

Secretary GILPATRIC. That is my opinion. If we find out to the contrary, there will be opportunity for us to make changes.

We think there is enough flexibility, enough safeguards in this directive, to avoid the contingency that you mention. Certainly, it is furthest from our thoughts to have that happen.

Mr. MILLER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. KARTH. Yes.

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Secretary, by the time you find that out, will you not put a blight upon the people who are dealing with these programs? Are they not going to feel time has run out on them, and that they have been bypassed? Has this been given thorough consideration?

Secretary GILPATRIC. I think any time you make a change, any time you attempt to provide better management and better effectiveness under changed conditions, there is going to be some resistance to it and some disappointments.

I find you can't change anything in the Pentagon without stepping on somebody's toes, but if you didn't do it you would never make progress.

As Mr. Bass has said, we have to move ahead. We are in a different age and time, and I don't think we are going to lose anything by this.

Mr. MILLER. Of course, I agree with you on these things and I know these things, and I am not trying to defend people who are going to be knocked out of the ivory towers they have built for themselves in the Pentagon—and there are a lot of them over there.

I am concerned with the scientists, I am concerned with the people who made the breakthroughs for the Defense Department, who are now seeing themselves completely gobbled up and taken over by a Service not friendly to them.

As far as leaks are concerned, there are some of them right in this thing that haven't been published that have just come out.

Secretary GILPATRIC. I am not promising you we can control the leaks. I think that is beyond anybody.

Mr. MILLER. I am not concerned with the leaks, I am concerned with the scientists and dedicated young officers, the young men who are going into this thing now, the people who are going to be graduating from West Point and Annapolis, youngsters, also, who perhaps wanted to go there who won't go there. People we are going to lose in the future.

Secretary GILPATRIC. There is plenty of room for them. Space is only one aspect of this whole area we are dealing with.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Hechler.

Mr. HECHLER. Mr. Secretary, I share completely what Mr. Bass has said about the value of this directive. The only thing I would like to ask you is, do you think as a result of the headaches that you may have experienced in getting this directive through, that this may inhibit you from taking other action in the future, further to sharpen the decision-making process and achieve real unification?

Secretary GILPATRIC. Speaking for myself, I will not be inhibited as long as I am here, and I think Mr. McNamara is of the same mind, sir.

Mr. HECHLER. I just want to congratulate you on the philosophy that you have expressed here. We have to consider not only the morale of the officers in the Pentagon, we have to consider the general public