

Last week there was a memorandum, an intra-Air Force departmental memorandum, submitted to this committee in which one of the generals in effect said that he looked forward eventually to the time when the military would combine with the civilian.

What concerns me is that this may be the attitude within the Air Force.

General LEMNITZER. I haven't seen the memorandum. I don't know what the intentions of the Air Force are.

I think they are in a better position to indicate their intentions than I am.

Mr. RYAN. You keep them under control.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Miller.

Mr. MILLER. I just wanted to congratulate the General. It is always good to see him here.

General LEMNITZER. Thank you, Mr. Miller.

Mr. MILLER. He is a top man in my book.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You have indicated a couple of fields that you thought the Army should retain, and you were very much interested in that. What are those?

General LEMNITZER. Communications, primarily.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You feel the Army should remain dominant in the field of communications?

General LEMNITZER. Going outside this directive, I would like to make my position clear.

I happen to be one who believes that those who utilize a weapon in combat on the battle field should have the responsibility for the research and development and the procurement of that weapon, because they have to organize and train units to employ those weapons properly. They have to train their men to employ them properly. This is the normal sequence, and the payoff is the utilization of the weapon in combat.

I believe the Service that uses weapons in combat should be responsible for their research and development, procurement as well as employment.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You feel the Army is making satisfactory progress in the field of communications? You are reasonably well satisfied with what is accomplished?

General LEMNITZER. Yes, I am.

Mr. CHENOWETH. You feel the Army is in a position now to do it better than the other branches of the Service in view of their experience?

General LEMNITZER. I may be little bit biased on this. When the last directive came out, I was Chief of Staff of the Army and that may account for my particular interest in this particular area.

I happen to know also the Navy's great interest, and the Navy's great need for navigational assistance. That is why I was interested in these two particular areas.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Thank you, General.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. King.

Mr. KING. General Lemnitzer, following for a moment the interrogation of the gentleman from New York, Mr. Anfuso, if this committee and if Congress should decide to step up the solid fuel propellant testing program, I assume from what you said that there