

I would add that by a point I mean a considerable area, a hundred miles in diameter, 200 miles in diameter—that is my idea at the moment of a point defense. But if you have a weapon that can cover, for instance, the entire continental United States, then that is an area defense and I think that is one that the Air Force might say is properly an Air Force responsibility.

I would say that interceptors in space would be Air Force, manned or unmanned, because they are analogous to the fighter-interceptor. If a weapon shoots from the ground at a missile, it is generally against a point target and I have no question about it, it belongs to the Army and I will never raise an eyebrow against that.

Mr. BELL. I have another question that I want to ask you: There are in other points of the Armed Services, people who are scientists and who are trained well in the aspects and work of outer space. There may be some who are better suited to do the type of work that would be done now, with the Air Force, than they would with some other service.

Is there any provision on the part of the Defense Department that you know of to arrange for these people who have these attributes to be used in the Air Force?

General WHITE. The directive prescribed, and the Air Force will certainly comply with the spirit as well as the letter, that the Air Force will use the facilities and expertise of the other services in furthering the military space mission.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions?

Mr. KARTH. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the General a question if I may.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Karth.

Mr. KARTH. I notice in your April 14 statement, General, your reference to the possibility of eventually combining the NASA with the military. I don't know if I heard you correctly, but I believe I understood you to say in your statement, with respect to cooperation that Air Force is giving to NASA, that you have assigned some 77 officers, or key personnel from the Air Force to NASA.

Have those people been assigned since April 14, 1960, in a major portion or what would you say the division would be?

General WHITE. Numberwise, I can't say. I think there has been some increase. We comply with NASA's requests. We had a great many people with NASA prior to the memorandum.

I would like to ask General Schriever to explain the effect of this memorandum on him because he controls most of our technically qualified people. While the memorandum was addressed to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, I sent a copy to General Schriever, because many of the people we would be talking about would be coming out of his hide, so to speak.

The CHAIRMAN. We are going to get to you later, but if you wish to answer that now, that will be fine.

General SCHRIEVER. I would like to comment on this particular directive since I consider myself more or less the culprit in the case because I was having discussions with Mr. Dick Horner, a very close friend of mine and who had been in the Air Force, who wanted some additional people to be assigned to NASA.

These people happen to be very key project people that I had within ARDC, on space work. I knew it would hurt ARDC consid-