

Isn't it true, Mr. Foster, that actually on these policymaking decisions that the White House maintains a very sizable staff doing about the same studies?

Mr. FOSTER. No, sir. The staff in the White House, a very competent staff, act as advisers to the President. They sit in, as I indicated, in the persons of McGeorge Bundy and Dr. Hornig, on the meetings of the Committee of Principals. We are in constant touch with them but they act as staff people and do not in effect arrive at the same decisions.

They sit in when we create or take the initiative in proposing these things. They of course sit in the Committee of Principals to discuss them.

We are in touch with the assistants to those assistants and with the individuals themselves. I would not say that they are individually or as a group in the White House making the same kind of policy determinations.

Mr. BERRY. You said in answer to I believe it was probably the questions of Mr. Frelinghuysen with regard to—in your answer to the question on the policy on the multilateral force thing, you said that you followed the policies of the President. In other words, those policies are laid down before you go to work, is that correct?

Mr. FOSTER. No, not necessarily, sir. We have a policy recommending function which is and has been discharged throughout the life of this Agency. Many of the items that have gone as recommendations to the President have originated in this Agency and in many instances have been accepted by the President as national policy for negotiating and for action in this field.

Mr. BERRY. Based on your studies, then?

Mr. FOSTER. Based on our studies, based on our discussions, based on our in-house expertise.

Mr. BERRY. And not on the studies of the White House staff?

Mr. FOSTER. No, I do not mean to say that the White House does not have ideas of a general direction, general sort of thing which they would like to do. Indeed ideas in this field may come from many different points, and the White House has certainly had their share. The working out of the policy and the initiation of many of them grow out of our research and our studies and our in-house discussions.

Mr. GROSS. Will you yield to me?

Chairman MORGAN. Does the gentleman yield to Mr. Gross?

Mr. BERRY. Yes.

Mr. GROSS. Another contract, Mr. Foster, numbered E-69, which your Agency has with New York State for a study of "The Impact on Long Island Labor Force of Defense Contract Phaseouts." Isn't this a study that can and should be done by the Department of Defense and perhaps has already been done by the Department of Defense?

Mr. FOSTER. It has not been done by the Department of Defense. It is a joint study. The Department of Defense is 50 percent in this with us. And the New York State Department of Labor, Division of Employment, is the contractor. Actually it is a part of a three-phased approach in that particular hard-hit area, Nassau, Suffolk and the other two phases which involve almost—between \$700,000 and \$900,000