

Secretary STAHR. I think it will work. This is not a simple problem, as I said. It may even work better than what we have had.

The perfect solution in my judgment will evolve some time in the future.

Mr. CHENOWETH. I get the impression that had it been left to your judgment you would not have issued such a directive?

Secretary STAHR. I wouldn't have worded it precisely the way it was worded; no, sir.

Mr. CHENOWETH. One other question: You mentioned in your statement the Army's mission and you comment on it that in its broadest sense it is preparedness for land warfare.

Now, do I sense in that perhaps an innuendo that you feel that space-missile functions more properly belong to some other agency or are you in any way relinquishing the Army's interest in this program?

Secretary STAHR. No, sir; we are not relinquishing it. My point is that the Army does not have in my opinion primary interest in space as such, but the Army does have and will have increasingly genuine interest in the use of space as one more resource in carrying out what is our primary responsibility.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You don't intend in the least then to give up on any of the programs which you now have under way?

Secretary STAHR. No, sir.

Mr. CHENOWETH. And you may even take on additional programs as time goes on, additional research programs?

Secretary STAHR. This is not ruled out by the directive, and certainly, I would anticipate that we will continue to develop ideas. What they will be, I certainly don't know, and I doubt that anyone does at this time.

Mr. CHENOWETH. I think that is true.

I was reading something about plans for the Army—I know you don't want to take the time to go into them this morning—about an enlarged Army, or plans for greater preparedness for this land warfare.

Would you want to comment on that just briefly, Mr. Secretary? Are there plans now to increase the size of the Army?

Just give us a rough outline of what you have in mind.

Secretary STAHR. With your permission, sir, I would prefer not to discuss that at the moment in any detail for the simple reason that this matter is a part of the overall re-evaluation of our defense posture which is currently under consideration by the President, and I would prefer not to try to anticipate his decision.

Mr. CHENOWETH. That is perfectly all right and I am happy to have this reply, but I understand this is now under consideration. A review and perhaps reappraisal of our whole defense posture is now under consideration.

Secretary STAHR. Yes, sir, and I am quite sure it will continue for a long time.

Mr. CHENOWETH. When do you expect some decisions, perhaps, so far as the Army is concerned? Say as to the size of the Army, for instance. Is that a long way off, or is that something more imminent?

Secretary STAHR. Well, I suspect the question will come up every year for many years to come. As far as the immediate future is con-