

Admiral COSGROVE. I did not understand.

Mr. DAHLIN. Does the Navy still have some stocks of items of supply within that area—

Admiral COSGROVE. Yes, sir.

Mr. DAHLIN (continuing). Which have to be attrited?

Admiral COSGROVE. And when they are attrited, we will be resupplied from the Air Force. We also have agreements in the mill for the Navy to support the Air Force in certain aircraft.

Mr. DAHLIN. Such as the A-7?

Admiral COSGROVE. The A-7, CH-53 helicopter, and the OV-10 which is an observation plane.

Mr. ROBACK. Wherever there is the same aircraft basically in use by more than one service, you have an agreement for one service supply, is that right?

Admiral COSGROVE. We either have or will have, sir.

Mr. HORTON. Take ammunition for the M-16. If you have a shortage in the I Corps area, the Marine Corps has a shortage of that ammunition, and it is needed in a hurry, where do you have to go to get your supply? In other words, I do not know what your supply route is outside of Vietnam. Let us assume it is in Okinawa. Let us also assume the Army had M-16 ammunition in Saigon. Would you be able to get that ammunition from Saigon, or would you have to go to Okinawa again?

General TYLER. I think a lot of it depends upon the urgency of the requirement and the transportation time.

Mr. HORTON. You need it a hurry.

General TYLER. We can—we have agreements to get stuff locally.

Mr. HORTON. If you did not have an agreement, then what would you do?

General TYLER. Still go down and ask for it locally.

Mr. ROBACK. If you cannot get it, you steal it.

General TYLER. Fortunately we have not had that problem in ammunition.

Mr. HORTON. I was concerned about the supply problem from the centralized concept in Vietnam where you have a joint effort by the various forces as opposed to four separate systems. I am sure the four separate systems work with regard to some items. But I am also sure that there could be some consolidations if somebody at the top level said let's consolidate and program some of these things on a compatible basis.

It would seem to me a lot of overlap could be eliminated. I do not expect you to answer it. I am just making a statement.

Admiral COSGROVE. I made a statement I will have to correct. I was slightly wrong. I said 80,000 common items. Commander Dreese says it is 11,000, so I was just slightly off.

Commander DREESE. 80,000 items at Danang, 11,000 of which are common, but they constitute a very large percentage of the issues because of the fact that they are the common items.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. General, we are going to accept your full statement as we did Admiral Cosgrove's. It seems the discussion will take care of it. It will be printed in the record in its entirety at this point.

(General Taylor's biography and statement follow:)