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STATEMENT OF DR. DANIEL X. FREEDMAN, PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILL.

Dr. Freedman. Thank you, Senator Nelson.

I think the hearings you have been holding bring into focus the consequence of advanced technology on our society. The question is whether we can take responsibility for the complexities—the mixed blessings-with which science and technology have endowed our net-

work of health systems.

Our culture makes a distinction between the healer and the trained physician. The physician applies scientific principles in a specific instance—in the individual patient. This is the exercise of clinical judgment-a responsbility which, in its fundamentals, we cannot yet surrender to the computer. Yet, whatever trustworthiness and skill the physician delivers in his own person, both he and the patient, in fact, depend upon a wide range of resources. Weighing risks and gains, the physician "programs" a sequence of these. The components of such health systems range from educational institutions to paramedical skills, to biomedical research and technology, to a bewildering variety of information systems, as well as a number of informal and formal mechanisms establishing standards. As we examine components of this health network, we must appreciate its overall articulations; a piecemeal approach threatens unanticipated consequences to the total system.

Thus, I hope that this committee can foster a concerted review of the total drug related aspects of our health systems—with the aim of