

- I. The need for science to be free from governmental intervention where there exists valid scientific controversy.

The power of government is awesome. It must be wielded with discretion as well as tact, with equity as well as understanding. Partisanship by government throws what can be overwhelming weight into the balances of scientific exchange. Such partisanship fosters positions which are both dangerous and incomprehensible.

After repeatedly seeking the raw UGDP data since 1971, our Committee most recently received a letter from Dr. Whedon of the National Institutes of Health, dated January 27th, stating: "To my knowledge, no one in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has ever had any of the raw data of the UGDP study." In effect, this data is not available to the experts of our Committee.

Despite our inability to obtain UGDP raw data, we did obtain the Biometric Society report this past Tuesday which states:

"Dr. C. Klimt, the Director of the Coordinating Center, and his staff provided extensive tabulations and original data of the UGDP trial."