

So when we talk common items, Mr. Horton, we have essentially one service assigned to support by area.

Mr. HORTON. I am concerned as to how much this might affect command decisions also. If I were the commanding general of MAC/V and I wanted to move the Marine Corps operation out of I Corps and put it down in IV Corps, would this create a supply problem?

General TYLER. It would create a problem that somebody would have to plan for.

Mr. HORTON. Would it create the kind of a problem that the command might be a little bit concerned about making such a move?

General TYLER. I would feel that considering the size of the troops that the Marine Corps now has in I Corps, the number of suppliers we have ashore, the logistics installations which we are now operating, that to move the entire Marine unit from I Corps down to the delta, for example, would be a tremendous logistical task.

Mr. HORTON. If you had the same number of Army units down in IV Corps, and for some reason you wanted to change the mission, there would not be any compatibility with the supply system so that you could operate on their supply system, would there?

General TYLER. Yes, sir; I think when Admiral Cosgrove made the point that we all use the same requisition, this is the one element in which we could get compatibility. A Marine Corps unit in Vietnam can give a requisition in standard MILSTRIP procedure to an Army inventory control point and they can process it.

Mr. HORTON. How about furniture? Is that a common item? If you need a sofa for the officers' quarters or something like that; is that a common item?

Admiral COSGROVE. This is not in the Navy supply system. It is run by the Navy civil engineering system, and whether they support Army and Air Force I cannot answer because that is outside of my domain.

Mr. HORTON. You talked about some agreements, Admiral. I think it would be helpful if you could comment on your concept of the centralization of supply in Vietnam, if there is any, as a result of agreement. Have you had to enter into a lot of agreements in order to bring this about? And, if so, how does this affect your computerized operations?

Admiral COSGROVE. The agreements, as I understand them, are made by the force commanders in the area, and I am not precisely sure how it came about that the Navy Supply Support Activity at Danang, for example, supports everybody in the I Corps area. I suppose it was because we were there and we had these common items.

You get into agreements when you talk of combat and systems such as aircraft, and we do have, as I said, a current agreement with the Air Force where they are supplying all F-4 support.

Mr. DAHLIN. Did you say that just began in February, Admiral?

Admiral COSGROVE. It started in February; yes, sir. Up to that time we had a different type of agreement where they procured all of this stuff, but they did not support it down to the base level. They procured requirements laid on them by the Navy centrally.

Mr. DAHLIN. Presumably the Navy has some stocks that are being attrited within that area, that have to be handled.