

There is no thought behind this directive in impairing the capabilities of any of the Services or infringing upon their proper roles and missions.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Bass.

Mr. BASS. Mr. Secretary, I have no question, but I want to make this comment, and of course what I have to say is just for myself as one member of this committee. But I want to congratulate you and Secretary McNamara for getting out this directive. I think it is a step in the right direction.

I think there is already much too much duplication and overlapping in our respective military Services, and I believe this reflects—this new directive reflects a healthy and refreshing philosophy which gives me a great deal more confidence as far as the future of our defense is concerned than in the past.

Secretary GILPATRIC. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions here?

Mr. Anfuso?

Mr. ANFUSO. Mr. Gilpatric, in answer to the chairman's question you said that you were not familiar with the Act. Were you referring to the Act creating NASA?

Secretary GILPATRIC. That is right. I am not intimately familiar with all the provisions in the Act which set up NASA. I wouldn't want to hold myself out as an expert on that subject.

Mr. ANFUSO. In other words, NASA wasn't at all taken into consideration in the issuance of this directive?

Secretary GILPATRIC. Oh, yes, it was. I think before you came in, Mr. Anfuso, I explained that I had a number of talks with Mr. Webb about this and was fully familiar with this, and I made sure there was no problem created in his mind for NASA by this directive.

Mr. ANFUSO. Under House Resolution 580 creating this committee, we are supposed to have jurisdiction as to astronomical research and development, including resources, personnel, equipment and facilities.

Don't you think that this committee should have been consulted as to the advisability of having such a directive?

Secretary GILPATRIC. I don't believe so, Mr. Anfuso, because we are not changing in any way the resources, the allocation of resources. This is a matter of management of the Defense Department, and as we understand it that is our job—Mr. McNamara and I—to see to it that the resources put in our hands by the President and the Congress are most efficiently and effectively used.

I feel very strongly there is nothing in this directive which in any sense cut across the conditions laid upon us by Congressional mandate.

Mr. ANFUSO. Perhaps we need clarification, then, because up to the time, or right after we created this Act, we thought that the Navy and the Army and the Air Force and NASA were doing certain specific researches and any change in that, I thought that we should be consulted to see whether or not that was advisable.

Secretary GILPATRIC. Well, this was done on the advice of our General Counsel. I am not practicing law any more so I am relying on him.

Mr. ANFUSO. Who determines the functions of NASA, now?

Secretary GILPATRIC. That is the Administrator, Mr. Webb.