

to a local ——— doctor. Upon examination, he gave (no prescription) her a number of pills or capsules (which we later learned were Chloromycetin).

To make a long story short, she continued on until Labor Day, 1966, when she returned home very ill. Within a week she was in the hospital and her condition was diagnosed as aplastic anemia caused by the taking of Chloromycetin. She spent 8½ weeks in the hospital during which time she received about 60-70 pints of blood by transfusion.

Since her discharge from the hospital in November, 1966, she has had to return to the hospital every four weeks to receive 4 pints of blood by transfusion at a cost of \$100. to \$200. a month—this in addition to the original transfusions.

She was able to return to college in January, 1967, and by going to summer school last summer, is now into her last few months of college.

We have a living example in our home of a physician's negligence in the use of a powerful drug. We do not know what the future holds for Lois as she is soon going to be ready to apply for teaching positions, and we do not know *if* she will be hired with an incurable affliction—or *how* she will be able to manage "blood bills" on a normal salary. If another family can be spared the heartache we have felt and the expenses we have been faced with, we feel we must speak up in attempting to have this drug controlled.

The history of ——— case may be checked at the University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

Thank you for your courtesy in hearing us through to the end of this letter and we hope to learn of progress in the very near future in the control of the use of this potentially dangerous antibiotic.

Respectfully,

NAME WITHHELD.

COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
Philadelphia, Pa., February 19, 1968.

Re ——— of the Estate of ———, deceased, Civil Action No. ———, Our File: ———.

Senator GAYLORD NELSON,
Chairman, Senate Small Business, Monopolies Subcommittee,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: Our office represents ——— who died on June 25, 1967 at the young age of 25 as a result of two prescriptions for chloromycetin. I enclose herewith a certificate of death from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as proof of ——— demise and cause of death.

I have read with great interest the latest newspaper commentary regarding the investigation of your committee into the infamous history of the drug chloromycetin. As a consumer I wish to add my thanks for your courageous stand against the giants of the drug industry and wish you all the success in the future.

The main purpose in writing, Senator, is to inquire if any records of testimony by officers or executives of Parke Davis are available to the public in limited cases such as the one which confronts our office.

We would readily make available any and all information that we have compiled in pursuing the claim ———. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours,

NAME WITHHELD.