

to put together a series of six or eight programs, whether they be workshops or symposia, we are not sure, which will involve the students with individuals concerned with the present situation.

In other words, this may be medical professionals, pharmacists, probably some representatives who have contact with the industry. We are going to define specific topics and attempt at least to create an awareness and some sort of an educated decision about our relationship. I, again, refer to a point, later in my statement concerning the interest of those people, I think, here today and many more across the country who have considered that problem, that it is incumbent upon them to discuss this with their fellow colleagues and at least have the issue broached.

Mr. DUFFY. One other question, Mr. Payton, if I may.

When did you become aware in 1968 that you would be a potential recipient for these instruments and bags?

Mr. PAYTON. I really cannot answer that. I think that it has probably developed sometime during the week which the instruments were being handed out at the bookstore.

Mr. DUFFY. Did you not say that this was a continuing, a long-term continuing practice at your school?

Mr. PAYTON. Right. I had some idea of what types of things were being passed out. I did not know exactly when they were given and to what degree.

Mr. DUFFY. Perhaps you may have even been aware of this your freshman year.

Mr. PAYTON. I was aware that things were being provided because I was given a stethoscope. My contact during my freshman year was minimal. I really did not consider the situation then. I think that that provides ample commentary upon the level of awareness of the medical students today.

Senator DOLE. Did you return your gifts?

Mr. PAYTON. Yes, sir; I did.

Senator DOLE. But you did not sign the letter?

Mr. PAYTON. I did not because of some of the contacts I had had with the pharmaceutical industry. I was concerned that they would misconstrue this expression of my opinion as a response only to some contacts I had had earlier with various companies.

Senator DOLE. The point I make is that some who did not sign returned the gifts, and some who signed the letter did not return the gifts.

Mr. PAYTON. To my knowledge, I was the only individual who returned the gifts and did not sign the letter.

Senator DOLE. And you did not sign the letter for what reason?

Mr. PAYTON. Because I had had contacts in attempting to gather information about company interests—

Senator DOLE. Could you give more specifics on those contacts?

Mr. PAYTON. Yes, sir.

Senator DOLE. With whom and what dates?

Mr. PAYTON. I had contacted the local representatives of approximately 25 pharmaceutical companies.

Senator DOLE. By letter?

Mr. PAYTON. Yes; by letter—actually, the letters were sent to their national offices.