

The use in this country and the rest of the world, of course, has a long history. In this country, marihuana, of course, refers to any part of the plant or extract, such as the resin, which induces changes in physical perception or psychological reaction. The mental and physical effects will vary depending upon the circumstances under which the drug is used and the amount used by the individual. It is usually consumed by smoking. The personality of the user is a variable and involves the user's previous experience with marihuana.

Most commonly, what happens is the individual is affected so that his ideas become disconnected, uncontrolled, and free flowing. Perception is disturbed. Minutes seem to be hours and seconds may seem to be minutes. Space may be broadened and near objects seem far away and vice versa. When large dosages are used, doses generally heavier than those normally used in this country, extremely vivid hallucinations may occur. This is usually related to the use of the resin or what is called hashish in the rest of the world.

I should make it clear, however, that nobody in the medical community today is satisfied with our level of knowledge about this drug or in fact, many of the similar drugs. There is still a great deal of research to be done to understand the effects of the drug and what its long-term implications are. I have always made that statement and tried to make it clear that I do not think anyone should use this drug in our society until we know the long-term effects, and perhaps not even then. They may turn out to be very dangerous.

I know that the statements that have been attributed to me have been ones that I did not make. These have caused great concern. I would like to clarify the record, say again what I said before.

I did not say I would not object to my daughter smoking marihuana. I did not and do not condone the use of marihuana. I did not and do not advocate abolition of controls over marihuana. I did not and do not advocate legalizing the drug.

With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I would like to call to your attention one thing that came about as a result of an erroneous news dispatch from Minneapolis on October 17. It was reported that I said I would rather my daughter smoke pot than drink a cocktail. This news dispatch was not correct and Mr. Julius Frandsen, vice president and Washington manager of United Press International, has acknowledged its incorrectness and I have provided the members of the committee and you, Mr. Chairman, with copies of this letter. I think one could quibble about the clarity of the letter itself, but it seems obvious to me that it says, on the second page, and I would like to quote: "So it has become clear to me that UPI erred in attributing to you unqualified statements which in fact were considerably qualified. I am sorry if UPI has compounded your problems. We are prepared to carry a dispatch acknowledging our error."

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Could we have this inserted in the record?

Mr. ROUSH. Unless there is objection, the letter referred to, dated November 2, 1967, from Mr. Julius Frandsen, vice president and Washington manager of UPI, will be inserted in the record.
(The material referred to follows:)