

General ANDERSON. Yes, sir.  
(The information requested follows:)

The Army has directed that aerial tests be conducted on the M-158 7-tube repairable, reusable launcher to determine compatibility and secure flight certification for use on the Hueycobra helicopter. This action is necessary to determine whether the M-158 launcher can be used to satisfy all Army 7-tube 2.75-inch rocket launcher requirements known to date. Successful test results will also provide a basis for eliminating the need to buy the XM-157/B reusable, nonrepairable, proprietary item from Alsco Inc.

Tests are now being conducted at Yuma Proving Ground. On completion of the tests, the results will be evaluated and final report forwarded to Headquarters AMC on/about August 20, 1968. Tests are proceeding satisfactorily.

The test report will be furnished the committee after processing by the Army Staff.

#### ROCKET MISHAP IN VIETNAM

Mr. ROBACK. Do you happen to know whether there was any fault in the launcher or a fault in the rocket which caused a good part of the South Vietnamese Government to be decimated?

General ANDERSON. No, I do not know, Mr. Roback. That is under investigation.

Mr. ROBACK. My colleague informs me that so far as we can ascertain, it was the rocket and not the launcher. You do not have any information on the subject?

General ANDERSON. It was a 2.75-inch rocket, and it fell short.

Mr. ROBACK. And presumably a short round and not a launcher defect?

General ANDERSON. I do not know.

Mr. ROBACK. Maybe you are not the source to get that information.

General ANDERSON. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. You are interested in that problem?

General ANDERSON. Oh, yes.

Mr. ROBACK. Maybe you should give us a report on whether the 2.75 has, as I say, decimated a good part of the top leadership over in Vietnam, at least to the extent that it has.

General ANDERSON. There is a report of investigation being made, and I am sure we can get that information from that report.

(The information requested was furnished for committee files.)

Mr. DAHLIN. Did you find out, General, whether it was the improved 17-pound warhead that hit?

General ANDERSON. I do not know.

Mr. DAHLIN. You do not know?

General ANDERSON. No.

#### EFFECT OF LONGER WARHEAD ON STANDARDIZATION

Mr. DAHLIN. This improved 17-pound warhead is the one that is longer?

General ANDERSON. Yes.

Mr. DAHLIN. And created some of the problems in the standardization that was being talked about before?

General ANDERSON. Yes, it is longer.

Mr. DAHLIN. This would lengthen all the tubes if you tried to get any standardization on this warhead?

General ANDERSON. Yes.