

Mr. ROBACK. Does your information show that the competition started with a modification?

Mr. TASSIN. No, sir; it does not. It shows that the competition was on an award that was made as a modification, but it doesn't show that the competition started on the basis of a modification. It could have been a part of the original requirement.

Mr. ROBACK. We will have to examine in more detail into the circumstances of that award so we can get it straightened out.

But in any case, the award went to Chromcraft; is that right?

Mr. TASSIN. That is right, sir.

COMPETITION ON CURRENT LETTER CONTRACTS

Mr. ROBACK. You had another competition. You had one more competition. What was the nature of that?

Mr. SHILLITO. —0621.

Mr. TASSIN. It is the current contract, N00019-67-0621.

Mr. ROBACK. That is the current contract under production in a letter form?

Mr. SHILLITO. That is right.

Mr. ROBACK. This contract was for something like \$25 million?

Mr. SHILLITO. \$25 million is correct.

Mr. ROBACK. This is a big piece of the business. This was about one-third, roughly, of all you have procured over the last few years, since 1960.

Mr. SHILLITO. Exactly one-third.

Mr. ROBACK. What was the occasion for it being so big? And was the occasion related to the fact the company was in a little trouble and you thought you ought to buy a big piece so you could assist, or was it because you were coming up to the end of the fiscal year?

Mr. TASSIN. This again, sir, was a requirement that was forwarded to us. I can't tell you from my own recollection why the requirements were consolidated.

Mr. ROBACK. You were just responding to a requirement as it came up? You don't know the circumstances or whether it was for fiscal reasons or tactical reasons or combat reasons? You just know you had a requirement?

Mr. TASSIN. We had a requirement to buy these launchers. They were required for—at least, the requirements people needed them for their inventory.

Now, on that contract, the initial solicitation, it did not go out as a competitive solicitation. However, one company, Portsmouth Electronics in Portsmouth, Ohio, asked for and received a copy of the request for proposal as it pertained to two launchers, the LAU-32A/A, a quantity of 5,340, and the LAU-3/A, and there were two separate quantities of these: 71,000, and another quantity of 9,704.

Now at this time there were data available for the purpose of securing competition on those two launchers.

Mr. ROBACK. No problem of data on the LAU-3/A and the LAU-32A/A?

Mr. TASSIN. At this particular time that this contract was being placed.

Mr. ROBACK. No problem with data there?