

refer, however, specifically to mapping and geodesy—that is space mapping, mapping from space vehicles to be done by the Army? That is your particular mission?

Secretary STAHR. That is correct, sir, from space vehicles.

The CHAIRMAN. And the same thing with geodesy.

Now, what I wanted to ask you is this: In handling these projects for the Army, will you be able to work with peacetime space agencies? Because I can see the need, for instance, with maps, not only would the Army need the maps, but commercial ventures are going to need maps. They can be used in navigation, in aerial navigation and in many other respects, commercial institutions will need maps.

Would that permit you to work in cooperation with NASA, if NASA had a similar program for peacetime purposes?

Secretary STAHR. Yes, sir. As you know, the Army has worked very closely with Coast and Geodetic Survey, for example.

The assignment of responsibility for performing a function does not by any means suggest to me, and I don't think to anyone else, that the only function to be served is the function of the agency to which the responsibility is assigned.

Not only would we continue to give the benefits of our work in mapping to civilian agencies, but obviously, of course, to the other Services.

In other words, the Army would be the responsible agency for doing the work, but it would do the work in the national interests and in the interests of other agencies which will benefit from it.

It is simply a device for the management of actual operations.

The CHAIRMAN. Does that mean over the long pull, in order to get a map of that character you would have to go to the Army?

Suppose, for instance, one of these steamship companies would have a need for a map. Would your plan envision no peacetime agency handling it?

Secretary STAHR. Would what, Mr. Chairman? I didn't get the very last—

The CHAIRMAN. Would your plan envision that nothing but the Army would do this and that no peacetime agency might be interested in it?

Secretary STAHR. Certainly not. I am speaking only for the assignment of responsibilities within the Department of Defense when I say I think we are getting this thing straightened out in a centralized way.

Obviously the Army will continue to want to make available to agencies outside the Department of Defense, as it has for years, the fruits of these efforts.

We have no authority to preempt them. I think perhaps that is what you are driving at.

The CHAIRMAN. I believe that you are going to find after the Army, or perhaps, at the same time the Army develops its maps, you are going to find agencies outside of the Army who will feel the need of mapping perhaps as much as the Army or the military.

Now, would your plan envision the fact that in order to get this information that it must operate through military agencies?

Secretary STAHR. No, sir. We have no authority to require them to do that in the first place. We would merely offer our cooperation