

I am also a little concerned with having the Army and the Navy, who have made such wonderful progress in this field, perhaps having this first wrap put around them, before they can do certain things—

General LEMNITZER. I do not consider that this directive, Mr. Miller, does that. I believe that the basic decisions were made a year or more ago. I am sure you are referring to the fact that the Army had previously been developing and launching space vehicles. With the organization that was adopted more than a year ago, certain Army space activities were transferred to NASA. That is why the Von Braun team, with its competence in both the weapons field and in space exploration, was transferred to NASA. I believe a good many of the decisions that you refer to were made prior to the issuance of this particular directive.

Mr. MILLER. The thing that concerns me now is the Army has a missile, the Pershing, a second generation, and we might get it out a few too many miles and then is the Pershing going to be an Army weapon or taken over some place else? Or the Navy, which has done such a magnificent job in Polaris, is it going to be fully allowed to develop Sea Scout, when Sea Scout wants to come into the picture? Or is somebody else going to say, "No, this is ours." We have to go to the Secretary of Defense and make a showing why the competence in these two fields should be left in the field where they now exist?

General LEMNITZER. I see no indication whatsoever at the present time of the Navy losing Polaris or the Army losing its Pershing missile.

Mr. MILLER. I hope you are right.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Fulton.

Mr. FULTON. We are glad to have you here, General.

General LEMNITZER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. FULTON. Do I understand there was no meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this directive?

General LEMNITZER. On this specific directive, no, sir.

Mr. FULTON. Was there any meeting at which it came up, joint consultation or discussion?

General LEMNITZER. There may have been in the Secretary of Defense's office, but none that I know of, sir. There was not a meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this specific directive.

Mr. FULTON. You did not then consult with any member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this directive? You just made your own recommendation?

General LEMNITZER. No. Because my personal comments were specifically requested.

Mr. FULTON. You didn't consult with any of the other Joint Chiefs before you made your comments?

General LEMNITZER. Not at that time. But the Joint Chiefs of Staff were involved when the previous directive was prepared. We had frequent consultation on it then.

Mr. FULTON. You submitted your recommendations on March 2, and the directive then was issued March 6, 1961?

General LEMNITZER. That is right.

Mr. FULTON. Then March 2 and March 6, were you asked by anybody to consult or check with on your position on your recommendations?