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Working groups have been established within IPADD for indepth exploration of appropriate subjects and areas. These groups meet every 4 to 6 months, which provides an opportunity for informal contact and exchange of information of mutual interest.

FDA supplies the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) with copies of FDA Daily Action Reports identifying all seizures, prosecutions, injunctions, and recalls involving drugs. Since September of 1973, we have also been supplying DPSC with unevaluated copies of all Notices of Observations, the form supplied to all drug firms by our inspectors at the end of inspections. These documents represent the individual inspector's raw unreviewed observations.

Representatives of the Bureau of Drugs maintain frequent contact with the various Federal purchasing agencies and continually respond to inquiries, both written and telephone, from DPSC, Defense Medical Material Board, Veterans Administration (VA), General Services Administration, and Public Health Service Stock Pile Management, concerning firms and products. These inquiries generally involve such matters as the adequacy of labeling, "new drug" status, FDA inspectional and laboratory results, and tests, procedures, or other data in new drug applications that have been submitted to us.