

have to get authority from the Secretary to enter into any agreement with NASA?

Secretary CONNALLY. I do not think we would necessarily have to do that in order to cooperate with NASA. We do it constantly in programs in which we are not primarily concerned. Certainly there is a great exchange of information and free flow of ideas between us daily and I certainly would expect that to continue.

Mr. RIEHLMAN. Well, we want that to continue. We want to know whether there was any possibility that this directive would interfere with any exchange between NASA and the Navy and their activities.

Secretary CONNALLY. I certainly do not see any reason why it should and certainly do not expect it would.

Mr. RIEHLMAN. That is all.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any questions on this side?

Mr. Anfuso.

Mr. ANFUSO. Mr. Secretary, I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating you. I have read your background. It is one of the best I have ever read. You certainly come to this Service with great qualifications. I believe it is one of the best appointments President Kennedy has made.

Secretary CONNALLY. Thank you.

Mr. ANFUSO. I note, knowing a little of your background, as Churchill said when becoming Prime Minister of England, he did not intend to surrender the British Empire. You do not intend to surrender the Navy.

Secretary CONNALLY. I do not think anyone has asked us to surrender yet.

Mr. ANFUSO. It has been interesting to watch you, the great lawyer you are, take the position that you have. I have also been watching Admiral Hayward whom I have known for a great length of time and if only science could develop a method of recording facial expressions, we might know exactly where Admiral Hayward stands at the present moment. [The editor glanced at Admiral Hayward at that moment; the admiral's face seemed inscrutable.]

I note in your statement that you voiced recommendations to the Secretary of Defense. I suppose that they were in writing, Mr. Secretary.

Secretary CONNALLY. Both. Both in writing and verbally.

Mr. ANFUSO. Did the Secretary have the opportunity of reviewing your recommendations?

Secretary CONNALLY. I have substantially given to you this morning the basic elements of my recommendations that were proposed both verbally and in writing to the Secretary.

Mr. ANFUSO. Of course you understand this is a legislative committee and we have the power to correct by legislation anything we see wrong.

Secretary CONNALLY. Yes, sir.

Mr. ANFUSO. You say in your statement that the Polaris is going to go ahead. Now, you may have many other projects which the Navy is working on. Are they going to go ahead, too?

Secretary CONNALLY. Yes, sir, so far as I am concerned, no existing program will be disturbed whatever.

Mr. ANFUSO. Will this directive prevent you from initiating any new projects?