

would be no opposition from the Department of Defense, is that correct?

General LEMNITZER. I don't speak for the entire Department of Defense.

I feel that military requirements in the solid propellant field are very great and very important. I don't believe—and I am expressing a personal opinion here—that there would be any opposition to stepping up the testing program and making improvements in the field of solid propellants.

Mr. KING. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. ANFUSO. General, I am concerned with what you said about what the Army is doing in research with respect to communications. I believe that you want to keep that definitely within the Army. We have heard testimony, and I am sure every member will recall this testimony, that this interpretation has been given to the directive:

Research will be left to the three branches. When it comes to development and procurement, that then the Air Force would step in.

Would you favor that, if that is the correct interpretation?

General LEMNITZER. I would like to hear the question again, Mr. Anfuso.

Mr. ANFUSO. We have heard testimony that it is the intention of the directive to keep research in the three separate branches. Then after research has been made, when it comes to development and procurement, which would take in the communications that you are talking about, then that would be left to the Air Force?

General LEMNITZER. I believe each Service, all Services have a vital need for communications. I would certainly hate to leave the impression that the Army is the only one that has communications requirements.

I want to make it very clear that communications are the heart of the conduct of military operations by all Services. I think each Service should procure the type of communications systems which it needs to accomplish its mission in combat.

Mr. ANFUSO. General, I want to say now, and I think this is shared by other members, I am just as confused now as I was at the beginning about this directive.

Mr. FULTON. Mr. Chairman—

Mr. RIEHLMAN. Mr. Chairman, to follow the question by my colleague from New York, I want to be sure we have the correct answer, General.

The decision would not be made by the Air Force but by the Secretary of Defense, am I correct in that?

General LEMNITZER. The decision on what, sir?

Mr. RIEHLMAN. On the assignment of the role and mission of each one of the Services after they had finished their basic research and it came to the development of a new project, that wouldn't be decided by the Air Force, would it?

General LEMNITZER. In the field of this particular directive, that is on space systems, it would not. It would be decided by the Secretary of Defense. I thought that was clear in the directive.

Mr. RIEHLMAN. I didn't think you gave that clear answer.

General LEMNITZER. I am sorry. I may not have understood the question.