

Washington, D.C.; accompanied by Mrs. Phyllis Piotrow, secretary and member of the board, Population Crisis Committee.

We are very pleased to have both of you here before the committee today and we are well aware of the fine contribution to the public that your organization and the people in it are making.

You may present your statement however you desire. It will be printed in full in the record.

STATEMENT OF GEN. WILLIAM H. DRAPER, JR., HONORARY CHAIRMAN, POPULATION CRISIS COMMITTEE, WASHINGTON, D.C.; ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. PHYLLIS PIOTROW, SECRETARY AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, POPULATION CRISIS COMMITTEE

General DRAPER. Mr. Chairman and Senators.

My name is William H. Draper, Jr. I appreciate very much indeed the privilege and courtesy of being invited to appear here today, but before testifying and with your permission, I should like to introduce Mrs. Phyllis Piotrow, who, as you have said, is the secretary and a member of the board of directors of the Population Crisis Committee.

For the past 5 years and until very recently, she was also executive director of the committee. Prior to that, she had been legislative assistant to two Senators, Senator McGovern and Senator Keating. I should add that her work as executive director of the Population Crisis Committee has resulted very largely indeed in whatever success our work has accomplished.

She is married, has two children, her husband is Dean of the School of International Service at American University.

I think it is particularly appropriate that this important question before this committee be discussed from a woman's point of view. Obviously, whatever risks are entailed because of childbirth or from using the pill are not borne by any of us men, and I think that the point of view of a woman, particularly one who is as qualified as Mrs. Piotrow is in this particular field, would be useful to your committee.

Mrs. Piotrow.

Mrs. PIOTROW. Thank you, General Draper.

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate your invitation to appear with General Draper and comment upon some of the issues which have arisen or may arise in connection with the use of oral contraceptives.

My name is Phyllis Piotrow. As indicated, I formerly served as executive director of the Population Crisis Committee, and am currently studying and doing research on a fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. I have been married for 14 years and have two children.

The testimony which was presented before this committee during the initial hearings in January, and somewhat later, can be divided into five general categories:

1. There was technical testimony from scientific researchers which indicated a number of specific abnormalities that might be associated with use of oral contraceptives, including delayed return of fertility,