General ANDERSON. Yes.

Mr. ROBACK. And you fire a lot of rockets whereas in the Air Force and the Navy each intervalometer goes with the rocket.

General ANDERSON. I do not know the unit or component cost of the intervalometer.

Mr. ROBACK. Offhand why should there not be a significant difference in the cost between the Navy and the Army launchers, because they do not need any intervalometers. You get one and you have it.

General ANDERSON. I have an estimate, Mr. Roback. The intervalometer probably is around 20-odd dollars.

Mr. ROBACK. Your launchers, with the other costs constant they ought to be $20 cheaper because you do not have to buy any intervalometers. One comes with the helicopter. How long does the intervalometer last? I mean is it relatively permanent?

Colonel GURLEY. Relatively permanent.

Mr. ROBACK. Can you overhaul it when you overhaul the aircraft?

Colonel LEWIS. Basically.

Colonel GURLEY. It can be pulled out, replaced, and repaired.

Mr. ROBACK. In any case, who do you buy the intervalometer from, the launcher maker?

General ANDERSON. I do not know.

Colonel LEWIS. The airframe manufacturer furnishes it with the aircraft.

Mr. ROBACK. This is part of the aircraft, so when you deal with Chromcraft, you do not have to worry about intervalometers.

General ANDERSON. No.

Mr. ROBACK. Does this not simplify the whole manufacture? The intervalometer is an electrical system, and presumably is one of the more delicate aspects of the launcher makeup, is that right, Commander Katcher?

Commander KATCHER. No, sir; we consider that the current Chromcraft design of their intervalometer—that is, in our LAU–61 and 8, the reusable launchers—is equally compatible in strength or durability to any other part of the launcher.

Mr. ROBACK. What I mean, I assume that it is durable, that it is not a weak link. I do not mean that. What I mean is it is the electrical system in the launcher, is it not?

Commander KATCHER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBACK. And therefore if anything is complicated about the launcher, one might suppose it might be the electrical system in making it. I am trying to find out, since the Army does not have to worry about an intervalometer, why should it not be much easier for them to buy this thing? Anybody can hang this on to a tube ought to be able to make it, slap a pan on the end.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Was that in the nature of a question or part of the testimony?

Mr. ROBACK. I am going to ask you is it the case—we have got assembled here all the rocket launcher experts in the country, but I cannot seem to get any relevant observation on this point—is it easier for the Army to procure launchers because they do not have to worry about intervalometers and also should it be cheaper? It may not be cheaper looking at the prices, but should it be cheaper?