

Mr. HECHLER. One final question: If you want to go beyond the preliminary research stage, and the Director of Defense Research and Engineering turns you down, do you feel you have a good channel there?

Suppose you feel very deeply about the necessity for a particular project to pursue it. Do you have a channel to the Secretary of Defense through which you feel free to go?

Secretary CONNALLY. Yes, sir, and let me say this, sir, and this may sound like a self-serving declaration on behalf of the Navy but we definitely feel we have an avenue directly to the Secretary of the Defense.

At some point someone has to make decisions and we are willing to abide by them when they are made but if I exude any spirit of confidence in the Navy pursuing its research and its programs it is because I am supremely confident that the Navy has within its scientists and within its laboratories the finest inhouse capabilities in this country. I think we have as fine a group of dedicated intelligent outstanding men in uniform as any country in the world and I believe given the type of personnel we have, given the brains and dedication that we have in the Navy, that we can sell anything that we really believe in.

Now, perhaps my confidence may not be borne out. But I think the accomplishments that the Navy already has in its record should be pretty tremendous proof that they are not only men of great knowledge and initiative, who can conceive projects of great value to this country, but that they have the dedication and the tenacity to pursue them to accomplishment.

Mr. HECHLER. You do not think this directive is going to hurt the kind of thing Admiral Rickover is doing or the people working with him?

Secretary CONNALLY. No, I do not. It should not have any effect whatsoever on it.

Mr. HECHLER. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Secretary, how do you feel this directive will affect the Navy's budget for space research?

Secretary CONNALLY. Well, I do not quite know how to answer that. I would hope it would not affect it at all. It perhaps will in isolated areas. But it simply means that perhaps our activities will be restricted in certain areas within our own—with our own choosing, that we might place more emphasis on one than another. It may well mean that beyond the point of preliminary basic research, that we will be able to channel more money into projects that we strongly believe in and advance that equally provided we get the same number of dollars. Whether or not we will I cannot say.

Admiral HAYWARD. Can I answer Mr. Ryan to let me give you a good example. The Navy started and did all of the shock tube work in the United States.

This was started years ago and without it we would not have had a successful re-entry body for the Air Force or anyone else.

It could not have been said at the time one started all this what its use would be. So when we defend a budget we realize that what we get for our research will depend upon our tenacity, our salesmanship, and how we sell research programs. In the large booster field,