

Mr. TASSIN. I can say this, Mr. Roback: That we seek to get competition at any time we can.

Mr. ROBACK. That is a generalization which all the services will gladly accept.

Mr. TASSIN. And in this case there was a quantity of 3/A rocket launchers to be procured. We had data which we considered adequate for competitive purposes. There were suppliers that to our knowledge were interested in competing on this, including a supplier who had previously produced rocket launchers, and we sought to introduce competition.

Mr. ROBACK. We are talking about time expansion of several weeks between these things. I mean at what point in that short compress of time between modification No. 3 on July 14 and modification No. 2 on June 30, which is only 2 weeks, including the Fourth of July holiday, did the wisdom come to you that this ought to be competitive, I mean the inspiration, not the wisdom?

Mr. TASSIN. The contract was awarded, modification No. 3 was awarded on the 14th of July, sir. The procurement request for that modification, and I think this is a question you asked or someone asked yesterday, perhaps Mr. Randall asked that, when was the requirement received.

The date of that procurement request was the 24th of May 1965. The procurement request was received in our purchase group for action on the 2d of June. The request for proposal on that went out on the 10th of June and the proposals were due in on the 21st of June.

I think this answers the questions that were raised yesterday with regard to that. But we again sought in that instance to get competition.

The first delivery was due in September of 1965. We felt that it might be feasible for a prior producer or someone who was otherwise qualified to—

Mr. ROBACK. I am asking why the inspiration came to you on that modification and not on any other number of it?

Mr. TASSIN. I do not think that it was an inspiration, sir. I think that again it was an attempt to get competition.

Mr. ROBACK. Is there any piece of paper, any memorandum or any determination of any kind which could throw any light on this?

Mr. TASSIN. I do not have any, sir, except the general proposition that we seek and strive to get competition whenever we can.

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING MIPR'S

Mr. ROBACK. Captain McMorries, can you explain to the committee what is the sequence of a procurement response to a requisition or a requirement or a request from another service or from another department or from the Navy Department?

What, briefly, is the sequence? What kind of documents are originated? Is there a requirements document that comes to you or is there a military interdepartmental request?

Just give us briefly the sequence.

Captain McMORRIES. To speak to the military interdepartmental procurement request—

Mr. ROBACK. I assume that all the Air Force requests, for example, would be on those so-called MIPR's?