is known as the PACOM Utilization and Redistribution Agency (PURA). Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Heiser, Jr., ADCSLOG (S. & M.), was appointed as the project coordinator for DOD.

The plan for implementation of the project was completed on January 29, 1968 and approved by the Office, Secretary of Defense on March 1, 1968. On March 8, 1968 the plan was implemented on a limited basis using Army-owned DSA/GSA excess items valued at $37.8 million. During the months of April and May 1968, the Army-owned excesses were screened against requirements of the other military services in the Pacific area. The initial screening resulted in filling requirements of the USAF, USN, and USMC valued at $1.4 million.

On April 15, 1968 each PACOM component command reported its' initial increment of excesses to PURA for screening against PACOM-wide requirements. Total excesses reported by all services are valued at $50.6 million. Excess listings were prepared by the agency (PURA) and distributed to the PACOM component commands for screening against valid requirements. The screening process has been completed and requirements are being placed against the excesses. The final results of the screening are being tabulated at this time.

The concept of the project requires each military service in the Pacific to perform inventories, reconcile dues-in and dues-out, update requisitioning objectives, identify excesses beyond service requirements, and, on a monthly basis report the excess to PURA for screening on an interservice basis. The project provides for interservice utilization of excesses within the geographical area of the Pacific Command which did not heretofore exist. Supplies found to be in excess of the needs of all services in the Pacific area are reported to the respective CONUS inventory managers for further screening on a worldwide basis and final disposition.

The activities of the PURA as of this time have been on a limited scale using an unsophisticated type operation. The agency is presently going into a fully computerized operation which will provide a much greater capability and be more responsive to service needs in processing excesses for redistribution. The PURA test results indicate that the project is sound and will result in substantial savings and better utilization of materiel identified as excess in the Pacific area.

General HEISER. On another subject, Project Counter is a program for providing trained assistance teams on a temporary basis to assist commanders in the Pacific in accomplishing essential supply tasks that are beyond their current capabilities. Over 1,000 persons are now in Vietnam on this and other similar assistance teams.

I might indicate that this is also where the Army Materiel Command is essential. In fact, the 1,000 is a minimum figure, sir. It is closer to 2,000 that come from AMC.

A special program of reconciliation of requisitions for supplies and equipment in Vietnam and cancellation of requisitions for items no longer required has resulted in cancellations of over 124,000 requisitions since January 1968 on depots located in South Vietnam. The reconciliation of customer back orders at the Army Materiel Command as of February 29, 1968, resulted in cancellation of over 22,000 requisitions valued at $122 million.

With the establishment of the 14th Inventory Control Center in Vietnam, stocks of all three major depots can be managed simultaneously. By applying assets in one depot against requirements at another, cancellations of many outstanding requisitions on continental United States supply sources could be submitted. A total of $283 million worth of cancellations were requested from July 1967 through April 1968.

I would caution the use of that figure without recognizing, however, that there is a dynamic problem here, and that is that we cancel a requisition from the year level. By the time it gets back to the national inventory control point, there is a certain passage of time through which the dynamics of supply have been taking place. As a result, many of the cancellations are attempted only to find that they may