

Mr. ROBACK. The catalog has about 4 million.

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Does that mean that many of these are not relevant to the supply system, are merely there, or does it mean that most of the items in a quantity sense are not managed by DSA?

Admiral HADDOCK. The difference between the 1.7 and the 4 million for the most part represents items retained by the services for their management.

Mr. ROBACK. So that in quantity terms, most of the items are service managed?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes, or GSA managed.

Mr. ROBACK. Or GSA managed?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. But the GSA manages a relatively few in numbers. The volume may be sizable within their categories?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. But few in numbers of items.

Admiral HADDOCK. About 68,000 at the present time.

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Mr. ROBACK. While we are on the GSA, it appears during the history of the GSA relationships with the military that relatively few categories have been transferred, that there are not many more promising areas of transfer. Would you say that? I mean beyond what is already done?

Admiral HADDOCK. At this juncture we think we have made a good division of Federal stock classes between those of GSA's interest and those of our interest.

Mr. ROBACK. Offhand, paint and handtools were two categories of commodities that were transferred within the last 3 or 4 years?

Admiral HADDOCK. Office supplies, these kinds of things.

Mr. ROBACK. Why not some other common category? Why paint and handtools? Merely because somebody seized upon that in a committee somewhere and made an issue of it?

Admiral HADDOCK. I cannot say why the decision on paint and handtools was made at that time. The last division of responsibility, which has been only in the last year or so, was based on the criteria that these were the kind of items in which GSA was in business to support the civil agencies. They were items that were not really vitally critical to any of our hardware systems support. They were items, the kinds of items generally fairly readily available in the marketplace, and consequently we thought there was economy to the Government in letting GSA support these.

Mr. ROBACK. In a sense the DSA is the GSA for the military?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. You are a general service agency?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Not only in terms of supply but of service performance. You perform varied services for the military?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Now, in a sense the GSA, at least potentially, is your competitor in performing Government services, and it appears from