

Mr. ROBACK. Do you mean to say that there was a competition on fairings in 0621?

Mr. TASSIN. There were separate quotes received on the fairings from the launchers in 67-0621, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Was that unsolicited?

Mr. TASSIN. No, sir; this was solicited.

Mr. ROBACK. I am confused, because I thought 0621 was the contract where there was competition only because Portsmouth voluntarily submitted a quote by saying, "We want to get in on this."

Mr. TASSIN. That is on the launchers, sir. Now when we get back to the fairings, we did ask Western Molded again to quote on the fairings, and this was in keeping, as I stated earlier, with the policy as enunciated by then Assistant Secretary, Installations and Logistics, that due to the fact that Chromcraft was on the suspended list of bidders, we should make every opportunity to breakout items. We should make every opportunity to obtain sources for items that could be procured outside of the realm of the Chromcraft-Alsco family.

Mr. ROBACK. Did you have a separate RFP for the fairings?

Mr. TASSIN. Yes, we did, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. That is not listed here; is that right?

Captain McMorries. I think it is on the list of contracts.

Mr. TASSIN. I think the items in here are listed separately. In fact, the schedule of the contract shows the items listed separately.

Mr. ROBACK. Was the award made at the same time or was it made as a modification, do you know?

Mr. TASSIN. I am advised that on 67-0621 that the award for the fairings was made by modification 3 to that contract at a date later than the original award.

Mr. ROBACK. Who else besides Western Molded was solicited?

Mr. TASSIN. Chromcraft, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. On the fairings?

Mr. TASSIN. On the fairings.

Mr. ROBACK. So that competition, because Chromcraft was on the suspended list, you went to Western Molded, not knowing perhaps that potentially they were also on the suspended list, that is, potentially in the sense that you were not directly dealing with them, but maybe Chromcraft was?

Captain McMorries. I think, Mr. Roback—

Mr. ROBACK. Chromcraft was getting its fairings from Western Molded?

Captain McMorries. That is correct.

Mr. ROBACK. So when Chromcraft was suspended, the assumption was that you would not have any problems dealing with Western Molded, even though he was a supplier to Chromcraft?

Captain McMorries. Well, I think it could be categorized as Mr. Tassin recited, that one item in the total end article that could be broken out and secured from another producer, that producer not being under suspension.

Mr. ROBACK. Offhand why only Western Molded? Why did you not go to—sometimes the Navy solicits 102 prospective sources and gets two replies. Why did you not solicit 102? The other time you may solicit 102 and there are only two who maybe fabricate products. Offhand why did you not solicit six?