

Mr. ROBACK. GSA is in favor of occupying some of your quarters and prepositioning their supplies and equipment there?

Admiral COSGROVE. I can't speak to that. I did not see this letter. I think they are in favor of getting together with DOD and resolving this problem.

Mr. ROBACK. They are talking about it.

Admiral COSGROVE. I don't want to state the GSA position.

Mr. ROBACK. Would it be your demand, if it came to such an arrangement, that these supplies be prepositioned for dedicated Navy use, so that there wouldn't be any servicing of other requests?

In other words, to prevent duplicate stocking of GSA stocks by both the Navy and the GSA, if the GSA came in with a Navy order, so to speak, at a Navy center, they would have to stock supplies and you would probably insist, would you not, that these supplies be available for the Navy, even though they might result in some accumulations?

Do you see what I mean?

Admiral COSGROVE. No; we would make them available just as we do under DSA agreement to other customers of GSA, Army or Air Force. We would probably like to have at least a reservation of a quantity that we could, when we got down to this level, we would want to make—

Mr. ROBACK. I am assuming, without knowing, that you wouldn't just want to support another GSA center in your own center.

Admiral COSGROVE. No; not another GSA center, but we would be willing to support other customers of GSA, if they submit us shipment directives.

Mr. ROBACK. Do you think some arrangement like this will probably work out?

Admiral COSGROVE. I think it would. I think we are doing very well with DSA on the same kind of an arrangement.

Mr. ROBACK. DSA is prepositioned, in effect, I mean, their supplies?

Admiral COSGROVE. They stock supplies there, and we report to them on a transaction item basis all of our issues. They then compute Oakland, and this is only at two places, Oakland and Norfolk—they compute our requirements and automatically distribute material in there to keep stock on hand to meet our needs.

Mr. ROBACK. Are they servicing the Air Force and the Army out of that?

Admiral COSGROVE. They do on occasion; yes, sir. They are trying to tailor this stock to Navy requirements, but naturally other requirements will occur, and we do quite a bit of processing of DSA materiel MRO's for the other services.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. For the record, could you clarify the difference in items handled by DSA and GSA?

What is the general difference there, or is it similar?

Admiral COSGROVE. Well, the GSA items are mostly common items of supply. I happen to have had duty at the Defense Industrial Supply Center with DSA for 3 years, and the items we handled, for example, were the group 53 hardware items, the screws, fasteners, and many thousands of these types of items.

We handled all metals.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Unique type. Not necessarily commercial.