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Dr. Killian outlined for the Leadership the various phases of future development (along the lines of the subsequent press release listing projects in the "soon", "later," and "much later" categories.)

Sen. Knowland complained about having to get his information about Space research from the Democratic Senator from Washington (Jackson) -- which was just as bad as having to learn from Mr. Symington anything there was to know about the Air Force.

The President was firmly of the opinion that a rule of reason had to be applied to these Space projects -- that we couldn't pour unlimited funds into these costly projects where there was nothing of early value to the Nation's security. He recalled the great effort he had made for the Atomic Peace Ship but Congress would not authorize it, even though in his opinion it would have been a very worthwhile project.

And in the present situation, the President mused, he would rather have a good Redstone than be able to hit the moon, for we didn't have any enemies on the moon!

Sen. Knowland pressed the question of hurrying along with a lunar probe, because of the psychological factor. He recalled the great impact of Sputnik, which seemed to negate the impact of our large mutual security program. If we are close enough to doing a probe, he said, we should press it. The President thought it might be OK to go ahead with it if it could be accomplished with some missile already developed or nearly ready, but he didn't want to just rush into an all-out effort on each one of these possible glamor performances without a full appreciation of their great cost. Also, there would have to be a clear determination of what agency would have the responsibility.

The Vice President reverted to the idea of setting up a separate agency for "peaceful" research projects, for the military would be deterred from things that had no military value in sight. The President thought Defense would inevitably be involved since it presently had all the hardware, and he did not want further duplication. He did not preclude having eventually a great Department of Space.

Presidential Disability Legislation - When Sen. Dirksen noted that a good many proposals were floating around the Senate, the President recalled that Mr. Rayburn had said that for his money there would never be a bill.

The President went on to say that he had been working with the Vice President on the matter. Of course, there would never be any reason for disagreement between them on this; but it seemed desirable to work it out in the best interests of the country -- on a personal basis. In addition, the President continued to want something on the statute book.

Mr. Rogers commented on one proposal on which he was consulted. It provided for an 8-man Commission, including the Vice President, Speaker, Majority and Minority Leaders. Mr. Rogers said he had had to comment