

and whether it understands who has the button in the Defense Department, and also whether we actually achieve something as a result of our program.

It seems to me that you have taken a step in the right direction. Although I will reserve judgment and hope I will have an opportunity to ask you more questions about this later.

Secretary GILPATRIC. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions on this side?

Mr. Daddario.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Secretary, does this directive do anything else other than changing the management concepts of the responsibilities that the Defense Department now has to develop its program within the area of our national goals for space?

Secretary GILPATRIC. In the military field.

Mr. DADDARIO. In the military area.

Secretary GILPATRIC. You have stated it correctly.

Mr. DADDARIO. It in no way affects the management within NASA?

Secretary GILPATRIC. That is true.

Mr. DADDARIO. They have their problems and you have yours.

Secretary GILPATRIC. We are going to try to help each other but we are not going to try to run each other.

Mr. DADDARIO. You have said here, and I think it is probably the most pertinent sentence in your whole report, that—

Important decisions affecting the national security of the United States should not be deferred pending a modus vivendi which will be satisfactory and pleasing to everyone.

Excepting for the effect on people who are not going to be satisfied, or not going to be pleased, your objective is not to make everyone happy but to bring order into the space program?

Secretary GILPATRIC. That is our objective. You have put it very well.

Mr. DADDARIO. Now, if somewhere along the line there comes a question as to the possibility of people now in the military space program, people who have great capacity, who are recognized as being people with the ability to help push our space program along, does this management change conceive that these people can be transferred from one branch of the Service to another, to participate in this program?

Secretary GILPATRIC. I think we have that flexibility. I wouldn't want to be too specific about it, but we have right in the Defense Research and Engineering staff, we have two or three hundred very able scientists.

I want to reiterate the type resources to which you refer and to which Mr. Miller refers are in too short supply for us not to make the best use of them wherever they are.

Mr. DADDARIO. If there is a problem which exists today it is the diffusion of this talent, spreading it too thin, and if I am correct in what I have heard here today, what you are doing is preventing this from being spread out and you are bringing it more closely together so that these people can work on programs better conceived and better managed so that they can then utilize their talents better to achieve these great goals in the military space area which we are striving for.

Secretary GILPATRIC. That is our endeavor.