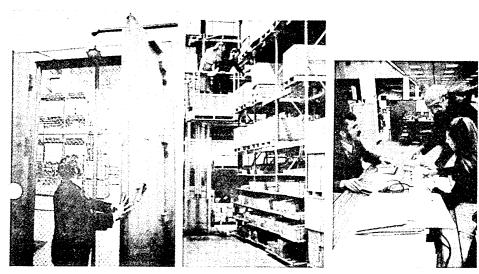
## 16724 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY



' thick distribution vault for Schedule II substances. Inside the distribution vault.

An audit of accountability.

limited in the resources they can devote to handling this number.

In keeping with DEA's legislative mandate, DEA is devoting all possible attention and resources to this problem. Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with 45 States and the District of Columbia delineating Federal/State roles. We have also developed a State criminal investigative operation targeted against willful retail registrant diversion. This operation, called the Diversion Investigative Unit (DIU) program is DEA supported, State run and State manned.

Another example of DEA's Federal/State cooperative effort involves the assistance afforded by DEA in the development and implementation of individual State Mini-DAWN Networks.

Additionally, a Voluntary Compliance Program has been established. This program has direct responsibility for coordinating DEA's efforts to obtain self-regulation from State regulatory agencies, health professionals and their respective associations. This program is aimed at increasing registrants' efforts to prevent diversion and to direct their interest in upgrading their level of self-regulation and self-enforcement.

The Office of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs also maintains the following three unique computerized systems:

## 1. Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN)

Project DAWN (Drug Abuse Warning Network) is a federal program initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration to assist the government in identifying and evaluating the scope and extent of drug abuse in the United States. DAWN, jointly funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) includes over 900 different facilities which supply data to the program. The original design and development of the program was conceived by the scientific staff of the Office of Science and Technology in the Drug Enforcement Administration. The system is used as a means to assist the officials and others concerned with the problems of drug abuse to identify the parameters of the drug abuse phenomenon. DAWN represents a continuing and dynamic effort that will be constantly reviewed and modified to obtain more precise information upon which regulatory decisions can be based.