

It was considered that cost savings would occur through consolidation of requirements and a single point procurement commodity monitorship.

AIR FORCE INPUT FOR LAU-70, 71

Mr. ROBACK. On the launcher that China Lake is making, has there been any actual Air Force flying and shooting?

Mr. WITT. No. We have not received the new launcher for test.

Mr. ROBACK. You have not had any hardware?

Mr. WITT. No.

Mr. ROBACK. You are just now basing this testimony on the expectations?

Mr. WITT. Correct.

Mr. ROBACK. You do not have any hardware experience?

Mr. WITT. That is correct.

Mr. ROBACK. You have no test experience?

Mr. WITT. That is correct.

Mr. ROBACK. But you do not have any reservations as yet about the development?

Mr. WITT. It looks favorable at this point.

Mr. ROBACK. If the development proves out as far as it's doing, you know, successful in testing and what not, will it meet all Air Force launcher requirements?

Mr. WITT. Well, we would have to go through a certification program on our aircraft naturally. That is what we go through, this certification testing program on each new item that comes in to be tested.

Mr. ROBACK. But as far as the configuration of the hardware, it looks like this would satisfy your requirements, assuming that there was compatibility, safety, and other aircraft requirements?

Mr. WITT. It sounds good right now; yes.

Mr. DAHLIN. Were your requirements obtained before the designs were initiated by China Lake?

Mr. WITT. Were our requirements?

Mr. DAHLIN. As far as design requirements.

Mr. ROBACK. You have input, in other words?

Mr. WITT. The Navy knows very well our requirements in this regard, particularly since they have been buying for us for quite a few years now; they know what we want.

Mr. DAHLIN. This is presumably an improved model. So any improvements you want you have to ask for, do you not?

Mr. WITT. This is right. The improvements that they have advised us of so far sound very good to us.

PROCEDURE FOR AIR FORCE REQUIREMENTS SUBMISSION

Mr. ROBACK. Can you throw any light on the various procurements which have Air Force segments, quantities, as far as their frequency goes, that is to say, there are some contracts with numerous modifications or various contracts for certain numbers of items? In other words, does the Air Force, because it does not have the procurement responsibility, omit or does it disregard any concern about grouping and analyzing and organizing these requirements in such a way that it maximizes procurement, or does it merely submit requests as they