

going to the Central Intelligence Agency, which is the Agency responsible for—

Mr. HARDY. Let's just back up a minute and see where we are. NASA doesn't have any intelligence responsibility as such?

Dr. DRYDEN. This is correct.

Mr. HARDY. But NASA does collect information that has intelligence value; isn't that correct?

Dr. DRYDEN. We do not track Russian satellites. We do not—

Mr. HARDY. Maybe you don't. Maybe you don't ever get any information on your own that has intelligence—

Dr. DRYDEN. That is right. We get it through other agencies of Government.

Mr. HARDY. You don't on your own get any information about what Russia is doing.

Dr. DRYDEN. Not of a character such as is being discussed here.

Mr. HARDY. Well, let's talk about this. I am talking now about what the Russian achievements are in her space effort. You don't find out anything about that on your own.

Dr. DRYDEN. Except what we get from Russian announcements, conversation with Russians. We have no means of secret collection of intelligence data. This is the function of other agencies of Government.

Mr. HARDY. I don't think we are necessarily talking about intelligence data as such. Of course, the Congress created the CIA.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes.

Mr. HARDY. And we created it for a specific purpose. I was on the committee at the time, and I don't know whether any of the rest of the gentlemen present were, but I have got a pretty good recollection of what went on in the original legislation which established the Central Intelligence Agency. And, of course, I appreciate the fact that NASA is not an intelligence gathering agency as such.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes.

Mr. HARDY. But NASA does have some responsibility under the statute for knowing what is going on in the space effort throughout the world.

Dr. DRYDEN. I think I may have said before you came in that we have testified before congressional committees.

We make speeches, are ready to give you our assessment of the relative position at any time. And in doing that we will use all the information that is available to us.

Mr. HARDY. So you are going to spoon feed us and tell us what you think we ought to know.

Dr. DRYDEN. No, no.

Mr. HARDY. Well then, let's understand this. Now you made a statement a while ago, if I understood you correctly, the American people should not know the details of the Russian space effort.

Dr. DRYDEN. Of how we obtain information about—

Mr. HARDY. Nobody is talking about how you obtain information.

Dr. DRYDEN. I don't know how we are failing to understand each other then.

Mr. HARDY. Well, we certainly are failing to understand each other apparently, either that or you and I are at opposite ends of the pole.