

Chairman ROTH. That, No. 1 is what I am attacking, because my concern is, as you recall in my opening statement, is to try to develop the confidence and trust of the public when this type of release comes out.

I am just saying that as a public relations mechanism that I think it is wrong, it is controversial, it is provocative to try to say that because of this \$18.4 billion a better job is being done. I think you are probably right, that a better job is probably being done. I am not quarreling with that. I am quarreling with the perception, which is very important in this area, particularly in making this kind of statement.

Senator Cohen?

Senator COHEN. I was just going to add one thing. I wanted to yield to my other colleagues, because I have had a chance to question the witnesses. Again, Dr. DeLauer, I think what you are saying is "Congress is making us do this." If you do not like the SAR's, change them. We should require more information in the SAR's. One example involves the ALCM's. The SAR's presently state that you have had a net decrease in the ALCM program due to a quantity decrease. I would put an asterisk there and say at the bottom of the page, "Note, there will be increased costs due to higher classified stealth technology." What appears in the current reporting is, well, they are claiming decreases when, in fact, it may be a decrease on this particular aspect, but it is going to cost a lot more when we get more production of the other one. What Congress and the public need is a full picture, so when the President gets to it, the President cannot say, "It is misleading the American people, it is going to cost more."

Well, if a weapons program is going to cost more, DOD ought to say so, and why, and change the report to the public.

Mr. THAYER. We took the opening statement—well, we did not—and still got hit last year for reporting a \$114 billion increase. The explanation for it, in a good many articles, just did not appear.

Mr. DELAUER. It did not appear.

Mr. THAYER. So I think the benefit of this discussion is that we can agree, I hope, that the SAR's need to be changed. [Laughter.]

Chairman ROTH. Amen.

Senator COHEN. I want to yield.

Chairman ROTH. I think you have used your time.

Senator SASSER. Mr. Chairman, how are we allocating our time for questioning today?

Chairman ROTH. The practice here is to take, the Senators in order, as they arrive at the hearing, which has been the established policy for the last 2 years.

Senator SASSER. Thank you.

Chairman ROTH. I will ask each person to try to limit it to 10 minutes, so each person has a full opportunity. Senator Rudman?

Senator RUDMAN. Mr. Chairman, thank you. I know in reading the transcript of the last 15 minutes of this hearing, you know, I have to digress, Mr. Chairman. It reminds me of the fellow who was trying to select a consultant. He asked two fellows in from two of the big firms, and he asked them the sample question: The question is, How much was 2 and 2, and they both said 4. He hired the