

impairment of military support. Tentative date to begin a twelve-month phase-in of civil agency support is 1 July 1968. Full support of all civil agencies by DESC is estimated to save \$600,000 annually.

Clothing and Textiles.—Mission support not be assumed by DSA for clothing and textiles at this time and that expansion of current DSA support for clothing and textile items be limited to a case-by-case basis where military support is not affected and significant cost savings will result. Review of the feasibility of DSA mission support of all Federal civil agencies should be made from time to time as mutually agreed to by DSA and GSA.

Medical and Nonperishable Subsistence.—Expansion of DSA support of civil agencies for medical and nonperishable subsistence at this time be limited to—

(a) Extension of the existing VA and DSA medical commodity Inter-agency Supply Support Agreement to cover nonperishable subsistence common items;

(b) Specific civil agency programs on a case-by-case basis and those clearly justified by cost savings and assurance of no impairment of DSA military support;

(c) DPSC undertake a review of medical and nonperishable subsistence items for the purpose of identifying areas in which there exists potential for increased commonality in civil agency and DSA items; and

(d) Subsequent to the DPSC review, and at a time mutually agreed to by GSA and DSA, the feasibility of DSA support for all civil agencies for medical and nonperishable subsistence again be reviewed.

Progress

Fuel.—Planning actions have begun for DSA assumption of fuel support. A time-phase schedule for implementation of DSA fuel support of civil agencies, based on a DSA mission assignment date of 1 July 1968, has been developed and staffed with GSA. Target dates for completion of the phase-in are January 1969 for packaged fuel items, and November 1969 for bulk fuel/coal items.

Electronics.—Proceeding as scheduled on electronic support, the twelve-month implementation will begin on 1 July 1968.

Medical and Subsistence.—DSA, in conjunction with the affected civil agencies, are undertaking a technical review of these commodities for the purpose of identifying areas in which there exists a potential for increased commonality in DSA and civil agency items sufficient to warrant reconsideration of DSA mission support.

(a) With respect to the medical review, we are proceeding first with a select group of medical supplies (FSC 6515, surgical instruments), working into the full category of medical material including drugs. This will require a comprehensive review with the combined technical/professional talents of all the affected civil agencies.

(b) With respect to the nonperishable subsistence item commonality review, no significant problems are envisioned and recommendations should be completed by the end of 1968.

Under separate interagency supply support agreements currently in effect, DSA supports the Coast Guard and National Aeronautics and Space Administration with a full range of DSA material; Veterans Administration and Public Health Service with selected medical items and perishable subsistence; the Federal Aviation Agency with electronic tubes and associated items, and with individual combat meals; the Transportation and Communications Service of GSA with electronic items; Atomic Energy Commission with perishable subsistence; U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) with medical supplies for support of its functions in Vietnam, Laos and Thailand, operating through the U.S. Army Medical Depot in Ryukyu; Department of Commerce (Maritime Administration) with selected classes of all DSA commodities; the Office of Economic Opportunity with clothing and textiles and subsistence items; the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs schools with perishable subsistence; and the Post Office Department for selected classes of electronics, general and industrial supplies; Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service with amyl nitrite ampules; U.S. Department of Agriculture (Forest Service) with selected classes of industrial, general and clothing textiles.

Interagency Committee on Food Items for Federal Hospitals.—In 1967 substantial progress was made in standardization reviews in perishable subsistence conducted jointly by Defense Supply Agency and Veterans Administration with full participation of the Military Service medical food service elements. 687 items were reviewed; 462 items (67%) were found acceptable for both military and