

Similarly, it is evident that certain other areas of concern require detailed analysis by appropriate agencies of the Federal Government.

The Task Force therefore recommends that the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare should call for a joint study by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and other Federal agencies to consider--

- (a) The substantial differences in the prices at which drug products are offered to community pharmacies and to hospitals and government agencies.
- (b) The substantial differences in the prices at which drug products are offered to American and foreign purchasers.
- (c) Revision of patent and trademark laws on prescription drugs.