

Mr. Hardy. Actually you didn't have any choice, in my view. And you don't have to answer that. I tried to develop that with Mr. Ignatius, and, as a matter of fact, I inquired about the part the Systems Analysis people had played in this thing, and he gave me a song and dance and said that Mr. Enthoven's crowd didn't get into this deal. And he went on and said the Navy had set up a Board, as I recall it, headed by Captain somebody, to make an analysis of this. What I didn't get to say to Mr. Ignatius, did the Navy establish a Board to go into this thing from a Systems Analysis standpoint and make its own Systems Analysis of it?

Admiral Connolly. Yes, sir, we did.

Mr. Hardy. Who headed that Board?

Admiral Connolly. Rear Admiral Zumwalt.

Mr. Hardy. Somebody came up to me after the session was over and said -- and I don't know Admiral Zumwalt -- but said you just let Enthoven have it himself, it is his protégé, he don't do anything without him, and I don't know whether that is true or not.

Admiral Connolly. Absolutely not. Admiral Zumwalt did an outstanding job, that the VFX-1 was the way to go.

Mr. Hardy. I am glad you straightened me out on that, because I haven't had -- somebody told me he was a disciple of Enthoven.

Admiral Connolly. No, sir. Admiral Zumwalt has been an

at the tiger on this matter, and we have been negotiating
hot and heavy day after day since early in December, trying to
get things clear.

Mr. Hardy. I think Mr. Ignatius said he came up with a
full support of the hedge position -- wasn't it the hedge
position developed by Zumwalt's operation?

Admiral Connolly. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hardy. Well, I am just adding up a few things, Admiral
and as I said a while ago I don't want to embarrass you by
asking you some questions about this thing.

But I sort of get the feeling that you've got some
reservations about your support for the hedge position.

You don't need to comment on it.

Let me make my own conclusions, and I might be completely
wrong. I might have been completely erroneously advised about
Admiral Zumwalt's position, but I was told he was such a
protége of Enthoven he was just like having the same voice
speaking.

You know, you stick up for him, because that is a good
thing to do anyway.

Admiral Connolly. Mr. Hardy, I ask you to believe me, I
think Zumwalt is an outstanding, honest, fearless, competent
man.

Mr. Hardy. Don't you think that of Enthoven?

Admiral Connolly. He isn't in anybody's pocket.