

Mr. HARRISON. In most cases, this was the same information that was provided the Food and Drug Administration.

Senator HATFIELD. May I understand again that last statement you made. In accordance with your principles here, as quoted by our chairman and what you said to me awhile ago regarding advertisements, if the FDA has required and has on hand this kind of information, you accept that fact from the FDA rather than making independent duplicating studies and evaluations. This is because of the limitation of both your funds and the Council's. You could not undertake independent studies and evaluations on each and every drug. Is that correct?

Mr. HARRISON. That is correct.

Senator HATFIELD. In other words, you, like all the rest of us, have to put a certain amount of confidence in the integrity and the ability of the FDA to make such judgments. Is that not what the purpose of the FDA is to begin with?

Mr. HARRISON. That is correct, Senator.

Senator HATFIELD. And if a Federal agency, supported by Federal funds, holding itself out to fulfill these requirements by the law, there is no reason why you should doubt FDA on the position it might take. Perhaps you might differ as to evaluations and judgments, but as far as their scientific data is concerned, this should be acceptable, should it not, to anyone?

Mr. HARRISON. It should, and when the question arises, as is now before the courts in that particular drug, in all fairness to our principles, we have discontinued advertising of that, because it is in question and in reasonable question, because it is before the courts. But in all other situations, we accept the Food and Drug position.

Senator HATFIELD. But there is nothing in your statement of principles as read by our chairman which would require you or even give the impression that you should conduct independent studies from that which may be available through FDA to satisfy your needs?

Mr. HARRISON. Well, we are thinking of two separate principles. That is where the confusion may arise at the present time. The Senator was referring to principles that we maintained prior to the time the Food and Drug Administration was given the full authority and obligation with respect to advertising.

Senator NELSON. Are these not your current principles?

Mr. HARRISON. We have indicated to you that we have changed those, amended those, and I will supply a copy.

Senator NELSON. At the time Dr. Annis testified a couple of months ago, these were the principles then?

Mr. HARRISON. Yes.

Senator NELSON. And you have eliminated these now?

Mr. HARRISON. They have been changed and amended in certain ways. For the most part, our statement of principles is similar to what I read to you. The Food and Drug Administration has the authority for determining the effectiveness and safety of the drug and that the advertising claims must correspond to that determination. We do accept the determination made by the Food and Drug Administration, except in such things as ethics or matters which are obviously presented in a manner which would be inappropriate for our publication.