

Instructor Anatomy: Harvard Medical School, 1952.

Advanced Surgery given at Massachusetts General Hospital by Harvard Medical School—1954.

Hospitals:

Senior Surgical Privileges at:

Cambridge City Hospital, 1954 to 1964

Melrose-Wakefield Hospital—1954 to date

New England Sanitarium and Hospital 1954 to date

Winchester Hospital—1954 to date

Surgical teaching staff at Cambridge City Hospital—1954 to 1964

Societies and Associations:

American Medical Association.

Massachusetts Medical Society.

Middlesex East District Medical Society.

Secretary, American Board of Abdominal Surgery.

Executive Secretary, American Society of Abdominal Surgeons.

Fellow, International College of Applied Nutrition.

Founder-Diplomate, International Board of Applied Nutrition.

American College of Gastroenterology.

American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Association of Medical and Allied Publications.

Institute for Advancement of Medical Communication.

American Medical Writers' Association.

Medical Society Executives' Association.

Phi Beta Pi (Honorary) Medical Fraternity.

Board of Governors, International College of Applied Nutrition.

Associate Editor, Journal of Applied Nutrition.

Director of Publications, Journal of Abdominal Surgery.

Executive Secretary, Clinical Congress of Abdominal Surgeons.

Fellow, American Geriatrics Society.

Leaders in American Science.

Who's Who in the East.

Secretary, Section on General Surgery, A.M.A. 1962-1965.

Advisory Board—Middlesex County National Bank 1966.

Official Observer, Apollo 8 Launch, December 21, 1968.

Elected Chairman Advisory Board—Middlesex County National Bank—January 1969.

Senator NELSON. Dr. Alfano, we are pleased to have you here today. You may proceed to present your statement in any way you desire. If you wish to depart from the text at any time to elaborate on any aspect of your statement, feel free to do so. Your full statement will be printed in the record, as well as any other extemporaneous comments you wish to make. I assume if we have some questions from time to time, you will not mind being interrupted.

STATEMENT OF DR. BLAISE F. ALFANO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ABDOMINAL SURGEONS, MELROSE, MASS.

Dr. ALFANO. Fine.

I wish to thank Senator Nelson and the members of the Monopoly Subcommittee for this opportunity to speak before the committee.

American medicine is known and acclaimed throughout the world as providing the highest level of medical care. This is so despite the statements of the detractors who quote the statistics of infant mortality. This is an area that needs improvement, to be sure, but the raw statistics do not necessarily indicate a weak spot in medical care; close evaluation most likely will reveal that other factors play a significant role.

Senator NELSON. Let me interrupt, Doctor, on the point of infant