

Dr. GUTTMACHER. I think it is an excellent book, Senator Javits.

Senator JAVITS. Do you consider it an official Government document?

Dr. GUTTMACHER. No, I do not. I think it is an excellent study. I think the people who contributed to this are among the leaders in the field.

Senator JAVITS. But as far as you are concerned, it is not an official Government document?

Dr. GUTTMACHER. No, that is true.

Senator NELSON. It is sponsored by the NIH, held in Boston, Mass., in 1968. According to the witness before us, it is the best compilation of authoritative material on metabolic effect of steroid hormones any place in the world. Is that not so?

Dr. GUTTMACHER. It is the best I know.

Senator JAVITS. With all due respect, it is far from an official Government document. I just wanted to know what you meant by those rather heavy words.

Senator NELSON. It is quite unimportant, sir.

Senator JAVITS. I think what you are saying is that the book "So Close to Nature" is deceptive because it is at variance with an official document. I have no lack of indictment for the little book; however, I think it is very important not to let that impression go abroad, that the United States has found the facts that the Chairman has read.

Senator NELSON. Let me read into the record so that the Senator from New York will know what it is about. It has the Library of Congress catalog No. 789792. The workshop upon which this volume is based was held in Boston, Mass., December 1 to 5, 1968, and was sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, in the Center for Population Studies of Harvard University School of Public Health. It was conducted pursuant to contract No. PH43681456, with the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

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Senator JAVITS. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the witness some questions, if I may, because I think they ought to come at the same point as the Chairman's questions.

May I do that?

Senator NELSON. Go ahead.

Senator JAVITS. Dr. Guttmacher, please let me welcome you to the committee and let me state my own purposes. I have no preconception about this matter whatever. I think that Congress has a right to conduct these hearings and the chips must fall where they may.

We realize that lots of drug companies are interested in selling this pill but that does not make it bad. Lots of drug companies were interested in Salk vaccine, and antidiabetic material—many, many wonderful medicines. That does not make it bad. It does not make it good, either.

Until the United States manufactures all the drugs, we have to run a private enterprise system and we have to regulate the best way we can.

Now, just a question or two, because you are a distinguished