

He wanted to know if my grandmother had died and I told him I had been elected to Congress. His comment was, "Why does this have to happen to my ship?"

The CHAIRMAN. Well, let us get away from these career men now. Mr. Bell, you have a question?

Mr. BELL. Yes. Mr. Secretary, or anyone who wants to answer it. Perhaps you might not like to comment on it. But in view of the fact many of the decisions are going to be made who is to do which particular job as the years progress, by the Secretary of Defense, according to this new directive, I would like to ask you if you see any feature in this that is developing toward the Secretary of Defense being a stronger body which may eventually result in a unified command?

Do you see anything in this that is developing in that direction?

Secretary CONNALLY. It certainly could under the Reorganization Acts that have occurred, particularly the 1958 act. The Secretary of Defense has very broad powers. There is no question about his powers.

Mr. BELL. But does this increase—

Secretary CONNALLY. What the exercise of those powers would result in we have no way of knowing.

Admiral HAYWARD. Mr. Bell, we have many unified commands today and have for some time but the Secretary of Defense has this authority and this has happened over many programs.

Secretary CONNALLY. We have many single management programs. A single program for petroleum—for all of the drugs and many others.

Mr. BELL. But you do agree this strengthens the Defense Department's position somewhat—this directive.

Secretary CONNALLY. I think it does, yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Corman?

Mr. CORMAN. You managed these other single management programs such as petroleum and so forth. I want to know if this is analogous to that, this directive in another field and if any of these other programs resulted in hardships to any branches of the Services or have they generally worked out efficiently? I am talking about these unified management directives in other fields.

Secretary CONNALLY. To my knowledge and I am not sure the two precisely are analogous, I would say they were not, because in the other cases of the single managers you are dealing with things, procurement as such, whereas here you are dealing with a great deal more than that.

But in those areas where you have single managers to my knowledge there has been no great hardship on any of the Services. Would you disagree or agree with that?

Secretary WAKELIN. I would not disagree with it.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Anfuso.

Mr. ANFUSO. I just want to put in the record what has already been said regarding Rear Admiral Connolly, Dr. Wakelin, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Vice Admiral Hayward. They are the finest of men. I hope they will continue under you, Mr. Secretary, and they will not lose any of their great vim and vitality that they have demonstrated in the past.

The CHAIRMAN. Does anybody else have any remarks to put in the record on that point?