

I can give the source for that, which is a newspaper report from Brazil.

Senator JAVITS. What is the newspaper?

Mr. LEDOGAR. I will give you that in a second. It is *Diario do Comercio*, Belo Horizonte, May 3, 1975.

Senator JAVITS. A local paper?

Mr. LEDOGAR. Yes.

Senator JAVITS. And that was an accusation, of course. You have no other proof than that, have you?

In other words, the newspaper said so and that does not prove it.

Mr. LEDOGAR. The newspaper reported the statement made in Parliament.

Senator JAVITS. A parliamentary flap over it?

Mr. LEDOGAR. That is right.

Senator JAVITS. But that is the total proof, is that right, that you have?

Mr. LEDOGAR. Yes; what I have is the newspaper report about the parliamentary inquiry in Brazil.

Senator JAVITS. Related to the parliamentary inquiry and that is the total evidence that you have that backs up your statement?

Mr. LEDOGAR. That is the evidence I have.

Senator JAVITS. Well, I think it is only fair to make clear what the evidence is so that we do not accept a statement of fact as being a fact because it is, as far as I can see, a newspaper report on the charges.

Mr. LEDOGAR. I know of no evidence that the charges were ever denied.

Senator JAVITS. They never denied them, is that right?

Mr. LEDOGAR. Not to my knowledge.

Senator JAVITS. That does not prove it.

I happen to be a lawyer, and I just want to be fair in anything you say.

I am not in any way challenging you, but I do think it is important to have the basis set forth on the record, that is the basis for your statement.

The other thing that interests me about this is your own statement that any one of these countries could deal with the situation, could it not?

For example, you say in Brazil there is a very promising effort to produce 400 basic medicines and so on which was emasculated, et cetera, and the fact it was openly resisted by foreign-owned firms, again it is nothing wrong with openly resisting if they think it is wrong.

You say in this case they prevailed, but is that not the fault of Brazil?

What do you want the United States to do about that?

Mr. LEDOGAR. Senator, there is a general U.S. foreign policy favoring the interest of the multinational firms.

I cannot prove that the United States exerted pressure in this case, but there is the general climate. Everyone in the Brazilian Government knows that policies restricting business practices and unfavorable to the interest of multinationals are not generally looked upon by the U.S. Government as in the good interest of the mutual relations between our countries.