

undoubtedly reveal many other problems that we will have to come to grips with.

One that we have already ascertained, as a result of our recent trip, is the need for concurrent worldwide screening of certain accumulations of items that we are obviously not going to consume in the foreseeable future within the Pacific. As to those, we will report them concurrently to the CONUS ICP's and the Logistic Service Center, Battle Creek, and get a worldwide review at one time.

Mr. ROBACK. Is the ultimate destiny of excess to be back in supply system if it is not otherwise drawn?

Mr. MORRIS. The objective is to redistribute everything for which we have a valid or foreseeable requirement, and to identify that residual property on which we will have to make a decision whether to sell somewhere in the Pacific area or—

Mr. ROBACK. In other words, the ultimate destiny after worldwide screening will be disposable, not return to supply system?

Mr. MORRIS. Well, we will return it to the supply system if it falls within retention objectives anywhere in the world. If it does not, we will keep it in the Pacific and make disposal decisions.

Mr. ROBACK. I mean if it is not drawn, then it won't be restored to some stateside depots?

Mr. MORRIS. Likely not, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. The cost of transportation back would be greater than the value?

Mr. MORRIS. Right, sir. Case-by-case decisions will have to be made obviously.

Mr. ROBACK. Does ARVN get in on that distribution?

Mr. MORRIS. Yes, this stock will be used in meeting our ARVN requirements. And possibly in meeting some of the AID requirements on a reimbursable basis, we will permit them to see these excess lists.

Mr. ROBACK. In other words, anybody who is supplying ARVN would be a claimant, and not ARVN directly?

Mr. MORRIS. I believe that is correct.

Mr. BROOKS. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Is that right?

Mr. BROOKS. We supply the ARVN through MACV in Vietnam. They know the excesses. They know the ARVN requirements, and will draw as required.

Mr. ROBACK. There was a certain amount of philosophic discussion with the Army about the nature of all these special adaptations, Red Ball and other responses. The General Accounting Office finding generally was that the system, the supply system of the Army wasn't geared to effective and economical supply, and therefore a lot of adaptations had to be made, whereas the Army was inclined to view these adaptations as examples of how well the system is working.

Now, out of all this comes a proposal that if we have to do this kind of thing somewhere else again, on an emergency basis, there ought to be a relatively self-contained organization and concept that can move, and become a supply operation without going through all the trial and error, and this is known as the quick reaction inventory control center.

Mr. MORRIS. Right.