

erably to turn these people over to NASA, so I resisted their assignment, not because I didn't want NASA to have them, but because of the effect it would have on ARDC.

Mr. Horner subsequently visited General White and discussed this matter with him. As a result, this directive was issued which made it quite clear, that good people were to be assigned to NASA.

This happened to be a small group of project people who were involved in the Centaur program. Those people were on the West Coast at the Ballistic Missiles Division. They were assigned in toto to NASA and now work for NASA.

General WHITE. General Schriever wanted them back and I wouldn't let him have them back.

Mr. TEAGUE. General, you have a number of NASA people in your headquarters, also.

General SCHRIEVER. We have NASA liaison people at the present time and there is also right now under discussion, and it has been agreed to by both NASA and the Air Force—it is just a matter of sorting out the names—the actual assignment of NASA people to the Air Force, the Air Research and Development Command, to work and participate in programs, rather than just in a liaison capacity.

Mr. KARTH. General, who pays the 77 people who are assigned to NASA by the Air Force, the Air Force or NASA?

General SCHRIEVER. The Air Force, reimbursed by NASA. They are still Air Force personnel, but they work for NASA in every sense of the word. We don't write their effectiveness reports; they are written through NASA channels and they are assigned to NASA. They are a part of NASA in every sense of the word.

Mr. KARTH. There are some people who inadvertently may have been trying to help you keep these key personnel, General Schriever, because I understand there are some people today who feel that by virtue of the fact that so many key officers and Air Force personnel have been assigned to NASA, that partially at least, NASA has already been taken over. So there is that feeling, too, you see, that as a result of the assignment of a great many of the Air Force people to the NASA, that, in effect, they are being gobbled up by the Air Force.

I am not saying this is a fact; I am just saying there are some people who have made that statement and they think there is some validity to the thought.

General WHITE. That may account for some of the articles that have appeared in the press that have mystified me because I know what the top level in the Air Force thinks about it and all the way down the line.

I can only say that every Air Force officer in NASA is there at the request of the head of the organization.

The CHAIRMAN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. KARTH. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Under the law we provided for that arrangement, that NASA might assign to you and you might assign to NASA, and I personally want to commend the Air Force and NASA, both, for following through on that program. I think it is excellent cooperation.

General WHITE. I think this whole space business is in its infancy and we both need each other's help.