

this directive it would seem to be that by management the decisions will be made directly by the Secretary of Defense. It looks to me as if we are moving it up one step in decision, is that correct?

General LEMNITZER. All major decisions of the kind you are talking about are made by the Secretary or in the name of the Secretary. I am sure the Secretary of Defense is going to utilize his staff to the fullest extent in arriving at decisions.

Mr. FULTON. Do you think if we centralize those decisions that on such research and development in all Services one man can be competent to make the decisions for an overall budget of \$43 billion plus research and development? Do you think we are centralizing it too much?

General LEMNITZER. No. I believe that someone has to run the Department of Defense. That responsibility rests squarely upon the Secretary of Defense. What decisions are made at his level, and what authority he delegates to subordinate levels is up to him. Every individual has his own way of operating, and I presume that Secretary McNamara will operate the Department of Defense his way.

Mr. FULTON. In your memorandum, did you approve the directive as written?

General LEMNITZER. No, I did not. I raised some points about the directive. This is standard operating procedure within the Department of Defense when any important policy directive is prepared.

Mr. FULTON. My final question, Mr. Chairman, then, is:

What defects did you point out in the directive at the time you submitted your statement on March 2?

General LEMNITZER. I indicated concern lest projects that had been already assigned, especially projects in the field of communications and navigation that had already been assigned to the Army and the Navy, respectively, might not remain with those two departments. The announced way in which the directive is going to be carried out went a long way toward meeting my suggestions.

Mr. FULTON. Is there any other comment which was adverse that you made?

General LEMNITZER. Adverse comments?

Mr. FULTON. Yes.

Could you submit that for the record, your recommendations, unless it is secret?

General LEMNITZER. I made other comments, but I would not regard them as being critical of the directive. I made other comments, yes. As for submitting a copy for the record, my directive is now the property of the Secretary of Defense, and I understand he is considering providing the committee not only my memorandum but also the memoranda which the other officials submitted on this matter. I understand that this is under consideration at the present time.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions here?

Mr. BASS. General, I am very much concerned over these leaks that seem to be occurring from the Pentagon. Here we have a case where apparently somebody on the inside, who knew what was going on, and without any authorization whatsoever, leaked a story which, from your own statement, is untrue. I should think it would be a great embarrassment to you, and I wondered, I am sure it is a matter of great concern. What disturbs me most of all is, whereas problems of se-