

overseas, particularly in Europe, and I am not familiar with the reasons for the decision.

PROCUREMENT OF FORKLIFT TRUCKS

Mr. ROBACK. We can understand the reason. Whether it is meritorious or not is another point, but in some areas it is difficult to ascertain the division of labor. For example, the DSA, when last I inquired into this subject, purchased heavy-terrain forklift trucks for the Navy and for the Marine Corps, but the Army bought its own. They use basically the same type of vehicle, even though the specifications may be different. The service specifications are different not because the requirements are different, but because different manufacturers have developed rather specialized modifications over time. So just offhand, why is it that the Navy and the Marine Corps can live with DSA purchase in this field but not the Army?

Admiral HADDOCK. I am unaware that the Army is not using us under the coordinated procurement program. We should be buying their forklift trucks as well as Air Force's and Marine Corps'.

Mr. ROBACK. As I say, the last time I inquired, that was not the case.

Admiral HADDOCK. We just consummated a further agreement with the Mobile Equipment Command by which this command gave recognition that we did have these coordinated procurement responsibilities. They have transferred this procurement responsibility to us now, and to give evidence of it they have transferred quite a number of people to us or will in 1969, to accomplish this for them, and perhaps—

Mr. ROBACK. To do what now?

Admiral HADDOCK. To procure equipment for them under the coordinated procurement program which in the past, recent past, they have been procuring themselves, although it was in our mission to procure it for them.

Mr. ROBACK. Over the years of your existence as a Defense-level agency you have acquired more commodities for managing but you have lost some supply categories?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Is that correct?

Admiral HADDOCK. The categories we have lost, the principal ones are those that went to the GSA, and tires and tubes back to the Army single manager, ATAC. Most of our gain, however, and it does not look so big when netted out as we have eliminated a lot of items, but most of our gain has been represented by further item transfers from the services to our management. As they rescreened their items and got more confidence in us, they gave us a lot, recently some 470,000 items as I recall.

Mr. ROBACK. And your employment over a period of about 5 years has doubled or more?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Has that been accompanied by corresponding decreases elsewhere or is that just a net increase?

Admiral HADDOCK. It is a net figure.

Mr. ROBACK. In responsibilities?