

Mr. TASSIN. However, the requirement again was an urgent one, and it is my recollection that the two quantities, the 71,000 and the 9,704, were broken out in order to permit the competition on the smaller quantity, at the request of Portsmouth, that it was felt that that was the only quantity, even though quotes were obtained from Portsmouth on the total of the 32A/A and the 3/A, but that was the only quantity that we might logically break out unless for some reason the requirement became less urgent, and we did secure the quotes. The question as to whether or not we had to make a determination as to whether we could break these out or not did not have to be answered inasmuch as the Chromcraft quotation was substantially less than that of Portsmouth in all three instances.

Mr. DAHLIN. And was the requirement for those two items, the 71,000 and 9,704, Navy or Air Force requirements?

Mr. TASSIN. Those were Air Force requirements.

Mr. DAHLIN. Both items?

Mr. ROBACK. You extruded the Air Force requirement—

Mr. TASSIN. No, sir. The requirements being procured for the Navy, there were no data available for competitive purchases.

Mr. ROBACK. You mean on the Navy portion there were no data, but on the Air Force, the old reliable LAU-3/A, you had the data?

Mr. DAHLIN. Has it been changed since the contract was awarded?

Mr. TASSIN. The 3/A and 32A/A data is available now.

Mr. DAHLIN. There have been no further changes up to the present date? It is the same item today as it was a year ago?

Commander KATCHER. I will defer to the tech people.

Mr. ROBACK. Let us defer to the man who knows, Mr. Morgan?

Mr. MORGAN. Today it is adequate.

Mr. ROBACK. That is not under negotiation? Nobody is paying for any data that they haven't had—or proposing to, rather?

Mr. MORGAN. Negative.

Mr. ROBACK. Summarizing, then, in this case you had a big requirement; you placed a sole source with Chromcraft; another company came in and said, "I want a piece of the action;" they didn't propose to bid on all, but a portion. You then had the legal problem of deciding whether you could break out a piece, particularly in view of the urgency; but then you didn't have to worry because the price was way out of line?

Mr. TASSIN. I think that summarizes it; yes, sir.

Mr. DAHLIN. They actually bid on a larger quantity?

Mr. TASSIN. They actually quoted on the total of the 32A/A and the 3/A.

Mr. LUMAN. Why didn't you compete it before 1967 if you had the data? It was brought out earlier that the data problem precluded competition.

Mr. TASSIN. We competed the 3/A in 1965, sir. We just went over that once.

RADIANT CONTRACTS

Mr. DAHLIN. Did Radiant produce successfully on those contracts in 1961 and 1964?

Mr. TASSIN. Yes, sir.

Mr. DAHLIN. Did they produce satisfactorily; no quality problems?