

Mr. DADDARIO. Can you go into that? What did you do? How were you able to lower this amount of money and what effect does it have upon the program?

Is it going to be a stronger program or have you already lowered your sights? What is the whole background of that?

Dr. MUELLER. We have done several things. We have introduced a new program concept at an early date and that involved the development of the concept of the spent stage and the use of the Apollo Telescope Mount (ATM) using the Lunar Module attached to the spent stage or the S-IVB orbital workshop. This orbital workshop ATM concept permitted us to provide a single development of a set of complex instruments that we could reuse and it is that basic concept of reusing the hardware which has made it possible to save this \$200 million.

In addition to that, however, we had to cut back on our basic development of experiments, cutback to the absolute minimum that Dr. Newell and Dr. Adams feel will sustain a meaningful scientific effort in years to come.

What we have done, therefore, is to do two things, basically. One is to invent a new approach to carrying out space activities in the Manned Space Flight program and implement that with the workshop and the Apollo Telescope Mount.

The second thing we have done is to reduce the funding in the experiment area to a minimum consistent with maintaining a viable utilization of this workshop and the Apollo Telescope Mount in Earth orbit.

Mr. DADDARIO. How did you do with the Bureau of the Budget with this proposal? Did you come out with what you asked for or did they reduce it?

Dr. MUELLER. We proposed \$626 million for fiscal year 1968 for the Apollo Applications program. In addition to that, we proposed another \$100 million for the beginnings of a development of a space station.

The Bureau of the Budget said under the circumstances, they could not support that level of funding. They asked us to eliminate the funding for the space station and to reduce the Apollo Applications program funding to an absolute minimum.

Mr. DADDARIO. When you went to the Bureau of Budget, you figured for this program some \$600 million and you had an additional request for some \$100 million to get going in space on your space station.

Dr. MUELLER. That is correct.

Mr. DADDARIO. The space station can be considered a separate program?

Dr. MUELLER. That is correct, separate from Apollo Application.

Mr. DADDARIO. One you can pick up at a later time?

Dr. MUELLER. That is correct.

Mr. DADDARIO. And that is what you intend to do?

Dr. MUELLER. Yes.

Mr. DADDARIO. Then this figure represents, if not a drastic cut, certainly a very large cut from your original request?

Dr. MUELLER. Yes.