

Secretary MORSE. That is right.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You want to be relieved of no responsibility with respect to development of these?

Secretary MORSE. That is right. On the other hand, we don't want to duplicate efforts which the Air Force can do better. With regard to boosters, we don't want to develop them and make another facility.

Mr. ANFUSO. Mr. Secretary, first, I want to congratulate you on your statement that we ought to do more serious thinking about what space is for.

Secretary MORSE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ANFUSO. I gather by that that you meant the greater benefit to mankind to use space for peaceful purposes?

Secretary MORSE. I think that is a very important application of space. We have to look at it on a longer term basis rather than these quickies. When somebody gets excited about the shots the Russians put up or one we do or don't put up—

Mr. ANFUSO. And that is one of the functions of NASA and I gather you are willing to assist NASA in that project?

Secretary MORSE. We have a board that has been meeting and we are trying to make certain we don't duplicate efforts between us.

Mr. ANFUSO. May I ask this question of either you, Mr. Secretary, or General Trudeau, for whom I have the highest respect and admiration?

General TRUDEAU. Thank you, sir.

Mr. ANFUSO. If you had had it in your power to propose the directive that we are talking about, would you have made such a proposal?

General TRUDEAU. No, I didn't make such a proposal. My proposal was on the record here.

Mr. ANFUSO. Would you have made such a proposal?

General TRUDEAU. No, sir, but I accept it.

We read every day about how fortunate we are to have the civilian competency which is being brought into the Government and as a simple military man I accept these profound decisions as being made in great wisdom.

(General Trudeau requested that the following letter be included in the record in clarification of his statement above:)

March 21, 1961

HON. ELVIS J. STAHR, JR.
THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY,
Room 3E-718, *The Pentagon*

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I am deeply disturbed that a sentence in my testimony before the House Science and Astronautics Committee yesterday gave the impression that I intended to criticize my civilian superiors.

I want to assure you and Secretary McNamara that there was no intention to criticize high Government officials despite the impression the remark gives taken out of context with the balance of my testimony and the atmosphere that then pervaded the committee room.

I don't believe anyone who reads the testimony can challenge the fact that we have clearly expressed our intent to loyally execute the directive on military space responsibilities, despite our earlier expressed desire for a different approach.

I hope no further accent will be placed on the sentence in question and trust you and the Secretary of Defense will accept my explanation at face value.

Faithfully yours,

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Lieutenant General, GS,
Chief of Research and Development.

cc: GENERAL GEORGE H. DECKER