

Mr. ROBACK. General, why do you not come forward. It might be a little easier to talk to the committee.

General TYLER. I might just as well start in by reading my prepared statement and maybe I will have covered many of these things that we would come up with. It will take me a little bit longer, but I might put it in better context. If I do not put it in the right context, then I could answer the questions.

Mr. ROBACK. Is the statement fairly brief?

General TYLER. It is 12 pages, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Go ahead. That will fit in here.

General TYLER. Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, I am Major General Tyler, Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps and am pleased to have this opportunity to discuss the Marine Corps supply system. My prepared text covers four major points: (1) A general description of the Marine Corps supply system; (2) inventory management highlights; (3) standardization of supply systems; and (4) programing and acquisition of automatic data processing equipment.

The Marine Corps supply system can basically be divided into two major categories: (1) the "in stores" portion which includes all assets, together with management functions and processes pertaining thereto, which are under central inventory control point (ICP) item and/or financial accountability and control; and (2) the "out of stores" portion which includes those assets held by the Fleet Marine Forces (FMF's), either by combat, combat support, or combat service support units. Materiel carried in the Marine Corps stock fund account (MCSFA) is in the "in stores" portion and is sold to "out of stores" customers.

The "stores system" is managed under the recently implemented Marine Corps unified materiel management system (MUMMS) which encompasses 17 completely integrated subsystems, covering all management functions normally associated with military supply. "Out of stores" assets are generally in the hands of organic units (users) or service support units. The service support unit both consumes assets and issues materiel to supported tactical units.

Mr. DAHLIN. Is the MUMMS system compatible with the Navy UADPS system or is there any effort to coordinate with the Navy, or is this supposed to be a independent supply system that works all by itself?

General TYLER. It is an independent system, and it works individually. The only compatibility between our system and the Navy's, is that we make use of the standard definitions and processes set up under MILSTRAP and MILSTRIP. This is the standard military requisitioning end issue procedure and the reporting and accounting procedure.

Mr. DAHLIN. Was there any need for common equipment in the two systems?

General TYLER. I do not believe so, sir. We are not physically located where it would be particularly easy to use a common system.

Mr. DAHLIN. You are in Vietnam.

General TYLER. I was talking first of our system at the inventory control point.