

cent already and here is 9 percent in question. I would think that before the 9 percent was removed from the Army and the Navy Departments that maybe they should have been consulted. I was only a lieutenant in the Navy.

General LEMNITZER. They were consulted.

Mr. FULTON. I am sure you didn't consult, as you said, with Vice Admiral Hayward and Lieutenant General Trudeau—

General LEMNITZER. That would not be my responsibility in my present position, Mr. Fulton. That would be Admiral Burke's, in the case of Admiral Hayward, General Decker's in the case of General Trudeau, and General White's in the case of General Schriever. It would not be right for me to go down into their staffs and consult with staff officers at that level. I am sure the Service Chiefs did, however.

Mr. FULTON. Did Admiral Burke—

General LEMNITZER. I don't know. I haven't seen the memorandum submitted by the Secretary of the Navy, but I feel certain that it reflected Admiral Burke's views.

Mr. FULTON. My point is, I would like research and development, both basic and applied, as well as the test of engineering for engine resistance, kept within each department. I want a good basis of research, from my own point of view.

Could I ask you:

Will this directive, as issued on March 6 by the Secretary of Defense, permit that in the field of space? And that is within the jurisdiction of this committee to ask. Will this directive permit each of these departments to have a broad field so that in basic and applied research and development in space—

General LEMNITZER. I believe this directive is permissive in that general area. In other words, it indicates that the Secretary may use the competency and experience of the Departments in areas in which they have a primary competence, experience and interest.

Mr. FULTON. Then it does not sound as a warning in this directive to the scientists and the young men in the Navy and Army research and development groups that as soon as they have developed something that is a breakthrough, that then it will automatically go to the Air Force unless there are special or unusual circumstances?

General LEMNITZER. That will depend upon how this directive is administered, Mr. Fulton.

Mr. FULTON. What do you believe is the ratio decidendi, the method of decision to arrive at an interpretation of "except in unusual circumstances" that it shall be in the Air Force? What kind of circumstances would there be that would permit this research and development to remain in the Navy and in the Army for space matters?

General LEMNITZER. I think it will depend primarily, as indicated in the directive, upon special competency in a given area, depending on what it happens to be.

As I indicated, my greatest concern was in the field of communications and in the field of navigation. I understand from the announcements which have been made, that these responsibilities remain as previously assigned, with the Army and Navy, respectively.

Mr. FULTON. The assignment of various projects on research and development have been through Dr. York, I believe, in the Department of Defense, prior to the date of March 6, of this directive. Under