

avoid undue consumption; that is, to keep your stock at the proper level, there seems to be no relationship, actually, between that information and the activities on the buying side.

This may not be your responsibility, but somebody, somewhere, hasn't hooked up the computer machine with the market. Do you have any observations on that?

Admiral COSGROVE. My observation as a supply man is, I can never get a buyer to move panicky.

Mr. ROBACK. In other words, he is usually lazy?

Admiral COSGROVE. I almost know as much about ASPR as the buyers do. I get it quoted at me constantly.

But for the type of items we buy, we do have sole source items, for example, that are peculiar to aircraft, and are only bought from the guy who made the aircraft. But the percentage of emergency buys in repair parts areas are now, I wouldn't think, too high.

Mr. ROBACK. It only may be an impression on my part, but almost every procurement problem that comes to my attention has a public exigency attached to it.

Admiral COSGROVE. Yes, sir.

NAVY COMMON SUPPLY IN VIETNAM

Mr. ROBACK. To what extent in Vietnam do you supply the other services?

Admiral COSGROVE. In the I Corps Tactical Zone, we supply common items of supply which are mostly the GSA-type items, and the DSA-type items; such as food.

Right now, the Army submits 41 percent of our customer demands at the Naval Support Activity, Danang. I think the Marines submit 34 percent, and the rest goes to the Seabees, and the other units.

Mr. ROBACK. In other words, in the north you are responsible for the main supply on the ground.

Admiral COSGROVE. Of common items only.

Mr. ROBACK. Common items only.

Admiral COSGROVE. Not technical parts. And then, food.

Mr. ROBACK. In the delta, you supply the riverine force. Do you supply the troops, the GI's who are on those heavy armored boats?

Admiral COSGROVE. I don't think we do. I am not sure. Do you know?

Commander DREESE. No; we do not supply the Army.

Admiral COSGROVE. We do not. We supply repair parts for the boats.

Mr. ROBACK. Why wouldn't they get consumables and common supplies, since they are right on your boats?

Admiral COSGROVE. I guess the Army supports them, sir. I don't know.

Mr. ROBACK. The Army is not, you might say, predominant in the delta.

Commander DREESE. The Army has the common item support, as you know, in the II and IV Corps Tactical Zones, so in fact the Navy gets their common items from the Army.

Mr. ROBACK. In the whole delta area?

Commander DREESE. Yes, sir.