

the facts about that drug. It is a matter of delivering to him information quickly and in a form that he will interpret accurately. To my mind, this is something that the profession, especially the American Medical Association, has an obligation to do.

And it strikes me that they are not living up to their own standards when they reject a paper, prepared by panels of distinguished authorities, stating that drugs that they are advertising are not efficacious.

And it strikes me as strange that the most distinguished and widely known medical journal in this country would decline to accept a scientific paper done by a group of scientists that convened to review the efficacy of drugs in the market place, among the most important at least, if not the most important, scientific papers on drugs in the market place ever presented in this country. Their scientific judgments should be made known so as to educate the profession, yet the Journal of the American Medical Association declined to accept a paper by that panel.

Senator DOLE. I have a few questions, Mr. Chairman. I have two other committee meetings to attend. I wonder if I might ask them?

Senator NELSON. Go ahead.

Senator DOLE. I am a new member of this subcommittee, and I am curious to know more about the panel. You are on what panel and how many members are on this panel that you serve on?

Dr. KUNIN. Panel No. IV. I hate to have a number like that. But it is a roman number. There are five members of the panel in addition to the chairman. That is true of all the panels, to my knowledge.

Senator DOLE. As I understand, it is like this committee, you understand, not many appear. There are several on this committee, but it is generally a one-man operation. What I am really trying to determine is whether or not the members of the panel themselves have the time to look into all the things you say have been done—or is it done by some staff person or persons, and then submitted to you as a panel, or do you approve these segments in absentia—just how does the panel operate?

I recognize that you are a very busy man. I don't know how you do it all.

Dr. KUNIN. I must say that one of the feelings of guilt that I have is that the work presented in this white paper was really prepared by the members of our panel themselves. And this is why it is so important to indicate in the publication and identify their names.

Senator NELSON. You say that because your name appears as the author?

Dr. KUNIN. No—

Senator NELSON. You mentioned a feeling of guilt.

Dr. KUNIN. That is right. Actually my name does not appear as the author, my name and Dr. Hewitt's name are simply in a footnote indicating that we were chairmen. We were very fortunate in obtaining a release from the National Academy of Science to identify the members of both panels. The panels worked very hard as individuals. My particular panel met, and all the panels actually met, on many, many occasions. The men did their homework in great detail. And some of them worked many, many hours on their individual assignments.