

Mr. DAHLIN. In connection with the chairman's prior question, to what extent has it been possible to use commercial-type generators in Vietnam or of the voltages and cycles, et cetera; have they simply been too difficult to make it possible to do that?

Admiral HADDOCK. I do not believe I could give a precise answer to that. I will try to submit one for the record.

(The information requested follows:)

Electric power requirements necessitated both nontactical (commercial) and tactical (military specification) generators. Nontactical generators are used at fixed installations. Tactical generators are used in the field whenever military operational characteristics are required. Nontactical generators account for approximately 47.7 percent and tactical generators account for 52.3 percent of the total power equipment deployed to Vietnam to date.

Mr. DAHLIN. Do you buy any generators as end items, or do you stock any of the parts?

Admiral HADDOCK. The construction supply center does stock some generators as supplies. This is somewhat of a happenstance, due to the fact that when we took over some of the Army supply functions, we rather inadvertently took over the small equipments and some repairables, which normally we would not expect to stock.

We are offering these kinds of supply items back to the Army now, but in the interim period we still are supporting, stocking some generators.

Mr. DAHLIN. You are offering the end items back?

Admiral HADDOCK. Yes.

Mr. DAHLIN. It is still the policy that you do not handle any end items?

Admiral HADDOCK. That is right. We do not think we should handle these.

Mr. DAHLIN. Why do you not think you should handle them? Just offhand?

Admiral HADDOCK. For these reasons—

Mr. DAHLIN. Apart from the fact that your directive may deal with that.

Admiral HADDOCK. No.

Mr. DAHLIN. The question of whether there should be any proposal that some things might be more appropriate for handling. How has that problem been reviewed?

Admiral HADDOCK. Equipments and major repairables, depot level repairables, these are things that can be repaired and reused time after time within the service.

We feel that the service which has depot level repair capability, knows how the equipments are being used, and can anticipate their return for rebuild in lieu of procuring the projected demand, is in a much better position than us to manage them. And also the service which can exercise some disciplinary control over their forward units to see that they do return these items for repair as soon as they are inoperative or removed from a major equipment.

We feel that a service therefore is in a much better shape than DSA to manage these as repairables. We do not have maintenance depots. We do not really have a handle on the forward area operators to make certain that they do return these things for repair rather than just requisition a new one, and hence we think we should not be attempting