MILITARY SUPPLY SYSTEMS

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1968

House of Representatives, MILITARY OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10 a.m., in room 2203, Rayburn Building, the Honorable Chet Holifield presiding.

Present: Representatives Chet Holifield, Randall, Horton, and

Erlenborn.

Also present: Herbert Roback, staff administrator; Douglas Dahlin, counsel; Joseph C. Luman, defense analyst; and Paul Ridgely, investigator.

Mr. Holifield. The committee will be in order.

Today we will continue and hope to complete with this session a series of hearings on military supply systems. The witness is the Honorable Thomas D. Morris, Assistant Secretary of Defense, who

will introduce his associates.

Secretary Morris recently returned from a special inspection trip to Southeast Asia and elsewhere. We hope to have the benefit of his recent observations on supply management deriving from the trip and any other observations he deems of interest and value to the subcommittee.

Secretary Morris is an experienced and very able analyst and administrator in Defense matters. Of course, he sits in a seat of responsibility for policy guidance and direction of all Defense supply and logistic matters.

We are very pleased to have you before us again, Mr. Secretary,

and you may proceed with your statement.

STATEMENT OF HON. THOMAS D. MORRIS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INSTALLATIONS AND LOGISTICS); ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT A. BROOKS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ARMY (IN-STALLATIONS AND LOGISTICS), AND PAUL H. RILEY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (SUPPLY AND SERVICES)

Mr. Morris. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, I am accompanied this morning by Dr. Brooks on my right, who is Assistant Secretary of Army for Installations and Logistics, who was with me during this recent trip, and also the one we had last fall.

On my left is Mr. Paul Riley, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for

Supply and Services.