

point to point targeting; whether he would have to call NORAD to get permission to fire on this missile or would he have to send back—he only has seconds to go. Is this for the interceptor Air Force command or is this for the Army?

I would like to see the missile knocked out of the sky, no matter who does it.

Secretary STAHR. It is my understanding NORAD is a unified command.

Mr. MILLER. Sure. I know that. It is a unified command. I also know that Nike-Zeus, some of us who have followed it have great hopes for it and we hope the Nike-Zeus can do a very good job. I think it is the only thing and I am very happy to have had the Chief of Staff of the Air Force agree that this was the only defensive weapon that we are developing, the only defensive system. I asked him and I will ask you now, isn't the country which comes first with the defensive system the one which is going to be able to talk turkey with respect to disarmament?

Secretary STAHR. Well, I would think quite obviously it would have a great advantage, Mr. Miller.

Mr. MILLER. If you have the defensive system, we can sit back and do pretty well and I am certain the Russians realize this.

Secretary STAHR. The Army is doing its best to develop such a system.

Mr. MILLER. The Army is to be commended, Mr. Secretary, and you can feel very proud of the people in the Army who have developed this system and I, for one, want to see nothing done that is going to take the glory away from them, or that is going to destroy the morale of this fine people.

That is all I have to say.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Chenoweth.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Secretary, I certainly want to join in the welcome of your first formal appearance before this committee. We hope you will come frequently. Not that we want to impose on your time, but I know your appearance will always be most helpful to this committee.

Secretary STAHR. Thank you, sir.

Mr. CHENOWETH. I want to congratulate you on a splendid, clear-cut and concise statement. I get it that there is no disagreement at all as far as the Army is concerned on this new directive, as far as the space research program is concerned.

Was the Army consulted before the directive was issued?

Secretary STAHR. Yes, sir.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Was there any opposition or resistance on the part of the Army toward the directive?

Secretary STAHR. I think I could fairly say that there was, Mr. Chenoweth.

The CHAIRMAN. Would the gentleman yield?

You wouldn't imply that the Army voluntarily gave up all of this, would you?

Mr. MILLER. You wouldn't imply the Army took it lying down?

Secretary STAHR. I don't believe I implied either of those things.

Mr. CHENOWETH. But you feel now, do you, Mr. Secretary, that the directive was in the best interests of our space missile program?