

May 24, 1968: John Risher, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., called Mr. Zenk of our office to have us send our workpapers in for their use.

May 27, 1968: We sent the workpapers to Mr. Risher.

ARMY IN-HOUSE CAPABILITY

Mr. DAHLIN. General Anderson, the initial production of rocket launchers in the Army was in-house. Have you maintained any sort of capability where these can be produced in-house in the Army in case you get into a bind?

General ANDERSON. You are speaking of the old XM-3 launcher.

Mr. DAHLIN. Yes.

General ANDERSON. Produced at Watertown Arsenal which is now closed. No, we have not planned specifically for in-house capability to produce rocket launchers. They are readily obtainable from industry.

Mr. DAHLIN. One of the problems mentioned by Navy auditors was the shortness of time between a request by a contracting officer and the time they wanted the information to go to contract. Have you had any such problems or difficulties in working between your contracting officials who have to use cost or pricing information or analysis and working with DCAA?

General ANDERSON. I know of no difficulties. Do you know of any delays?

Mr. SCHAEPLI. Occasionally there are, but nothing serious.

General ANDERSON. They have a tremendous job, as you very well know, and they cannot always audit your contracts as quickly as you may like, but the service we have had has been quite satisfactory.

Mr. DAHLIN. Your statement seems to indicate that you are having some difficulty with the M-160. Does that mean that it is a technical problem or it is a cost problem or that in repairable concept is to be reevaluated? What is the nature of that?

General ANDERSON. No, I did not mean to infer we are having difficulty. We simply have not progressed as fast.

Mr. DAHLIN. What does that mean, sir?

General ANDERSON. In the case of the seven-tube launcher, we put that into development, got a technical data package and put it on the street. We did not act in the same way on the XM-160. We have designs, and we have R. & D. drawings. We have not yet made any prototypes for test. It is one of the launchers we are considering as well as the Navy launcher they mentioned that is under development by them, and at the same time we are considering the possibility of purchasing the rights and drawings from Chromcraft for the 19-tube launcher. All of these will have to take their place in our determinations as to what we will do.

Mr. DAHLIN. Is it clear from your statement that you have no pending procurements or dollars committed for the rest of this fiscal year? Your main concern is the next fiscal year as far as Army buy is concerned; is that correct?

General ANDERSON. There are two procurements with Chromcraft under negotiation right now, and should be awarded momentarily as a part of the fiscal year 1968 program. I think we have no choice there.