

border. He did not know what the size was, as he was not working in that area, but he had heard that a number of capsules contained in one box had been sugared.

I offered my cooperation to come down to discuss the situation with him. I went over the controls that we had put in effect voluntarily on the drug in Mexico City. There are no such controls in Mexico as we have in the United States. In Mexico City, as you know, there are no such controls.

We had put in our own quota system, and I said I would offer 100-percent cooperation, and if it need be, I will take the product off the market.

That was my conversation.

Senator NELSON. What was the last sentence?

Mr. McGRAW. If need be, I will take it off the market down there—Mexico.

That is not a quote, Senator. I was not expecting to hear this information this morning, because this is the first time I had any knowledge of it.

Senator NELSON. Mr. Rody said testimony—well, his testimony will speak for itself.

Of course, we do have the recorded record, but as I listened to it, I thought it was unequivocal that Mr. Rody in testifying said that Pennwalt had offered to stop shipping Ionamine to Mexico, and that he said we accept that offer, is that correct or not?

Mr. McGRAW. That was not the offer made, sir.

I offered to take the product off the market in Mexico if we could not control it there.

I offered to cooperate with the DEA in anyway possible, offered to come to Washington at their convenience.

Senator NELSON. All of the Ionamine that your company sells in Mexico is shipped from the United States, or is so fabricated elsewhere?

Mr. McGRAW. No, sir, we ship.

It is a resin compound of phentermine.

We ship the resin from Rochester, N.Y., to Mexico City, where it is mixed with other ingredients, and it is encapsulated, bottled, and distributed through legal channels in Mexico.

Senator NELSON. Just so I have it clear in my mind, so far as your company is concerned, is all of the material sold in Mexico the same sort of compound sold here in the United States?

Mr. McGRAW. That is correct, Senator.

Senator NELSON. What did you exactly mean when you said a few moments ago that you had this conversation, and that you would take it off the market, if necessary, what does that mean.

Mr. McGRAW. Well, at that time, Senator, we had no factual evidence.

I was working without factual evidence. I was offering to cooperate.

I was asking if it was fact. Mr. Durrin said he had heard, the figures he gave me of the number of capsules, were in line with the figures I had seen, and the article I had read, and thus I offered to come down to Washington at his convenience to check into the matter with him.