

Then that leaves two stations that we have maintained during the IGY—the Wilkes Station and the Ellsworth Station.

The CHAIRMAN. Do I understand that this is the recommendation of the Academy?

Dr. WEXLER. Of our committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, of the committee.

Dr. WEXLER. To the United States Government. With regard to these other two stations we have recommended continuance of the scientific program at the Wilkes Station on the Knox coast and at the Ellsworth Station on the Weddell Sea, continuance possibly in collaboration with Australia in the case of the Wilkes Station and Argentina, United Kingdom, or Chile, or all three if they wish to come in, for the Ellsworth Station on the Weddell Sea.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know what the recommendation has been for which funds have been requested? Has that been made public, Doctor?

Dr. ONSHAW. The program that the Committee on Polar Research has recommended is before you, and in accordance with your wishes this document was released to the press, too. That program includes these recommendations of the committee for these stations, including the points about Ellsworth and Wilkes where the committee's position is that scientific programs should be continued at those stations—if possible, of course, in collaboration and cooperation with the nations that Dr. Wexler mentioned, for reasons of economy. But, if not, the committee's position is that they should be continued by the United States.

The CHAIRMAN. In the recommendation to us on the budget, are there funds provided for these two stations to continue either with or without the cooperation?

Dr. ONSHAW. The Committee on Polar Research is working on the budgetary aspects which will include some funds for these two stations and this document will be submitted to the Government, the National Science Foundation specifically, in the near future in a final form as this work progresses. But there are, of course, logistics problems in terms of what logistics one might be able to secure from the Department of Defense.

This picture is not clear in our own minds. We do not quite know what the situation is on logistics for it.

The CHAIRMAN. That was going to be my next question.

Dr. GOULD. The question about logistics refers only to Wilkes and Ellsworth. The other is all assured, as you know, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. WEXLER. With the possible exception of the Beardmore, the question of obtaining buildings, etc., for the Beardmore would have to be studied by Task Force No. 43.

The CHAIRMAN. What arrangement, if any, or what decision has been made as a substitute for the McMurdo ice runway?

Dr. WEXLER. I guess they are hoping this will just freeze over.

Dr. GOULD. That is a \$64 question, Mr. Chairman, and it will call for sharp decision until Admiral Dufek is back.

If the bay ice does not freeze awfully thick this winter, our problem is going to be a very serious one. Presumably the bay ice will get thick enough so that the Globemasters can fly in very early, but it will mean that the flight season for supplying material by air drop