

he wrote the language, in fact, along with Mr. Goodrich, in which they concluded that the pill was safe within the meaning of the law. Dr. Hellman was widely quoted as being critical of some aspects of the pill.

So I would just like to point out to Senator Javits and you that some of the broadest coverage was given to members of the FDA panel. We did not even know what Dr. Hellman would say, but we thought that those who wrote the report for the FDA ought to be witnesses very early.

Go ahead, Doctor.

Dr. GUTTMACHER. I think the only influence we have not covered by question is the influence these hearings are leaving in their path throughout the world. I state in my testimony that Professor Alvarez from Montevideo and Professor LaVergne from Panama actually came to the United States because they are members of the Medical Committee of the International Planned Parenthood, to talk with me and others about these hearings because they are so terribly upset and because patients throughout Latin America are upset. I received from one of them yesterday—

Senator NELSON. Who are these two gentlemen?

Dr. GUTTMACHER. Professor Alvarez is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Montevideo. Professor LaVergne is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Panama. You see, we have a worldwide committee of physicians for International Planned Parenthood.

Senator NELSON. They came for what reason?

Dr. GUTTMACHER. They came to discuss this problem with us here in America.

Senator NELSON. What problem?

Dr. GUTTMACHER. The problem of the bad publicity the pill was getting in Latin America, how much was fact and how much was fancy, and because there was panic among their people in Latin America due to publicity which had come from these hearings.

Senator NELSON. Are these two gentlemen part of Planned Parenthood's organization?

Dr. GUTTMACHER. They are members of the Central Medical Committee. We have eight physicians throughout the world who are members of this committee, of which I am one. These two gentlemen are two of the other seven.

Senator NELSON. I am puzzled as to why they would come to the United States to find what was fact and what was fancy when you have testified that everything that was presented here was in the FDA report. Did they not have that report?

Dr. GUTTMACHER. I am not sure they have had it.

As a matter of fact, I received from London an editorial in one of the Pakistan papers, in which the editorial ends with the admonition that they should discontinue the pill in Pakistan. This, of course, is a very serious problem, because I know you, Senator Nelson, are among the great protagonists of world population control. Unfortunately, the pill is being depended upon more and more throughout the world for population control, and I feel that this setback has been most unfortunate.

Now, I am not blaming you. I think you are taking it for granted that I am trying to levy a certain amount of blame, and I am not blaming you at all. I just cannot help but decry that this has gotten