

Mr. ROBACK. For example, set aside; you look at the item, it looks pretty simple, and the Small Business Administration says, "We have got 103 producers that can make that."

General ANDERSON. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. You know, they make ice cream cones and various other things.

What is your experience?

General ANDERSON. We had eight bidders on that set-aside. This was a total set-aside, and I think with that demonstration of ability to get people to bid that perhaps we might very well continue on the total small business set-aside.

Mr. ROBACK. Has anybody except Chromcraft produced hardware for you in the launcher department?

General ANDERSON. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Who?

General ANDERSON. Brown Engineering and A. C. Electronics.

Mr. ROBACK. What do they look like? Do they have departments in them, do they work or do you not know yet?

General ANDERSON. No. We have received deliveries from both of them. They are on schedule.

May I ask Mr. Schaeppi?

Mr. SCHAEPP. Quality is good both from Brown and A.C. Electronics.

Mr. ROBACK. Have the deliveries been timely?

Mr. SCHAEPP. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. Have the fixed prices been maintained without undue modifications?

Mr. SCHAEPP. There have been no increases in prices in either case.

Mr. ROBACK. Is there any reason to believe that this presents a problem as far as finding sources go?

Mr. SCHAEPP. On XM-158 or XM-160, the answer would be "No."

Mr. ROBACK. Are these metal launchers?

Mr. SCHAEPP. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Do they buy the casings preformed from aluminum producers or fabricators?

Mr. SCHAEPP. The tubes are bought.

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Mr. SCHAEPP. Not cut off, 20-foot length tubes.

Mr. ROBACK. They do the cutting?

Mr. SCHAEPP. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. And the other adaptations. So as far as your experience today, limited though it may be in the way of producers, you have not run into the usual run of difficulties that has plagued the Navy that nobody but Chromcraft seems to be able to come within any kind of a reasonable price range or even have the ability to make it.

Mr. SCHAEPP. We have run into the usual initial production problems that you will run into with anyone.

Mr. ROBACK. Are you going to have a test report on the 158 on the Cobra?

General ANDERSON. Yes, sir. It is undergoing flight certification tests now. It is promising so far.

Mr. ROBACK. Will you submit those to us when you get some?