

And I want to commend you, again. I do not think it ought to be expected of any student going into a profession, whether it be engineering or medicine or law or any other, that the day he arrives he has a well-thought-out viewpoint upon what the proper role of the profession is and the relationship of that profession to those with which it deals.

So if a practice has been going on for years, it is normal to accept it until you have an opportunity to think about it and evaluate it.

I regret very much that the issues you have been properly raising here have not been raised within the profession itself more vigorously, though I would say to you—and you are probably aware of the fact—that our 5,000 pages of testimony are replete with testimony from some of the most distinguished pharmacologists and some of the most distinguished clinicians in America that say everything that you have said today and say it stronger.

And so you are in good company with some of the finest physicians in America. And I want to commend you, again, for your ethical concern and your concern about the relationship of the profession to the industry, which is indeed a very important matter to your future profession and to the people of this country.

Thank you very much.

Mr. PAYTON. May I simply ask, does the invitation to share the table with the other students extend to me, also?

Senator NELSON. Certainly. Any of you are free to comment on any question I ask, in any event.

Our next witness will be Mr. Richard Pohl, who is accompanied by Mr. David Spiegel, and Mr. Carl Nathan, all from the Harvard Medical School.

The committee is very pleased to welcome you gentlemen here today, and you may present your statement as you desire.

STATEMENTS OF CARL NATHAN, RICHARD POHL, AND DAVID SPIEGEL, MEDICAL STUDENTS, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

Mr. NATHAN. Thank you.

We would like to begin by describing exactly what the second-year class has received from drug companies in the first 2 years of medical school.

(Whereupon, there was a short recess.)

Senator NELSON. You may proceed with your statement.

Mr. NATHAN. Fine.

Among the books that 125 members of our class has received during medical school is one called "Documents Geigy: Scientific Tables," which was requested by the administration and distributed through them and contains no advertising of Geigy products.

Another was "A Primer on Urinalysis," which simply appeared in student laboratories and it is marked with the name of a distributing drug company.

Another is "The Atlas of Normal Anatomy," by the Lederle Laboratories, which, again, was distributed through the medical school administration. Each page is marked with the insignia of the company and there are four pages of advertisement.