean transportation, the support commands and depots are located at or near accessible ocean ports. Largest of the three major support commands is at Saigon where the 4th Transportation Command operates both the port at Saigon and a new port terminal 31½ miles downstream. Principal storage of material has been substantially transferred from crowded facilities in and around Saigon to Long Binh, which is approximately 25 miles north of Saigon.

Inventory management in South Vietnam is accomplished by the 14th Inventory Control Center. The 14th was initially formed at Fort Hood in September 1965, and arrived in Vietnam in December.

On arrival in South Vietnam, the 14th Inventory Control Center provided assistance to the depot operations at Cam Ranh Bay and Saigon, and in October 1966 was reassembled in Saigon, and began its mission of centralized stock control and supply management that same month.

The following October, the entire operation was relocated to Long Binh and large-scale computers installed to improve operational control and processing timeliness.

Mr. ROBACK. Can you tell us, General, what is the difference between a control center and a control point?

General HEISER. Sir, we use the term "control center" to cover those inventory management centers in our field operations. We generally restrict the inventory control point terminology to the national agencies, such as the national inventory control points which are part of our Inventory Command, I mean Commodity Commands, and DSA, for example, their various inventory control points.

So that it is more a question of national versus field structure organization.

Mr. ROBACK. Are there control points in theaters, overseas theaters?

General HEISER. Yes, sir.

Excuse me, sir, we do not use the term "inventory control point" overseas.

Mr. ROBACK. The wording "inventory control point" refers to a commodity management and control in the United States, CONUS?

General HEISER. Yes, sir; that is essentially correct.

Mr. ROBACK. Does the inventory control center, such as the one in Saigon, combine inventory control management and physical distribution of stocks?

General HEISER. From the viewpoint of paper directives, et cetera; yes, sir.

Now they are responsible for this in terms of operationally carrying it out—

Mr. ROBACK. That is the depot operation?

General HEISER. That is the depot operation.

Mr. ROBACK. That is not the control center?