

the treatment of obesity and my thoughts in regard to the applicability of these drugs in clinical medicine.

It is a particular honor to discuss these matters with you, Senator Nelson, one of the truly distinguished citizens of my home State.

By way of introduction, Biometric Testing, Inc., is an independent testing laboratory, engaged in clinical research performed for the food, drug, cosmetic, and chemical industries on a contract basis.

As a recognized clinical pharmacologist with over 20 years of experience in drug research and development, my technical function is to design appropriate studies on test products, closely monitor their progress, evaluate responses to the test products and provide a comprehensive interpretation of the data obtained.

I should emphasize that I am a researcher and do not practice medicine.

Our list of sponsors includes a wide spectrum of large, intermediate, and small firms. Of particular interest is our work for the small drug manufacturers. It is probable that we have conducted more bio-availability comparisons with generic drugs than any other research group in the world.

We are well known by both the industry and the Food and Drug Administration for our work in this field.

Senator NELSON. How many personnel do you have, and what are their credentials?

Dr. JOLLY. We have about 30 right now.

Senator NELSON. Thirty?

Dr. JOLLY. About 30.¹

Well, actually my associate, he is an internist and gastroenterologist.

Senator NELSON. You have an internist and a gastroenterologist?

Dr. JOLLY. Yes.

We also have many physicians who assist us. There are specific tests, let us say we have a phase I test of a new drug, which requires constant physician monitoring, we will have outside physicians come in routinely.

We have dermatologists who will do skin work.

Senator NELSON. These would be specialists who are practicing, but are not employees of Biometric Testing?

Dr. JOLLY. That is right.

Senator NELSON. And who work on a contract basis?

Dr. JOLLY. Yes.

Senator NELSON. Within your own organization, how many full-time employees do you have?

Dr. JOLLY. About 30.

Senator NELSON. What scientific, medical, and pharmacological specialties are represented?

Dr. JOLLY. At one time we had two nurses. We have a full-registered nurse, and at one time we had two, but our business decreased, and we have one now.

Senator NELSON. Full-time internist?

Dr. JOLLY. The internist, Dr. Tessler, is on call at all times, but he is not on the premise at all times.

Senator NELSON. Does he have a practice?

¹ Dr. Jolly subsequently submitted the following: "Actual count 25."