

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 9993

Information Required by Senator Nelson
from Department of Defense

13. ANSWER: (Cont'd)

The "Sources of Industry Information" column lists companies that furnished data. The industry information is always reviewed to determine its applicability and suitability. In addition, specification specialists develop significant product data with the assistance of quality assurance personnel, the Medical Laboratory, plant inspectors, and from literature.

A close working relationship exists between DPSC and the personnel of the FDA, United States Pharmacopeia, and the National Formulary. Further, every drug specification, purchase description and modification is forwarded to FDA, USP, NF, VA, and U.S. Public Health Service.