

Dr. DRYDEN. No. I don't understand that. The agreement, that was the initial agreement that we would put out the information on all scientific satellites. It went beyond that.

Mr. MOSS. Unclassified space launchings.

Mr. DRYDEN. It went beyond that. It means we took a part of the workload of NORAD by agreeing to supply them with information on all NASA satellites so they did not have to run a separate operation to take those out of their catalog of what things were in the sky.

But it was agreed at that time that we would be the agency to publish all data on scientific satellites. That includes scientific satellites of the Department of Defense.

Mr. MOSS. It is the agreement—

Dr. DRYDEN. Do you have that agreement?

Mr. MOSS. Yes.

Dr. DRYDEN. It is a classified one, isn't it?

Mr. MOSS. That is the classified agreement of January 13, 1961, signed by Herbert York, Director of Defense Research and Engineering, on the 16th and by yourself on the 13th.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes. I haven't looked at it for a long time, so I don't remember it exactly. As I recall, it was to the effect that we would be responsible—

Mr. MOSS. For the unclassified.

Dr. DRYDEN. For the unclassified, yes, not only on the information side but on actually supplying to them the orbital data, positions, and so forth.

Mr. HARDY. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Reid yielded to me.

Mr. REID. Mr. Reuss yielded to me. He was very generous.

Mr. REUSS. Does the chairman yield back to Mr. Reid, and are you through?

Mr. MOSS. The chairman recognizes the right of the gentleman from Wisconsin to resume.

Mr. REID. I thank the chairman and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HARDY. Could I just take another tack for a moment. I think I would like to compliment the Space Agency, NASA, for the handling of this most recent Cooper flight.

Dr. DRYDEN. We profited by the criticisms.

NEED FOR COMPARATIVE STANDING IN SPACE FIELD

Mr. HARDY. That aspect of its release of information on its own activities I think was handled very, very well. I am more concerned at the moment though that the American people have some idea about our comparative standing in the space field, particularly with the Russians.

Now the release—and so far as I know this has been the only significant release of any detailed information on the Russian progress—was that contained in Mr. Webb's letter of September 5, addressed to Senator Kerr and George Miller. Now it seems to be that the only way you can get information is to have it appear somewhere in the press, and then have the committee call attention to the press