

Dr. HOEPRICH. Oh, I am sure that this can happen. I have to add, immediately, that I have never seen it happen. I suppose that does not mean anything, for any detail man whom I have talked with who represents Parke, Davis would know better than to tell me that chloramphenicol does not have anything to do with bone-marrow aplasia. I just find it difficult to evaluate that statement. It may be true, and if it is true, I cannot conceive of any mechanism for getting at it. You really cannot eavesdrop on a conversation between two people in a room. That is what it amounts to.

Mr. GORDON. But something should be done about it, if possible?

Dr. HOEPRICH. Yes, I think so; and the sales of this drug certainly far exceed the indications for its use. You can say that about a lot of other agents but the fact is we are talking about this drug.

Senator NELSON. Thank you very much, Doctor. Your testimony has been very useful, very constructive. We appreciate your taking time from your busy schedule to come here and testify. Thank you.

(Whereupon, at 12:40 p.m., the hearing was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.)