

Army Materiel Command's national inventory control points. A procedure has been established whereby the Army Materiel Command will continue to provide this type of review and other management assistance semiannually on a scheduled and continuing basis.

Headquarters, Department of Army has also conducted special semiannual reviews of the National Inventory Point procedures for computation of Army-wide assets and requirements and plans are being made to extend this type of review to other major commands. The Army has positive measures underway to improve on our present logistic support structure and to take full advantage of modern technology in order to provide the best possible support to our combat forces.

Currently accepted concepts are also being critically examined and questioned in order that the future Army logistics system can be designed on a sound logical basis to best support land combat in the future. The Army has a four-point systems improvement program directed at achieving an integrated, standard, future logistic system that provides for:

Central direction and control of logistic system development at Headquarters, Department of Army, Deputy Chief of Staff for logistics level.

Intensive systems design and development efforts addressing each support echelon in the Army Logistics System, intended to provide worldwide standardization.

The development of an integrated supply, maintenance and materiel readiness information system to integrate the support systems into a cohesive, vertical system from unit to Headquarters, Department of Army level.

Long-range study and operations research, examining, and challenging the doctrinal base upon which the present system is based.

The U.S. Army has and is exploring every practicable means of increasing effectiveness and efficiency of its logistic system. Every improvement practicable is and will be made provided it is compatible with the Army basic mission of supporting the combat soldier in battle.

I thank all of you for your interest in this most significant area and I and other Army witnesses will be pleased to respond to questions.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. We will instruct the staff to prepare their questions so we can start questioning you immediately on this statement the first thing in the morning.

General HEISER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ROBACK. At all points where you have suggested supplying additional material for the record, take that as a request by the committee.

General HEISER. We will, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Thank you very much, and thank you for your appearance here this morning.

The meeting is adjourned until 10 a.m.

(Whereupon, at 12 noon, the committee recessed, to reconvene at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, 1968.)