

Mr. ANFUSO. It is not possible, for example, for this directive to infringe on the functions of NASA by saying that certain projects in which they are now engaged are military projects?

Secretary GILPATRIC. No, Mr. Anfuso.

Mr. ANFUSO. There is no possibility of that?

Secretary GILPATRIC. No, I don't see it, and neither does Mr. Webb.

Mr. ANFUSO. Well, couldn't Saturn, for example, which is now under the control of NASA, be classified? Couldn't somebody call it a military project?

Secretary GILPATRIC. The only person who could do that effectively is Mr. McNamara and myself, and we have no such intention. We are in no disagreement with NASA over the heavy booster program.

Mr. ANFUSO. However, you think you have the power of curtailing the functions of NASA?

Secretary GILPATRIC. No, we do not. If there was any question, Mr. Anfuso, as to whether a particular project were military or non-military, we would resolve it through the mechanism of this coordinating board, by agreement. It could only be a question of definition.

A question was asked earlier, I think by the Chairman to that effect, and I explained how we intend to resolve any incipient differences between the two of us. We don't control NASA.

Mr. ANFUSO. But you could take the teeth out of NASA by saying certain things they are working on are military.

Secretary GILPATRIC. Look, as long as there is a President and a Congress above us, I don't think we can curtail an independent agency.

The CHAIRMAN. Would the gentleman yield there?

Mr. ANFUSO. Yes, I yield.

The CHAIRMAN. You don't share in the belief I have seen expressed in the press and elsewhere by certain authorities, that the military should take over NASA, do you?

Secretary GILPATRIC. I certainly do not. We have plenty of problems today. We don't need any more.

The CHAIRMAN. I think you have, yes.

Mr. ANFUSO. Do you think that the military, the Defense Department, should have any control over NASA whatsoever?

Secretary GILPATRIC. I do not.

Mr. ANFUSO. Now, by this directive, are you not placing more emphasis on the military phases of space exploration than in peaceful—

Secretary GILPATRIC. We are changing no emphases. We are simply defining and redistributing the functions of the military organizations with respect to existing emphasis.

This directive doesn't change any activity now going on, nor does it add or subtract from any present research effort. This is just purely a management step.

Mr. ANFUSO. Now, if NASA felt some infringement, where would be their right of appeal, other than the Secretary of Defense?

Secretary GILPATRIC. As I explained, we have a coordinating board. If we can't agree, we are both responsible to the President. The President has the ultimate control, subject to Congress, over these two agencies arms of the Government: the Defense Department and agencies of the Government: the Defense Department and NASA. So there can't be any question of unresolved dispute any more than there could be between Defense and State, or Defense and CIA.