

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir. We make a thorough search and review of all published material and particularly the scientific journals, of course.

Mr. MEADER. And for that purpose you have your own translators and so on?

Dr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. DAY. We have a translation program. It costs the Agency about \$225,000, exclusive of salaries.

Mr. MEADER. It costs the Agency \$225,000 a year?

Mr. DAY. Yes.

Mr. MEADER. Exclusive of salaries?

Mr. DAY. Exclusive of our small core group in our translation group; yes, sir. This is \$225,000, but I just mention it as part of the \$6 million-some that Dr. Simpson mentioned as being a cost of the scientific and technical information program, sir.

Mr. HARDY. Do you want to volunteer something?

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Dr. SIMPSON. Sir, this is an unusual experience for me. I am volunteering all the time.

If I may say so, Mr. Chairman, this is an unusual experience for me to be clamming up. I would like to, if I may, make one remark.

It seems to me I have not done either myself or the Administrator justice on this policy planning proposition. This is a new thing. It relates to those areas that are nontechnical. That is, I am on the other side of the fence. It relates to the preparation of materials of a non-technical nature.

This is why, if I may say so, I don't have to have the entire full, complete and latest technical information to do this job. I do need to know certain things, and I think I am possessed of those things.

Mr. HARDY. You would plan the policy with respect to dissemination of information to the public?

Dr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir. That is true, and I can only say, sir—

Mr. HARDY. But you can't do it out of ignorance?

Dr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir, and I have to assume that other people in NASA other than I—

Mr. MEADER. I think I was laboring under a misapprehension, until I read your biographical sketch, and I am not sure that clears it up.

I thought an Assistant Administrator for Technology Utilization and Policy Planning would be a real scientific brain.

Mr. HARDY. Well, don't think he isn't one.

Mr. MEADER. I said scientific, who would fully understand at least in general all of this space technology and be able to make plans.

Dr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEADER. Who would be able to decide which areas would be more fruitful for exploration, research, and so on. But you are a professor of sociology.

Dr. SIMPSON. My job, technology utilization, sir, relates to taking from the NASA effort, say, an infrared sensor that has been developed for the Mercury spacecraft, and seeing what the applications of that are, how that might be used by civilian industry.