

Mr. ROUSH. We would like for you to do that.

Mr. GIORDANO. Yes, sir.

(The information referred to follows:)

Since the effective date of the Drug Abuse Control Amendments Act of 1965 (February 15, 1966), Bureau of Drug Abuse Control personnel have referred twelve (12) cases involving actual marihuana violation to the Bureau of Narcotics for determination as to disposition.

Mr. ROUSH. Now, aside from the investigations which I referred to a moment ago, is the Narcotics Bureau cooperating with HEW or other agencies or departments on investigations or studies, relating to the use of marihuana and its effects, and particularly in the area of juvenile delinquents.

Mr. GIORDANO. We are cooperating, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ROUSH. Can you specify particular programs in which you are cooperating?

Mr. GIORDANO. We are cooperating with the National Institute of Mental Health who are making research studies in this area.

Mr. ROUSH. Is there anything in particular that you have done in this cooperation that you consider significant?

Mr. GIORDANO. Other than exchanging information, I don't think I could point to any specific item.

Mr. ROUSH. Has HEW in turn in its efforts involving marihuana made any contribution to your Bureau which has been helpful to you?

Mr. GIORDANO. Well, you mentioned earlier an investigation being made by them that I was not aware of. So we, of course, didn't receive anything on that. I am aware, of course, of the work that NIMH is doing, and we hope that when that is completed that this will be very beneficial, not only to the work of our Bureau, but to sort of, you might say, set the record straight on this marihuana problem because one of the biggest problems we have is the misinformation about marihuana. I think this has been really why the problem is going up, because there is so much misinformation about how dangerous marihuana is or is not; people suggesting that maybe you ought to try it for yourself and experiment; and professors in the schools using it and encouraging their students to use marihuana. We do have a very serious problem, and we hope that HEW and NIMH can develop information that is going to be able to straighten this out.

Mr. ROUSH. It seems to me Dr. Goddard qualified many of his statements because he said there was a lack of knowledge concerning marihuana and he was advocating that a thorough study be made. Would you agree that this is needed and necessary?

Mr. GIORDANO. There is no question that a thorough study should be made. However, I might say this, Mr. Chairman. There is considerable knowledge on marihuana. I think one of the reasons there is a gap in the knowledge that we have in the United States is that when the Marihuana Tax Act went into effect in 1937, the medical profession here in the United States said it was not of much benefit and therefore it wasn't used in medicine and the research which is generated when you are using something stopped here; but there is research going on in Greece and India and in other countries as to the dangerous properties. The World Health Organization at the time the Single Convention was formed recommended that this was a very dangerous drug.