

WELCOME ADDRESS

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I wish to welcome all of you to this, the Second Annual Arctic Planning Session, sponsored by the Terrestrial Sciences Laboratory of the Geophysics Research Directorate. We are pleased to have this opportunity to present the preliminary results of the 1959 arctic research program, to plan with you for 1960, and to explore possibilities for further joint participation with other agencies engaged in related arctic research. We invite you to participate in these discussions so that we all may contribute to, and benefit from, the Planning Session.

The first Planning Session, held last November, proved highly successful from our point of view. Responses from participants indicated that the discussions and exchanges of information were valuable to their respective agencies in subsequent planning of arctic research.

Many opportunities for joint participation were identified and explored. Largely as a result of last year's Planning Session, we in GRD were able to implement arctic research programs jointly with ten separate agencies of the Departments of the Navy and Army, as well as with the Geophysics Branch of the Defence Research Board of Canada. We feel that such common pooling of scientific and logistics resources in arctic research results in greater benefits to all participants and we look forward to continuing these valuable relationships.

We wish to serve not only the needs for coordinating arctic research but the operational requirements in the Arctic as well, and hence we solicit expressions from those representatives of AF Operational Commands on ways by which our arctic research efforts may better serve your immediate as well as your future needs.

In the event time permits, you are cordially invited to visit the Geophysics Research Directorate at L. G. Hanscom Field in Bedford, Mass. I hope that your experiences at the Planning Session will be both pleasant and profitable. Thank you.