

Mr. ROBACK. For the whole purchase function?

Admiral HADDOCK. Procedures of the purchase function.

Mr. ROBACK. How would that operate?

Admiral HADDOCK. Well, we just got started on it.

Mr. ROBACK. I mean, what are you trying to do now?

Admiral HADDOCK. We are trying to standardize the specific purchase procedures from the time of initiation of the need for purchase until it is finally consummated. And in this, where there are ADP processes involved, hopefully we will standardize these processes.

Mr. ROBACK. What capability and information visibility would you get?

Admiral HADDOCK. Well, we are now starting on this project in company with the experts of the services in this functional area.

Mr. ROBACK. Is this to decrease the time of transactions, streamline procedures?

Admiral HADDOCK. Well, it is really to standardize them so that everyone is doing the job the best, hopefully the best way.

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Mr. ROBACK. Does this extend into contract administration?

Admiral HADDOCK. We have standardized contract administration procedures now. In fiscal year 1970 all services and DSA will go to a standardized contract administration procedure.

Mr. ROBACK. That has been agreed upon but not yet put into effect?

Admiral HADDOCK. It has been agreed on, and parts of it have already been put into effect on a test basis. The Navy has implemented quite a bit of it, on a test basis. We all will implement finally in July of 1970.

Mr. ROBACK. Those procedures, though standardized, won't guarantee, for example, that even though ASPR says that the ordinary pre-award survey should take about 7 days, one region if it is busy might take 30 days?

Admiral HADDOCK. No, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. And another region will take 40 days.

Admiral HADDOCK. No.

Mr. ROBACK. And one office will give you an oral report and fail to give you a written confirmation report, which will create some ambiguities in the procurement process. Those things won't be eliminated.

Admiral HADDOCK. Well, I think they are going to have to give us a written report, because the standard system is primarily a standard communications system of coding, a format, a way of communicating between contract administrator procurement office, materiel receiving activity, and so forth.

Mr. ROBACK. There is not any question that there are variations in procedures now?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. And some of those variations create inequities by virtue of delays and differential treatment, not intentionally?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. But by consequence?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Is that right?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.