

would be no expansion of nuclear production. Do you feel that the possibility of achieving an agreement of this sort would be hopeful with reference to the majority of countries in the world, and when you got right down to it, how many countries would be stumbling blocks? Wouldn't there be a limited number of footdraggers?

Mr. FOSTER. I can only say in response to that, Mr. Monagan, that with the exception of maybe four or five countries every nation in the world has expressed its interest in doing just this, both formally in pronouncements on a multilateral basis or speech in the United Nations or in actual support of the Irish resolution, for instance, of 1961.

Mr. MONAGAN. Thank you very much.

Chairman MORGAN. Mr. Morse.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. Director, I was astonished when in response to Congresswoman Bolton's earlier question you said, "In our Agency we have nothing to do with the closing of installations."

It seems to me——

Mr. FOSTER. Closing of those installations.

Mr. MORSE. Those installations. It seems to me that section 31(h) of the act, which charges you with the responsibility of exploring economic implications, gives you a very real responsibility for any actions of this sort.

Mr. FOSTER. Well, we are authorized to undertake research, plan for the effects of such. That does not give us as I see it the right to participate in the decision.

Mr. MORSE. Were you consulted in regard to this decision in any respect?

Mr. FOSTER. No; but we are consulted in appraising the effects of this closing and the relationship of that to what may happen in plants closed because of arms control and disarmament activities.

Mr. MORSE. Is the principal responsibility of the Federal Government with reference to the economic impact of not only arms control and disarmament but also of the economic adjustments that are occurring as a result of different emphases in our defense spending vested with your Agency?

Mr. FOSTER. No, sir; we are interested in what——

Mr. MORSE. What element of the Federal Government does have this responsibility?

Mr. FOSTER. Well, the Council of Economic Advisers, the Department of Commerce.

Mr. MORSE. What has the Council of Economic Advisers done about it?

Mr. FOSTER. They are chairing a committee with the Government, including the Treasury, Council of Economic Advisers——

Mr. MORSE. I am fully aware of the Ackley Committee. What has the Committee done?

Mr. FOSTER. It has had meetings with these regional and State authorities. We have sent out our representatives to discuss it with these people. We have placed contracts——

Mr. MORSE. Has the Ackley Committee made a report?

Mr. FOSTER. It has not yet.

Mr. MORSE. It has been in existence over a year, is that not correct?

Mr. FOSTER. That is right.