

congressional appointee nor a Presidential appointee. I am appointed by the Secretary of HEW.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Do you think your position or your effectiveness in the professional community or before Congress was undermined as a result of this UPI story?

Dr. GODDARD. I do not believe my effectiveness in the professional community has been affected. I have had many letters from my colleagues who understand what has happened. On the first one, the answer is "No."

I cannot speak as to my effectiveness before Congress. That remains yet to be determined. But the committees I have met with so far seem to have understood what the situation was after the proper documentation was placed in the record and we had exchanged points of view.

This does not mean that we are in agreement on every point, however.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Did you ever get a letter of apology from this kid at Minneapolis?

Dr. GODDARD. No, sir.

Mr. ROUSH. What was your answer?

Dr. GODDARD. No, sir.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I am sensitive to this, because this could happen to any of us, and frequently does. However, the news people that they have in Washington, both UPI and others, are responsible and reliable. National organizations could base a syndicated dispatch on them. But I think it is very distressing that UPI carried a story of this import to the Nation, from the head of the Food and Drug Administration, without checking its background. It was the juvenile reporting of a juvenile.

I think that they owe you more than a public apology; they owe a responsibility.

Dr. GODDARD. I understand.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I think the whole subject of marihuana, as Mrs. Dwyer has rightly said, is a matter of deep concern to all of us and to our constituents. We do not want to see statements attributed to you that you never made.

I only hope that this hearing today clarifies this, but I do think that UPI in the future should tighten their procedures to make sure that youngsters do not send stories out on the wire services on matters of importance such as this.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ROUSH. Mr. Dole.

Mr. DOLE. Thank you.

First of all, Dr. Goddard, I would like to welcome you to the club. We have all had these problems on both sides of the aisle here, and I think perhaps we understand, to some extent, what happens. I certainly trust that there are not any partisan tones in what we have done on the minority side. In fact, I think we have provided a platform for you to express your views. The letter addressed to Mr. Fountain, by myself and Congressman Brown and the ranking Republican, Mrs. Dwyer, was not motivated by politics but by an effort to find out what you did say and did not say and, therefore, clear the