

So I just want to begin with this statement that we are heartily in favor of this policy in the Space Administration, which is not to say that we are neglecting classification problems either of the Department of Defense or the necessary classification that we may have within our own agency. But as an ideal to aim toward, and to implement as fully as possible, I believe very much in this provision of law, and our agency does.

Mr. Moss. Thank you. I certainly would take the opportunity to have this record reflect the fact that there was a very cooperative attitude on your part at the time we were working on the final draft of this provision. I think we both know what the intent of the Congress was when it was placed in there.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes, very clearly.

Mr. Moss. I think, Doctor, that in accordance with the practice in this series of hearings, I will ask you to be sworn.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes, indeed, sir.

Mr. Moss. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give the subcommittee shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Dr. DRYDEN. I do, sir.

Mr. Moss. Will you identify yourself for the record.

Dr. DRYDEN. For the record, I am Hugh L. Dryden, Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Mr. Moss. Mr. Reid, do you have any questions at this time?

Mr. REID. Yes. I certainly want to thank Dr. Dryden formally for coming. I appreciate very much the opportunity of getting his thinking on behalf of NASA.

Have you had a chance, Dr. Dryden, to read the record at the time Dr. Simpson appeared?

Dr. DRYDEN. I generally read it, not every word. I know the general content of it, yes.

Mr. REID. I think there were several points that were raised that we thought perhaps you could respond to.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes. I will be very happy to.

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Mr. REID. First of all, I think we were not wholly clear whether NASA itself had felt that it had every opportunity to evaluate for the American people the Soviet space effort which would include Soviet space failures.

Dr. Simpson seemed to indicate that your evaluation and pronouncements and what you could make public had some relationship to the Department of Defense—that there were some areas of classification involved.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes.

Mr. REID. We queried him as to what he could say of a nonclassified character.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes.

Mr. REID. I think it was somewhat the sense of the committee that as the U.S. space program has the President's support and as it involves potentially something on the order of \$5 billion, that the American people and the Congress should have a responsible evaluation from NASA, in the first instance as to exactly the nature and