

locally, do they not? Is it a question of some problem in keeping track of how many dosages and what form and what amounts?

General HAYES. That is correct.

Senator NELSON. For purposes of billing the institution, isn't it all broken down as to what they have bought?

General HAYES. Yes.

Colonel LINDSEY. Senator, looking toward the future, there is a Department of Defense-sponsored operation going on at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, looking toward hospitals of the future where we have an adequate computer base, where you can have a ready, immediate readout of rational drug therapy—not just in terms of the total hospital, but rational drug therapy in relation to a specific patient and his diagnosis and other drugs that he is taking—quantities, doses scheduled, choices of item, interactions and what not. This is the sort of thing we are working toward in a servicewide system.

Senator NELSON. Do all of the hospitals have a drug and therapeutics committee?

General HAYES. Yes. To give you an idea of the detail and the concern, I would like to read again from this one from Valley Forge just a little bit. There is an item on the fact that they bought Griseofulvin tablets, 500 mg. (Fulvisin Ultrafine). Then they have an explanation. "This was a one-time purchase for a particular patient who could not tolerate stocked item." This is how closely they are monitoring in the therapeutic agents committee.

A little further down, the board recommends disapproval of the following new drug requests presented. Prednisolone Sodium Phosphate (Inflamase) and their explanation, "Presently stock Prednedrin which is satisfactory."

Now, this is a professional decision that someone wanted something, but the Therapeutic Agents Board on a professional basis said, we have something that will do it just as well, there is no need to buy something different.

I have only given you some examples from this. I do not want to burden you.

Mr. GORDON. According to the Comptroller General when he was here on May 10, during the period of July 1, 1970, to December 31, 1971, the DOD bought Macrochantin through the Federal Supply Schedule and the Comptroller General stated that you paid \$275,000 more than if you had bought it from the Veterans' Administration.

Could you expand on that, please?

Colonel LINDSEY. I do not think I can expand on it other than I can say that was a grave mistake and I did not know it happened.

Mr. GORDON. One other question.

When the FDA Commissioner was here on May 9, he stated that where poor therapeutics are being practiced, it is at least in part due to poor communication to the physician of the information he needs to do a better job. You have told us what you are doing to communicate more and better information to the doctor. Now, what is the function of detail men with respect to your installations? Are they allowed to go in there? What do they do?

General HAYES. The method of meeting the requirements of the detail men varies from installation to installation. But a general answer to your question is that the detail man has to follow a certain