

General DRAPER. Somebody has to.

Senator NELSON. And then drawing the conclusion to present to the public and the scientific community, that community itself being sharply divided. I think anybody who reads the testimony does not have any difficulty reaching a conclusion, that certain things are clear, one, we are not able to specifically predict whether or not there will be serious consequences to a user over a short period or long period. It is a matter of concern we do not yet have any answer for. However, all of these things are pretty much agreed to. The physician will say "I am satisfied, having used it over the years, and on balance vis-a-vis the problems the user may have psychologically or physiologically and otherwise, we ought to use it, and I have no reservations." And another one, looking at the same patient, will say, "I think my reservations are such that I would recommend, as one witness did today, that it should not be used for longer than 2 or 3 years without interruption."

I think it is a pretty simple matter for anyone reading the hearings to come to a conclusion about what people have said but not for a committee to draw a conclusion unless somebody has a clearer insight into what the committee can say, more so than I have. Maybe somebody does.

General DRAPER. After all, the scientist and the doctor—of course, they are divided on this point—after all, they are only witnesses, they are each of them testifying. That happens on every bill we have before Congress. There are technical witnesses on any subject. But the Congress and the committees then with the evidence before them, and the American people, and the women that we are talking about, all have to come, each to their own conclusion.

All I am urging is to take the varied testimony as it has been, as you have read and heard it, as all of the committee will read it, and then the committee deciding what the upshot of all of this means, and no one can do it as well as you and your committee, in my opinion. And if that conclusion, that deduction that you take from the varied testimony and the weight that you give to each is carried out, as I am sure it would be, in a balanced way, that gives to the American people the conclusions that this committee has reached as a result of all of the testimony heard, and then ending up on a note that is not in controversy at all, mainly that the proof of the hearing has certainly been that there are not good enough contraceptives available and that a great deal of research is needed. I believe this would have a tremendous effect on the future of the human race.

Senator NELSON. It might very well be possible.

Senator JAVITS. Would the Chair yield?

What you are calling for is a report by this committee.

General DRAPER. Yes, sir.

Senator JAVITS. And that is precisely what I want, a report by this committee. I do not think that you can just leave this up in the air and I shall do my utmost to bring such a report about.

Another thing I would like to ask you is this: The figures are important, that is, if there is a risk, X testifies to a risk, Y testifies to no risk, there is still a residual question, a risk to how many out of how many.