

what we had in the field, we elected to justify the upgrading of the 1401 IBM into the 360, because we had the people who could write the programs and run the hardware.

Now, had we not been able to justify this, shall we say, sole source, and had to go out for competitive bidding, we could have ended up with a piece of hardware for which we would have had to have trained a number of people to write the programs and run the machinery. Since we already had some of the people trained, we were able to put them in much quicker, and have the upgraded system in operation more quickly than we would have had we gone out for bid advertising.

Mr. DAHLIN. You are renting these computers. You did not have to purchase these; is that right? Are you taking the risk or is the contractor in a combat situation in Vietnam?

General TYLER. I will have to provide that for the record, sir. I know that the Marine Corps owns some 360's and rents others. I just do not know about the one in Vietnam.

(The following information was furnished for the record:)

The Marine Corps leases the IBM 360 model 30 computer, and owns the IBM 1401-B3 card computers in Vietnam.

Mr. DAHLIN. You do have support agreements for the maintenance of such equipment.

General TYLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DAHLIN. You may, you think, own some of these computers.

General TYLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DAHLIN. Admiral Cosgrove, what is the situation with respect to the computers at Naval Support Activity Danang?

Admiral COSGROVE. We are now putting a 1401 in. We got this 1401 from the Army at Okinawa. It was excess to their requirements.

Mr. DAHLIN. They did not get it from the Marine Corps, did they, Admiral?

Admiral COSGROVE. Sir?

Mr. DAHLIN. They did not get it from the Marine Corps, did they?

Admiral COSGROVE. I do not know where they got it from. They had it. Also just today CNO has approved augmenting Subic with another 1401. Now, when we talk compatibility, I would like to make one point clear. You do not have to have identical computers with identical programs to have compatibility among the services. MILSTRIP, which has been in effect 3 or 4 years now, DOD standard requisition procedure, has been used and has to be used by all services in any computer at any supply stock point, ICP, will accept MILSTRIP requisitions, so you do really have compatibility between the systems insofar as interservicing. Any requisitioning that the Navy submits to any Army activity that has a computer will be processed by that computer, and vice versa, and the Marines are the same way.

So when we talk of actually getting interservice support, you do not need the same computer. You do not need the same system. That computer will process that requisition, will print out a standard DOD-wide issue form which everybody in the military understands and uses.

Mr. DAHLIN. That is the issue side. As far as the inventory side, it may be a little more complicated.