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Captain McMorries. Yes, sir; there was one placed in 1967.

Mr. Roback. What was the nature of the other competition?

Captain McMorries. I believe this refers to the request to participate and to submit a quotation by another source, and I would like to have Mr. Tassin address that, if I may.

Mr. Tassin. Mr. Roback, this contract was contract No. N00019-67-C-0621, and included in the total contract were rocket launchers of various designations.

Of those rocket launchers the Navy had data available in which competition could be secured on the LAU-3/A and the LAU-32A/A launcher.

The initial determination of the Navy due to the time between receipt of the procurement request and the first deliveries and most of the deliveries required under the contract were such that it was felt that only one supplier could supply these requirements. Consequently, a procurement was initiated with that company, namely Chromcraft.

Another concern known as Portsmouth Electronics, Portsmouth, Ohio, asked for and received a copy of the request for proposal, and did submit a quote on three items, 5,340 of the 32A/A, 71,000 of the