

Dr. GODDARD. It can cause physical dependence and if you mean by that to equate it with addiction; yes.

Mr. CARTER. It does certainly have withdrawal symptoms, as you mentioned.

Dr. GODDARD. Yes; it does.

Mr. CARTER. I believe you stated that you opposed increasing penalties or penalizing those who possess this particular drug; is that true?

Dr. GODDARD. I have said I think that penalties for possession of this particular drug are too severe in contrast with LSD and I have compared them with the penalties in the field of the other hallucinogens and the other drugs that are abused where there is no penalty for personal possession but executive seizure can occur.

Mr. CARTER. You do differentiate between possession and possession for sale?

Dr. GODDARD. Oh, indeed.

Mr. CARTER. I wish you would make that plain. Certainly I regret that this unfortunate circumstance has arisen and most of us realize that our words can be distorted many, many times.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WATSON. Doctor, will you yield?

Mr. CARTER. Yes.

Mr. WATSON. Of course, the matter of possession, I would be in favor of your position on LSD, but we are dealing with entirely two different things. We are unaware, certainly I am unaware, of any doctor prescribing marihuana. Are you aware of that?

Dr. GODDARD. No.

Mr. WATSON. They have prescribed LSD, peyote, mescaline, psilocibin?

Dr. GODDARD. No, sir.

Mr. WATSON. I yield to my doctor friend.

Dr. GODDARD. LSD is only an investigative new drug.

Mr. CARTER. As you know, lysergic acid has been used for different types of headaches.

Dr. GODDARD. Yes, but that is not LSD.

Mr. CARTER. Yes; it is.

Dr. GODDARD. Precursor.

Mr. CARTER. It has been used by the Mayo Clinic.

Dr. GODDARD. Yes, sir; it is a precursor but it is not LSD. It does not have any of the properties of LSD, Dr. Carter. It is not a hallucinogen.

Mr. WATSON. The amphetamines are a legal drug?

Dr. GODDARD. Yes.

Mr. WATSON. So there is a problem of possession of a legal drug as contrasted with the problem of possession of marihuana. The thing that disturbs me is that you suggest that he would use superlatives for the possession of the drug which is never prescribed for any medicinal purposes and can only be illegally possessed.

Dr. GODDARD. What I am trying to ask is have the possession penalties, not possession for sale, you made an important point there—have the possession penalties really contributed to our ability for society to handle the marihuana problem? Aren't we concerned about the whole spectrum of drug abuse? Isn't this our concern in the society, getting at that?