

Now that does require technical competence. We have that. A big part of the problem, however, is, of course, how do you organize this, how do you get the people involved to do it. I had my wonder as to why Mr. Webb, in some respects, wanted me to do this job, but I have had some background in this general area of developing scientific activity before I came here, so if that is any help to you—

Mr. MEADER. Do I understand that your responsibility includes the planning of the policy of NASA in how it should spend its money?

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir.

Mr. MEADER. And how much money it should ask for?

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir.

Mr. MEADER. That is not your kind of policy planning?

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir.

Mr. MEADER. Your policy planing is related only to the utilization?

Dr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir, to those policies of NASA that affect the nontechnical, how much and what should we do in this utilization of technology, this kind of thing.

Mr. MEADER. Is there any other NASA policy planning, other than yourself?

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir. The technical decisions, that is what is the next configuration, that is done by the technical people, and it is done—the title is not policy planing, but that is what it amount to in terms of what the new programs should be.

The term, program planning, is more apt there. I am not trying to make a big thing out of this. I just wanted you to understand that I did not accept a job that required me to know everything that was to know about the Russian space program.

Mr. HARDY.. Policy planning in other areas just happens? It isn't planed because they don't have anybody to do it?

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir; there are people who do that. They just go by another title.

Mr. HARDY. They just don't have the right title.

Mr. MEADER. You have a title that sounds very important, Dr. Simpson. Your title would indicate you were running the agency and deciding in which direction it was going to go, and how many billions of dollars the American people should devote to this activity. Apparently you don't have that responsibility at all.

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir. I think that belongs to the Administrator and to other members of the Government, including the Congress. I would participate in that, but that is not my—

Mr. HARDY. Thank you for giving us a little share of it.

Dr. SIMPSON. Thank you for contributing to the education of a college professor.

Mr. HARDY. And I will tell you right now any time we get a good Tarheel college professor, he has got the makings of a topnotcher.

Dr. SIMPSON. Thank you, sir.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Archibald?

Mr. ARCHIBALD. Is Mr. Julian Scheer your deputy now for information matters, Doctor?

Dr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir.