

General RIEMONDY. We don't have a dedicated Air Force system. We now have a Department of Defense system dedicated almost entirely to logistics.

At one time LOGCOM was Air Force. LOGCOM has now become known as AUTODIN, by adding additional switching stations and so forth, and AUTODIN is available to all the services within the Department of Defense.

Mr. ROBACK. That is not limited to logistics.

General RIEMONDY. No.

Mr. ROBACK. So it is not dedicated for logistics.

General RIEMONDY. It is not dedicated for logistics, but the great majority of the traffic over AUTODIN is in support of the logistics system.

Mr. LUMAN. Do you have computers abroad with a steady line back to one of your materiel commands in the States?

General RIEMONDY. No.

Mr. LUMAN. You do it in spurts?

General RIEMONDY. Do it through AUTODIN.

Mr. LUMAN. Do you have one line 24 hours a day?

General RIEMONDY. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. The question is, do you have any communications restraints on your worldwide logistics system? Have you got any limitations due to communications?

General RIEMONDY. There are times, there are limitations, depending upon the emergency situation, wherein the traffic is limited. There are times. But this then applies equally across the services.

Mr. LUMAN. But if you have a computer on line 24 hours a day, then that particular circuit is in effect dedicated to that supply computer, isn't it?

General RIEMONDY. That communication line?

Mr. LUMAN. That particular voice circuit.

General RIEMONDY. No. We transmit our requisitions over AUTODIN.

Now the computer doesn't tie in directly to the AUTODIN service. AUTODIN is the means that we use to transmit what the computer spits out in the form of a requisition, back to the ICP in the States, AUTODIN is the means of communicating that information back to our ICP in the States.

The computer over there doesn't have a hot line. For example, our base computer at Danang doesn't have a hot line directly to our depot at Sacramento. The means of transmitting the requisition, which is usually the document that has to flow, is done by way of AUTODIN.

Mr. ROBACK. In Admiral Cosgrove's testimony, there was some reference to computer communications ultimately.

I don't know the time length that may be involved, but how far down the road are you going to have these computer link-ups? After all you are putting satellite communications up and otherwise increasing your capabilities. Maybe you can have some link up here in short order, rather than in the 1980 time frame, like the Army may be talking about.

General RIEMONDY. Now you are getting a little bit out of my field.