

Senator NELSON. Is that the first letter of warning that was sent to the physicians?

Dr. LUECK. Mr. Chairman, I am informed that in 1952, the report from the National Research Council and the conclusions drawn from this report by the Food and Drug Administration were disseminated to the physicians in the United States, in 1952.

Senator NELSON. What information was disseminated at that time, sir?

Dr. LUECK. The National Research Council report of 1952, plus the conclusions that the Food and Drug Administration arrived at as a result of that report.

Senator NELSON. I will go back to that in a moment. But now that you mention the report, are you aware of what notice Parke, Davis sent to its detail men at that time?

Dr. LUECK. Am I aware of what, Mr. Chairman?

Senator NELSON. What information on that point was sent to the detail men from Parke, Davis at that time?

Dr. LUECK. No; I would not be specifically advised on that.

Senator NELSON. From the 1961 report of June 27—the hearing of the Committee on the Judiciary of the U.S. Senate, Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly, on page 196, it says:

The third item contains the following passage which the detail man was instructed to memorize and repeat verbatim to the physicians:

"Intensive investigation by the Food and Drug Administration carried on with the assistance of the Special Committee on imminent specialists, appointed by the National Research Council, resulted in unqualified sanctions of continued use of Chloromycetin for all conditions for which it had been previously used."

Do you see any warning there to the detail men to notify the physician that there were serious blood dyscrasia problems associated with the drug?

Dr. LUECK. Mr. Chairman, I would like to state a detail man would have these official labels with him and leave them when he talked to the physician.

Mr. GORDON. Dr. Lueck, I just tried to read it. You need a magnifying glass to read it. I could not read it.

Senator NELSON. The real point is at that time, even though the detail man may have had the insert—whether or not he gives it to the doctor, I do not know—but the instruction was to say that this study by the specialists of the National Research Council "resulted in unqualified sanction of continued use of Chloromycetin for all conditions for which it has been previously used."

Dr. LUECK. Which is in the labeling for the uses, Mr. Chairman, that are listed and described in the labeling.

Senator NELSON. I hope I am not misinterpreting this Kefauver report, but the National Research Council said in item 1 that certain cases of serious blood dyscrasia had been associated with chloramphenicol. The only point I am making is that in the instructions to the detail man, Parke, Davis did not say anything about that. They said the report resulted in an unqualified sanction of use of the drug.