

Mr. FULTON. So as a matter of fact, this directive in part overruled the recommendations of the Joint Chiefs because all the recommendations of the Joint Chiefs were not unanimously given nor accepted.

Secretary GILPATRIC. I think it would be more correct to state, if I may say, that the Joint Chiefs did not collectively consider this. We had the individual Service positions through the Service Secretaries and we had the views of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, himself.

All of those four sets of comments were considered and as you say, some of the views were not conformed to in the directive.

Mr. FULTON. Could we have those views put in the record, Mr. Chairman, with your consent, and likewise, the statements of each of the Services on this proposed directive, both in its original and in its amended form?

The CHAIRMAN. Are they available, sir?

Secretary GILPATRIC. I think they are available. I want to take counsel as to whether there is any question of executive privilege here. For my own part, I don't see why the Committee shouldn't know these views. As a matter of fact, many of the views you have heard in previous hearings—because I have seen them referred to in the record. You have heard General Trudeau, you have heard Admiral Connolly, and Admiral Hayward, and you have heard General Shriever.

Mr. FULTON. With your consent, Mr. Chairman, may we put those in the record publicly which are not held by the Secretary to be classified? I will limit it to that. Otherwise make them available to the staff of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that satisfactory?

Secretary GILPATRIC. Very well.

(By later decision, the material in question was not made available to the committee.)

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FULTON. General Trudeau is Chief of Research and Development of the Department of the Army, Mr. Chairman. I would like to refer to his statement when he came before our committee on February 17, 1961, where in his statement he had said—and I will read the exact language he recommended.

That joint military space agency today would have the capability of organizing programs and systems to solve this situation and then be able to expand progressively as required to an overall national agency both military and civilian for overall operation.

I understand from your statement today that statement of General Trudeau has been overridden, is that not right?

Secretary GILPATRIC. It is the judgment of the Secretary of Defense and myself as it was the judgment of Secretary McElroy, that a new joint defense agency for space would not be desirable so we do not agree with General Trudeau.

Mr. FULTON. Does this mean that the Navy loses the Polaris research and development and testing program?

Secretary GILPATRIC. It does not in any sense.

Mr. FULTON. Does the Navy lose the engineering program?

Secretary GILPATRIC. On the Polaris?

Mr. FULTON. Yes.

Secretary GILPATRIC. No, this directive, Mr. Fulton, does not affect any preexisting assignments including Polaris, Advent and Transit, or Nike-Zeus.