

there ought to be a lessening of the severity of the laws on marihuana. I mean, you say it that way, making it too stringent.

Dr. GODDARD. Yes.

Mr. KORNEGAY. As I gather, one of the reasons you feel that way is that the laws on LSD are not stringent—not that you feel they are not stringent, but they are not as stringent on marihuana.

Dr. GODDARD. For possession.

Mr. KORNEGAY. I agree with my friend, Mr. Rogers, that you ought to be here asking to increase the laws on LSD rather than to lessen the stringency of the laws on marihuana.

Dr. GODDARD. Mr. Kornegay, I may well come back and ask that the penalties for the sale and distribution and manufacture of LSD be increased. I am simply saying that I think the penalties are inconsistent now and I do not feel as an agency head that making young people who are using LSD into felons is desirable for our society.

Mr. KORNEGAY. I agree with you. It appears to me that you have not rectified this and you ought to raise them on LSD rather than lower them on marihuana.

The CHAIRMAN. You clarify one thing, that it would be on possession instead of sale or anything like that.

Dr. GODDARD. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Before we get all intertwined, I understood you to say it was on possession.

Dr. GODDARD. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Nelsen.

Mr. NELSEN. Mr. Chairman, I have no questions.

I only wish to comment that I am sure that we all agree that the circumstances perhaps were unfortunate and perhaps misinterpreted to some degree and I hope the hearing today has fully clarified the situation.

Having served in an executive position in the Government, I know how difficult the role is at times. I have been before a congressional committee and have been cross-examined. I also know that it is not easy to get people to serve the Government in any capacity because qualified people are hard to find.

I do agree that this has been unfortunate and I hope the hearing today has fully clarified the position that you, Dr. Goddard, have taken and I think you agree that some of the circumstances were unfortunate.

Mr. BROWN. Would you yield?

Mr. NELSEN. I would be glad to yield, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN. Dr. Goddard, did you find fault also with the New York Times article on your press conference in Minneapolis?

Dr. GODDARD. I thought it generally covered the points that were made there; yes.

Mr. BROWN. The reason I ask the question, and I ask it as a newspaperman more than a Member of Congress, is that I understand that the source was different; in other words, a different person heard your comments and wrote the article which was in the New York Times than the one who heard your remarks and wrote the United Press dispatch.

Dr. GODDARD. Yes, sir.