

Mr. MORRIS. Yes.

Mr. LUMAN. Dr. Brooks, do you plan to make any changes in this development of programs for overseas levels, considering the fact that you are looking at extension of AMC control through your test program?

Mr. BROOKS. The AMC portion of inventories that is controlled overseas, Mr. Luman, will, of course, have to be consistent and is planned now to be consistent with the AMC central control system, that is the NAPALM overall system for AMC. It will be a problem that the central agency to which Mr. Morris referred, the Logistics Data Systems Office will have to address the compatibility of that system operating in the same depot with the items which are controlled by the overseas commander.

Mr. LUMAN. What is a little disturbing in this instance is you have a situation today where you look at the possibility of more centralized management and you say, "Well, we can't bring this about even if we want to, because of the difference in computer programs between overseas and the States as well as difficulties of communication."

Might you not find yourself in the same position later if you were to decide that AMC should extend control overseas and yet had programs in those overseas depots which were not devised by AMC but by someone else?

Mr. BROOKS. I don't know if our problem, Mr. Luman, is the incompatibility of programs. As I say, tests began in May. So far as I know, we are going to get the first report on it the first of August. To date we have not heard that there is the problem of incompatibility. It is a problem really of data flow and capacity to transmit and accept the data in very large volumes on these items between the overseas depot, and the United States. There is not a problem so far as I know to this time of compatibility of programs.

Mr. LUMAN. In the instruction for management of secondary items, there is mention of going down to the wholesaler or depot level, I believe.

Mr. BROOKS. That is correct, yes.

Mr. LUMAN. Now, in the definition of a depot or a wholesale level, does that include an overseas depot?

Mr. BROOKS. Yes. In fact, on some items we are proceeding further than that. We have a limited group of items of extremely high unit cost and criticality, among which are aircraft engines, where we are now proceeding on an overall worldwide control system of all assets wherever they are, that is including the overseas depot and below the overseas depot at the direct support units and the combat units themselves. This is a much more restricted list. At present it has some 25 or 30 items on it. We plan to extend that again to the major repairable components, such as tank engines, transmissions and so forth. We want worldwide, literally worldwide visibility on that kind of thing.

Mr. LUMAN. Secretary Morris, you stated that there is no obstacle today to the development of controls for worldwide visibility because of command prerogatives.

Mr. MORRIS. Right, sir.

Mr. LUMAN. Among the GAO reports referred to in their testimony was one that came out in 1967, where the replies were made by the Army in 1966, on stocks in Europe, and the Army made the statement: