

From the naval point of view, space is but the extension of where we operate right now. And although research in its use is still in a formative state, we know very well indeed that space will offer many things that will help us to carry out our naval missions more effectively.

Historically, the Navy has had great problems in keeping track of weather. Space will help us solve those problems. Communication difficulties have always plagued us. We believe that space will enhance our communications capabilities tremendously.

Navigation at sea has always been a great challenge. Space will help us to navigate precisely and reliably. Reconnaissance of the seas has always tested every navy's capabilities. Space offers great promise here, too.

We expect to find other functions which can be used as part of our naval mission or which will aid the carrying out of our naval missions.

With the feeling that I believe I know the Secretary of Defense has, I am sure this directive will be administered in such a way that the requirements of the Navy, and the Army as well, will be met. This is the spirit in which the Navy will pursue its activities and in which it will carry out the directive.

Let me repeat, I have had an opportunity to express the Navy's views as forcefully, as eloquently, and as intelligently as I could.

The decision has been made by the Secretary of Defense and, as we always have, we shall now abide by it to the fullest extent. I am confident that our contributions in the field of space will continue to be made and that our needs will be met.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Mr. Secretary, for a very strong, virile and Navy-like statement. I think that I can say this, as I listen to your statement: That the Navy obviously was not pleased with the order, is that correct?

Secretary CONNALLY. Mr. Chairman, I would not put it in those precise words. I would say the Navy, in the opinions I expressed prior to the issuance of the directive, thought that they could obviously accomplish the desired result perhaps in a different manner.

The CHAIRMAN. So you were not happy with the order. I did not ask for an answer to that.

Secretary CONNALLY. All right.

The CHAIRMAN. I think you have answered it. I want to say this.

You were afraid, too, the order would result in stultifying the Navy efforts in science, research and development especially, right?

Secretary CONNALLY. That was the great fear which of course we had at the time of the initial consideration of the directive, and it is a problem which we will constantly watch. I feel very strongly as I have already said in my statement, sir, as I have already expressed to the Secretary of Defense, that at all costs, work which has been performed in the Navy research programs and the people who made those accomplishments have to be encouraged, have to be maintained, within the realm of Navy activities in order that their contributions will continue.

The CHAIRMAN. I would be glad to join with you there, if with the scientists—you have some brilliant scientists in the Navy—if their services are wasted now, I think it would be a tragic loss to the Government.