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# Defense Policy - Past, Present & Future

Introduction - Texas Longhorn story  
Rising - mentally dependent story

Bill Cramer -

Democratic Party in Michigan - 1960

## NATIONAL DEFENSE

### PREPAREDNESS HISTORY

a) Post W.W. I - Army + Navy reduced  
Budgets slashed

b) Pre W.W. II - G.I. training with bromethols  
+ stove pipes

c) W.W. II - 15 million in service  
\$70 - \$80 billion annual Defense budgets

d) Post W.W. II - 1.5 million in service  
\$13 billion budget  
Cutback in Air Force wings  $\frac{48}{70}$   
Elimination of ballistic missile  
programs.



e) Korea - 4,5 million in service  
Many hauled back in part after  
of W, W, II  
\$40 billion Defense budget.

f) Post Korea - 3 million in service  
Army -  
Navy -  
Air Force -

Should the "Record be examined" in the political arena?

YES - Citizens must make a choice as to which  
political party should determine Defense Policies  
The Dems should discuss our 5 yrs in White House & we that 20 yrs  
Patrick Henry - "I know of no way of judging  
the future but by the past."

Al Smith - "Let's look at the record."

① When Vanguard  
failed Dems blamed  
Republicans  
When Army launched Explorer  
Dems complained  
② It's a good thing Army got a U.S. Satellite up so  
members of Congress can get  
feet on ground.



## Questions -

1). Who controlled the White House & The Congress prior to W.W.II & whose lack of leadership resulted in inadequate military forces, poorly equipped & setting "decks" for the attack at Pearl Harbor & the initial campaigns.

2). Who controlled The White House after W.W.II & during the Korean War & who controlled the Congress prior to & during the Korean War & as a result must assume responsibility for our 1) inadequate forces, 2) ammunition shortages 3) reliance on W.W.II recalls.

3). Who was President & who was Asst. Sec. of War for his Corps & later Sec. of Air Force when we first & only, at that time, ballistic missile program was cancelled.

4). What is basic problem in U.S. ballistic missile program.

5). Who controlled the Congress & cut President Eisenhower's Defense budget in 1957 by over \$2 billion.

W.W.II

Korea

Truman  
Symington

Satellite

Budget Cuts



When

Yes, we could go on indefinitely, but let me mention just one or two other items.

\$1 million - '53  
1 billion - '57

a) In F.Y. 1953 which was last Truman budget U.S. spent only \$1 million on long range ballistic missiles. In 1957 U.S. spent \$1 billion - a 1000 times as much.

\$3.6 - '52  
57/58 - '53

b) F.Y.s 1945 - 1952 The Truman Administration obligated \$3.6 for IRBMs + 1 CBMs. U.S. is spending ~~that much~~ \$3 billion this year & more next year.

Let's talk about the apparatus -

Our missile program - Thor  
Jupiter  
Atlas  
Titan  
Polar

Satellite Program - "statements"  
"future"

Turning -

