

Mr. ROBACK. Speaking of the rocket launchers now.

General ANDERSON. Yes. This is an especially managed item within the Army. That is to say we get along without the normal CONUS inventories of stocks by keeping the pipeline full, and a sizable stockage level in the 34th group in SEA, and meeting our replacement requirements.

Now, to keep on top of these, we have quarterly meetings, where we get together with the theater people and everybody concerned, and make sure that our projections of requirements are accurate.

Mr. ROBACK. Do you see any real problem to having a competitive environment or at least a limited competitive environment for procurement of launchers as far as timing goes?

Is there any reason why you cannot plan that?

General ANDERSON. You are speaking with respect to the generation of requirements?

Mr. ROBACK. Especially if you are responsible for all three services.

General ANDERSON. Well, of course we would still have to get their requirements on MIPR, but I would suggest that the centralization of this management might put the impetus upon the manager to seek these requirements if he did not get them.

Mr. ROBACK. Will you give us the requisite documentation for these assignments that you had for single-service procurement agency with regard to the rockets?

General ANDERSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. With regard to the modification of the assignment?

General ANDERSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. And also with regard to this paper that is signed by the Secretary with regard to the rocket launcher?

General ANDERSON. Very well.

Mr. ROBACK. And tie that to this also?

General ANDERSON. Yes, sir.

(The information requested follows:)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
Washington, D.C., November 1, 1966.

Memorandum for:

The Assistant Secretary of the Army (I. & L.).

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (I. & L.).

Subject: Procurement responsibility for the 2.75-inch rocket.

The subject plan submitted by Assistant Secretary of Army (I. & L.) memorandum of October 7, 1966, for assumption by the 2.75-inch rocket system project manager of procurement responsibility for 2.75-inch rockets, rocket motors, and associated equipment has been reviewed.

The plan for the assumption by the army project manager of the procurement responsibility of 2.75-inch rocket motors and associated equipment is approved, except for the quality assurance function for which seven additional spaces are requested. The quality assurance function, currently being performed for Navy by DCAS, is a proper function of DCAS and should continue to be performed by DCAS. The proposed transfer of 12 equivalent civilian spaces from the Navy to the Army is approved in accordance with the Secretary of Defense memorandum of August 4, 1966, subject: "Procedures for Adjusting Manpower Ceilings and Programmed Manpower Levels." The Army will submit to ASD (Comptroller) an agreement, signed by the Navy, to transfer these spaces. As provided in the August 4, 1966, Secretary of Defense memorandum, the additional civilian spaces required for support of your plan will be provided from within available Army manpower resources. Consideration should be given to consolidation of procurement personnel at either APSA or at Picatinny Arsenal.