

General LEMNITZER. I am not sure what meeting you are referring to. We have frequent meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Are you referring to a meeting on this specific memorandum?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, sir.

General LEMNITZER. There was no meeting on that subject during that period that I know of.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there a meeting on the question of the handling of the space program in the Defense Department and recommendations from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to that effect to the Secretary?

General LEMNITZER. No, there was not. But there were several when the original directive was under consideration by Secretary McElroy. We considered the original directive on several occasions and submitted our comments.

The CHAIRMAN. That was the directive of March 2?

General LEMNITZER. I am referring to the directive which was issued by Secretary McElroy in September, 1959. This is an old problem, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The recent directive that we are referring to is where the disposition of space efforts, the Air Force was given about 91 percent, I think, of the spending of money for space.

General LEMNITZER. There was no meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this particular memorandum during the period you refer to, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you have occasion either formally or informally to discuss the matter?

General LEMNITZER. I discussed it with my own staff. It was being handled by the Secretary of Defense so that the views of the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff would be incorporated in the replies which the Service Secretaries were asked to give on the same draft memorandum that I was asked to comment on.

The CHAIRMAN. You made certain recommendations as of March 2?

General LEMNITZER. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. How did those recommendations fit into the final directive? Were they in consonance with them?

General LEMNITZER. They were considered by the Secretary, together with the other suggestions which were made by the Service Secretaries and other officials of the Department of Defense. All of the suggestions I made were not adopted. However, the final directive along with the announcements on how it was to be handled, and considering the areas in which I had a particular interest, the final directive was satisfactory from my point of view.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, they were accepted by the Secretary and placed in his order—

General LEMNITZER. Some of them were.

The CHAIRMAN. What parts were not placed in the order?

General LEMNITZER. The directive was a little more general than I suggested that it be. I was concerned primarily with two areas, and they dealt with the previous assignments of responsibilities to the Services primarily in the field of communications and in navigation. I understand that it has been clearly indicated that previously made assignments of responsibility would remain as they were. This went a very long way in meeting my suggestions.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee would be interested in your views on the contributions to research and development policy and decisions