

Mr. FULTON. Well, the remarkable thing about it is that the Air Force is losing the air as a strategic area obviously.

Secondly, the Air Force is losing men in either air or space. So in the future there will be men in the Air Force neither in air nor space.

Secretary MORSE. They will be on the ground.

Mr. FULTON. That is my next point. They will either be on the ground—

Secretary MORSE. Or underground.

Mr. FULTON. Or on a ship.

Now, with the Air Force losing everybody out there, there will be nobody in uniform in the wild blue yonder.

General TRUDEAU. Perhaps then this is why they need this as an added function, because the Army thinks kindly of them and we wouldn't want to see them only as the silent silo sitters of the seventies here.

Mr. FULTON. I move we adjourn.

The CHAIRMAN. We will have to adjourn promptly at 12 o'clock—and that clock is a little bit fast up there. I am watching it. On account of the memorial services on the floor today, we will have to do it. Just bear that in mind.

Mr. Teague.

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Secretary, you said, I believe I understood you correctly, that the operational responsibility would obviously follow.

Secretary MORSE. What I meant to say, Mr. Teague, was that we are all concerned with things in the R. & D. phase today more than we used to be because there is such a large part of the total effort in the sense you build up experience and people and so forth. There is no sharp line between development, test, and operation. We are still doing research on the Redstone missile, the first one the world ever had. So in that sense research is more important because it does act, let's say, as a precursor of things to come in operation.

I didn't mean to imply this directive established that rule because the directive necessarily refers to R. & D.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Chenoweth.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Just one question: I am sure you don't want to leave the impression with this committee that the Army wants to see all of the Air Force underground.

Secretary MORSE. No, sir, we certainly don't.

The CHAIRMAN. I don't know if there is any rule but there should be a rule about one Service there poking at the other Service.

Secretary MORSE. In the R. & D. field we have a very close working relationship and have had in the last couple of years with Secretaries Wakelin and York and Charyk in the R. & D. area.

Mr. CHENOWETH. It is your position that the Army would like very much—in fact, you are going to insist and probably make a fight to retain the mapping, geodesy and Zeus programs to the full extent?

General TRUDEAU. And the communications satellite.

Mr. CHENOWETH. The Advent?

General TRUDEAU. We have been assured of that, but these things can change, you know.

Secretary MORSE. The directive specifically excludes reassignment of currently assigned projects. Those are projects which we now have and to which we are devoting a substantial amount of effort.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You want to go all the way with these?