

your testimony that there is more promise in the DSA performing services for the civil agencies than in GSA performing services for the military, the reason being that the Defense Department, by and large, is the predominant user?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. And if you used the predominant-user concept, you could become the GSA for the Government pretty much, isn't that so?

Admiral HADDOCK. I think at some point in time in the future this question has to be asked.

Mr. ROBACK. Do you think that the evolution is that DSA will become Government-wide rather than GSA; that is GSA will retreat, and DSA will expand?

Admiral HADDOCK. I am afraid I cannot predict how that will go, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Is that the trend?

Admiral HADDOCK. I see no trend either way at the moment. We think the Office of the Secretary of Defense and GSA apparently feel they have made currently a good division of responsibility, and I do not believe anyone is attempting either to move GSA further into our support at this time or to give DSA more responsibility for civil agencies, except in those areas where we are already attempting to assume more support, subsistence, fuel, and so forth.

Mr. ROBACK. You mentioned those in your testimony, including fuel and coal.

Admiral HADDOCK. Electronics.

COAL PROCUREMENT

Mr. ROBACK. Take for example coal. You would be the buyer of coal and you would stock coal?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes, sir. For petroleum and coal we are only buyers. We buy and arrange for delivery.

Mr. ROBACK. Suppose the Interior Department, aside from the fact that it has a Bureau of Mines, I do not know what kind of coal they burn in their furnaces, but suppose they are a modest user of coal supplies in some of their outlying stations. Now would you buy coal and deliver it, have it delivered to those stations?

Admiral HADDOCK. In many cases in the continental limits, particularly for small users of petroleum and coal, we make service contracts, open-end contracts, so that small users can drop orders on the contract for small deliveries to them. Basically that is the way we do that business.

Mr. ROBACK. We happen to know, and you do too, undoubtedly, that if it comes to buying coal domestically for overseas use, which the Army now does, apparently the Defense Supply Agency has been ruled out in that area?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. For some reasons having to do with the responsibility on the receiving end for coal that might be less than specification coal?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. But is that just a peculiar problem?

Admiral HADDOCK. I am not really knowledgeable of this. All I know is that we are not responsible. The Army is doing this buying