

Mr. HOLIFIELD. You support their amphibious operations?

Admiral COSGROVE. To a degree; yes, sir.

Mr. HORTON. Could I ask in that connection, you did make some comment in your statement about supply to the riverine force in the IV area. What sort of supply is that? Do you supply all of the riverine force there including the 9th Infantry Division?

Admiral COSGROVE. No, sir. We supply the repair parts for the boats only.

Mr. HORTON. That is all.

Admiral COSGROVE. The Army has common supply responsibility in that area.

Mr. ROBACK. I wonder if General Tyler could tell us what is the concept of Marine Corps supply as distinguished from Navy supply.

General Tyler, do I have your name right, sir?

STATEMENT OF MAJ. GEN. PAUL R. TYLER, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE MARINE CORPS

General TYLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Did you understand the question, General?

Mr. ROBACK. Will you give us your concept of Marine Corps supply? You are a part of the Navy, but you have your own supply system, I understand.

General TYLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Do you have some information that you could supply us for the record?

General TYLER. First I would like to back up Admiral Cosgrove's statement that the agreement between the Navy and the Marine Corps has for a number of years concluded that the Navy will provide to the Marine Corps the aircraft and all aircraft associated repair parts and services. Now we have been using Navy medical officers and dental officers traditionally because we have never attempted to provide our own corps of that specialty, and the Navy also provides the supply support in that area. In the other areas we have little of our end items, which are common with the Navy, and we have developed our own supply system.

Now, the Marine Corps, like the Navy, uses DSA and GSA and other integrated managers as designated by the Defense Department. For items which the Marine Corps does not get from those integrated managers, we procure ourselves. Much procurement is done through a coordinated procurement assignment. That is, we are told who the individual or the command is that will make the procurement for us. If it is not covered by integrated managership, where there is a requisition from stock, or covered by coordinated procurement, where we place requirements on another individual, we are at liberty to pick the sources from which we will make our buys. In accordance with the ASPR rules and regulations, we can go direct for requirements under a certain dollar value, and above that dollar value we go out on competitive bidding.

Now, we have set up our own distribution system to handle the items which we purchase. Unlike the Navy, we have only one inventory control point.