

Secretary GILPATRIC. And a good deal of advice from others.

Mr. KARTH. I would like, if you will, to have you give us those reasons in the order of their importance, if you will.

Secretary GILPATRIC. Well, I feel that I can't add to what I have stated in my prepared statement.

Mr. KARTH. I am not sure they were listed in the order of their importance, as you saw them. I wonder if you could do that for the record, so the committee members would have a better idea as they reviewed this hearing?

Secretary GILPATRIC. I wouldn't want to try to establish any order of priority. I would have to sort out my own thoughts to a greater degree than I have.

I have felt that this was an important step to take and, after all, I am only the Deputy Secretary. Mr. McNamara has the final responsibility and he, in turn, reports to the President.

I wouldn't want to try to dissect all the motivations for this. It is simply that we felt, on the basis of experience—Secretary McElroy had issued a directive which went very much along the lines of this directive and other methods have been tried—this represents our best judgment, after taking into account all of the input received from even those who didn't agree. We took into account conflicting suggestions, other points of view, and we had, in our judgment, the best advice that we could call upon.

I think I would rather leave it on that broad basis than try to distinguish which consideration came first in our minds. We didn't approach it that way.

Mr. KARTH. Then I might ask you to do this, if you will. If you can't list them in the order of their importance, maybe you can put them all together once more so that they are all in one portion of the testimony, rather than scattered throughout.

Secretary GILPATRIC. I will submit a statement, then, to that effect.

Mr. KARTH. Fine. I will appreciate that.

(The statement requested is as follows:)

Following are the principal reasons underlying issuance of the new space directive:

1. Announcements by the military departments of overlapping and duplicative space projects clearly demonstrated the need for more effective control by the Secretary of Defense over all space development programs.
2. The Air Force was already responsible for over 90% of the total defense effort in space development activities, either by direct assignment or in support of other programs. To eliminate overlap and duplication in a highly expensive research and development area, it was logical to assign primary responsibility to the Air Force, while at the same time carefully preserving flexibility in the Secretary of Defense to make exceptions in unusual circumstances.
3. The approach adopted in the Department of Defense Directive permits maximum consolidation of effort while at the same time encouraging all components of the Department to conduct the preliminary space research necessary to their assigned functions.
4. The Ad Hoc Committee on Space, chaired by the President's scientific adviser, Dr. Jerome Wiesner, recommended that there be established a "single responsibility within the military establishments for managing the military portion of the space program."

Mr. KARTH. Mr. Secretary, this in your opinion would have no adverse effect upon basic research and development within the three branches of the Services. Is that correct?