

that letter was delivered this morning, and probably will be in the press this afternoon.

This again is another exception to the general policy. Even in this case I should say the only information released is the dates of the launchings, and that is all.

Mr. REID. Could you give us any approximate or somewhat more precise detail on the number of Soviet peaceful launches that were failures?

Dr. DRYDEN. I am afraid that this is information that you can get from a presentation from the CIA, but when I get such information, I am not authorized to pass it even to members of NASA. There are about a dozen people in NASA who are cleared to receive this type of information.

Mr. REID. Might I ask who is cleared to receive it? I am not interested in the names, but what kind of people.

Dr. DRYDEN. Essentially those of us who have the responsibility for determining the U.S. program.

This is information we need in order to plan our own program, what are they doing, what is the general experience.

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Mr. REID. Might I ask why you feel that more of this information cannot be made available? I understand from your comments that the intelligence community has reached a certain judgment.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes.

Mr. REID. But could you give us your evaluation of that judgment?

Dr. DRYDEN. I have only very limited knowledge of the techniques used by the intelligence community in getting information. I think this is a question that could only be discussed adequately by the intelligence agencies.

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Mr. REID. As I understood you just now, you said that you were not completely familiar with the techniques.

Dr. DRYDEN. The techniques, exactly.

Mr. REID. Are you familiar with the—with the results?

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes.

Mr. REID. Do you get some of it or all of it?

Dr. DRYDEN. We are briefed on the results.

Mr. REID. Is NASA privy to all of this?

Dr. DRYDEN. To all of the results.

Mr. REID. All of the results?

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes.

Mr. REID. But you say from the receipt of information of that character you would not be able to determine the techniques?

Dr. DRYDEN. No; you cannot.

Mr. REID. But you think that while you could not, the Soviets could?

Dr. DRYDEN. I think they could * * *

Mr. REID. Have you made any serious effort to find out from the intelligence community whether some of this could be made available, without prejudicing our collection techniques? Have you evaluated that yourself?