General HEISER. No, sir; that is right. They direct the movement, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Then let us recap the question.

What is the difference between a control center and a control point as far as function goes?

General HEISER. Sir, I would say the only difference is the scope of responsibility.

At the inventory control points in the CONUS in the United States, they are responsible Army-wide and in the terms of DSA, for example, they are responsible DOD-wide for certain commodities.

Mr. ROBACK. For a given segment of commodities?

General HEISER. Yes, sir.

Now, overseas they are responsible, generally speaking, an inventory control center is responsible for all commodities within that particular area of responsibility.

Mr. ROBACK. I see.

In other words, it is not distinguished by commodity classifications, but it combines all those commodity functions within that center for that particular theater?

General HEISER. Yes, sir.

However, I would like to indicate, sir, that within the inventory control center, in order to get proper management to the commodity, and that is basically what we are after is to keep the end item in the hands of troops operable, we have organizations we split down into commodity areas, so that commodities within an inventory control center will get special management by commodities, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Is this center in Saigon of the nature of the quick reaction inventory control center that you were talking about?

General HEISER. Sir, it will do the same functions that the 14th ICC in Saigon at Long Binh, outside of Saigon. The quick reaction inventory control center will perform the same functions that the 14th ICC now performs.

Mr. ROBACK. It is of this nature of organization?

General HEISER. Yes, sir; that is right.

Mr. ROBACK. This is a prototype?

General HEISER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Or at least this is the experience upon which you are developing that concept?

General HEISER. Yes, sir. We are using that as well as the experience we had in other places, such as the 7th Army, where we had and still have, although it is being consolidated now, a 7th Army Inventory Control Center, and we have had this in operation now for many years, and we are using the experience gained at all of these, in addition to the standardization that we are now implementing, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. You may proceed.

General HEISER. To obtain the needed improved timeliness and essential management improvements, the card computer systems were converted to the large-scale computer. During this period the U.S. Army, Pacific, standard supply system was being developed to handle the complexities of the requisition edit and supply management processes. At the time of this buildup, this standard system was being tested and installed in the more stable environments in Korea, Okinawa, Japan, and Hawaii.