

Mr. ROBACK. I was distinguishing between MAP donations, military assistance program, MAP, and direct sales, and I was asking whether in the direct sales or otherwise the producer was trying to develop a foreign market on his own, Chromcraft in this case.

Commander BROWN. Not that I know of. I do know of two cases where Chromcraft has attempted to get licensing for foreign production. One was in 1961 with a Belgian firm, and about that time, as I understand it, Chromcraft was beginning to be queried or investigated or suspected anyhow.

Mr. ROBACK. In what year?

Commander BROWN. 1961.

Mr. ROBACK. They were being queried in 1961?

Commander BROWN. That was my understanding. I may be mistaken.

Mr. ROBACK. That is a little early.

Commander BROWN. However, nothing ever came of this case.

Mr. ROBACK. There were queries in other respects by other interested Government investigators possibly.

Commander BROWN. At any rate, nothing ever developed on this, and no license was ever granted.

There is a case pending right now, an export license case with a British firm, BTR Plastics.

Mr. ROBACK. For licensing?

Commander BROWN. For licensing to produce overseas.

Mr. ROBACK. By Chromcraft?

Commander BROWN. By Chromcraft.

Mr. ROBACK. That is pending before the munitions board?

Commander BROWN. It is pending at the present time. However, as I understand it, the Department of Defense has requested additional information and that case is still hanging in abeyance, so I have no idea what will come of it.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Are rocket launchers being produced in France?

Commander BROWN. Not to my knowledge, no, sir. I know of no country that is producing them, not the launchers that we are speaking of.

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Mr. ROBACK. Can the Navy tell me or the Army whether there is any patents on any of the launchers under procurement?

General ANDERSON. Speaking for the Army, Mr. Roback, none that we know of. Our own M-158 launcher is solely owned by the Government. With respect to the other launchers, I cannot add to what the Navy has had to say on that. I do not know.

Mr. ROBACK. Mr. Morgan, do you know?

Mr. BOTHWELL. We know of only one patent, and that is on the detent mechanism that is not incorporated in the launchers we are now buying.

Mr. ROBACK. This is on a manufacturer's proposal which is not in procurement.

Mr. BOTHWELL. Would you repeat that?

Mr. ROBACK. You say the patent is on an item not in procurement but on a proposed item that the manufacturer has put together, is that right?