

of millions of dollars, the fact that the Veterans' Administration initiated this action has been largely overlooked.

We have taken action where we felt there was supporting evidence and alternative courses to exert the pressure of the Federal process in promoting competitive procurement for drugs.

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Chairman, has the VA reported any other situation to the antitrust agency?

Mr. WHITWORTH. Yes, sir; we have.

Mr. GORDON. You have?

Mr. WHITWORTH. Yes. Not in recent months, but we can supply for the record this information.

Mr. GORDON. Can you name any, offhand?

Mr. WHITWORTH. No; I cannot at the moment.

Mr. GORDON. Well, could you supply that?

Dr. WELLS. We will supply that information for the record, Mr. Gordon.

(The information follows:)

BIDS REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS IDENTICAL

Date	Name of bidders	Item	Prices
May 14, 1964	Lederle Labs	Triamcinolone tabs., 4 mg 500's	\$35.55
	E. R. squibb	do	35.55
May 10, 1965	Halsey Drug Co.	Sodium Diphenylhydantion capsules 1½ gr.	4.00
	Premo Pharm. Labs	do	4.00
May 13, 1965	Consolidated Midland Corp	Pyridoxine hydrochloride ¼ gr.	5.25
	Leo Linden Labs, Inc.	do	5.25
	Halsey Drug Co.	do	4.45
	Xttrim Labs, Inc.	do	4.45
	Davis Edwards Pharm. Co.	do	5.10
	Nysco Labs, Inc.	do	5.10
Aug. 17, 1965	Consolidated Midland Corp	Pentobarbital sodium capsules 1½ gr.	2.25
	Halsey Drug Co., Inc.	do	2.25
Sept. 28, 1965	Mallinckrodt Chem. Works	Cocaine hydrochloride 28.35 gm.	14.80
	S. B. Penick & Co.	do	14.80
	Quinton Co., Div. of Merck & Co.	do	14.80
Sept. 9, 1965	Premo Pharm. Labs, Inc.	Triamcinolone tabs, 4 mg.	2.10
	Pfizer Labs, Inc.	do	2.10
Sept. 9, 1965	Lederle Labs	Hydrocortisone tabs, 20 mg.	35.55
	E. R. Squibb & Sons	do	35.55
Jan. 27, 1966	Mallinckrodt Chem. Works	Cocaine hydrochloride 28.35 gm.	14.80
	S. B. Penick & Co.	do	14.80
Jan. 27, 1966	S. B. Penick & Co.	Codeine phosphate	10.64
	Mallinckrodt Chem.	do	10.64
Jan. 27, 1966	American Pharm. Co.	Ferrous sulphate tabs, 5 gr.	1.40
	Leeds Dixon Labs	do	1.40
Sept. 28, 1966	Bristol Labs	Sodium Oracilin caps, 250 mg.	10.50
	Squibb & Sons	do	10.50
Sept. 28, 1966	Nysco Labs, Inc.	Cortisone acetate, 25 mg.	1.75
	Panray Div. Ormont Drug & Chem. Co.	do	1.75
Sept. 30, 1966	Kasar Labs	Digitalis tabs., 1½ gr.	.93
	Lederle Labs	do	.93

Note: VA pioneered the reporting of identical bids on drug items beginning in 1955.

Mr. JOHNSON. Another example of our cost awareness is our action in procurement of rubella measles vaccine for the immunization programs sponsored by Health, Education, and Welfare.

When we were first requested to procure this item, the cost was \$1.41 per unit dose. As a result of our efforts to obtain a better price and our encouragement to several firms to manufacture this product, we have negotiated the unit price down to 72 cents. The savings to the Government for this product was approximately \$2,900,000 during this last fiscal year alone.