

Mr. FULTON. Really the Comptroller's Office at no time then made a budgetary estimate of the effect of this directive.

Secretary HITCH. Of how much money would be transferred from one Service to another?

No, sir; we cannot do that.

Mr. FULTON. Don't you think that prudent corporate management or governmental agency management would have required some sort of a budgetary estimate as to the effect of a directive? On the division within the Department, of expenditure in the management of the funds? Don't you think it should have been held up until that was done, until you got back?

Secretary HITCH. No, sir. There is no immediate effect and I do not see that it is necessary to predict how much will be transferred eventually.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Comptroller, may I ask you one question which is a little bit beside the purpose of the inquiry: Would you say as Comptroller, that our military budgets are going up higher than they are now or are they going to be stationary or are you going to be able to drop them some?

Secretary HITCH. Sir, the size of the total military budget is not the primary responsibility of the Comptroller. This is the responsibility of the President.

The CHAIRMAN. Are the recommendations in line with your recommendations? That is what I am asking you.

Secretary HITCH. It is up to the President and the Congress. This, of course, is a matter under the most active consideration and discussion by the Secretary of Defense and the President right now and I will be happy to testify on this after they have made their own statements, which they will do soon, but I would rather not do so now.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any further questions?

If not, the committee is going to stand in recess until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at which time we are going to meet to accommodate two witnesses here for this hearing.

We want to thank you, sir, for coming here and testifying. I haven't read all of your book, but I promise you this, I will read it.

We want to thank Secretary Gilpatric for coming. You have both been very helpful to the committee.

As I mentioned at the beginning of the morning, I have certain supplemental questions, the answers to which we desire to add to the record.

(The questions and answers referred to are as follows:)

QUESTIONS FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY GILPATRIC

Question 1. Suppose that the Army or Navy pursues a program of space research through the preliminary phases, aimed toward an operational need of that Service, but that development is assigned to the Air Force. Which Service's budget will carry the cost of this development?

Answer: Budgetary responsibility follows the assignment of program responsibility including the placing of cross-servicing order; that is, if a program is assigned to the Air Force, Air Force will provide budgetary support for that program.

Question 2. Please amplify on the charge that the Navy and Air Force made uncoordinated announcements of new space programs in December 1960. Could they have pursued these programs beyond the preliminary stage without the approval of D.D.R. & E.?