

Dr. DRYDEN. What happened, as I explained, there was an interim period when we said it would be simpler if NASA puts out information on just its own satellites and the Defense Department puts out the others.

Mr. REID. Then this goes on to indicate later, after the Department of Defense issued its new directive requiring secrecy about all military satellite activities, NASA's satellite situation report was changed to delete much of the scientific information it contained.

After that the report suddenly deleted information about foreign satellites, although some of the information about Russian satellites was made public, such as launching failures.

Dr. DRYDEN. Just one action I think.

Mr. REID. And then in January 1963 NASA suddenly stopped publishing information about any satellites, except those which the Agency itself attempted to orbit. This appears to me——

Dr. DRYDEN. This earlier discussion refers to a time when we put out a rather elaborate sheet, sort of fact data sheet on each satellite.

The volume got pretty large to keep that up, in that form and there are other groups. Almost every technical journal makes a summary of all the launches once a year. It is just a question whether we needed to put the manpower into that type of compilation.

Mr. REID. My only question is this: It appears that during a previous period NASA was putting out certain information that it is not now putting out, that there were certain policy determinations made by NASA, and in the Government, to curtail some of this information.

Dr. DRYDEN. I don't think it was a curtailing of information. It was curtailing a particular way of putting it out.

Mr. REID. Could you respond to the factors that caused you to change what you were doing up to January 1961 that caused you to cut down the amount of information, and if this is a correct assessment during the Eisenhower administration, wherein it says in 1960 at least NASA was putting out regular reports on all satellites?

Dr. DRYDEN. We were putting out a kind of a fact sheet. Now we are putting out a much more elaborate fact sheet on NASA's satellites.

Mr. REID. What were the factors that caused you to curtail or eliminate certain information, if this is a correct statement of the committee staff, that you used to put out? Why did you stop doing what you were doing, in other words?

Dr. DRYDEN. I can't remember in detail. I think it was the matter of the public information people themselves changing the form in which the information was available.

Mr. MOSS. Will you yield at that point?

Mr. REID. Certainly.

Mr. MOSS. In January of 1960 DOD and NASA entered into an agreement.

Dr. DRYDEN. Whereby we would put out information——

Mr. MOSS. Which resulted in a curtailment of information which previously had been made available through NASA.