

how costly, how difficult is it to get into business? Is it relatively easy to get a contract?

General ANDERSON. On this launcher—

Mr. ROBACK. We once had testimony on a Navy contract that Mr. Morgan knows about that a certain Mr. Giampapa soldered the intervalometers in his bedroom. Do you know he soldered intervalometers in his bedroom?

General ANDERSON. This is an unsophisticated piece of equipment, relatively unsophisticated, and the startup costs should not be too considerable.

Mr. ROBACK. That is the answer to my question.

CORPORATE IDENTITY

Mr. HOLIFIELD. I notice on the next page you have the Techfab Division of AlSCO.

General ANDERSON. Yes, sir; that is a new name for Chromcraft, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. As I understand it, this the follow-on company or the successor now that Chromcraft is suspended and they cannot operate. Have they just repainted the sign, or is this a new company, and does Chromcraft still have a financial interest in Techfab?

General ANDERSON. Sir, it is my understanding, and I would defer to the Navy—they probably are more informed than I—certain management changes have been made.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Mr. Stein, would you care to comment on that question?

Mr. STEIN. My understanding is that Techfab is a division of Chromcraft which now goes by the corporate name of AlSCO. I do not believe that there is any change in that corporate arrangement.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Does the suspension carry over then to this subsidiary?

Mr. STEIN. Oh, yes, indeed.

Mr. ROBACK. In fact was the suspension made before or after the merger, or the acquisition?

Mr. STEIN. The suspension came after the AlSCO-Chromcraft merger, and as far as I know Techfab was a division in being at that time.

DESIGN CHANGES AND NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. LUMAN. General, could you give us a statement for the record of why it came about that this was proprietary to Chromcraft? In other words, who did the development for the Navy launchers to make them adequate for Army usage?

General ANDERSON. Yes. I think I said earlier, and I will have to expand upon this in a statement for you, the changes that the Army needed to have made because it wanted a reusable launcher, and the intervalometer in the cockpit instead of on the launcher, and there were a few others, these changes were actually made by Chromcraft in anticipation or knowing of our different requirements for a low speed aircraft.

Mr. LUMAN. Why did you not try to buy it from them when they made the changes?