

Now, my question is: Is there any change as a result of this directive that would change your views in regard to this objective?

Admiral HAYWARD. Mr. Congressman, I was with the Secretary when we spoke personally to Mr. McNamara on one of our programs. He personally told both of us to continue with our programs, to keep on doing them, and if anybody interfered, to come to Mr. McNamara.

So he in no way has indicated that it would be changed, and that was since issuance of the directive, actually. That was the first time I have talked to him about it.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions?

Mr. Hechler.

Mr. HECHLER. Mr. Secretary, I think you have expressed very eloquently here the necessity of protecting the scientific knowhow that the Navy now possesses and particularly its scientific personnel.

Let us look not to the present but toward the future. Is not one phase at least of the strength of the Nation going to be the extent to which we can utilize most effectively those people now in high schools and colleges and universities who are training for a scientific career in the future?

Secretary CONNALLY. Yes, sir.

Mr. HECHLER. Now, what concerns me is—and I would like to get your very frank comments as to how we can write in certain safeguards that might prevent this. What concerns me is: A young person coming out of a university or graduate school, with scientific training, is trained to decide where he can best utilize his best capabilities, and say he wants to go into the Nation's service and he looks around and thinks about such things as you mention, weather, navigation, communications, reconnaissance of the seas, and he suddenly says, "After all, the Air Force has control of all this." Won't the tendency be for the younger person to gravitate toward the Air Force because of feeling they now have control of this whole pie and therefore the Navy will lose a good deal of an infusion of new blood which it must have in order to maintain its capacities?

Secretary CONNALLY. I would hope it would not. I would hope the college graduates, coming out, trained in the sciences—I am not a scientist, but if I know anything about them, they look about in an attempt to find those areas, whether in industry, those colleges, themselves, or in the military services, where they can associate with others whom they feel can comprehend their own activities and give them inspiration and an objective appraisal; I think that they would have to say that the Navy certainly would offer as attractive a place to go for a young scientist as there is in this country.

Mr. HECHLER. Well, of course, this is theoretical.

I was wondering if there is any way we can tie this down.

At the bottom of page 3 of your statement, and the top of page 4, you mention if the directive did not result in the requirements of the Navy being made, exceptions would be made or the directive may be altered.

Can you conceive of any way right now that we can prevent some of these things in the future, so you don't have to keep running up to the Secretary of Defense and saying, "I am sorry, but this is not going to work." Isn't there something we can do to prevent these crises before they arise?