

Mr. DADDARIO. I cannot help but feel that Mr. Bass has put his finger on this. You have made a statement here which in my opinion is clear, and if the objectives are as they seem to me to be, I think they will answer the questions which have been posed on those problems which do concern members of the committee who certainly have no objective other than seeing these objectives achieved at the earliest possible date.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Randall.

Mr. RANDALL. I would like to associate myself with the comments of Messrs. Bass and Hechler.

I read a little in Nation's Business magazine by the United States Chamber of Commerce, which I don't always agree with, but it is entitled "You Can Get More Defense For Less Money."

It seems to me that many of the thoughts expressed in there are what we have been talking about this morning.

I have noted these four safeguards that you put in here very carefully. Again, it is your conclusion that none of the services in their process of preliminary research will be affected?

Secretary GILPATRIC. Up to the limits we will find on expenditures so as not to allow the preliminary research to get out of hand but they will not be inhibited from going ahead and developing the ideas that they have to improve their capabilities.

Mr. RANDALL. And then the final safeguard, the exception, the unusual circumstance, that will be reviewed and that will be a safety valve, in other words, for such situations of the Board that you describe review; is that correct?

Secretary GILPATRIC. If they affect NASA, they go to the Board. If it is just the military, they come to the Secretary and myself.

Mr. RANDALL. This is no invasion of NASA, this is purely a military matter you are talking about.

Secretary GILPATRIC. Surely.

Mr. RANDALL. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Corman.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Secretary, I, too, am impressed by your presentation.

As one lawyer to another, I wonder if I might ask you a hypothetical question. If we can roll back the clock some four years, assume this directive is in effect and an admiral feels you can launch a ballistic missile from a submarine under the ocean and the Air Force doesn't think this is a bright idea. Could you tell us how far the Navy might be permitted to go in what we determine to be the preliminary research and development in furtherance of their assigned function and at what point the Secretary might have to make a decision as to whether to proceed with or abandon that particular project, and then if he made the decision to proceed, who would do it and who would have the responsibility for development?

Secretary GILPATRIC. I believe that if the question of a Polaris submarine came up today for the first time the decision would be no different than that which was reached 4 years ago.

I have been exposed to Admiral Rickover and I believe I have been just as convinced as my predecessors were, with the worth of his program, which has been a magnificent program.

As you will see from our recommendations to the President, when they are announced, we thoroughly believe in the Polaris program. I