

whose personnel failed to cancel reservations for accommodation they did not require or did not give sufficient advance notice of changes in their requirements.

The remaining cost of \$9,300 was for accommodation that the hotels were unable to rent to the general public after the Department of Defence Production had advised them each day which accommodation it would not require. (See also paragraph 63 of the Auditor General's 1968 Report).

The Department of Defence Production is to be commended for its business-like and prompt action in cutting down the costs of unused hotel accommodation at Expo 67. On examination, your Committee discovered that this was done as the Department stated, through good rapport with LogExpo and also with any other organization with requirements for rooms in Montreal.

The Department of Defence Production, by cutting back to 40% on the original estimates for hotel rooms submitted to it by the various departments, admitted that it took a risk that it might not be able to fill all requests for accommodation but your Committee feels they took a justifiable risk, particularly in the case of the overestimation mentioned above by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

PARAGRAPH 83—COST OF ABANDONED INFORMATION SYSTEM.

Based on organizational and operational concepts accepted in 1965, the Canadian Government Repair Service of the Department of Defence Production decided in 1966 to develop a computerized information system for the operation and management of procurement, repair, overhaul and maintenance of all government machines and equipment throughout Canada and to provide to departments certain information that the Royal Commission on Government Organization had indicated was desirable.