

suggestion that GSA position inventories, their own owned inventories at Oakland.

We would then not position Navy inventories there.

Mr. ROBACK. You mean, they would rent part of your space?

Admiral COSGROVE. I don't think there would be any rental involved. We would provide space, so that we in this way could eliminate inventories but still maintain Navy's control over the responsiveness to individual ships and overseas customers. This was really the basis for Mr. Baird's objection to the GAO.

We in the Navy Supply Systems Command, control, allocate all of Oakland's resources to them, so we are always able to respond in any kind of an emergency to insure adequate time of response to the fleet and overseas activity.

Mr. ROBACK. Responsive supply as far as the Navy is concerned?

Admiral COSGROVE. Right.

Mr. ROBACK. Is this only with regard to overseas requisitions, or would this apply to U.S. requisitions?

Admiral COSGROVE. No; many of our activities today requisition directly onto GSA. Practically all of them in the United States.

Mr. ROBACK. The Alameda station might requisition?

Admiral COSGROVE. Directly to GSA.

Mr. ROBACK. And also Subic?

Admiral COSGROVE. Subic requisitions from Oakland.

Mr. ROBACK. From Oakland?

Admiral COSGROVE. Yes, sir. In the continental United States, almost all of our activities, requisition directly on GSA.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. That is on common use items.

Admiral COSGROVE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Do the U.S. stations requisition directly on GSA?

Admiral COSGROVE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. They all do?

Admiral COSGROVE. They all do.

Mr. ROBACK. And you have no problem there?

Admiral COSGROVE. No, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. It is only with regard to the overseas stations?

Admiral COSGROVE. That is right. Overseas stations and ships. We have had some problems of response time, but these are being resolved. I think the ninth region in San Francisco was——

Mr. ROBACK. Do you know of any other services requisition directly on the GSA from overseas?

Admiral COSGROVE. I think some do; yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. You don't know whether they have had any response problems?

Admiral COSGROVE. I don't.

Mr. ROBACK. You don't know that this is a response problem; but you are concerned that it might be?

Admiral COSGROVE. That is right.

Mr. ROBACK. And has a working group been set up on this?

Admiral COSGROVE. As I recall, the latest status, Mr. Roback, is that GSA has written a letter to the Department of Defense, and this is now being reviewed within the Department of Defense. I don't know when——