

the Chair will not direct an answer; but, we will request that the next witness from NASA be prepared to respond fully to that when the gentleman places the question to him again in executive session.

Mr. REID. Thank you. And just to keep the record clear, let me just add a clearly unclassified question in open session on behalf of this committee, my colleagues, the American people. Is there anything that you can comment on, that you want to add to your comments or to the record, on Soviet space failures?

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir, I don't have any.

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Mr. MEADER. You would not object, Dr. Simpson, to putting in our record this correspondence between the two chairmen of the space committees of Congress and the Administrator of NASA—letter of September 4, 1962 and September 5, 1962—which I understand does not have classified information, and does report on six Soviet space failures?

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir. I referred to that letter. I assumed you meant general statements or anything other than that. No, sir; I referred to that letter. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEADER. May I ask you this question, then? I don't know how that letter of September 5, 1962, could have been released so fast, if it contained classified information. This letter must have been hand delivered the next day. I never saw such speed in any Government agency to answer a letter the following day. It says and recites—

Mr. HARDY. They promoted the inquiry, perhaps, George.

Mr. MEADER (reading):

In response to this proposal, inquiry was made appropriate agencies of this Government. The response was as follows.

And then the rest is all in quotation marks, and identifies the six failures by date, and with apparently rather complete information.

Now, my question is this. Subsequent to September 5, 1962, have there been other releases of information by NASA, or any other agency of the Government, to your knowledge, concerning Russian space failures?

Dr. SIMPSON. I don't know of any. I want to be sure about this. I do not, myself, remember any. No, sir; not to my knowledge, no, sir.

Mr. MEADER. I have a question on another subject that I would like to ask if I may.

Mr. MOSS. I wonder if we could pursue this just a moment. Dr. Simpson, at my direction the staff prepared some questions which were submitted to you about a week ago.

Dr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. MOSS. They relate to this letter from Mr. Webb, Administrator of the Space Agency. If you cannot respond to these questions, I hope you will indicate very briefly that you cannot.

Mr. MEADER. First, are you going to put these letters in the record?

Mr. MOSS. Is there objection to the inclusion of the correspondence between the chairman of the House and Senate committees and the Space Administrator? Hearing none, it will be included in the record at this point.