

present bilateral agreement which allows the safeguarding of what happens to the products that could be used for weapons use so we can get a——

Mr. FOUNTAIN. That is the next question. Do we have that in every situation?

Mr. FOSTER. Every U.S. supplied thing, either that or in some we have now transferred that safeguarding responsibility to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Mr. FOUNTAIN. You are asking for \$55 million authorization over a 4-year period. Heretofore it has been a 2-year period; has it not?

Mr. FOSTER. That is correct.

Mr. FOUNTAIN. Please tell us more fully your reasons for wanting a 4-year authorization.

Mr. FOSTER. I will be very glad to, sir. I said yesterday at some length——

Mr. FOUNTAIN. I am sorry, I wasn't here yesterday.

Mr. FOSTER. I know. This will allow for a long-range research program. Our research programs are many times follow-ons of things started in one year that must be carried on to get the greatest results in succeeding years.

Therefore, a 4-year program will give us the opportunity to set those forth, we believe, more effectively. This is not only useful in terms of being able to cover all the things we would like to cover. It is also useful in the contract business, an organization to whom these contracts are given being able to set up their own staffs and their own organization on a more permanent basis.

As I said yesterday, a number of contractors, private contractors as well as other institutions such as universities, have found in this a subject of great interest to them as citizens, as businessmen, and have at their own expense established divisions or departments to bid on and to work with us in this field.

If they know that this is the kind of business that is going to go on for a longer period, they would be willing to invest more in it. It is also a help to us in recruiting top level personnel who on a 2-year basis may feel uncertainty in leaving a present occupation and joining with us.

As I said yesterday, there have been a number of people who have left our Agency in the course of the last 2 or 3 years to go to other pursuits and they might have stayed with us if we had a longer prospective life. I think the business is one that we will be in for some years.

Mr. FOUNTAIN. That rather astounds me, because if history means anything we are not accustomed to abolishing an agency once it is established. Offhand I can't think of any we've abolished. Of course, by this legislation we brought several together in the Arms Control Agency. This was a good approach.

Mr. FOSTER. We abolished WPB. I had the job of liquidating the thing. The CCC which followed it.

Mr. FOUNTAIN. Any time we seemingly abolish, we usually have something to replace it.

Mr. FOSTER. This disappeared. We acquired 8,000 employees and in 6 months I had them off the Government payroll.

Mr. FOUNTAIN. What were they doing?

Mr. FOSTER. This was the followon of the War Production Board at the end of World War II.