

That particular area of the fish market, and I know it perfectly, I have walked it hundreds of times, is completely cleaned out, as I mentioned, as far as this junk is concerned. We are still using the fish market.

We are relocating at this time the entire Saigon depot from its current locations to a new location at Long Binh, which is now under construction, and the fish market has particularly been stocks of repair parts, and those also are being relocated and physically moved at the present time.

So that by 30 September we will have relocated from the fish market 50 percent of our stocks, and by March 31, based on a directive from MACV, we will have relocated all of the Saigon depot from the fish market area to its new depot location at Long Binh.

Now, with respect to getting a handle on the inventory, they alleged, and properly so, that we did not know what we had, accurate counts. I am not saying that today we know that in every Federal stock number what we have by accurate counts.

I can say we have made significant progress in first cleaning up our storage areas; second, getting those commodities properly located so that we could find them when we need them; and, third, physically counting those items and having that counting accurately reflected on the tape at the computer.

As I say, we are not 100 percent, and I can't give you a feel on what percent we have finished up, but we are counting every day, sir. But we are finding errors every day. Humans are human.

General HEISER. Again I would like to put it in context, sir, in terms of the volume that we are talking about. We are talking about approximately 1 million short tons of supplies sir, and what General Jones is emphasizing is the fact that again we are moving out to improve our supply management and our storage and our depot operations, and as is always the case, there is room for improvement, and in this particular case, sir, there was definite room for improvement, because of the way in which this war has grown up, and the fact that we put in combat troops to do the job first.

Logistic troops came in in not sufficient amounts to begin with. We had a discharging of ships problem, as you will recall, about a year and a half ago.

We discharged ships very fast. We shipped stuff from the United States with a sense of urgency to support the combat soldiers; and, sir, we just didn't have a balanced capability to receive it and handle it on the far end.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Nor the facilities.

General HEISER. Nor the facilities.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. I want to ask you a couple of questions. Are you going to be stationed here in Washington for a while?

General HEISER. No, sir. This is my last day in Washington.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. This is your last day in Washington?

General HEISER. Yes, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. You are going where?

General HEISER. I am going to Southeast Asia. I am going to be assigned with General Jones.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Both of you then will be leaving to go out there?