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Senator NELSON. If there is any part that you wish to extemporize on or summarize, you may do so. In any event, your full statement will be printed in the record.

Dr. ROTHERMICH. Thank you.

First, Senator Nelson, I would like to express my gratitude for your accommodating me. I know this is at some trouble. I am appreciative of it.

Senator NELSON. We are glad to do so.

Dr. ROTHERMICH. I did not have an opportunity to see the testimony of Dr. O'Brien and Dr. Mainland until, I think, Monday night. So this has been prepared since that time. I have reviewed it once and corrected it, but it is not as detailed as I would like it to be. However, I am satisfied that it carries my position and I think it will help to clarify it and I would like to read it.

Senator NELSON. Because you wrote it so hurriedly, if there is something you recollect subsequently that you would like to add to your statement, send it to the committee and we will include it with your statement.¹

Dr. ROTHERMICH. Thank you, sir.

I would like to say at the start that in requesting the privilege of making this statement for the hearing records, it is not my wish to subject you to a medical backyard brawl. I would like to make clear that I carry no ill will nor any personal animosity toward Dr. Mainland or Dr. O'Brien, who appeared before you last week. My work on indomethacin needs no defense or apology, and I assume that my reports in the medical literature are not on trial. I do believe that Dr. O'Brien made some unwarranted statements which, though assuredly unintentional, cast reflection on my professional integrity and competency. I should like to reply to those statements and perhaps offer additional comments which may help to clarify for you some points, both in my reports and elsewhere, which apparently have not been entirely understood.

Without intending any impertinence, I feel compelled also to offer a mild demurrer that the committee did not find it appropriate or desirable to invite me to appear before it, despite the acknowledged major influence of my reports in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

I am not a statistician and know little of the ways of such, but, as I will try to illustrate later on, it would seem that, contrary to a rather generally held impression, statistics is not an exact science. Furthermore, I am not a laboratory or test tube doctor, although I have a degree of experience with laboratory and animal experimentation. I am generally regarded, and consider myself to be, a clinical rheumatologist, engaged primarily in the medical examination and treatment of people. I am a full professor of clinical medicine at Ohio State

¹ See supplemental statement beginning at p. 3276, *infra*.