

death rate and brought about the population explosion, must now concentrate on making new contraceptive breakthroughs and so bringing the birth rate back into balance.

Senator JAVITS. Would the witness mind interruption?

General DRAPER. Not at all.

Senator JAVITS. This has been charged by others, but I think our Chairman has taken it very, very seriously.

Could you make any practical suggestion, now or later, as to how something could be done to give a complete balance to the picture in the eyes of the public, which you intimate was not given?

Now, bear in mind that the Chair feels he has done his best to try to add balance.

Therefore, if you do have some suggestion, General, which could help us to do what you say, I am sure that our Chairman and I am sure that the committee would give it the utmost consideration.

General DRAPER. Senator Javits, I said before you came in, in the interplay of conversation with the Chairman, that the effect of these hearings short-range would be to bring about a certain number—and I do not know what the number is, nobody else does either—a certain number of unwanted pregnancies greater than there were before because of the scare headlines. I also believe that the long-range effect of these hearings is going to be most constructive, because I do believe that the hearings have brought about a consciousness of this problem and the need for better contraceptives, that this country never would have gotten in any other way, or the Congress perhaps either.

And it will result, I certainly hope, in freely increased contraceptive research, both basic, human reproduction research and looking for specific, better contraceptives.

Senator JAVITS. Thank you.

General DRAPER. On your specific question, I believe that the country perhaps without quite realizing it is awaiting whatever conclusions this committee itself may arrive at. Now, no one can blame the Chairman for headlines that come because you had to call all of those interested in this problem, the doctors for and against the pill. The newspapers are just like life itself, there is no news in something that agrees with what is going on. The newspapers and the television cameras naturally are going to pick up the spectacular, the sensational, and that is what they have done.

I believe though that there has been enough on the other side, and some of it publicized, so that the public realizes there are two sides to the question. And I would believe that if the Chairman and the committee, when as I hope they will, they reach some conclusions that they can publish in due course, after appropriate consideration, and if those conclusions are as you suggest and I believe they would be, balanced and appropriate, and suggesting the need for greater contraceptive research, I believe those will get great publicity and I think they will do a great deal of good.

Senator JAVITS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator NELSON. Another witness made a similar suggestion to the committee, but I would just say for myself that I do not have the qualifications for evaluating the conflicting testimony.