

The CHAIRMAN. Now, any offshoot or branches of that that are usable by the Navy would likewise be included in the Navy jurisdiction.

Secretary CONNALLY. I would certainly assume so.

The CHAIRMAN. How do you interpret the unusual situation which would permit the Navy to engage in any new or additional space programs.

Secretary CONNALLY. Mr. Chairman, I am not sure that I can give you a categorical answer with respect to any detailed program. I can only say this, that we range all the oceans of the world. The surface of this Earth is largely composed of oceans as you well know. It is inconceivable to me in the development of many of the space projects that the waters of the world will not play an important part in that; and, to that extent it is in the realm of the Navy and has traditionally been there and I certainly think we will have ample opportunity to engage in new programs that have a bearing along those lines.

The CHAIRMAN. I did not ask it first, Mr. Secretary, but I assume each one of you wish to testify separately.

Secretary CONNALLY. Not necessarily, Mr. Chairman. They are here at the wish of the committee. They will be available.

They are not here necessarily to make statements. Dr. Wakelin has a prepared statement which he can enter into the record, but they are merely here at your call, sir. They are not necessarily desirous of making statements.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Miller, do you have any questions?

Mr. MILLER. No, Mr. Secretary, other than to say I am sorry I was delayed coming down here. But California has constituents—I had a hard time breaking away from them. What is going to happen to the Sea Scout program?

Secretary CONNALLY. That program has been under study for a considerable length of time. Its future in my opinion was not deterred nor determined by this directive. It is something we will continue to pursue. The extent to which we will do so will have to remain for the future, but no action has been taken with respect to that particular program as a result of this directive.

Mr. MILLER. You do not think that this program although it is for the future, it may be dormant at this time, that it is completely abandoned?

Secretary CONNOLLY. No, it certainly is not abandoned.

Mr. MILLER. I certainly think it has a great potential.

Secretary CONNALLY. Well, those of us in our Navy who are familiar with it, and there are many more familiar with it than I, think it has a very great future. It is still in the budget. There are no plans I know of for the Navy to abandon the concept or not pursue the matter.

Mr. MILLER. I just hope under this directive nothing will happen that will deter the people in the Navy who have made such a great contribution in this field from being able to exercise their talents. Do you think, Mr. Secretary, that this, though, is going to have an adverse effect upon the younger people, the young scientists, the younger officers coming along in the Navy, that they feel they have been abandoned or their efforts not appreciated? Do you think this will have an adverse effect on their morale? Will you be able to get scientists? Will young men want to make a career of the Navy?