

Dr. WEINBERG. We have a director's account in our Laboratory which is rather a private matter.

Mr. DADDARIO. Just tell me privately.

Dr. WEINBERG. About one and a half percent, but it really isn't all that much that is within the control of the laboratory director. The AEC feels this is a very real problem and would like to do something about giving the Director additional leeway. The Commission feels that it is constrained because of the way the money is appropriated. Congress puts labels on its money and is very uncomfortable if money that is appropriated for something is used elsewhere.

I can understand the concern from the point of view of the Joint Committee, but I really think the laboratories should say, well, there is a certain cost of doing business at our laboratory and that cost is the director's kitty.

Mr. DADDARIO. What would it do to the quality of your laboratory if you were able to have such a fund?

Dr. WEINBERG. After the very kind things that Dr. Hornig said about me and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, I couldn't say anything but that it would remain as good as it is.

Mr. DADDARIO. Anything can be improved.

Dr. WEINBERG. But I would say that I think this more than any other single thing would give to the Laboratory a kind of flexibility and flare that really would make a very great difference.

Mr. DADDARIO. I recognize that there are problems here and that there must be some judgment as to how it ought to be done and with whom. It does appear, however, that for a relatively small percentage of the total funds expended that the quality of effort could be raised considerably.

Dr. WEINBERG. I agree completely, and if the Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Development can somehow put this across, I would say that it would be doing the Federal research picture a very great service.

Mr. DADDARIO. Dr. Weinberg, you talked about this irresponsible and mischievous redeployment with which I would agree and—

Dr. WEINBERG. I speak of massive redeployment there.

Mr. DADDARIO. Yes. I would not feel that there is support for the idea that the AEC laboratories are working themselves out of a job.

You talk about the tremendous hope that you have for the new breeder reactors and the effect it would have on our resources generally.

Then you look to the future and visualize the place of your laboratory. I would agree that this would be a proper and logical development, yet it will not come about unless we pay some attention to it now. What guidance can you give us as to whether you expect this to occur and in what way you conceive it coming about?

Dr. WEINBERG. Let me say that at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory we already have started co-opting social scientists. We have about five social scientists who work full time. These are mainly connected with the work on civil defense, but this summer we had chemists, agronomists, and sociologists, working with us on developing this new agro-industrial complex for desert areas. You ask how I visualize our acquiring a "social" floor; I think it will follow rather naturally from our involvement in problems that obviously have stronger social components.