

Deputy Director of NASA, Dr. Dryden, is co-chairman with Dr. York—or Dr. York's successor, Dr. Brown, when he takes office—and the Board consists of equal representation down the line and that Board is used to monitor programs of equal interest to the two departments and to make sure there is not contention, competition or overlapping between the activities of the two agencies.

Last summer my predecessor, Deputy Secretary Douglas, reached an agreement with Dr. Keith Glennan, then Administrator of NASA, regarding the handling of communications satellites.

As I have indicated in my statement, there are several communications satellite projects. Up to now we have worked out by agreement—and I feel sure we will continue to—problems where what NASA is doing and what the Defense Department is doing and each in its respective sphere—NASA, the non-military; the Defense Department, the military—can be worked out.

Surely we will have problems and we will have discussions, but I feel confident in assuring this committee that Mr. Webb and I—because the Secretary of Defense has asked me to continue what my predecessor did in monitoring this whole area—I feel sure we can avoid any conflicts, any major differences between the two departments and that will be our effort.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for your statement.

Your position is Deputy Secretary of Defense. You really are the head of the ARPA, as it is today, is that correct?

Secretary GILPATRIC. Actually the Director of Defense Research and Engineering has control over ARPA, but he, in turn, is subject to my direction and that of the Secretary and, as I indicated, Secretary McNamara has asked me to personally follow this whole area of effort within the Defense Department so in substance, what you say is true.

The CHAIRMAN. Within the realm of the Director of ARPA, you are following the organization of the entire space program in the Defense Department.

Secretary GILPATRIC. That is true.

The CHAIRMAN. The entire matter really goes back, doesn't it, to the Wiesner Report.

Secretary GILPATRIC. The Wiesner Report was one of the factors which led us, as I have indicated, to move in on this problem without delay. There are other factors, however. We found that the different Services had programs and projects of their own which unless brought into a centralized organization for supervision and control, could lead to overlapping and duplication and misuse of resources. We felt that there was a great deal of merit in the proposal of Dr. Wiesner, that the responsibility for all space activities within the military departments should be centralized.

We felt it would assist us in our relations with NASA, because NASA has some very heavy problems and serious problems in its programs, and it needs the support we can give it, and we, in turn, rely on it, so we felt there should be two strong positions, one in the Defense Department as well as in NASA, to deal with those.

The CHAIRMAN. Now does this directive carry out all of the recommendations of the Wiesner Report?