

Mr. FOSTER. Industrial conversion potential in the shipbuilding industry, and the research which we are limited to is the economic and political consequences of arms control and disarmament, including the problems of readjustment arising in industry and the reallocation of national resources.

I think this is clearly within that stated item.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Chairman. Do I understand that you had nothing to do with the Brooklyn Navy Yard closing or a report on that particular closing?

Mr. FOSTER. Nothing to do with the closing of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Mrs. KELLY. All the shipbuilding and Navy yard closings that took place under this directive of the Department of Defense, what part did you play in that if any and why not?

Mr. FOSTER. We played no part in the origin of the closing.

Mrs. KELLY. Not the origin, but the impact of the results of a possible closing before determination made?

Mr. FOSTER. We are appraising the results.

Mrs. KELLY. You have no report at this point?

Mr. FOSTER. No report at this point.

Mrs. KELLY. We had a report in New York by the Department of Defense—which the New York delegation in Congress is now questioning?

Mr. FARBERSTEIN. Mr. Foster, don't you realize the inconsistency of your position? First, you say that you are concerned according to these subsidiary duties or obligations to deal with the closing of any business or any industry that is affected by war products. The Brooklyn Navy Yard was building war vessels. Therefore, you should have been concerned with the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and you say you have no concern.

Chairman MORGAN. The time of the gentlewoman from New York has expired.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I would like to get back to the 4-year authorization. When the President sent over the draft bill to Congress he said he was asking for a 4-year authorization. This is his quote: "It is my purpose to intensify our efforts in this critical area."

Why is a 4-year authorization necessary to intensify your efforts? I can understand how you might be able to spend more money. I can understand how you might need to retain key personnel in as comparatively small an operation as this represents on the Washington scene.

But why is there going to be an intensification of your efforts because you have a 4-year program which you can't have under any circumstances? Is it not true that you could have an intensification under a 2-year authorization?

Mr. FOSTER. You could have an intensification under a 2-year. I think the point is that this is a business in which he has a deep interest. He wants and has instructed us to study this as intensively as it is possible to do and to make recommendations to him for additional ways in which this can move.

I think that can be supported and broadened by the ability to get better people, who have the knowledge that this is a continuing activity which has Presidential support to this degree.