

Admiral COSGROVE. Yes, sir. We supply the repair parts for those boats because they are Navy peculiar items.

UNIFORMITY OF DATA PROCESSING

Mr. LUMAN. May I ask a question here? You mentioned that you have had one stock point system operational since 1965, with reference to a kind of a centralized data processing.

Admiral COSGROVE. Yes.

Mr. LUMAN. You are now beginning to extend it overseas and develop it for other stock points. What were some of the things that have resulted in the delay in extending it to these others?

Admiral COSGROVE. I would say that first of all we started this system, designed it in 1962, and we were operable in 1965 at our major supply centers. We had an urgent requirement at these centers because we had no automated capability except one supply center that happened to be at Oakland at that time.

This required use of our total resource at the Fleet Material Support Office which actually does the centralized ADP analysis and programing.

We started the process of attempting to get approval for automated data processing system at Yokosuka and Subic Bay over a year ago. Last week we were able to get the specifications out for proposal.

Mr. LUMAN. Were you not aware of the need more than a year ago, let us say at Yokosuka or Subic, from the drain at Vietnam?

Admiral COSGROVE. As I recall, it was about April that Subic—April of last year—that Subic indicated that the small computer, the 1401 they had, did not have sufficient capacity because of their increasing workload, and requested that the Naval Supply Systems Command take some action to get them a larger computer.

Now when you get into this computer business, as you know, we submit our requirements for the supply application up through the Chief of Naval Material, the Chief of Naval Operations, to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy for Management Information Systems, and they look at this from all computer application possibilities.

For example, at Yokosuka you have a public works operation which is fairly sizable. You have a ships repair facility in Subic, so it is a matter of trying to evaluate how you could get one computer that will take care of not only supply and accounting functions, which we have responsibility for, but for these other functions as well, and this takes quite a bit of justification. It takes quite a bit of deliberation and evaluation of these justifications up the line, always with the consideration of course of trying to get competitive sources and so forth. So this seems to be about the lead time when you start to get a computer for a new application.

Mr. LUMAN. Do you now have a master plan? What happened here is that Subic, when the overload began to pinch in April 1967, came in and said, "We need a new computer." The process now has taken over a year and will take some time more before they get their computer.

Admiral COSGROVE. That is right.

Mr. LUMAN. Have you looked at the other centers and tried to anticipate this for them?