

terms of effort and readiness, and is a key management system which is to be developed on a priority basis.

Prior to the installation of the National Automatic Data Processing Program for Army Materiel Command Logistics Management, automatic data processing equipment, the standard systems will be tested and evaluated at a prototype installation. To provide for central direction and control of this project, U.S. Army Materiel Command has established an automated logistics management systems activity at St. Louis, Mo.

Recent reviews of the Army logistics system have highlighted the fact that there must be a better organized, structured, and coordinated study effort to develop doctrine for the Army wholesale logistic system as a corollary effort to Army in the field logistics doctrine.

A conceptual study on the Army wholesale logistics system is being initiated to parallel the combat development command Army in the field concepts studies of the 1980-85 time frame. Objectives of this study are to provide a framework for the derivative studies essential to establish new doctrine for the Army wholesale logistic systems, and to project the overall Army wholesale logistic systems for the 1980-85 time frame in connection with evaluation of the impact of logistics experience in Vietnam, implementation of Army in the field logistic concepts under the combat service support system, evolution of mission assignments to the Defense Supply Agency, improvements in transportation and communications, and organizational trends and studies impacting upon Army logistics. At present the study team is developing the many basic research documents required.

To assure that the various systems under development interface properly and provide a cohesive vertical management information system for the Army, we have underway a study and design effort which has as its objective the establishment of an integrated supply, maintenance and materiel readiness reporting system from the unit level up through intervening echelons to Headquarters, Department of Army.

This effort began with an identification of the essential elements of information required for management and decisionmaking at each echelon of the Army. The system is being designed to provide this information from data banks operating in support of the various functional systems now under development at the several echelons of the Army described. It is the Army's intention that this effort will result in a standard worldwide information system which will integrate supply, maintenance and materiel readiness reporting into a single cohesive system.

In conclusion, improved control of Army inventories, systems discipline and standardization and simplification of the various supply systems within the Army have been initiated and are in process of execution.

In today's dynamic logistic environment, emphasis is being placed on the need for improvement in logistic control and economy by the Secretary of Army, the Chief of Staff and at all command levels. Previous examples cited highlighted the positive measures underway to obtain immediate improvements.

Intensive review of requisitioning objectives has been conducted for major commands by Headquarters, Department of Army and the