

The CHAIRMAN. That is what I mean.

I am very happy to see that it is clear that you are against the use of any of these drugs at any time, not only for your family but for any other person or child. I think that is our responsibility here as Members of the Congress, to find out about that and try to verify it. I think this has been helpful. I want to thank you for coming.

Mr. BROWN. May I ask unanimous consent to put in the record the material to which I made reference, including the full text of the ad in the New York Times, and also an exchange of letters I have had with Dr. Goddard, because I do think that they help to clarify the record on this drug.

While I hesitate to include the 137 scientific references which he gave me, I would put those in at your discretion, Mr. Chairman.

(The material referred to follows:)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., October 19, 1967.

DR. JAMES L. GODDARD,
Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR DR. GODDARD: As elsewhere in the nation, some doctors and pharmacists in my District have been displeased from time to time by past decisions by you or your office.

Because of the nature of your statement on marijuana as reported in the press earlier this week, I am sure I shall be receiving from highly respected people in these professions and in law enforcement in my District letters questioning the competence of the experimental work on which your conclusions were based. For this reason, would you be kind enough to send me a summary of this study?

Because of the nature of your remarks, I am also sending the enclosed letter to the Chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee urging that you be called for a hearing to explore the studies FDA has made on drug use, abuse and dangers so that public information media or individuals will not interpret your remarks about marijuana improperly or as applicable to all narcotics or hallucinogens.

Sincerely yours,

CLARENCE J. BROWN, Jr.,
Member of Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE,
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, D.C., October 20, 1967.

HON. CLARENCE J. BROWN, Jr.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. BROWN: This is in reply to your letter of October 19, regarding remarks attributed to me concerning marihuana.

I am enclosing a copy of the transcript of the remarks made at the October 17 Minneapolis press conference and two statements I have issued on the subject. A review of the enclosed material will show that I have not advocated free use of marihuana; that I have not dismissed its possible dangers to health; and that I have not failed to recognized the fact that possession of marihuana is illegal.

You will also note that I did not advocate the use of marihuana as has been reported. The report that I stated that I would not object any more to my daughter smoking marihuana than to her drinking a cocktail is not true.

It is my feeling that the present penalties imposed for use and possession of marihuana are disproportionate to the hazards presented by the drug. This is a view held by many responsible persons in our society.

The Food and Drug Administration has not made any studies of the effects of marihuana. My statements as to the relative dangers of marihuana reflect not only my views as a physician but the views of colleagues whose works have been published in the scientific literature. It is my understanding that further studies