

It was then sold, presumably through legitimate channels to pharmacies on the Mexican side of the Mexican border.

At that time, it was sold in the illicit traffic, smuggled into the United States through the South, the Southeast, and Southwest, primarily, it appeared at truck stops.

The pharmacies were identified during Operation Blackjack, the truck stops were identified, and many of the traffickers that were not apprehended were identified.

It is at this point with Ionamina, that we see a very deadly parallel.

Ionamina is manufactured in the United States, it is exported to Mexico, it is encapsulated in their plant in Mexico, recent investigations show that it has gone to the same pharmacies which we identified in 1971 and 1972, being brought into the United States, through the Southeast, the Southwest, and, again, we have very, very similar circumstances, as we had with Biphetamina in regards to Ionamina, and at this time, we also brought with us Mr. John Myer, from our Chicago laboratory.

Mr. Myer has brought an exhibit which he must maintain custody of due to the fact that this is still a criminal investigation, so at this time, we would like to show the chairman one exhibit from one case made in the Midwest United States, which is still under investigation.

We have a suspected source identified, so if we could at this time——

Senator NELSON. And these are all Mexican manufactured?

Mr. VOYLES. Mexican manufactured, yes.

Senator NELSON. It is all Ionamina?

Mr. VOYLES. Yes, sir, and if you would like to have some comparison between domestic manufacture and U.S. manufacture——

Senator NELSON. They look identical.

Mr. VOYLES. The only difference that we have on the Mexican manufacture, on the capsule, it has RJS.

On the U.S. manufacture, it has the Pennwalt logo.

Senator NELSON. How many tablets are involved?

Mr. VOYLES. This is one exhibit in a case. It is not the only exhibit.

Senator NELSON. But this came in what way into the country?

Mr. VOYLES. This is a criminal investigation that was conducted by our office in Indiana.

Senator NELSON. And this is all picked up in one batch?

Mr. VOYLES. Yes, sir.

Senator NELSON. What is the street value of these?

Mr. VOYLES. Sir, the street value runs approximately \$1 to \$1.50.

Senator NELSON. A tablet?

Mr. VOYLES. Yes, sir, and we have roughly 20,000 dosage units here.

Senator NELSON. And how much of this product has been picked up moving illicitly in this country in a particular period?

Mr. VOYLES. I cannot give you a definite answer on that.

We have several exhibits, which have come into our laboratories of this product.

I just cannot give you a figure.

Senator NELSON. You do not have a total?

Mr. VOYLES. No, sir.

Senator NELSON. And this is all Ionamina?

Mr. VOYLES. Yes, sir.

Senator NELSON. Where does the compound start out?