

I hope and pray that this statement has some effect on the present situation in dealing with the leniency of giving out pharmaceutical prescriptions.

I believe strongly that although restrictions may be tightened because of the outcome of this investigation, this alone will not solve or even help solve the drug problem in this country, until individuals—drug users—are dealt with individually as part of this society and not as a problem that everyone wishes they could sweep under a rug and be rid of.

The drug addicts, when dealt with, need to see and understand what the truth really is about this life here and to feel that they are a part of something. I feel the only cure for the individual to be able to see the real truth in life would be for someone to lead him or her to the truth of Jesus Christ.

[End of Mr. B's statement.]

Now, I talked to Mr. Gordon on the telephone, and I asked him if he could be a little more specific on some of the situations, in that he would not be appearing here for cross examination, and so there is another page, a subsequent page he has written up.

[Mr. B continues:]

The doctor's office, at all times, would be packed with young people ranging in age from 18 to 35 or 40. From their conversations I could tell what their motive was for seeing the doctor.

All of them were after prescriptions for speed, of which this was phenmetrazine.

The people there were from different cities, Boston, Fall River, Brockton, and so forth. They traveled from all over to this doctor. How did they find out about this particular doctor?

News in the street travels fast.

The other doctor who gave out biphethamines also had an office packed with patients, but he also had some older folk that were there for reasons other than to obtain speed.

The people there for prescriptions for speed greatly outnumbered the older patients. I learned from being in this con game with doctors that there were various other ways to get other prescription drugs from doctors.

For example, in order to get a certain drug, you would have to have a certain story for the doctor to believe, but not everybody knew these stories.

I am talking about barbituates and Delada now. These stories would cost money along with certain doctors' names. I am just trying to show how easy it is for someone that is a good con to be able to get what he wants from certain lenient doctors.

Also all of these doctors kept records of these visits for the Government or the medical association to inspect if ever necessary, so I see that it is not only the doctors that are lenient but the people that are over them also.

Most people using speed in the street do not see themselves as drug users because they are usually house mothers, college students studying for exams or just the good people in society that are very social.

This speed, which they do not call it, is just something to pick them up; it does not make them silly or incapable of doing work, but in fact helps them. They do not realize its potency and effect on their lives until it is too late.