

to hold a slight advantage of leadership over Soviet and other Warsaw Pact military forces.

Senator LEVIN. Last question, my time is up.

Mr. Secretary, you have said that one of your initiatives, or one of the Carlucci Initiatives, is to budget to most likely costs.

We recently heard from Mr. Spinney on that issue. He came over to a joint meeting of the Armed Services Committee and the Budget Committee and made a statement that we are still not doing it.

I know that there is a dispute on that issue as to whether we are doing it or whether his statement was correct.

My question doesn't relate to that. It does relate to an article in Time magazine of March 7, which says that because of his testimony, Mr. Spinney had been taken off broad program analysis and assigned to study nitpicking details.

Have Mr. Spinney's duties been changed in the last month?

Mr. THAYER. Mr. Chu is here, I will let him answer that.

Mr. CHU. No, sir, his duties have not been changed in the last month. He is assigned to the same section since he came to the Pentagon or to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, in 1977.

Senator COHEN. Does he still have his parking space?

Mr. CHU. I don't know whether Mr. Spinny has a parking space or not. Maybe he carools or takes a bus.

Senator LEVIN. So there has been no change in his work or duties?

Mr. CHU. The particular focus of any staff member's responsibility changes and evolves over time through different projects. Over time, as you know, in the last administration, was a complement of the work Mr. Spinny did on a project called "Facts of Life". Then he went on to a subject of the Senate Armed Services Committee on testimony. He will obviously work on other projects over time.

Senator LEVIN. When was the last change in his project?

Mr. CHU. If I recall correctly, late last year sometime.

Senator LEVIN. So there has been no change in the last year since then?

Mr. CHU. Not that I am aware of.

Senator LEVIN. Would you be aware if there were a change?

Mr. CHU. I try to check the record. I do not check with everyone of the 80 staff members every morning, sir.

Senator LEVIN. I do not think that Mr. Spinney is every staff member—or that he can be identified that way. Dr. Chu, if there had been a change in his duties, would you know about it.

Mr. CHU. There has been no change in his duties since late last year.

Senator LEVIN. Thank you.

Senator COHEN [presiding]. Gentlemen, we are going to have to move on to get to the other witnesses because we have a vote on, but I would like to make a couple of points. With respect to the question from Senator Bingaman about the two aircraft carrier cancellations, we did have testimony this week in the Armed Services Sea Power Subcommittee that that would involve several billion dollars in canceling. They are projecting to save some \$780 billion by procuring both at the same time. To the extent that you would have canceled them, you would have to incur the cancella-