

by the Defense Supply Agency, and the General Services Administration. We are deliberately, in the Army, standardizing our language—and I have attended several materiel secretaries' breakfasts where this was discussed.

The Navy, the Air Force and the Marines are doing the same thing. They are gearing their systems in the common language area, and this really in the overall, is controlled by DOD. The commonality of language will permit these systems to talk to one another at the Defense level, and not only at Defense but at the whole Government level, because we have the General Services Administration to deal with.

So I think by and large, with that capability, at least depending on the communications circuit, you can talk to each other through our systems.

This is not always necessary, but it can be done. For example, today in Danang theoretically you could have these machines capable of talking to one another.

I would not say in all respects that the language at the present state of the art is that refined. I do not think it is.

Mr. DAHLIN. General, we determined the other day that there were three different kinds of computers in Vietnam which did not talk to each other.

General MILLER. Well, it depends. I do not know what they have there.

Mr. DAHLIN. We found out, I believe, that the Navy had 1410 and the Army has 7010 and the Marine Corps has 360's.

General MILLER. I will call on my expert, Mr. Taylor, to address that, but I would observe that it probably is because they are not programmed at the current time in common language.

Mr. DAHLIN. Is that the case, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. TAYLOR. I was not here for the testimony referred to, but certainly there are differences here in equipments, and I am sure that they are not commonly programmed. But in indicating that they cannot speak to one another, are you saying, was the testimony to the effect that they cannot actually, in terms of inputs and output, address one another?

This does not seem possible to me, because all of the services today operate under MILSTANDARD procedures, which require commonality of documentation and communication.

Mr. DAHLIN. I believe the testimony is that they are not. We can determine, or you can determine for us, whether they could, if somebody wanted them to. But I do not believe they are talking to each other, as I say, today.

Mr. MOORHEAD. I think it would be helpful if you would find out and make a reply for the record.

Mr. TAYLOR. Yes, sir; we will do so.

(The information requested follows:)

The separate service systems in Vietnam have a limited capability of "talking" to each other. This capability results from common service use of the DOD military standard requisition and issue procedures (MILSTRIP). The standard formats and codes under MILSTRIP are common to the programs for the various types of ADPE installed by the different services. MILSTRIP permits the Air Force and Navy to requisition directly on Army sources in Vietnam, and vice versa, and assures that the subsequent shipment and billing documen-