

whatnot, then you in effect have to redo it several times or keep it twice.

Admiral COSGROVE. We do not anticipate any maintenance problem once we get this program on the machine.

MARINE SASSY PROGRAM

Mr. ROBACK. General Tyler, in your statement you talk about a third generation automatic data processing, which goes by the acronym SASSY, standing for—

General TYLER. Supported Activity Supplies System.

Mr. ROBACK. Is this a hardware program that you are planning, that you are developing, or you have under procurement? Where does it stand? Have you chosen the hardware, for example?

General TYLER. No, sir; we have not chosen the hardware. We cannot because we have not got the thing completely designed, and we are not sure of exactly how it is going to operate.

What we have done is, knowing that we have 360's in the 3rd Force Service Regiment at Okinawa and in-country, we have taken our ideas and flow charted what we want done and have selected portions of that to write the definitive machine programs to be run on the 360.

When we are finished with the program writing, we will make a definitive test with the assets in the hands of the Third FSR, in the hands of their customers, and try to prove our system under actual conditions before we go ahead, firm it up and present it as a system for which we would get approval, and then proceed to acquire the hardware.

Mr. ROBACK. This will give you all the visibility you are looking for, the worldwide which you do not have now.

General TYLER. Yes, sir. This would put it in automatic data processing hardware. We do not intend to try to bring into the record in Philadelphia the assets of every stock number in the Marine Corps system wherever it may be located. We do have a program now that has been written and tested and it is completely functional, in which we have certain definitive listings of items in which the troops report the onhand quantities. They report every time they lose one, and of course as we fill their requisitions to replenish their stock, we can make the updating for them.

At the present time we have asked the troops to verify for us the figures that our program says are in their hands. In other words, we have taken all the information we had and formulated it and gone back to the customer in effect saying, "Our records indicate you have 10 of this particular stock number. Verify."

So when we get the verifications back, we will have accomplished our final major step in having the entire program automated. This is applicable now to 1,300 end items and around 1,400 additional high value secondary repairables and depot repairables.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Will you kind of define that into language a layman like me can understand? What do you mean the repairable items? Are you talking about automotive equipment and that sort of thing?

General TYLER. Let me state first tanks, radios, LVT's, all the major items are under this control. We are not controlling the cartridge belt