

MILITARY SUPPLY SYSTEMS

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
MILITARY OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:15 a.m., in room 2247, Rayburn Building, Hon. Chet Holifield presiding.

Present: Representatives Chet Holifield and Horton.

Also present: Herbert Roback, staff administrator; Douglas Dahlin, counsel; Joseph Luman, defense analyst; and Paul Ridgely, investigator.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. ROBACK. We will have meetings on Monday and Tuesday, Mr. Chairman, and we will ask the DSA people to be here then. We may want to recall the Army. We will see how it works out.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. This morning we will proceed with your testimony, Admiral Cosgrove.

The committee will be in order and you may proceed.

**STATEMENT OF REAR ADM. PAUL F. COSGROVE, JR., SUPPLY CORPS,
U.S. NAVY, DEPUTY COMMANDER, NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS
COMMAND FOR SUPPLY OPERATIONS; ACCOMPANIED BY COMDR.
RICHARD N. DREESE, SUPPLY CORPS, U.S. NAVY**

BIOGRAPHY OF REAR ADM. PAUL F. COSGROVE, JR., SUPPLY CORPS, U.S. NAVY

Paul Francis Cosgrove, Jr., was born in Augusta, Ga., on July 14, 1918, son of Paul F. and Eleanor (Brosnan) Cosgrove. He graduated from the Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta with the class of 1939 and received the degree of bachelor of arts in industrial management. Commissioned ensign in the Supply Corps of the U.S. Navy on January 18, 1940, he subsequently advanced in rank, attaining that of rear admiral, to date from July 1, 1967.

Upon receiving his commission in 1940, he reported for instruction at the Supply Corps School, Philadelphia, Pa. He completed the course there in September of that year, and was assigned as disbursing officer on the staff of Commander Destroyer Division 80. He continued to serve in that capacity until October 1941, after which he had duty as outgoing stores officer (issuing shipment) at the Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii. He was in that assignment when the Japanese attacked the naval base there on December 7, 1941.

During the period June 1944 until September 1945 he was supply and commissary officer at the Naval Air Station, Vero Beach, Fla., and following similar duty on board the USS *CABOT*, he reported in June 1946 as stock control division officer for aircraft engines and propeller parts at the Aviation Supply Office, Philadelphia, Pa. In August 1948 he became stock control officer at the Electronics Supply Office, Great Lakes, Ill. He was assistant to the inventory control division