

masks the fatigued state of the body and cannot fully restore the sensory perception and reflex action which has been lost through fatigue.

I am sure the Subcommittee is most interested in the precise number of people in this country who habitually use these drugs. Unfortunately, neither I nor any investigator I know can give you precise numbers. All any of us can give you will be projected numbers based upon various surveyed populations. With such a qualifier clearly understood, let me give you the numbers our research would suggest. Assuming our some 35,000 people are representative of everyone in the country, we would project the following:

- Some 6,000,000 people above the age of 13 have used amphetamine "pep pills" with some 1,500,000 having done so recently and some 750,000 being current regular users of these drugs.
- Some 12,000,000 people above the age of 13 have used amphetamine "diet pills" with some 3,000,000 having done so recently and some 1,500,000 being current regular users of these drugs.
- Some 16,000,000 people above the age of 13 have used non-prescription stimulants of whom as many as 3,000,000 having done so recently. Probably as many as 500,000 people use one of the non-prescription stimulants every week.

As I indicated in my introductory remarks, I would also like to share with the Subcommittee my recent experiences in interviewing known