

Captain McMorries. MIPR's, yes, sir.

We would receive from the requiring command for purchase and procurement action their definitive requirements which would be set forth in the MIPR, wherein we had any technical review of this required by nature of the product or any responsibilities in that area, the MIPR, with its attendant specifications and requirements as referenced by the requiring department would be appropriately reviewed within the Navy.

When this determination had been made as to the completeness of the item and specifications to be acquired, the MIPR or PR would be referred to contracts division in the procurement command for contractual action.

Mr. ROBACK. Do you have the information in the Navy when you are procuring for the Air Force when the Air Force requirement originates, or is that in their department?

Captain McMorries. That is in their department, sir. Our basic concern would be upon receipt of the requirement per se.

Mr. ROBACK. Now does the receipt, is your first notification as a department in the form of the MIPR?

Captain McMorries. I cannot answer that precisely. I would like to ask Commander Katcher or Captain Jay if they can address that.

Commander KATCHER. We will ask the man who processes the papers, Mr. Chambers.

Mr. ROBACK. Mr. Chambers, when does the Navy first get a signal that there is a requirement from the Air Force?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Normally a MIPR arrives through the Air Force Liaison Office within the Navy. They forward that MIPR down to our office for the initiation of the procurement request which ultimately goes to the contracts division.

Mr. ROBACK. Mr. Witt, what is the nature of the documentation on a request for a rocket launcher procurement? What can the Air Force tell us as to when a given procurement originated in the form of a requirement and in the form of an approved requirement?

Mr. WITT. You mean prior to the development of an MIPR going to the Navy?

Mr. ROBACK. Yes, I want to get some handle on "public exigency." If it takes a half a year to process the paper and only 14 days to decide only one producer can do it, you can see what the point is.

Mr. WITT. Our requirements are of course developed in Southeast Asia for necessary items and they are developed by the operational people. It comes through CINCPAC, commander in chief of the Pacific forces, and then is processed into the Pentagon as an approved allocation of the rockets, which backs into our launchers of course.

We start out with rocket requirements and we have to have launchers, of course, to match up with the rocket requirements.

We develop our requirements specifically for the launchers to support the rockets. We develop the requirement. We put it into a MIPR, which is sent to the Navy.

Mr. ROBACK. Is there any problem of documenting the origination of any given procurement as far as the Air Force is concerned? In other words, we have a procurement where so many launchers were bought for the Air Force.