

supply. This is just to sustain his unit long enough for him to get a resupply of his requirements. We back the unit up with a DSU which carries anywhere from 5 to 15 days, depending on circumstances. And then you have a general support depot behind the DSU, if your LOC is long enough, where you might have 15 more days in a mobile configuration. This is the response time.

How long does it take you to get from the forward element who is using something back here to this fixed installation, whether it is on the theater shore or whether in the continental United States, and to get a resupply forward? These are the things that must be considered. As the state of the art changes, and you compress time and distance, and you compress the Atlantic Ocean, let's say, to a river or creek, by air capability, there are certain of these things that can be eliminated, and we certainly intend to do so.

This is all in our planning, in our doctrine and our study.

Mr. ROBACK. What I was getting at was this thought: that on the one hand it might be said that unless you had this kind of automatic information for visibility, you could not have AMC control over the overseas theaters.

On the other hand, it might be said, once you get this kind of information, you do not need that kind of control.

General MILLER. I think actually yes, depending on where you put your information. Again, this is one of the problems we have in our current management information study.

How much data does a commander at each echelon really need to manage?

Theoretically, if you have it all in a division data bank, for example, which we will have under the CS₃ system through your communications to that machine down there, you can pull out everything you want to right back to the Department of Defense. But do they want all that detail there?

Theoretically, you could control it right out of the Secretary of Defense's Office, once this information system is put in. But is this feasible? Is it desirable?

Mr. ROBACK. With some Secretaries of Defense, it might be tried.

General MILLER. Of course this is one of the factors of automation, of centralized management. How far do you extend this control?

Mr. ROBACK. This problem comes up with communications also. You get communications, let's say tactical communications where the man with a pack can communicate with the White House. You can see who is going to be running the platoon.

COMPATIBILITY OF ADP SYSTEMS

Mr. MOORHEAD. General, how does the meshing between the services in this system work?

For instance in the case of common items, where the Marines had a surplus or a deficit, you ought to be able to call upon them or they could call upon you.

General MILLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. MOORHEAD. Do they mesh?

General MILLER. I think that they will mesh, and I say it for this reason. Each of the services has a large number of its items managed