

Captain McMorries. Well, we would then have a breach of contract, for whatever value it may be to us.

Mr. ROBACK. You would have a breach against the contractor?

Captain McMorries. Yes.

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Mr. ROBACK. And he would have a countersuit on some other ground.

Mr. Tassin, can you answer the question as to how many contracts, including contract modifications, have been placed by the Navy since 1960?

Mr. TASSIN. My records show, Mr. Roback, that there were 18 procurements during the period in question.

Of those 18, 17 were for complete launchers, and one was for fairings alone. Three of those contracts—and they were for complete launchers—were with Radiant; and 15 of them were with Chromcraft or Alasco.

Of those 18, sir; three were competed. There was competition in three of them. One for the fairings. There was competition between Western Molded and Chromcraft; and there were two contracts for several designations of launchers in which competition was secured; and also on the fairings that were involved.

Mr. MOORHEAD. What is a fairing?

Mr. ROBACK. A nose cone.

Mr. TASSIN. It is a faired, or somewhat of a streamlined cover that goes on the front; and some of them also are used on the rear. Some of them call them a rear shroud. In fact, that is what is being used right now. It is to get a better airflow, less drag.

Mr. ROBACK. You say there were two competitions?

Mr. SHILLITO. Other than the fairing competition.

Mr. ROBACK. And how many companies competed? I take it these were all negotiated contracts.

Mr. TASSIN. On the two contracts for launchers, in the one contract there were six firms requested to quote, and there were two firms who responded.

Mr. ROBACK. You say six were requested?

Mr. TASSIN. Six were solicited, yes, sir; and two firms responded.

Mr. ROBACK. On each of the two competitions?

Mr. TASSIN. No, sir; that was on one contract. NOw-65-0547.

And I might add that was a small business set-aside, and that may have cut the number down somewhat. There were adequate companies available within the small business family to produce that.

Mr. ROBACK. That competition was on a modification; is that right?

Mr. TASSIN. No, sir; this was on a portion of the launchers, the LAU-3/A, the one on which Captain McMorries has already answered, where we have data. On that particular contract, the LAU-3/A launcher, we had competition. There were other launchers procured under that contract, for which no competition was secured.

Mr. ROBACK. Who were the competitors on that contract?

Mr. TASSIN. Chromcraft, Hillside Metal Products, Lasko Metal Products, Lockley Machine Co., Radiant Manufacturing Co., and Standard Armament Co.