

tion of launchers—the current contract requires the furnishing of certain drawings, publications, and technical data which would give us the complete data and design disclosure on these new articles. We have not yet been successful in securing these from the contractor.

Prior to the current production contract for the new, longer launchers, the improved versions that Commander Katcher referred to, we did have data on earlier model launchers. This current production contract was a first buy of these longer modified launchers for Navy/Marine use.

Mr. ROBACK. Is that the one at issue in the current contract?

Mr. SHILLITO. As far as data is concerned? Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. And you don't have data acquisition problems on any other launcher?

Captain McMorries. The Navy is not trying to acquire data on any other than these three.

Mr. ROBACK. Is there any reason why the launchers that the Air Force use can't be competed—aside from the time? I am talking about the technical aspect.

Captain McMorries. Technically there is adequate data for the LAU-3/A. This is the primary one we are buying for the Air Force.

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Mr. ROBACK. You said that the question of competition—aside from this new procurement, where you think you need some extra data—has it been a matter of time? Now, the time involved here, we put the period at 1960 when you sort of came into the new decade and a new phase, perhaps, of interest in the 2.75—how many contracts did the Navy let, including changes which amounted to contract modifications? And how many of those were competed?

Captain McMorries. If I may, I would like to ask Mr. Tassin to address himself to that.

Mr. SHILLITO. I have a list of 18 contracts here, Mr. Tassin, of which I think three were competed, but one of the three being for fairings. I think that is correct.

Mr. MOORHEAD. Mr. Chairman, while Mr. Tassin is looking up his figures, I would like to ask a clarifying question of the captain.

As I understood you, you said you had a contract with the contractor which required him to give you plans and specifications; and then you said you were not successful in obtaining them. I would like to know why you were not successful.

Captain McMorries. We have a current letter contract, Mr. Congressman, which has not yet been definitized or converted, and basically we are receiving deliveries under it. And in definitizing the contract, complete definitization of precise data requirements are necessary. We have gone through a data review board, and are in the process of redefining data needs. The contractor's asking price at the last discussion was \$500,000 for certain of the design and data requirements on two launchers. At the moment, we are looking a little askance at that price tag.

Mr. MOORHEAD. It isn't a case of breach of contract?

Captain McMorries. No, sir.