

do the type of research which it has done, the Army likewise, and the Air Force likewise, but as to the development and the procurement of projects, that will be left to the Air Force?

General LEMNITZER. I can't answer that question specifically, Mr. Anfuso, because I do not know whether all of the wide variety of projects which are presently within the Departments of the Army and Navy will remain with those Departments. I was specifically interested in two projects. In the future, projects will be assigned on a case-by-case basis by the Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN. I would like to ask you a question, General.

The Good Book says that we will render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. I want to ask you this question:

You are the highest-ranking active military man in this Nation. Does this directive, under your interpretation, render unto the NASA organization its proper share of the space, the peaceful space program? In other words, I will reframe it a little bit:

With this directive is there any intention on the part of the directive to encroach upon the activity, the peaceful activity of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration program?

General LEMNITZER. Mr. Chairman, in my opinion this is not the intention of the directive in any respect. There is a close working relationship between NASA and the Department of Defense. I see no problem in this particular area.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have close relations with NASA, also?

General LEMNITZER. No, I do not in my present assignment. The liaison between the Department of Defense is undertaken more by Dr. York's office than it is by the Joint Chiefs of Staff Organization.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you feel in your own convictions that there is need for an organization to develop peaceful use of space, such as is NASA?

General LEMNITZER. Yes, I agreed with that when it was originally discussed and prior to the time NASA was established.

The CHAIRMAN. I think you were consulted when the law was drawn up at that time—

General LEMNITZER. That is right.

I was in charge of the arrangements between the Army and NASA for the transfer of facilities. We worked them out very smoothly, I thought.

The CHAIRMAN. Your convictions are the same today as they were then about the need of peacetime development of space?

General LEMNITZER. That is right.

I would add this comment:

It is difficult to clearly distinguish in all cases between the specific military application and the peaceful use of space. This will require close coordination between the Department of Defense and NASA to ensure that both requirements are properly met.

The CHAIRMAN. This directive will give, of course to the military all of the military missions in space that are needed, and at the same time will allow NASA to continue with its peaceful program of development of space?

General LEMNITZER. I do not regard this directive by the Secretary as impinging in any way upon NASA. It deals solely with the military projects relating to space.