

On the continuing dialogue we had on the defectiveness of advertising, did JAMA or the AMA News carry the story, and to what extent, on the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences' recommending filing with the Federal Register that chloramphenicol was not the drug of choice for any disease?

STATEMENT OF DR. EDWARD R. ANNIS ET AL.—Resumed

Dr. ANNIS. Do you know, Tom, whether they did or not?

Dr. HAYES. No, I do not know whether they did or not.

Dr. ANNIS. Was it given general currency?

Senator NELSON. On October 19, 1968, the FDA published in the Federal Register the results of the National Academy of Sciences' study on chloramphenicol. Copies of the reports—

Dr. ANNIS. I must admit, I did not see it in the medical or the lay press. That is the reason I did not know about it until just recently.

Senator NELSON. Well, the drug council of the AMA is advised forthwith of whatever goes in on drugs, is it not?

Dr. HAYES. No, we ordinarily do not receive any special notification from the Food and Drug Administration of its publication. We do, of course, review its pronouncements as published in the Federal Register.

Senator NELSON. I assume you review them on a regular basis, do you not?

Dr. HAYES. Not entirely. It depends on the substance of the announcement; also, in relation to what is our immediate concern at the time. We have taken this into account, that we are reviewing the background information on chloramphenicol for this book that was mentioned, and we are aware of the announcement and are awaiting further developments on it.

Senator NELSON. Here is a drug which has been receiving lots of publicity for better than a year, and the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences states its indicated use which is filed in the Federal Register, and the AMA knows the publicity all this has had and all this took place 5 months ago.

Dr. ANNIS. This might be a good example, of better publicity from some of these findings, Senator. I understood this morning, you said December.

Senator NELSON. October 19, 1968.

Dr. ANNIS. When was it published, do you know?

Senator NELSON. It was published in the Federal Register on October 19, 1968, according to the information I have.

Dr. ANNIS. My only point is, this is another good example that we had better step up lines of communication, especially on matters that are vital. I was not aware of it.

Senator NELSON. I would assume that any filing with the Federal Register by the FDA on a drug would be of great interest to the AMA.

Mr. HARRISON. May we see the notice?

Mr. GORDON. We do not have the notice here.

Senator NELSON. We just have the date on which it was filed.

Is there any question about that?

Mr. GORDON. No, no question about that.

Mr. HARRISON. I thought if we had a copy of the notice, we could see the purpose of the notice itself. As you know, some are just pub-