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After talking to Cedarberg today, it struck me that the case that we make individually and cumulatively in these various documents and meetings have got to be designed to fit the circumstances.

I came away with the impression that the Armed Services Committee and the Defense Appropriations Committee and other friends of Defense have got to be assisted in becoming equipped to argue that first case with the budget Committee and then with the Membership as a whole. If I am right but last year the Budget Committee's approach with Defense and the DOD approach with the Budget Committee was essentially one of economics as opposed to the alternative approach which would be that there is a threat, there is a certain capability that is needed for Defense and deterrents and that capability is a base around which other things are then done if in fact you value freedom and reasonable world stability above marginal increases in other domestic programs.

The second point is they have got to be armed to discuss the fundamental defects in the process. If not defects, maybe the proper word is the biases that the process in and of itself reflects.

One example is as Inouye said, Muskie last year repeatedly would say that this is the first resolution, there is a reclinma process, there is an adjustment later, I don't have the facts to defend these things, these are basically correct, and we need your support for the process to work and there is no way to argue that.

We have got to argue the importance of that decision that the budget Committee is making and elevate it. I think that for my own use I ought to look at either all or some of the debate from the floor during that resolution so I can see how the issues are raised and debated. I probably ought to look at the Q&A's from Schlesinger's posture statement presentation from last year. I have already looked at his presentation to the Budget Committee, because it is only from an analysis from that and then relating it to today that you can begin to develop the argumentation that you will want to use.

