

There has been some confusion about the capacity in which other medical students and I would be testifying. I have a quote here from the PMA newsletter, volume II, No. 23, June 6, 1969, in which they write:

Although not yet announced by the subcommittee, the scheduled witnesses are four representatives from the Student American Medical Association.

There are no other medical students testifying for or at the request of the Student American Medical Association. I would hope that this would help avoid any further misinterpretation about my testimony as related to other students who have been invited or have requested to testify before this committee.

There seemed to be some misunderstanding by PMA—we do not understand how they got the information—in regard to who was testifying for our organization.

The first category in my testimony documents the activities of the pharmaceutical industry in medical schools and with medical students that we have been able to compile in our initial study. I have included 18 categories of materials which are provided by pharmaceutical companies mostly free and also mostly at the request of medical students in schools across the country. These are from preliminary discussions with students at this point at 46 different medical schools.

Senator NELSON. Forty-six medical schools?

Mr. MARTIN. Forty-six at this time; yes, sir.

In addition——

Senator NELSON. Does every medical school have a chapter of your organization?

Mr. MARTIN. No, sir.

Senator NELSON. How many do?

Mr. MARTIN. There are 87 chapters.

Senator NELSON. How many?

Mr. MARTIN. Eighty-seven medical schools do have SAMA chapters and seven do not.

Senator NELSON. All but seven do have chapters?

Mr. MARTIN. Yes, sir.

Senator NELSON. I see. How many members do you have?

Mr. MARTIN. If you include last year's seniors who graduated, not counting the incoming freshmen, 27,000 members.

Senator NELSON. 27,000?

Mr. MARTIN. Yes; of about 35,000 total medical students.

In addition to the above medical materials, arrangements are made at some schools for students in certain classes to visit the plants of pharmaceutical firms. This is mostly the case in the midwestern schools. It is our understanding that this entails the medical student providing his own transportation, with the company providing for room, board, and entertainment. Now, this offer is not taken by a majority of medical students in the schools like the University of Illinois where this is a big program. The medical student, intern, or resident may also receive any drugs, he or his family needs without cost from detail men. Medical students, in most cases, need to have prescriptions signed by licensed physicians for prescription drugs. Baby foods, Similac, and other baby supplies are usually available without cost when they are requested.