

GENERAL SUPPLY SUPPORT ECHELON

Mr. DAHLIN. If it is the case that you are eliminating almost all the general support units, is it not the case that QRICC will be one of the few general support entities that will exist?

Mr. SMITH. Yes.

Mr. DAHLIN. When you reactivate it to fill that gap. Is that the place where it fits into the doctrine?

Mr. SMITH. That is right.

Mr. DAHLIN. Does that mean that you will have to keep searching for a place to use the QRICC in order to keep the doctrine up? Are you going to have to look this over to see whether QRICC belongs at some other support level than general support?

General MILLER. I do not visualize a great problem here. We are going to face this within the continental United States with all of our systems.

You recognize in the Army system we have a post, camp, and station in the continental United States which has a number of tenant units that live upon it.

Let's take a division-size post or a corps-size post. Certain of our plans might call for those units to be deployed on a very short notice, and, when we automate, these units are automated under our current design plan.

Mr. DAHLIN. Is QRICC going to be a corps-size post or division-size post?

General MILLER. It can be—

Mr. DAHLIN. As the first one will be used and exercised in the United States?

General MILLER. Present plans call for it to be exercised at a division-size post.

Mr. DAHLIN. Is that going to have common programing with the other divisions that are in the continental United States?

Will that be common to those divisions?

General MILLER. It will have a common type of programing; yes, sir.

Mr. DAHLIN. So it will fit at the division level?

General MILLER. We are going to have to accept a certain amount of automation redundancy with respect to units in the continental United States. By that I mean we are going to have a field unit here, either division or corps, that requires an automated capability even though the post, camp, and station has such a capability.

Now, if you have to deploy that unit, and you did not have a post, camp, and station capability, you would immediately pull out all the automation on that post, and disrupt supply support.

Mr. DAHLIN. By capability, in this case you are merely saying you have to have enough machines located at this spot?

General MILLER. And the procedures.

Mr. DAHLIN. In order to pull out the units?

General MILLER. That is right. This is what I mean by a plug-in, plug-out capability. In order to exercise the people who run this system in the continental United States when they are stationed there, we have to have our system so designed that the unit exercises its machines and people at the same time the post, camp, and station