

Senator CANNON. In other words, the AEC has given no indication that they propose to cut back from that \$53 million figure?

Mr. KLEIN. There has been no indication to that effect.

Senator CANNON. And if they do not, of course, cut back, that \$53 million figure would be quite adequate to go ahead with your \$39.5 million that you are talking about.

Mr. KLEIN. That is correct.

Senator CANNON. Now, just one final question, Dr. Paine. In view of the review that you have made of this and the fact that you do consider this such an important program, I am wondering if you would take another look at it to see if there is any possible chance of getting into this program another \$7 or \$8 million? As I told you, the chairman and I had initially been talking in terms of about a \$15 million add-in over your 32.5, and I am asking now if you would be willing to take another look at that and see if you think it is advisable. If you think it is advisable, can you try to find some funds go to in there?

Dr. PAINE. Senator Cannon, we have this whole program under monthly review and I certainly will accede to your request to take another hard look at this.

Senator CANNON. Thank you very much.

Mr. Chairman, that is all the questions I have at the moment.

SPACE BUDGET FOR 1970 DISCUSSED

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Hatfield?

Senator HATFIELD. Mr. Chairman, Senator Cannon, Senator Holland, first, I would like to say I am delighted to be on this committee and I have been assuring my friend, Mr. Webb, there is no relationship between his departure and my coming to this committee.

Mr. WEBB. None. Senator, I remembr when you were Governor, we had some discussions of the importance of these programs out in your State.

Senator HATFIELD. That is right. We enjoyed very much your visit there and you did much to stimulate the people of our State in thinking toward the type of educational programs that would add much to, I feel, the whole space effort.

I would like to refer to page 4 of Dr. Paine's testimony. In the second paragraph, and this is in line with Senator Cannon's questioning a while ago, Dr. Paine, you state: "I am personally convinced that the Nation's space program requires an increase of funding in fiscal year 1970 and I am hopeful that as we proceed with the preparations of the fiscal year 1970 budget, we will succeed in establishing the need for a significant increase."

I have two questions. One, on the basis of the objectives we were discussing a while ago, toward the world leadership role or toward utilization of our present capacities, what would be the ideal 1970 fiscal budget, as you refer to it here, and secondly, the amount of increase that would be necessary over the present approximately \$4 billion?

Dr. PAINE. Senator Hatfield, it is too early to make a definitive statement on that but in our preliminary looks at this, it appears to us that a 1970 budget on the order of \$4½ billion would be a first step