

thing and selling it in that country in violation of its laws, what can we in the United States do about that, other than publicize it?

Dr. SILVERMAN. It is my understanding that there is nothing that the Food and Drug Administration or the U.S. Congress can do.

Senator BEALL. Why is not the United Nations' World Health Organization more active in this field?

Dr. SILVERMAN. I think this is a matter that Dr. Wegman can address with much more competence than I, Mr. Chairman.

Senator BEALL. All right; we will wait for his testimony.

Dr. SILVERMAN. Incidentally, one internationally famed health educator, Dr. Jose Felix Patino, the former Minister of Health in Colombia, put it this way to us. He said, "U.S. manufacturers would be put to shame if the U.S. public knew how they are promoting their products in Latin America."

Colombia is only one of the countries that has perfectly clear laws on the books. The other three are El Salvador, Honduras, and Panama. Even within some of the multinational companies, top medical scientists are beginning to discover the situation for themselves, and they have told us that they are appalled to find what their own firms have been doing. I believe that when this record is disclosed to company boards of directors and to company stockholders, at least some of them, too, will be appalled.

Senator BEALL. In order to make sure we actually have the record clear, what percent of these drugs that we are talking about this morning are produced in the United States and what percent are produced in wholly owned and partially owned subsidiaries in South America?

Dr. SILVERMAN. So far as I am aware, Mr. Chairman, none of them is produced in final dosage form in the United States.

Senator BEALL. They are all produced elsewhere?

Dr. SILVERMAN. I understand that they are put in final dosage form and bottled elsewhere.

Senator BEALL. Would that mean that the FDA would have no authority over them at all since they are not produced here in final dosage form?

Dr. SILVERMAN. That is my understanding, Mr. Chairman.

Senator BEALL. So there is no way anybody in the United States can reach these drugs, legally.

Dr. LEE. The only way I think that anything can be done by the FDA, Mr. Chairman, would be if the Agency for International Development provided a loan or a grant for the purchase of drugs in the United States, which then would be shipped to a Latin American country.

Senator BEALL. And put in final form.

Dr. LEE. The drugs would be put in final form in the United States and shipped abroad.

Senator BEALL. I see.

Dr. LEE. We would have to find out from AID how much of that is done, but I would question whether much of it is done.

Senator BEALL. Would the FDA have authority over any drug put in final form regardless of where it goes in the United States?

Dr. SILVERMAN. In the United States? Yes, sir, I believe it does.

Dr. LEE. Yes, sir.