

Mr. FULTON. No, you personally did not, but it is my judgment, after hearing these witnesses and what the Secretary of Defense has said he would do, it leaves very little left of the directive, once you give a number of exceptions and then say you are ready to amend when necessary.

I am talking about what the Secretary of Defense does, not what you think. I am giving what my judgment of it is, and I do not want to give you that responsibility.

Now, looking a little further, on page 3, the Secretary of Defense assured me, you state, that it was his intention to continue these services, and I would take that to mean in the sense above; the Navy research capabilities and our laboratories, which he had said to you were the finest in the Government.

Then you go further to say the last thing anyone would want to do is to stifle our activities. The most remarkable thing in your statement is that the Secretary did not assure you that it was his intention to continue to use these Navy services. He told you he would use the services, but he didn't tell you they were going to be used in the Navy.

Could they be, then, used in the Air Force? Did he mean he might transfer some of your laboratories over to the Air Force and take out of uniform one of our best, I would say—well, how do you call it—a physicist first class, the Admiral here?

Secretary CONNALLY. Well again, sir, I do not want—

Mr. FULTON. Might you lose some of your laboratories? May you, under this directive here, lose some of your laboratories and research facilities?

Secretary CONNALLY. I do not think any such thing is contemplated.

However, our research laboratories, you know, work for the Air Force and Army constantly.

Mr. FULTON. But you are not in danger here of losing your research laboratories?

Secretary CONNALLY. Certainly not. The idea never occurred to me.

Mr. FULTON. I would like to ask the admiral.

The CHAIRMAN. The admiral comes after the Secretary.

We have been saving these three witnesses. As soon as we are finished with the Secretary, we are going to ask the Assistant Secretary and the admiral.

Mr. FULTON. I will ask the Secretary this:

General Trudeau had been here yesterday. I enjoyed him thoroughly. I started on a line of questions that the Air Force is losing its jurisdiction, and it has to get another line of jurisdiction because already you are getting robot planes and the missiles are superseding the manned planes. So you can see with the Army on the ground and up to ground effect instruments and low-flying planes, and then the Navy having the sea, and the Air Force losing its jurisdiction of land planes, the Air Force, if it goes into the missile business or space, is going to be either ground-based or sea-based, because it has to launch its vehicles from someplace. So really the Air Force finds itself in the position that it is going to have to join the Army or the Navy.

Now, I said you would then have these land-based missile sites, with these fly-boys on the ground, with no wings, putting off their