

The trouble is there are a lot of people interested in space and if everybody is doing it, it may not be done as well or efficiently as it should be when you look at the broader needs of something as complicated as the Defense Department.

I think it would be unfortunate if we were in a position where we could not state our legitimate concerns, because we were afraid that somebody was going to question them later and make us appear not to be cooperating in the greater concern.

Mr. DADDARIO. Then the conclusion we can come to, Mr. Secretary, is that in the long run, we will have, as a result of this directive, a more efficient operation, and you are convinced of that?

Secretary STAHR. Well, that is its purpose and as I say, I believe it will work.

Mr. KARTH. Would the gentleman yield for a moment?

Mr. DADDARIO. Yes.

Mr. KARTH. Mr. Secretary, if I may just roll back the clock for a few years, I wonder if you could tell me in your own opinion whether or not this directive, had it existed at the time Nike-Zeus was first conceived in the minds of the Army, whether or not under this directive, the Army would have been allowed and would have proceeded with Nike-Zeus to the point that they have now proceeded?

Secretary STAHR. I don't believe this directive would necessarily have changed that. Under this directive—suppose this directive had been in effect as you say at the time Zeus began. I would have interpreted this as a further development of the Nike family, Nike-Ajax, Nike-Hercules, and this directive would not prevent that as I interpret the directive.

The CHAIRMAN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DADDARIO. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. This directive more or less boxes in the projects which the Army presently has, doesn't it, for the future?

Secretary STAHR. It gives them the opportunity to continue to develop ideas. It relieves them of the responsibility of carrying those all the way out except they will continue to be deeply involved in the—as I interpret it, they will continue to be deeply involved in the drawing up of requirements.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, you are an Army man and I am an old Army man, too. Do you think it is the best thing for the development of military space to be put in that position—to have the Army scientists put in that position?

Secretary STAHR. There are many considerations involved in military space inquiry, not just the Army's.

I think all of the Services have legitimate interests in space and I see no reason why those interests cannot be combined and coordinated and worked out so that everybody will get what he needs from space.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Fulton.

Mr. FULTON. I yield to Mr. Riehlman.

The CHAIRMAN. I thought you were through, Mr. Daddario.

The Chair recognizes Mr. Daddario.

Mr. DADDARIO. I am happy to yield to Mr. Riehlman.

The CHAIRMAN. Let me say this: The Chair is trying to recognize everyone in proper manner. If the gentlemen want to be recognized