

blies. Then that raises the question, can you ship a launcher with white phosphorous in it, and the safety regulations say no.

So we would have to ship them over there and then open them up after they are prepodded and put a white phosphorous in the field.

I am just saying that these kinds of things get into any consideration as to whether it is smart or not to preload.

Mr. ROBACK. Does the Navy have white phosphorous?

Mr. WITT. I do not know.

Commander KATCHER. We use white phosphorous but we do not ship white phosphorous in the launcher.

Mr. ROBACK. That is a special handling?

Commander KATCHER. Yes, sir; we either remove a round or insert it in an empty tube.

Mr. WITT. This is one of the problems.

Mr. ROBACK. The preloaded rockets, the Navy uses the launcher for the container. Would that be the same here?

Mr. WITT. We are going to try it this way except we cannot ship the white phosphorous.

Mr. ROBACK. What about the fairings?

Mr. WITT. Pardon me, the container will be in a box. I thought you meant the launcher itself.

Mr. ROBACK. The Navy does not use the box; is that right?

Commander KATCHER. We do not crate the launcher.

Mr. ROBACK. You will crate the launcher. Is that because you have further to ship?

Colonel MANNING. Yes; we do.

Mr. ROBACK. Or is it a different shipping, handling problem?

Colonel DICKENS. Mr. Roback, in the original study, AFLC came up with the idea of shipping it on a shipping pallet in which they figured a certain cost. In this new configuration there will not have to be a requirement for a specialized pallet as such, and they consequently developed the package or box in which to put the launcher, and this overall cost I believe will result in slightly lower cost than what the original concept was, as far as the packing itself is concerned.

Mr. ROBACK. Does the fairing go with the launcher in the preloaded configuration?

Colonel MANNING. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Does the Navy, too?

Does the fairing—is that affixed?

Commander KATCHER. Fairings are shipped separately and put on at the time the launcher is hung on the aircraft, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Why is that done?

Commander KATCHER. Because the fairings are too fragile to be shipped as a part of the exposed shipping container.

Mr. ROBACK. So you do not have that problem?

Colonel DICKENS. Might I respond to that?

The fairing itself will not be installed on the launcher in the package. I believe it will be included in the package but not installed.

Colonel MANNING. Yes, sir.

Colonel DICKENS. Such as the Navy was referring to here, so essentially, it would be the same configuration.