

the specific amount of the supplemental. That is correct. We did not come up with it. I think there were good reasons for not doing that. This is where we obviously disagree.

Representative RUMSFELD. I am pleased with parts of your statement, because of your expressed desire, to see that the budget message and the Budget itself is communicated to the extent possible as an accurate evaluation of where we are going. I think your statements have been encouraging, and I commend you.

You quoted from *Life*, saying that the budget was defensible against pennypinchers and spendthrifts, both. I think we ought to make sure that it is defensible also on the issue of believability, because this is exceedingly important to this country, and I am hopeful that the steps you have outlined here will be taken, and that we can come up with some suggestions for the coming budgets.

I would like to ask you one other question. This question relates to your comment about the Defense Department's procedures in not wanting to make anything other than a specific request for a specific thing.

You, as Budget Director, are familiar with NASA's budget?

Mr. SCHULTZE. Yes, sir.

Representative RUMSFELD. You are also familiar with the categories on advanced missions and Apollo applications?

Mr. SCHULTZE. Yes, sir.

Representative RUMSFELD. To some extent they are specific and to some extent they are catchalls.

Mr. SCHULTZE. Go ahead.

Representative RUMSFELD. I personally am concerned about the fact that we seem to be spending money to keep production lines open in the space program for the apparent reason that post-Apollo decisions have not been made. The reason I am given for the fact that we fail to make post-Apollo decisions is the war in Vietnam.

Now, we can get into a pretty tight and expansive little circle here.

I am curious to know what your role is here. You have, I think, pretty accurately indicated your role with respect to DOD and said it was unique.

I would be curious to know what your relationship to a decision like this might be, simply for my information from a procedural standpoint.

Mr. SCHULTZE. Let's take post-Apollo programs as a good example.

Representative RUMSFELD. I think, in a broader sense, the question is where this country is going post-Apollo.

Mr. SCHULTZE. Exactly, I am trying to complete my thoughts as to how best to present it.

Representative RUMSFELD. Well, my 10 minutes are up.

Mr. SCHULTZE. I will use my time to answer your question, if that is all right.

Starting back in 1965, it was clear that decisions about post-Apollo programs would have to be made in the 1968 budget.

Representative RUMSFELD. Or before.

Mr. SCHULTZE. Well, maybe some small ones.

Representative RUMSFELD. The manpower curve had already started down.