

Mr. FARBSTEIN. Would the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. KELLY. Yes.

Mr. FARBSTEIN. I am a little bit confused about the distinction between the responsibility in connection with arms control and disarmament matters which according to the table of organization, or the bill under which you were created, is the primary responsibility of your Agency within the Government, and the 13 different subsidiary subjects that your organization shall be limited to. One of the 13 deals with the problems of readjustment arising in industry and the reallocation of national resources.

How far do you envision your Agency should go in connection with these various subjects?

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Farbstein, the authority of the Director with respect to research, development, and other studies shall be limited to participation in the following insofar as they relate to arms control and disarmament. This is purely research, development, and other studies. It is not the primary responsibility of recommending, which is in the early part of the act.

Mr. FARBSTEIN. How many other agencies are there if you know, that concern themselves with the problem of readjustment arising in industry resulting from disarmament? Do you know?

Mr. FOSTER. There are at least 10 that I referred to, all of which are, I referred to, on the President's Committee.

Mr. FARBSTEIN. If that is so, don't you think, therefore, that you should restrict yourself to arms, the primary object of which you were created, rather than spending money in connection with these other preliminary functions?

Mr. FOSTER. We are charged with the possibility of research in those fields in order to plan for what may happen when arms control and disarmament—

Mr. FARBSTEIN. There are 10 other agencies that are doing the very same things you yourself admit. Your primary reason for existence is in connection with arms control and disarmament, then why go into these other subsidiary subjects and use up your money?

Mr. FOSTER. Because of the fact that out of what happens with these other agencies we find what the effects will be in discharging and planning for what will happen in arms control and with arms reduction.

Mr. FARBSTEIN. Let's take the shipyard contracts. How will this shipyard contract for research in any way affect the reason for your existence?

Mr. FOSTER. In attempting to plan for what might happen in the cutback of production of war materials and the diversion of employment in those shipyards to other fields.

Mr. FARBSTEIN. We are going around in a circle again. There are 10 other agencies doing this very same thing.

Mr. FOSTER. Not because of what happens from arms reduction by international agreement.

Mr. GROSS. Will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. KELLY. I most certainly will.

Mr. GROSS. I submit this is not limited to war vessels, Mr. Foster. It deals with shipbuilding. That is your contract. It says nothing about war vessels.