

position with regard to the Nike-Zeus. That this is an Army project. If it is made into an operational antimissile system, that the Army should have the operation and control of this project.

Secretary STAHR. I hadn't heard that anybody had even questioned it, but if they did, there would be some shots fired, yes, sir.

Mr. MORRIS. The reason why I wanted to get you to answer that question, Mr. Secretary, is that we had Dr. Charyk before this committee just a few days ago, and in answer to a question, to show you how hard it is, and how fluid positions are in this business, the chairman asked Dr. Charyk this question—

Has the Air Force changed its position since last year with respect to the assignment of a mission in space?

Your position is substantially the same.

The question to Dr. Charyk. The answer—

"I don't think our position has changed."

Now, it seems to me that this directive was in the mill at that time and surely Dr. Charyk had been informed of this directive.

Secretary STAHR. I just don't quite get all the implications of this question, Mr. Morris. What was the Air Force position a year earlier that is referred to?

Mr. MORRIS. That they should have the same mission in space that they had at the present time. That was just prior to the issuance of their directive.

Secretary STAHR. I thought you were saying something about Zeus.

Mr. MORRIS. The answer to the question of the chairman prompted me to ask you the question about Zeus because I wanted to make sure we understood that your position and the Army's official position is the same as last year and will be the same in the future with regard to the Zeus.

Secretary STAHR. Well, it will be the same for the future as long as I am involved in that future, yes, sir.

Mr. MORRIS. That is fine.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions from anybody on the committee?

Mr. FULTON. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Fulton has a question. Now don't yield to anybody.

Mr. FULTON. It is a very pleasant change for me.

With regard to applying the directive, you would say it would not apply, then, to the Advent program, either at the present time you have it on R. & D., or the test, or the engineering. The directive will not apply to your Advent program?

Secretary STAHR. I believe the directive specifically excludes it.

Mr. FULTON. So I am taking it a little further, into testing and engineering as well. You would say your program is safe that far?

Secretary STAHR. The distinction you made is one with which I wasn't too familiar because we don't separate research, development, testing, and engineering.

Mr. FULTON. Where is your forward limit under the directive?

Secretary STAHR. The directive only has to do with research and development.

Mr. FULTON. Then I am asking, can the Army still go ahead and do the testing on the Advent program and do the engineering work,