

Mr. ROBACK. Is the equipment procured, or is that still a matter of development?

Admiral COSGROVE. Yes. We now have it at the Electronics Supply Office, and we expect to have the equipment installed and ready at the Ships Parts Control Center and the Aviation Supply Office in time to make these programs operable this fiscal year.

As I mentioned, the Ships Parts Control Center will be the second one which we will implement, in December, and then ASO will be the final one. They have by far the major problem in this area.

Mr. ROBACK. You also state that one of the special features is worldwide asset visibility of high value items. That is a special feature of what, now, the Navy system?

Admiral COSGROVE. The Navy system. I am not comparing this with any system. I am familiar with the Air Force AFRAMS system. They do this today. Again, when I talk of this, I am really saying that we are able to do things we couldn't do before, except on a manual basis, in which, workloadwise, we just—

Mr. ROBACK. You are not saying that the Air Force or the Army lacks this feature?

Admiral COSGROVE. No, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. You are just saying that it is special with the Navy, compared with what it used to be?

Admiral COSGROVE. That is right, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Compared with what the system used to be?

Admiral COSGROVE. That is right.

VISIBILITY FOR CONTROL

Mr. ROBACK. To what extent do you have worldwide asset visibility? You have it for high value items; but is it a goal that you are working on for all supplies, or is this somebody else's problem because you deal only in high value items?

Admiral COSGROVE. No. Most of our items are repair parts. Right today, for example, in the aviation system, 93.9 percent of the total item inventory is items reported to the Aviation Supply Office. Electronics, 92 percent of the items are reported.

Mr. ROBACK. What is the significance of those figures, the fact that they are reported?

Admiral COSGROVE. It means that the Aviation Supply Office has visibility down to this reporting level of the assets, the amount of material on hand, the issues they have made, any planned program requirements, and so forth.

Mr. ROBACK. Let's put it this way: on what assets do you lack visibility worldwide?

Admiral COSGROVE. We do not have asset reporting from our individual ships, and there are small activities such as reserve air stations, Willow Grove, Pa., Brunswick, Ga., small activities—

Mr. ROBACK. That is the retail level, as far as you are concerned?

Admiral COSGROVE. It is; yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Consuming level?

Admiral COSGROVE. It is.

Mr. ROBACK. That would be equivalent to the Army post, camp, and station. You don't have visibility there.