

Dr. DRYDEN. We do.

Mr. Moss. To question the wisdom of CIA in applying classifications too broadly. I have no doubt that everything they develop, if left solely to themselves in their own judgment, would be classified.

Dr. DRYDEN. I think I would be in a position to judge this only if I had access to all the information that is available to Mr. McCone, and I am sure I don't.

Mr. Moss. I think that you are forced then to operate almost in a vacuum where it comes to the judgments of CIA.

They say, "We are going to give you this information which you require, and which we were created by the Congress to provide, but we are only going to give it to you if you accept without question—"

Dr. DRYDEN. It must be protected for security reasons.

Mr. Moss. Without question.

Dr. DRYDEN. You can't take such an obligation—

Mr. Moss. Which agency has the greater competence in the field of space technology, CIA or NASA?

Dr. DRYDEN. The CIA has a very excellent competence in space technology, I might say.

Mr. Moss. I asked which agency had the greater.

Dr. DRYDEN. We probably have the greater. We are consulted by them on technical matters.

Mr. Moss. I would hope that you would have the greater.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes. However, you are talking about a policy of declassification, which is a slightly different thing from competence in space technology.

Mr. Moss. No, because you know an ingredient—and this is a thing which has disturbed me for many years, because I have noted its lack on too many occasions—an ingredient in evaluating the classification is whether we achieve greater security by classifying it—

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes.

Mr. Moss. And remember Dr. Walter Brode, I believe, who was scientific adviser to President Eisenhower, who expressed before this committee a fear that at some future date we would be called upon to fight a war with little scraps of paper marked secret.

Dr. DRYDEN. Yes, I remember that statement.

Mr. Moss. And I remember Dr. Furness, who was under Charles Wilson in research and development, who expressed substantially the same fear, so that there is a need in discharging your obligations to not just accept without question.

Dr. DRYDEN. I know both these men very well, and I know what they are talking about. They are talking about the run-of-the-mill classification in Defense and NASA.

This is quite true. You find somebody trying to classify Newton's laws, which is silly. We do run into such instances. I don't think they were talking about intelligence information.

Mr. Moss. Do you think the intelligence field is one of—

Dr. DRYDEN. Very special.

Mr. Moss. Is one of mystery and something which a person of obvious intellect which you possess should not question or challenge?

Dr. DRYDEN. I think unless you are acquainted with the whole picture, that you can likely make very serious errors.

Mr. Moss. It is staffed by mortals, isn't it, Doctor?