

Admiral HADDOCK. I can only deduce this from the fact that the troops all want it now, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. What type of bullet will it take care of—the rifle AK-47?

Admiral HADDOCK. I am not qualified to answer that, sir.

Mr. DAHLIN. You can perhaps get the answer to that for the record, Admiral.

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

(The information requested follows:)

The body armor currently being procured by DSA for issue to troops in Vietnam, Federal stock No. 8470-823-7370 series, is a fragmentation type vest and will not protect against direct hits by small-arms fire. It is capable of defeating shrapnel falling within a relatively wide range of fragment size and impact velocity.

POL SUPPLY

Mr. DAHLIN. On page 13 of your statement you mentioned there was no significant supply problem in the case of fuel support in the Far East—General Hedlund found this. You spoke of the transfer of responsibility being at the water's edge—that is to say, when you turn your fuel over to a service facility, then you lose the responsibility for it.

How is that divided as between your office and MSTS, particularly in this very complex situation where you have to sometimes run the tankers up and down at multiple dropoff points and this sort of problem?

Admiral HADDOCK. Fuel is one of the exceptions, I think I stated, to the release of our responsibility at the continental limits, water's edge. For fuel, we buy projected requirements from the services; and at the same time, as part of the procurement action, we also arrange for the tanker delivery of it on schedules as required to overseas or continental service storage points. The Defense Fuel Supply Center makes this delivery, contracts with MSTS or commercial lines as available to effect these deliveries to overseas storage points, whether they be in Japan, Vietnam, the Philippines or wherever.

Mr. DAHLIN. Your fuel supply office does that?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes, sir.

Mr. DAHLIN. The Army pointed out that it was responsible inside country, I take it, for POL supply to all of the services. Does that mean your people are all here in Washington, or do you have some in the field on this problem?

Admiral HADDOCK. We have inspectors in the field, but within Vietnam, for example, or within Korea, once we deliver it to the shoreside terminal point in Korea or in Vietnam, then the Army is responsible for in-country redistribution generally by trucks or pipelines.

Mr. DAHLIN. But if a shipment does not make it up the river or it is blown up or something, it is still with you until it is delivered to the combat zone?

Admiral HADDOCK. It is our responsibility until delivered; yes, sir.

Mr. DAHLIN. How do you work along with the JCS responsibilities in this area? Is that coordination all here in Washington or is some of that in the field too?

Admiral HADDOCK. Generally the requirement for POL and the schedule of the requirement is generated by joint petroleum offices,