

As Mr. Harrison indicated, Dr. Ley has agreed to an interview with AMA News, for the specific purpose of a full disclosure of the most up-to-date information on chloramphenicol and its side effects. All this has already been done in the sense of establishing the rapport, the agreement for cooperation.

The only reason that it has not been done as the moment is because of the many responsibilities on the shoulders of Dr. Ley. He has made a couple of appointments to meet which have had to be postponed. I anticipate that much of the desired effects indicated by the Senator today will be accomplished, and the message will be gotten through various channels to more and more physicians.

In so doing, perhaps we shall get it down to the rare usage of this or any other drug. Their use will be limited to occasions when all indications are that it and only it is the weapon of choice against the invader of infection.

Senator NELSON. Thank you, Doctor. As I said earlier, I had not expected that I would cover as small an amount of the material I wanted to explore, and I made some other commitments. I think probably it would be helpful if I jotted a note on some of the other areas that I would like to have you comment on whenever we can arrange a future date that is agreeable with you.

I think 4 hours—more than 4 hours—is enough time for 1 day, anyway. So if it is all right with you, I shall not pursue any of the other questions I have, and we will work out some future date that is convenient to both of us.

Dr. ANNIS. Fine. If you will indicate the areas, Senator, as we have attempted to do in this presentation today. I do hope that you will have an opportunity to review some of the exhibits and the other material that we have. I do want to leave with you one we are very proud of. As I indicated, with a little prompting, I do not know for how many years, but for 14 years, we have had these continuing educational courses for physicians.

In all of these, we are dealing with these and similar problems. But these reflect, and I will see that it is given to the Senator, the continuing effort of the medical profession. We want to cooperate in every way possible to inform you and your committee as to what we are doing, what we are trying to do, our willingness to cooperate, as Dr. Ley well knows, with the Food and Drug Administration.

If there are particular areas which were not covered in the presentation, we will be very happy to provide answers.

Senator NELSON. I have a number and I will jot them down in a letter to you.

I want to thank you very much. I read all the exhibits and all your testimony this weekend. I always try to read in advance, so your effort at least was not wasted on me.

Thank you very much for coming here today. We appreciate your taking time to do so. I realize it is an imposition on you with your busy practice, but it is a valuable contribution to the record.

Thank you.

Dr. ANNIS. Thank you, Senator.

Senator NELSON. The committee is recessed until next Tuesday, March 25, at 10 a.m.

(Whereupon, at 4 p.m. the hearing was recessed, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 25, 1969, at 10 a.m.)