

I will give you the names of the drugs that Dr. Miller gave us, and then will you give me a list of those proven cases that you know of where drugs meet U.S.P. standards but are not effective. Dr. Miller does not know of more than 14 or 15 cases. No witness from the industry knows of additional examples. I think I asked the PMA for examples when they testified for the first time and I did not get any. I am anxious to have it in the record. We are trying to do a fair job here. It would seem to me if you assert that certain drugs meeting U.S.P. standards are not therapeutically effective or equivalent, that you are bound to name them.

Dr. SLESSER. Mr. Chairman, I would respectfully suggest that the reverse is true. Before we can market a drug, we must test to make sure—

Senator NELSON. Just a minute, Doctor. You asserted this yourself. Now, if you make such an assertion, you must base it on some knowledge.

Will you give me the specific cases that you know, from your experience, or anybody else's experience, of drugs meeting U.S.P. standards that were not therapeutically effective beyond the list of drugs of a dozen or so that Dr. Miller and many other witnesses have talked about. You name me one.

Dr. SLESSER. Captain Pflag refers to a score or so.

Senator NELSON. Does he name them?

Dr. SLESSER. I think he can.

Senator NELSON. Really, I must say, Doctor—this is your business, this is your industry. I have been asking this question for weeks.

Dr. SLESSER. I will be happy to call him if you like.

Senator NELSON. If you assert that it is the case that drugs meeting U.S.P. standards are not therapeutically effective, I would think you would be prepared to say on what basis do you draw that conclusion, and name the case, the drug, the example. You are a scientist. I am not. But just as an ordinary lawyer putting in evidence, I would not make that assumption if I did not have the evidence to back it up. I could not sit there and say "This is the case, and you people prove it is not true."

Mr. CUTLER. Mr. Chairman, no one drug company has conducted these tests on every other product.

Now the Defense Department has conducted a number of tests. Captain Pflag—they said he has found a score or more. He would certainly respond to this committee.

Senator NELSON. I did not hear him say, "I found a score or more that met U.S.P. standards that were not therapeutically effective." Did he say that?

Dr. SLESSER. What he said is, "This, plus our complaint history on a score of select pharmaceuticals, indicated a dire need for pharmacological equivalence testing."

Mr. CUTLER. In other words, testing that goes beyond the U.S.P. tests.

Senator NELSON. Well, you did not answer the question I raised.

Mr. CUTLER. Sir; we do not know how to answer that question. Dr. Goddard can help answer it, the Defense Department can help answer it. We have given you 211 medical literature references, some of which