

vestigations that you have suggested. I agree with him. I think that is important.

But I will tell you frankly that I think the newspaper credibility gap to which you fell victim is just as important. It really disturbs me.

Mr. Frandsen, the vice president of UPI, said in his letter to you of November 2, "I am sorry if UPI has compounded your problems. We are prepared to carry a dispatch acknowledging our error."

Did they ever carry that dispatch?

Dr. GODDARD. No; I never required them to carry it, because I knew we were going before Congress and there would be opportunity for this to be aired. I called Mr. Frandsen and said would you object to this if I testified before Congress? He said no. I felt we could do a better job of clarification through the testimony before the congressional committee.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. The FDC report, this pink sheet which you have given to us, what is that?

Dr. GODDARD. This is a trade publication that comes out every week. The publisher is Wallace Werble here in Washington, D.C., in the National Press Building.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. In this he said: "Minneapolis Tribune and Victor Cohn said, most of the stories I've seen misrepresented his (Goddard's) statements at the University of Minnesota, October 17."

Then he goes on to say that the UPI story was understood to have come from a student publicity staffer.

In other words, the young lady who gave the story to UPI was an undergraduate, maybe a student in journalism?

Dr. GODDARD. A stringer; yes, sir.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. And UPI carried that story nationally, a story of great import, without ever checking its authenticity with either the Minneapolis Tribune or with any other newspaper reporter that was present?

Dr. GODDARD. Or with the source.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. As a result, the task force on crime quoted you and said a lot of things and a number of my colleagues made statements, all based on the UPI story.

Now, I do not fault them for making these statements if they thought they were true, and I do not fault the students in Mrs. Dwyer's State for feeling free to rely on your statement if you said it. But I seriously fault UPI. You know, they charge us in Government with the credibility gap.

I think, Mr. Chairman, that the vice president of UPI ought to come here with this young lady and see if he cannot at least get them to live up to a level of commitment for speaking openly and accurately that they can and should expect from Members of Congress and of the executive branch.

It is distressing that only members of one party—six members of the opposite party—saw fit to make statements.

Did any Democrats criticize you?

Dr. GODDARD. Not to my knowledge, sir.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Are you a political appointee?

Dr. GODDARD. No, sir; I am a career officer in the Public Health Service with the rating of Assistant Surgeon General. I am not a