

Secretary GILPATRIC. I don't feel that it will retard in any way our research efforts and our development efforts. If I believed so, I wouldn't be party to it. I feel, on the contrary, it will enable us to do more with the resources at our command because of better management.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You are aware of the criticism which has prevailed now for the past year or two that we are not moving fast enough in this space program; that the Russians are ahead of us.

The previous Administration was criticized repeatedly because we weren't doing enough.

Now, are we going to do more under this, or are we just going to take a further look at it?

Secretary GILPATRIC. There is great emphasis being laid on accelerating, within the limits imposed upon us by the President and the Congress, what we can do in this area. I feel very strongly what you say should be given full regard.

Mr. CHENOWETH. What you were trying to do here is to accelerate as fast as you can. I assume that is the motive behind the directive.

Secretary GILPATRIC. Yes, to put us in a better position to compete with those forces who are against us in the world.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Do you feel you will eliminate some competition or overlapping between the Army, Navy and Air Force in these research programs?

Secretary GILPATRIC. Yes.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You feel that there has been some?

Secretary GILPATRIC. There was some at least coming up—as I indicated in my statement, there was some indication there would be more overlapping if we didn't attempt to preclude it.

Mr. CHENOWETH. This will give the Secretary of Defense the opportunity to review these different programs and then they will all be assigned to the Air Force, except where exceptions are made; is that the situation?

Secretary GILPATRIC. Unusual circumstances, yes, sir.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You don't feel that process will delay actions to any great extent?

Secretary GILPATRIC. I do not.

Mr. CHENOWETH. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Teague.

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Chairman, it is obvious we aren't all going to be able to ask questions. Would it be permissible to submit written questions?

The CHAIRMAN. That was suggested in the initial statement that I made.

Also, I have some that I am going to submit myself.

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Secretary, I only have one question: In the discussions concerning this directive, was the theory of one Service, of doing away with Army-Navy-Air Force a point of discussion?

Secretary GILPATRIC. No.

I want to say right here I have been identified with various proposals for reorganization of the Defense Department, but never have I believed or advocated doing away with the Services. I feel very strongly that we must preserve all the assets that the individual Services represent.