

And I might add here to provide further information to the testimony which Mr. Martin gave, that at our medical school, these gratuities, gifts, whatever you will, are distributed through the bookstore. I was informed by the bookstore manager that some years ago under a different chancellor the pharmaceutical industry approached our school through the chancellor asking if they could provide certain gifts to medical students.

At that time it was the decision of the chancellor that these had to be distributed through the bookstore to the students, that this was the only basis on which the industry was allowed to provide them. This has continued to today. All of these items are purchased by the individual drug company and delivered to our university bookstore which serves only to distribute the gifts to the students.

I make that point because the bookstore does not serve as a financial intermediary. In other words, there is no benefit to them. The manager only feels that he is providing a service to the students which is the purpose of the bookstore.

Senator DOLE. With reference to the distribution, in other words, you are not required to accept anything that may come to the bookstore, right?

Mr. PAYTON. This is correct.

Senator DOLE. So those who returned the gifts did accept the gifts in the first place?

Mr. PAYTON. Yes, I think that would be fair to say.

Senator DOLE. So they had already compromised their principles when they accepted the gifts.

Mr. PAYTON. No, I do not think that is fair to say, however. The question had to be raised, what is going to happen when these gifts are left in the bookstore?

Senator DOLE. Well, I mean——

Mr. PAYTON. They may be returned without the company knowing why they were returned. This is the reason why we picked up the gifts, put them together, composed a letter which we felt represented our opinions on the issue and returned them.

Senator DOLE. How long did you retain the gifts?

Mr. PAYTON. We received the gifts approximately November 1.

Senator DOLE. You are talking about these 25 students?

Mr. PAYTON. No, the entire class received them at this time.

Senator DOLE. Everybody took them? Do you know?

Mr. PAYTON. Yes, sir; as far as I know.

Senator DOLE. You are not positive?

Mr. PAYTON. No, sir. I have no information about that. The manager did not tell me if any instruments had not been picked up.

What we did at that point was bring the issue to the class. We began class discussions. I believe that I was actually the first person to suggest to the class that possibly the indications in the situation were that we should return the gifts.

Senator DOLE. That was when in relation to the time you received the gifts?

Mr. PAYTON. That was probably 3 weeks later. During that time, we had been trying to gather some information and put together a written statement so that we could develop the rationale for returning these gifts more completely. During the next 3 to 4 weeks, we published the letter to the Lilly Co., put it on the bulletin board for the