

were improvements over the three launchers that I mentioned earlier that we had data on.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. And did you get that?

Mr. TASSIN. The contractor put a price on these modifications to the data. We have not yet procured this.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. That is the matter that is under negotiation and a figure of more than \$2 million.

Mr. TASSIN. Let me put it this way, sir. It is a question as to whether it is \$2 million more or less. He has put a price on it of that amount.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. That is right. That is what I said.

Mr. TASSIN. Because he has tied another figure into it. He said, "I am out some money. I feel I am due money for value engineered improvements on this. Whether I get it for selling you the data or whether I get it for value engineering, I want my money."

This is the matter under discussion at the present time.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. I want to follow up on one more point on that.

If you do purchase those rights for x amount, does that give to you the complete drawing or just some of the new developments, and leaving some of the other developments in the manufacturer's hands?

Mr. TASSIN. I am advised, sir, that in order to give us those data he will give us a complete new set of drawings that completely describes the new launchers.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. But this, as far as you know, was never made a bargaining matter at the time when you were dispensing largess in the form of thousands and tens of thousands of new launchers to him, to a sole source producer?

Mr. TASSIN. It was made a part of the bargaining at the time of the last contract, sir, which is the first time that some of these launchers were procured.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Yes, but it was not made a part of the bargaining any time before that, when they improved the launcher?

Mr. TASSIN. Well, with regard to the data for the 3/A, the 3A/A and the 32A/A, it was a part of that, sir.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. You did buy a purchase?

Mr. TASSIN. That is right.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. For 12,000 or 13,000?

Mr. TASSIN. We have those data available.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Yes, but it was subsequent to that that additional improvements were put on; is that right?

Mr. TASSIN. Yes.

With regard to the LAU-59/A, sir, I do not know the circumstances there, but it appears that your assumption is correct that we did not bargain for those data.

Now with regard to some of the others, they were procured the first time to my recollection in the 1967 contract, the last contract and that was included in the request for proposal.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Would it be possible for you to furnish us more definite information on this point, in order that we might change this discussion from appearances and assumptions to certification of the facts involved?

Mr. TASSIN. Yes, sir; we will give you a report on that, sir.