

Dr. Goddard does address himself to that question in a little more detail——

Senator JAVITS. Later on, yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator NELSON. You might as well proceed with your statement on that question.

Dr. GODDARD. Mr. Chairman, we appreciate this opportunity to clarify our position with respect to marihuana.

As evidenced by the attention given by representatives of Government, the press, and the professions, it is plain that the increasing use of marihuana is a matter of national concern. I am aware, Mr. Chairman, that statements attributed to me, but which I did not make, have caused additional concern. Let me clarify the record in this regard at the very outset.

I did not say that I would not object to my daughter smoking marihuana.

I did not, and I do not, condone the use of marihuana.

I did not, and I do not, advocate the abolition of controls over marihuana.

I did not, and I do not, propose "legalizing" the drug.

With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I would like to call your attention to one point which arose as a result of an erroneous news dispatch from Minneapolis on October 17. I was reported to have stated that I would not object any more to my daughter smoking marihuana than if she drank a cocktail.

The news dispatch was not correct and Mr. Julius Frandsen, vice president and Washington manager of United Press International, has written me a letter acknowledging error by the United Press International. With your permission, I would like to insert a copy for the record.

Senator NELSON. A copy of the letter?

Dr. GODDARD. Yes, sir.

Senator NELSON. Would you read the letter?

Dr. GODDARD. I can read two paragraphs or the entire letter.

Senator NELSON. Read whatever you think is pertinent.

Dr. GODDARD. Well, I think two paragraphs are most appropriate, and the entire letter I would like to submit for the record.

Senator NELSON. We will print the letter in full in the record.

(The information referred to follows:)

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL,
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Dr. JAMES L. GODDARD,
Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR DR. GODDARD: Following my return from a trip, I have been belatedly looking into the circumstances of our dispatches from Minneapolis on October 17 and 18. I find we owe you an apology.

I refer to the UPI dispatch which began, without qualification:

"Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Dr. James Goddard says he would not object to his daughter smoking marijuana any more than if she drank a cocktail."

Unfortunately, no complete tape exists of your exchanges with reporters. The questioning began in an informal session in the front of the auditorium after your speech and no recording equipment was there. Equipment was set up in another room and only the ensuing proceedings at that place were taped.