

General ANDERSON. I will answer your question for the Army. Yes, it would be easier to procure, because it is something less to be procured, something less to go wrong. And it should be cheaper.

Mr. ROBACK. Was that ever a negotiating element with Chromcraft? I suspect that Chromcraft is charging you intervalometer prices. That is what I am saying.

Mr. SCHAEPP. Charging the Army?

Mr. ROBACK. Yes.

General ANDERSON. Oh, no.

Mr. ROBACK. I did not say they are charging you for intervalometers.

General ANDERSON. We do not buy intervalometers from Chromcraft.

Mr. ROBACK. But they are charging you prices as if you were buying intervalometers.

Mr. SCHAEPP. Our competition does not bear that out, competition price with A.C. Electronics. We figure it is about \$75,000 startup costs. That brings the price down to around \$318, and we were paying \$300 and some odd for the Chromcraft price.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. \$323.

Mr. SCHAEPP. \$323. So it does not bear up, and it was a real small quantity we are talking of.

General ANDERSON. You would have to understand too that the M-158 launcher for manufacturing purposes should price out at about the same price as the 157, so you can relate the two with some reason. And this is further support of our statement that we believe we have received fair and reasonable prices, because it has been tested indirectly by competition.

ARMY AUTHORITY TO ARM HELICOPTERS

Mr. ROBACK. When we examined this problem some years ago, the Army was not permitted to mount rockets on launchers on the ground that this was too much firepower, and that the rocket—I mean that the helicopter really was not an aircraft combat unit item. Now that has changed, and if it is not too much trouble, I would like you to dig up the paper which stated the change in doctrine and the authority by which you got into the rocket launcher business, and the rocket business.

General ANDERSON. The data in support of our requirement to utilize rocket launchers on helicopters?

Mr. ROBACK. That is not your requirement. I am talking about your doctrinal authorization to use the helicopter with this kind of firepower and these rockets. I know that is not in your bailiwick.

General ANDERSON. I do not imagine that such a black and white paper exists.

Mr. ROBACK. There is a big fat file on it.

General ANDERSON. May I ask Colonel Gurley from CDC if he has any knowledge of that?

Colonel GURLEY. Sir, I think possibly it is like Topsy. "It grewed." We had a requirement that suddenly was thrust upon us.