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Region 3 - Philadelphia

The Region 3 Intelligence Unit has nothing to indicate legitimately produced amphetamines are available in the illicit traffic. Cooperating individuals have not furnished any worthwhile information indicating any availability of amphetamines from legitimate channels. There is readily available throughout the Region clandestinely manufactured amphetamines and methamphetamines in bulk form.

A major Pennsylvania amphetamine manufacturer was the subject of an employee theft in April, 1974. It was determined that he had taken a minimum of 120,000 dosage units.

State and local law enforcement laboratories were contacted regarding the availability of amphetamines. Seven laboratories were contacted which showed that a total of 333 amphetamine exhibits were analyzed between January 1, 1976, and October 8, 1976. Of the total, 223 (or 66.9%) were considered to be from legitimate sources. The attached chart sets forth additional information concerning these exhibits.

Six dispensing physicians were inspected in order to determine their adherence to the indications of short term use of amphetamines not to exceed 21 days, as established by FDA, for the treatment of obesity. The following chart provides a composite obtained from the six physicians.