

I suppose, Dr. Gould, we might let you start.

I think, if you will permit interruption, it will be helpful for the record to just note who is here and your particular position in connection with this scientific program.

Dr. Gorria. I am Director of the USIGY Antarctic program, Dr. Laurence Gould.

Next to me is Hugh Odishaw, who is Director of the whole Geophysical Year program for the United States.

Next to him, Dr. Harry Wexler, who is a member of the Subcommittee on Antarctica and is the Chief Scientist for the Antarctic program.

Next is S. D. Cornell, Executive Officer of the National Academy of Sciences and next to him Dr. Wallace Joyce of the National Science Foundation, who has taken care of the responsibilities of the IGY within the National Science Foundation.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much. You may proceed now.

Dr. Gorria. With that identification I do like to record the appreciation of the Subcommittee on Antarctica for the report, Mr. Chairman, which your committee made about the International Geophysical Year after your journeys in the Arctic and the Antarctic. It is a document of which we are all proud and it is a document I use when the people write to me wanting to know about the IGY. I send them the one prepared under the aegis of your committee.

You have spoken in a friendly fashion about your journey to Antarctica. I had been there before but it was an education for me to go with you and your fellow Congressmen and to discover that congressional journeys are hard-working and productive efforts of considerable public import.

I was very much impressed with the penetrating questions that you and your fellow members asked and your desire to understand the scientific program, the difficulties and the ramifications of logistics support and all that is involved in the continuation of the kind of scientific program that has been carried out so successfully under the tripartite responsibilities of the Department of Defense through Task Force 48 of the Navy and the National Academy of Sciences and the National Science Foundation.

It is inevitable that, as we think of post-IGY activities, certain aspects would take precedence over others. This is particularly true of Antarctica.

In order to carry out a program in Antarctica; what we might call the lead time in making preparations is much greater than would be true anywhere else in the world and it was necessary to have decision regarding the continuity of the program in Antarctica earlier than elsewhere in the world.

From these remarks, it easily follows that we have proceeded further in planning for post-IGY activities in Antarctica than is probably true in IGY programs elsewhere.

I do not know how much time you have at your disposal or how detailed a report you would like me to give, Mr. Chairman. I have 21 typewritten pages here of absorbing, fascinating, interesting material. To me nothing is more interesting. I could read it to you or make some brief comments and solicit your questions.