

Senator NELSON. And your responsibility as chairman of Panel 4 was in what area of drugs?

Dr. KUNIN. The drugs under our purview were penicillin G, streptomycin, sulfonamide, all of the various new penicillins, a number of antifungal drugs, and a number of minor drugs of lesser importance.

Senator NELSON. All the drugs were antibiotics?

Dr. KUNIN. Yes.

Senator NELSON. Were they all fixed combinations?

Dr. KUNIN. Fixed combinations were one small part of the entire package. Since Dr. Hewitt had the streptomycin and I had the penicillin, we decided that we had better collaborate concerning the combination of penicillin and streptomycin. After we had completed our considerations of penicillin and streptomycin combinations we submitted our draft to Dr. Hewitt, and he submitted his draft to us in turn. We found remarkable agreement between the two panels, and were able to synthesize our thoughts in a more or less composite paper which describes both combinations.

In addition, with the sulfonamides, we also collaborated with other panels.

All the panel chairmen know each other very well, and had met prior to the initiation of the proceedings of the panels, and they sort of staked out their areas and the areas of collaboration.

Senator NELSON. How many members were there on your panel?

Dr. KUNIN. Five members of each panel.

Senator NELSON. And has there been an announcement yet of the membership of the panel?

Dr. KUNIN. There has been no announcement except, I believe, to congressional committees. There will be a full disclosure of the names of the members of my panel and Dr. Hewitt's panel when the paper that I have here will be published in the New England Journal on May 22. I will be delighted to submit this paper to you. It gives you the findings of the panel which have been transmitted to the Food and Drug Administration.

The only question about the actual text of the paper, which is actually cited in my testimony in large part, is that it is obviously a responsibility of the editors of the New England Journal to have the first priority if some materials are published with them.

Senator NELSON. The committee would not ask you for the text. I think that the Journal and Dr. Ingelfinger are entitled to publish the papers first. So we do not ask you for a copy of that text.

Dr. KUNIN. Thank you.

Senator NELSON. Go ahead, Doctor.

Dr. KUNIN. I will just read a little bit. I will start at the back instead of at the front.

You have heard excellent testimony from Dr. Eichenwald and Dr. Kirby who were chairmen of other panels, both of whom are good friends of all three of us. And I suspect that we concur very closely with their points of view.

I would like to mention to you that there are some examples of combinations which might be rational. The reason I say this is that I had the opportunity to be in Uganda for the past month, and observed two combinations that might be of value.