

I assume this would be in addition to anything the doctor may tell the patient in the first instance, because sometimes things are forgotten, and also the doctor may not have time to cover everything he should.

That is all.

Senator NELSON. Doctor, could you either submit or just give us a brief biographical background of your experience in addition to your title?

Dr. WOOD. Would you like me to do that now?

Senator NELSON. Fine.

Dr. WOOD. I graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1949, worked at Boston University in cardiovascular research, including a stint in the military service—also in cardiovascular research—for about 10 years.

I then have held successive academic positions, again in research, particularly in the area of the vascular system, at the Medical College of Georgia, the University of Georgia, and have recently accepted my present post at the University of Pennsylvania.

Senator NELSON. Thank you very much.

There is one question from the minority counsel.

Mr. DUFFY. Just one question, Doctor.

Perhaps I did not hear you correctly, but you added something to your first conclusion that was not in your written statement. Did you say that it is probably unreasonable to withdraw the pill from the market?

Dr. WOOD. Yes. I do not recommend that. I think I probably should have dilated on that a little bit. I think it is a useful medication and I think it should continue to be available to the physician and to his patients. We should work as rapidly as possible toward getting the very best and safe medication possible.

Mr. DUFFY. Thank you.

Senator NELSON. Thank you very much, Doctor. We appreciate your taking the time to come.

Our next witness is Dr. John Laragh, professor of clinical medicine, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and attending physician at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

Dr. Laragh, the committee is pleased that you were willing to take the time from your busy schedule to come here today to testify. You may elaborate on your submitted statement as you please.

STATEMENT OF DR. JOHN H. LARAGH, PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS; AND ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, NEW YORK CITY

Dr. LARAGH. Thank you, Senator.

I am very pleased to be here.

I am, as you indicated, a professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University in New York City and also attending physician at the Presbyterian Hospital.

Senator NELSON. Would you, just for the record, give a brief biographical sketch on your professional background?

Dr. LARAGH. Yes, sir.