

Mr. ROBACK. You anticipate those though. You can count your losses. When you talk about losses, you don't know about, a question is raised about inventory control.

General RIEMONDY. It is not a question of not knowing why. You can get down and reconcile this.

Mr. ROBACK. You don't know whether this is due to theft or due to the fact that somebody is making mistakes.

General RIEMONDY. Some of it is just in the records.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Both.

General RIEMONDY. The recordkeeping, the posting of the records is not up to date. We went along with the GAO in the equipment area and said there is a lot of room for improvement. But we say we have a procedure in being which has as its objective the control of this inventory.

Mr. ROBACK. Now you sound a little bit like the Army.

General RIEMONDY. No. I think this should be a common objective.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. The GAO didn't condemn the overall system.

General RIEMONDY. I hope not.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. They condemned maybe the functioning of it, and that is their job—to deal in figures—and if they can't reconcile figures, why the world is going to come to an end. That is their job, and I expect them to be that way. But other factors enter into it than those figures.

Mr. ROBACK. We also expect the Air Force to report systematic progress, recognizing that there are human errors. If they are going to be working on them, we expect that they are going to be systematically reduced.

General RIEMONDY. Yes.

Mr. DAHLIN. We also want to make sure, Mr. Chairman, they don't just lose inventory items by computers, too. We have to make sure that the system stays within some kind of bounds.

Mr. ROBACK. It is possible under a computer system the errors can get magnified to an alarming extent.

General RIEMONDY. We know about it a lot sooner, and you know the order of magnitude of it, because it pops out pretty quick.

Mr. ROBACK. We have asked for some information, and it will be supplied promptly, we trust.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. The record will be open for supply of the information requested.

General RIEMONDY. Yes, sir; glad to provide it.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Or such other written requests as may be made before printing.

Mr. ROBACK. As the chairman said, there will be no hearing tomorrow, but DSA will be on Monday, and I think we will ask the Army to come back. We will have to check on the availability of the room.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Thank you very much, General.

General RIEMONDY. You are quite welcome, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. The meeting is adjourned.

(Thereupon, at 12:55 p.m., the committee adjourned to reconvene Monday, July 1, 1968, at 10 a.m.)